

## **A Note from the Office**

We are going to be experimenting with doing the newsletter in some different ways in order to find a better program than Mailchimp. You do not have to do anything different—the newsletter should arrive in your email every week the way it always has. However, the newsletter may look a little bit different from week to week. Please feel free to give Suzanne feedback as we search for a new way to do things.

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## **From The Minister's Mac**

### **Thinking Theologically**

As Christmas comes to a close, we usually talk about keeping the spirit of Christmas alive throughout the year. I wonder, however, if we would be willing to “do” Christmas every month; that is, set up the tree, decorate it, hang the stockings, set out the Advent calendar, put up the lights, shop, wrap gifts, and make a huge feast for a family get-together. Every month.

Of course not.

Anyway, the spirit of Christmas is not contained in any of those customs, but rather in the thoughts and theology behind them.

So, in order to keep the spirit of Christmas visible past the Christmas season, how should we embody the thoughts and theology that are the catalyst for all our Christmas traditions? Are random acts of kindness a good substitute for gift giving? Are there decorations we can put around our homes that convey the same message as Christmas lights? Would breaking bread with someone who is hungry feel like a family feast to us?

I pray we creatively and intuitively think about how the spirit of Christmas — that is, the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ Jesus — might remain evident in each of us through our daily living, far beyond the holidays. May the Christ in Christmas be with you throughout the entire new year.

See you in church!

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## Upcoming Events

Christmas is over, but we still have a couple of special services coming up:

1/12/25 — Wesleyan Covenant Service at 9:30 am: The words and hymns of the Wesleys, focusing on our covenant with God to love God and neighbor.

2/2/25 — ALL CHURCH CELEBRATION AFTER WORSHIP: We'll meet our 2025 leadership team, review the budget, celebrate last year and look forward to this year, and then enjoy a POT LUCK LUNCHEON. Come share the fun!!

## All Church Celebration and Potluck on 2/2

We will celebrate the lay leadership at Rinn, hand out the Faith Award, review our budget, and celebrate the ministries of the church. Be part of the fun. You can bring something for pot-luck based on the list below, or just come! There's always plenty of food. See you there.

**A-H:** Side Dish

**I-R:** Main Dish

**S-Z:** Dessert

## UMW Cancelled for January

The UMW Meeting in January is cancelled. The ladies will gather again to plot on the third Saturday in February

## Collecting for the Backpack Ministry

Justin is once again collecting items for his backpack ministry to the homeless. If you find good deals on shirts, socks, and hygiene items, please pick them up and leave them in the box in the sanctuary.

# Altar Flower Sign Up

Help keep Rinn looking beautiful! If you would like to bring flowers for the altar to honor a loved one or a special occasion or just to make the sanctuary a little bit nicer one Sunday, please sign-up on the sheet at the welcome table.

## Refreshments After Worship

- January 12<sup>th</sup>: Aleta Purcell
- January 19<sup>th</sup>: ???
- January 26<sup>th</sup>: ???

Those cookies and cupcakes and other snacks don't just appear in the Fellowship Hall by themselves! Please consider signing up for a date. The sign-up board will be in the narthex either at the welcome table or the podium. 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)

If you sign up to help, here are some guidelines:

- 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.

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**~ Rinn Worship Service ~**  
**In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook**

**January 12, 2025**

**Scripture**

**1 John 4:7-19**

**Message**

**A Wesleyan Covenant Service**

Livestreamed on Facebook:

To access our Facebook page, click [HERE](#).

To follow along with the service, the Order of Worship is [HERE](#).

**“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 discussion of our faith.

**Sooper’s Card 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?

Please consider signing up! Every little bit helps!

**Adult Bible Study**  
**Sundays at 8:00 am**

We are currently studying Adam Hamilton's *Making Sense of the Bible*. Please join us for engaging conversations each Sunday. All are welcome!

## Via Mobility for Life

Providing rides for residents:

Seniors 60+, disabled, and income qualified.

Dacono, Frederick & Firestone

303-444-3043

## Cowboy Christian Fellowship

Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

Jody and Kathy Nelson

1/15/2025

## In Our Prayers

### COMFORT

- The victims of the terrorist attacks in New Orleans and Las Vegas.
- Those affected by the fires in Los Angeles.
- Jimmy Carter's family, as they mourn his passing.
- The Nelson family, and all those who mourn.
- Wayne's Aunt Linda, as she transitions to assisted living.
- The Holland family, as they deal with the trial and sentencing of the drunk driver who killed their son.
- Mike's neighbor, who lost her son.
- All those struggling with depression.
- Denise, as she deals with her sister's terminal illness from long-distance.
- Terry Johnson and family after the death of his father, Don.
- Nancy, who has lost friends to cancer and to suicide.
- Sue Mercer's aunt, Pam Barber, as she moves into hospice.

- Annie, after the death of her brother.

### **HEALING**

- Janice Henderson, who's home following heart surgery but still needs prayers.
- Prayers for all those who have had surgery and are recovering: Sue, Linda, Dan, Denise, Bethany.
- Prayers for Vi as she recovers at home from her hospital stay.
- Rae Ann's sister-in-law as she moves into rehab.
- Debby Perry as she battles cancer.
- For those fighting cancer. May God take cancer out of this world completely!
- Denise's sister Brenda, in the ICU with renal failure.
- Carolanne Allen, who grew up at Rinn, was diagnosed with Lupus & Sjoren's Syndrome. Pray for her physical and emotional wellbeing.
- For all those in the congregation who are ill.
- Suzanne's friend Sarah's father, who has had a series of small strokes.

### **THANKSGIVING**

- For the support that this church gave Sue, Linda, and Julie, while recovering from surgery.
- All those who have visited Debby and brought her and Dan food (they have enough food for now!)
- Justin's ministry for the unhoused and all who support it.
- Paula's son's survival after a car accident.
- The opportunities Lisa has gotten at work.
- Scott, for what his doctors are calling a miraculous recovery from cancer!
- Denise's return to church after surgery.
- For Suzanne's sister-in-law Carolyn having no malignant cells..
- For all successful surgeries

If anyone needs to be taken off or added to this list please fill out the form on the back of this sheet, or [email the church office](#).

## **January Birthdays**

4 Lynne Diaz  
8 Daniel Smith

11 Dan Smith  
13 Janice Bachmann  
14 Myrna Gould  
16 Michelle Sterkel  
19 Samuel Goetze  
21 Rusty Goetze  
21 Sue Oliver  
23 Paula Clapp  
24 Dan Perry  
25 Jan Nelson  
26 Brendan Stewart  
28 Beverly Ramsey

## **Happy Anniversary To...**

21 Ron & Eileen Hinkle (1962)  
29 Wayne Vinson & Suzanne Gallagher (2011)

## **This Week at Rinn**

### **Friday 1/10**

7:00pm New Hope AA in the Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday 1/12**

8:00am Adult Bible Study  
8:15am Men's Koffee Klub  
9:30am Worship Service

### **Wednesday 1/15**

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

**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:

Chair of Church Council: Shelly Anderson  
Lay Leader: Bonnie Clark  
United Methodist Women: Sharon Goldade  
Treasurer: Sue Mercer  
Finance Secretary: Steve Sterkel  
Cowboy Fellowship: Mike Shaw  
Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek  
Worship Committee: Betsy Foushee