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## **From the Minister's Mac:**

### **The Greatest of These**

February has long been known as the Month of Love because of Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day was established many centuries ago to honor a few martyrs of the faith, most notably St. Valentine. In the third century, the Roman Emperor made a decree against marriage because he felt single men made better soldiers. However, St. Valentine went ahead and performed marriage ceremonies in secret. Turns out, the ceremonies were not so secret, for Emperor Claudius the Cruel discovered what Valentine

was doing and had the priest executed on February 14th . Gradually, over the centuries, the 14th of February has become all about flowers, cards, and candy.

As Christians, we also observe Ash Wednesday in February (it can fall anywhere between February 4th and March 11th ). Ash Wednesday is the day we contemplate our own mortality, our habit of turning away from God, and our redemption through Christ. During the weeks that follow Ash Wednesday — the season of Lent — we seek to find a closer walk with Jesus as forgiven and reconciled people.

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th , a relatively rare occurrence. The last time Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day collided was in 1945. It will happen again in 2029, but then that's it for the century, and most of us won't see the holiday and Holy Day together again in our lifetimes. Although both of these observances — Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday — have love and sacrifice at the core of their origins, they have become very different in practice. Valentine's day has been commercialized, like our other sacred days, and we barely remember how it came into being. In its commercialization, we have lost the reason people started commemorating the date in the first place.

The commercialization of Ash Wednesday is slight, although they do sell bags or jars of ashes for a reasonable price; however, they don't tell you what the ashes are made of, so I try to steer clear of those. And the commercialization of Valentine's Day? I actually don't mind the hearts and flowers from my beloved, and I don't want to spoil anyone else's joy on that very special day. But wouldn't it be nice if, on this Ashy Valentine's Day, we took a moment to remember those who sacrificed for their faith? Wouldn't it make Valentine's Day more meaningful if we paused to consider what we would do if a war-hungry emperor were to forbid a sacred act of the Church? Would we still get married? Would we continue to worship and share communion if we could be imprisoned for doing so? Would we still wear the mark of the cross if it were against the law?

Would we risk death for our faith?

Okay, yes that's heavy. And I pray we are never called to make those decisions. But we can still remember and honor those who did make those decisions as we approach the crossroads of Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day. Let's celebrate with hearts, flowers and cards, and some contemplation on what the acts of our faith mean to us. May these celebrations honoring those who exercised civil disobedience and perseverance in spite of oppression continue throughout the year as we lift up all those who suffered in the name of love.

See you in church,  
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“And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;  
and the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13

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## **SEWING RETREAT**

February 15th and 16th  
9:00am to 5:00pm

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*ash wednesday*

Ash Wednesday Service  
Communion and the imposition of ashes.  
February 14, 2024  
7:00pm Rinn UMC

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## **LIFELINE SCREENING**

Thank you for opening your doors for our community health screening in your area. It is because of your generosity that Life Line Screening is able to bring these health screenings into your community and for that, we are very appreciative.

We look forward to working together again!

Sincerely,  
Karen McGaffney  
Health Service Coordinator  
Life Line Screening

\*\*\*THE NEXT DATE LIFELINE SCREENING WILL BE AT RINN UMC IS  
APRIL13, 2024

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## **Helping the Unhoused**

Rinn UMC is helping the unhoused during these cold times with food and clothing.







Want more information or to do something to help? Talk to Justin Presnall!

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## **“Brunch Bunch” Bible Study**

Wednesdays

Breakfast at Maggie’s at 8:45 a.m.

Study at Bev Ramsey’s house at 10:30 a.m.

Join us weekly for breakfast and a Max Lucado movie with discussion.

Call the office for location.

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**Sooper's Cards for Rinn**



Did you know that you can tie your King Sooper's loyalty card to Rinn UMC, and the church will get a contribution every time you use it? If you're not one of those, please consider signing up! Every donation helps!

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## Movie Night at Rinn!

Join us at Rinn United Methodist Church at 3783 Bella Rosa Parkway in Frederick for our "Movie Night" series! We will gather on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month to watch another episode. We will be watching *The Chosen*, a series about the journey of Jesus as he calls his disciples, heals the sick, and sacrifices himself for humanity. Episodes vary in length from 20 minutes to 90 minutes. It's casual, so bring your popcorn or your snack and drink (no adult beverages please) and enjoy this series with like-minded followers of Jesus. Feel free to bring friends and family, too! We'll meet for about 90 minutes.

