

Rinn Newsletter 10/23/25-10/29/25

From the Minister's Mac

"High Winds"

The high winds are blowing as I write this and I find myself thinking about those who live in places where the wind blows like this all the time. We call Chicago the Windy City, although, according to World Walks: Walking Holidays, it is not as windy as Dodge City. Funny that Cheyenne didn't even make the list of the Windiest Places On Earth, even though every time I've been there, I would have called it a contender.

Guinness Book of World Records and the National Geographic Atlas both give the award for the Windiest Place On Earth to Commonwealth Bay, Antarctica, where windspeed has regularly been recorded at over 150 mph. While people do live and work there temporarily for scientific purposes, there are no permanent human residents. No wonder. The temperature there rarely gets above freezing.

I am frequently thankful that I live in this beautiful part of our country. I am also thankful that sub-freezing temperatures are not the norm here. I couldn't live in Commonwealth Bay and am ever so thankful that I don't have to. I'm thankful for my home, thankful for its safety and comfort, thankful for the neighborhood in which I live, and the faithful family God has given me. And as I feel my thanks, I hear the words of the Pharisee, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people..."

As part of my spiritual growth, I must ask: Where does my thanksgiving for shelter that protects me from the occasional high winds give way to pride that supplants humility? Is that what happened to the Pharisee? Did he start out simply being thankful for God's gifts and then gradually became someone who thought he was better than everyone else? How do we know if we are truly being thankful or if our thanks are tinged with pride that leads to self-aggrandizement?

How do we stay humble?

The Benedictines believe that there are twelve steps to humility: fear of God, self-denial, obedience, perseverance, repentance, serenity, self-abasement, prudence, silence, dignity, discretion, and reverence. Each step builds on the previous steps and, like the 12 steps in Alcoholics Anonymous, are not meant to be checked off and forgotten, but reviewed continuously throughout our lives.

Maybe your humility is intact and you don't need the twelve steps. But word to the wise: if you find yourself saying, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: braggarts, showoffs, narcissists, or even like that loudmouth over there," you might not be as humble as you thought you were.

Let's work on our humility together and try very hard not to take pride in it!

See you in church,

Lin

"Humble yourselves before God, and God will exalt you." James 4:10

Potluck for Bill Smith's 90th Birthday!

Please join us on **Sunday Nov. 9th** after worship to celebrate Bill Smith's 90th Birthday! We will be having a potluck to celebrate. Cake will be furnished. Food assignments by the first letter of your last name:

A-H-Dessert
I-R-Side dish
S-Z-Main Dish

If you are not able to bring food—don't worry! We always have plenty. Come and enjoy food and friendship and help celebrate Bill!

Happy 90th Birthday!!

September Financials

Sept. Income: \$15392.74

Sept. Expenses: \$29660.35

Net Loss \$14267.61

Remember, we had almost \$17000.00 in repairs/replacement of the water line.

Investment accounts balances: Methodists Helping

Methodists: \$30365.91

Charles Schwab: \$1076.54

Thank You.

~ Rinn Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook

October 26, 2025 ~ 9:30am

Scripture

Luke 18:9-14

Message

“A Pharisee and a Tax Collector Walk into a Temple”

Livestreamed on Facebook:

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

To follow along with the service, the Order of Worship is
on the church [website](#)

All Saint's Day Name Submissions

All Saint's Day is November 2, 2025. This is the day we honor all those who have gone on to be with Jesus. If you would like Rev. Lin to read the name of a loved one who has passed since All Saint's Day November 3, 2024, please email the church office at info@rinnumc.org by October 27th.

Movie Night at Rinn



Please join us for Movie Night at Rinn! We will meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each Month at 7:00pm. October meeting dates will be the 9th and 23rd. If you have any questions, Please contact Shelly Anderson.

Update on Noah's Community Outreach

"In worship last Sunday, we prayed over the filled backpacks, and asked God's blessings on those who will receive them. Please take a backpack (or more) and keep it in your vehicle to distribute when you see someone in need. Justin will soon begin distributing them in larger numbers as the weather turns colder. The backpacks with scarves on them contain women's clothes; those without scarves contain men's clothes.

Looking forward - for remaining backpacks, we need:

- *toothpaste
- *toothbrushes
- *gloves for men
- *boxers for men
- *and - backpacks! If you go to thrift stores, take a look. Last year ALL our backpacks came from thrift stores, and we need to re-stock



We will also be part of the downtown Denver Thanksgiving dinner event on **Saturday, November 8.** If you want to volunteer, convoy leaves Justin's house at 10 am and will return about 2 or 3 pm. If you want to donate food, please drop it off at Justin's by 9:45 am. Justin will be cooking turkey breasts; desserts are needed.

Thanks so much to all who donate, stuff, carry, and pray over this project. We also really appreciate the grant funding from Rinn UMC that helps move this project forward. Justin estimates we will be able to distribute about 75 backpacks this year!

Betsy

bfoushee@hotmail.com

757-423-3332 cell and text

Rinn Charge Conference October 30th

Our Annual Charge Conference this year will be held on **Thursday night, October 30th, at 7pm via Zoom**. We will watch a video message from Bishop Stoneking, review the pastor's report, review and approve our leadership roster, approve the 2026 Clergy Compensation, review the Membership and Worship Attendance Report, vote on our Commitment to Connectional Giving in 2026, and hear reports on building repairs, our financial overview, and the needs of the church. A Charge Conference Booklet is lovingly prepared by our Office Manager Julie Stirm for use at our Charge Conference. It contains reports on the above mentioned areas as well as reports prepared by various ministry leaders. Your Church Council attends this meeting every year; however, everyone is invited to this annual meeting. To attend, just send your email to Rev. Lin and she will make sure you get on the list to receive the Zoom Link. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to have a Charge Conference Booklet to review, just let Julie know and she will make sure you get one.