We start right at 7:00 p.m. so please be timely and arrive a few minutes early. If you have any questions, contact Shelly Anderson at 720-280-6398 or Mary Stoothoff at 303-875-9488.

**February 22, 2024**



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~ **Rinn Worship Service** ~  
(In-person and livestreamed on Facebook)  
**February 11th • 9:30 a.m.**

### ***Scripture***

Mark 9:2-9

### ***Message***

“Three Simple Rules”

**Livestreamed on Facebook:  
to access our Facebook page, click [HERE](#).  
To follow along with the service, the Order of Worship is [HERE](#).**

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## **SEND SOME COMFORT**

PLEASE CONSIDER SENDING SOME COMFORT TO SCOTT ANDERSON WHILE HE IS IN THE HOSPITAL BY REMEMBERING HIS BIRTHDAY. SEND SCOTT A CARD AND PRAY FOR HIM. HIS BIRTHDAY IS ON FEBRUARY 19TH.

Wesley Scott Anderson Room #1122  
c/o UC Health Univ of Colo Hospital  
12605 E 16th Ave  
Aurora, CO 80045

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## **Burrito Fundraiser**



**DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR BURRITO'S THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH!**

**Volunteer hours for making the burritos are as follows:**

Friday, February 9th-Cook the meat at 9am

Saturday, February 10th-continue prepping the food from 9-11, then at 11:00 am assembly of the burritos will take place. You can contact Rusty or just show up to help.



We are also taking cash donation for the purchase of food- there is a place on the sign up sheet for donations or place in the offering with "burrito" in the notes on the bottom of the check.

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## KIDS HOPE







We wanted to thank the Kids Hope mentors for providing a

delicious breakfast for the teachers and staff at Legacy Elementary on Wednesday, February 7th. This is an annual gift that we provide to them for the amazing work they do for their students and the community. (not all mentors are pictured)

Thank you all!

Diana and Mary Margaret

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### **Adult Bible Study • Sundays at 8:00 a.m.**

Starting February 18, 2024 we will be looking at Christianity and other world religions. Please join us for engaging conversation this Sunday!  
All are welcome!

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### **DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Coming up in 2024 we will be updating our directory. There are forms in the narthex on the table by the office for you to fill out. EVEN IF THE INFORMATION IS STILL CORRECT IN THE OLD DIRECTORY PLEASE FILL OUT THE PROFILE INFORMATION SHEET FRONT AND BACK FOR EACH FAMILY MEMBER-(THERE IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT WE NEED FOR our annual statistical reporting). (we Also, would like to have a sheet filled out for each child as well. Please print clearly. Place the finished forms in the box that has been provided. If you have any question, please email the church office.([info@rinnumc.org](mailto:info@rinnumc.org))  
THANK YOU!

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### **SAVE THE DATE FOR THE DISTRICT GATHERING**

Registration is now OPEN for our March 9 District Gathering. We would LOVE to have participation from all 83 church in our

district – a lofty, but attainable, goal – and hope you'll be among the group.

**Who is invited?** Clergy and laity who serve the churches in Colorado Front Range district

**When is the event?** Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 3:00pm

**Where will it be?** Broomfield UMC – 545 W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, Broomfield, CO 80020

**What is it?** An opportunity to gather, worship, get acquainted with our new district, and learn together.

**What will the day look like?**

8:30am – Gathering (pastries and coffee provided)

9:00-10:30am – Worship and District Business

10:45-12:15pm – Workshop #1 focused on Cultural Competency

12:30pm – Lunch (boxed lunch available for purchase during registration)

1:30-3:00pm – Workshop #2 focused on Nuts and Bolts (you will leave from this workshop)

**What is the cost?** \$20 registration fee per person with an option to add \$16-\$18 for a boxed lunch

**Anything else?** Childcare is available for a fee for children ages 0-11. IF childcare is needed, please register by Friday, February 23.