“Brunch Bunch” Bible Study

Wednesdays

Breakfast at Doug's Diner(hwy 66) 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.

Rinn Cowboy Christian Fellowship



Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

Davis and Clark

10/29/25

Refreshments After Worship

- October 26
- November 2
- November 9
- November 16
- November 23



Those cookies, cupcakes and other snacks don't appear in the Fellowship Hall by themselves! Please consider signing up for a date. The sign-up board is in the narthex at the welcome table. **Note that you don't need to provide a full spread that can double as brunch for everyone in the church; some cookies, along with one or two options for those trying to cut down on sweets, is sufficient.**

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 **or** cheese **or** 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.

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In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- Wayne's Aunt Linda, who is approaching the end. May it be swift and gentle.
- The family of Wayne and Marsha's friend Suzanne, who passed away recently.
- For Michelle's friend who lost their baby in pregnancy.
- For all who are grieving.
- For those affected by floods and fires.
- For those in war torn areas.
- Travel mercies for those on the road

HEALING

- For Rob who has throat cancer and prayers that God will take cancer out of this world completely.
- For Janice's daughter-in-law Sue, a double lung transplant recipient having other health troubles.
- Healing prayers for Justin's Mom Janet, who has a spot on her lung. Prayers also for comfort and strength for the family.
- Margaret's brother-in-law Rick, who has cancer
- Steve and Michelle's neighbor Rocky, who had a massive heart attack.
- Wayne and Marsha's friend, who has stage 4 cancer.
- Wayne and Marsha's friend Marge, who has a lung infection.
- Barb, who is in the hospital with multiple issues.
- For Wayne's father who has vertigo.
- For Elaine, who fell.
- For Hunter.
- For Annie and her digestive issues

THANKSGIVING

- Mary thanks the congregation for their prayers — it really helps.
- Terry gives thanks that Shane's heart surgery was successful.
- For reconciliation with family.
- Diana thanks the church for all their love and support during her time of grief.
- Shelly thanks the church on behalf of the LaSalle family for the wonderful memorial given for Jessica.
- Ginny gives thanks for Mike being home now and that Grayson is doing better and will be coming home.
- Ashley give thanks for her new job!

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 at Info@rinnumc.org.

Adult Bible Study

Sundays at 8:00 am

We are currently studying Adam Hamilton's Making Sense of the Bible and Karen Armstrong's A History of God. 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

This Week at Rinn

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

Wednesday 10/29

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Doug's Diner(hwy 66)

10:30am Wednesday Brunch Bunch Bible

Study at Bev Ramsey home

7:00pm Cowboy Fellowship

Thursday 10/30

7:00pm Charge Conference (zoom)

Friday 10/31

Happy Halloween!

7:00pm New Hope AA

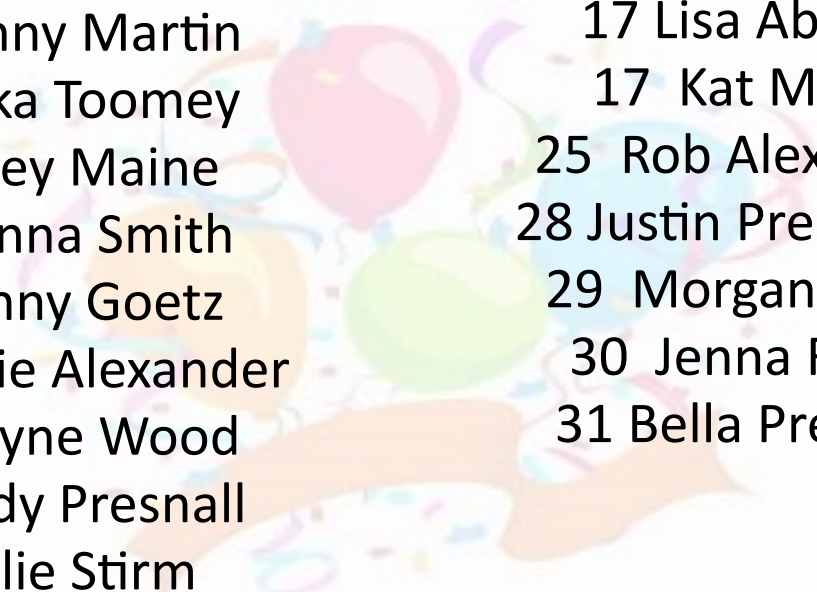
Sunday 11/2

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

October Birthdays



1 Danny Martin	17 Lisa Abbott
3 Annika Toomey	17 Kat Mann
9 Ashley Maine	25 Rob Alexander
10 Donna Smith	28 Justin Presnall Jr.
12 Jenny Goetz	29 Morgan Riggs
13 Robbie Alexander	30 Jenna Riggs
15 Wayne Wood	31 Bella Presnall
15 Sandy Presnall	
15 Julie Stirm	

Happy October Anniversary To...

25 Mike & Brenda Carr (1965)

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
Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek
Worship Committee: Betsy Foushee
Members: Janice Bachman, Eric Presnall, Rusty Goetz, Linda Rinn