Details are available on the registration website. Workshop details and descriptions are available on the registration form; we ask you to pick a workshop for each time period so we can plan spaces accordingly.

Registration will be available online until 4:00pm on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Day of registration is available only for the event, and will not be available for lunch.

**PLEASE NOTE: ONE OF THE AFTERNOON SESSIONS IS ON SINGLE GOVERNANCE LEADERSHIP. THIS WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL FOR RINN FOLKS AS WE CONSIDER MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION.**

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## **KEY INVENTORY**

We are performing an annual key inventory. Please check with Rusty and let him know your key number and if you are still using your key. If you are not, please return your key to Rusty. Thank you!

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## **BLESSING BAGS**

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for items that are needed for the blessing bags. At the top of the list right now are 16oz water bottles. Please check each week as Linda will update the list each week. You can leave the items in the Kids Hope room or in the Church office. Thank you!

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## **ABOUT THE WEATHER**

ON SUNDAYS: Friends, I don't like cancelling worship due to weather and haven't had to yet. Brian and I plan to be at Rinn on Sunday mornings unless there is a catastrophic weather event, in which case we will send out a church-wide email by 6am to say that worship will be held on Zoom. Instructions will be given at that time on how to log on. When we do hold in-person worship during inclement weather, please use your best judgement for your own safety when deciding whether or not to attend. We will live-stream all in-person worship services, so you may always attend online if you feel it is not safe for you to attend in person.

DURING THE WEEK: Please be aware that the church office will be closed when St. Vrain Valley schools are closed or on a 2-hour

delay. We will not send out an email to say the office is closed. If you have a meeting planned at the church on a snow day for St. Vrain Valley schools, we recommend that you postpone your event due to inclement weather. Let's all stay safe and warm while doing this crazy thing we call ministry!

With much love,  
Lin

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## **Refreshments for after Worship sign-up**

- February 11th: Denise Stewart
- February 18th: Sue Oliver, Linda Rinn
- February 25th: Sue Mercer
- March 3rd: Toni and Diana
- March 10th: Paula Clapp
- March 17th: Teena Luehrsen
- March 24th: Patty Wilson
- March 31st\_\_\_\_\_
- April 7th: John Martin
- April 14th: Vinson Family
- April 21st: Older Youth Group
- April 28th\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you so much to all of you who have already signed up! The sign-up board will be in the narthex either at the welcome table or the podium. Please feel free to sign up for future dates! If you have any questions, or need to change your date, please feel free to call or text Mary Margaret at 573-368-1390 or call the church office at 303-776-1578 (Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-noon)

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## **We Need Your Help with Refreshments after Worship!**

Dear Refreshment Volunteers,

Thank you so much for volunteering to provide cookies/snacks for our fellowship time after church. We want to make it as easy and stress-free as possible. Here are some guidelines, for the present time at least, (things are always changeable when it comes to snacks!)

- Provide around 4 dozen cookies in total (these can be baked at home or store bought)
- Provide a "non-sugar" option (fruit, cheese, crackers, etc...)

- Arrange on trays found in the kitchen
- Napkins, small plates, cups, coffee carafes, lemonade pitchers, creamer, sugar, stir stick can all be found in the kitchen
- Coffee and Lemonade will already be made for you
- Please take all items to the kitchen and clean up afterward
- you will get a reminder in your email from Mary Margaret about 3 days in advance of your sign-up date.
- A sign-up sheet will be at the podium in the Narthex each Sunday.

If you have any questions, or need to change your date, please feel free to call or text Mary Margaret at 573-368-1390 or call the church office at 303-776-1578 (Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-noon)

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## ***Via Mobility for Life***

Providing rides for residents:  
Seniors 60+, disabled, and income qualified.  
Dacono, Frederick & Firestone  
303-444-3043

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## **Cowboy Fellowship**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Rinn**

NO COWBOY FELLOWSHIP FEBRUARY 14TH.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

AT RINN UMC AT 7:00pm

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## ***February Birthdays***

5 Amanda Hollingsworth  
7 Tamara Green  
10 Lisa Parker  
11 LaRissa Waneka  
13 Elaine Bolton



14 Denise Stewart  
15 Joyce Herod  
19 Scott Anderson  
19 Larry Thompson  
20 Sharon Thompson  
21 Luca Alexander  
21 Gayla Cholas  
22 Janice Henderson  
26 Salem Presnall  
28 Warren Napier

## ***Happy Anniversary to:***

17 Glenn & Janice Bachmann

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## **In Our Prayers**

- Prayers of Thanks: for baby Rose being at home and off oxygen
- Prayers for Comfort and Healing: for Garry Wilson who is having surgery for broken ankle.
- Prayers for Comfort and Healing: for Chantelle removal of mass.
- Prayers for Comfort and Healing: For Lynne Anderson's family as they try to cope with her loss
- Prayers for Comfort and Healing: For all those coming down with or still suffering from cold, flu or COVID
- Prayers for Comfort and Healing: For Max and others suffering with mental illness
- Prayers for Comfort and Healing: For Pat & Steve having medical problem.
- Prayers for Comfort and Healing for all those living in places affected by natural disasters of flood and fire and war
- Prayers for Comfort and Healing: for all those living with addiction and mental illness
- Prayers: for Bryce Knowlton for strength.
- Prayers: for Rae Ann Norell who will have cataract surgery on January 31st and will have again on February 28th.
- Bev Ramsey's friend who was killed in a fire and for the family who still sit watch with hospitalized family members .
- Prayers: for Mike Rowley's cousin to have a healthy pregnancy.
- Prayers: for Lisa's daughter who is struggling.
- Prayers: for Fractured families in our society, and vision for a path to reconciliation, and for children to learn to love and trust those who are loving and trustworthy.
- Prayers: for Erin and Scott and Sharon, and all who are enduring cancer treatments.
- Prayers: for Special prayers for Scott as he enters intensive bone marrow transplant surgery.
- Prayers: for Laurel and healing after her gallbladder surgery.
- Prayers: for Michael and other non-believers, to find Christ.
- Prayers for recovery: for Ashley in rehab, and comfort for her as she feels so alone.
- Praise: Thanksgiving for our wonderful musicians who share their talents in worship!

- Prayers of Thanks: Thanksgiving for a successful Watchman implant procedure and prayers for continued health. for Rev. Lin's mother Bev.
- Travel mercies for all those on the road.
- Prayers: for Healing for all who are ill.
- Prayers of Comfort: for Scott and Sharon and all those receiving cancer treatment.
- Prayers of Comfort: for all displaced children and healing for their emotional distress.
- Prayers of Healing: for Jay who is having problems with his heart.
- Prayers of Thanksgiving: for Jimmy's healing and prayers for continued health.
- Prayers for Comfort and Healing: for Lisa Johnson as she has pneumonia.

If anyone needs to be taken off or added to this list please fill out the form in your Sunday bulletin or email the church office at [Info@rinnumc.org](mailto:Info@rinnumc.org).

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## **Adult Bible Study • Sundays at 8:00 a.m.**

Our adult class is studying translations of the New Testament.  
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All are welcome!

*If you see someone who no longer needs to be on this list, please let us know.*

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## **Weekly Activity Schedule**

**For more upcoming events, view our online calendar [HERE](#).**

***Friday 2/9***

**7:00pm A.A. in Fellowship Hall**

***Sunday 2/11***

**8:00am Adult Bible Study**

**8:15am Men's Koffee Klub**

**9:30am Worship Service**

***Wednesday 2/14***

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Maggie's  
10:30a Wednesday Brunch Bunch Bible Study at Bev Ramsey  
home  
7:00p Ash Wednesday Service

**Thursday 12/15**

9:00am Sewing retreat  
7:00pm Ad Council Meeting

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**Rinn United Methodist Church Leadership**

*The Administrative Council meets on the third Thursday of every month.  
Everyone is welcome to attend. Our leaders who keep your church running  
smoothly are listed below.*

President: Shelly Anderson

Lay Leader: Wayne Vinson

Staff Parish Relations (Personnel): Bonnie Clark

United Methodist Women: Sharon Goldade

Trustees: Rusty Goetze

Treasurer: Sue Mercer

Finance Secretary: Steve Sterkel

Cowboy Fellowship: Mike Shaw

Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek

Worship Committee: Rev. Lin Cheek



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