Rinn Newsletter 10/9/25-10/15/25

From the Minister's Mac

"The Cross"

This week I had a wonderful conversation with a friend of ours, Rev. Warren Napier, a past pastor at Rinn. He served this church for 14 years and helped it grow from a small congregation to a thriving ministry. I marveled when I learned that this had been his first appointment and observed that he must have buried many of his friends at church in his 14 years here. I asked him how he handled all that loss. Warren talked about compartmentalization and focusing on his faith, and we moved on to other subjects.

Later in the day, I received an email from Warren, giving me a more in-depth answer to my question. His words are so beautiful that I want to share them with you. So, with his permission, here are some of his thoughts on coping with loss:

"At some point, I found myself thinking of the Cross. My views had always been pretty much traditionally Protestant, in terms of the empty cross representing the Risen Christ. I found myself thinking of Christ taking on the suffering of people and came to realize how important the image of the Crucifix can be to those who suffer. The Crucifix and the Empty Cross have been more of a whole for me since then."

I love our friend's imagery and the connection he makes between the suffering Christ and the risen Christ. It keeps us grounded in our hope of resurrection living, that is, living in a way that both experiences the suffering we encounter — our own and that of others — and at the same time embraces the transformative love of the risen Christ. This is the gift we have to share with the world. I pray we hold that before us each and every moment of these trying times.

See you in church, Lin

"For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe."

1 Timothy 4:10

~ Rinn Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook October 12, 2025 ~ 9:30am

Scripture
Luke 17:11-19
Message
"What do you say?"

Livestreamed on Facebook:

To access our Facebook page, click <u>HERE</u>.

To follow along with the service, the Order of Worship is on the church <u>website</u>

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.



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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.

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!



Thank you for all the support preparing the backpacks; colder weather is not far off, and that is when they will be distributed. If you want to help distribute backpacks, and

you know of opportunities, please talk to Justin; otherwise, we will work with Hope for Longmont to distribute to people they serve.

Items we still need include: toothbrushes, toothpaste, pocket-size Bibles, men's boxer shorts, socks for men and women, sweat shirts/pants for women, lightweight rain jackets. We are on the lookout for items available at a good price, so if you see opportunities, please let us know! We appreciate the continuing grant support from Rinn UMC, and also thank you for all your personal support in contributions, time, and prayer.'

Betsy <u>bfoushee@hotmail.com</u> 757-423-3332 cell and text

Looking for an Apartment?

Debby Thompson has an apartment for rent in her house. If you're looking for a place or know someone who might be, call Debby at 970-980-4086 for more information!

Rinn Cowboy Christian Fellowship



Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm Mountain Ranch Band 10/15/25

Refreshments After Worship

- October 12th-Marsha Wood
- · October 19th
- October 26

Those cookies, cupcakes and other snacks don't appear in the Fellowship Hall by them-



selves! 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

- -For all who grieve with us this day, especially for Diana and family for the loss of Terry, Barry and family for the loss of Jessica, and Tom Mason's family, for his loss. And for all those who grieve.
- ·-For those who lost loved ones and are dealing with the aftermath of the shootings in Minnesota.
- -Wayne's Aunt Linda, who is approaching the end. May it be swift and gentle.
- -Travel mercies for Larry and Sharon, and all who are on the road.
- -The family of Wayne and Marsha's friend Suzanne, who passed away recently.

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.
- -Continued prayers for healing for ALL those recovering from falls.
- -For the foster dog Cora, who is recovering from a toe amputation.
- -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.
- Mary Margaret, that she recovers from her respiratory illness.
- Barb, who is in the hospital with multiple issues.

THANKSGIVING

- -Mary thanks the congregation for their prayers it really helps.
- -Katie gives thanks for health after a double mastectomy.
- -For the VA in Loveland, for their goodness to Don Brining.
- -That the Vinson family dog, Jake, does not have cancer.
- -For those who have received a transplant of any kind.
- -Terry gives thanks that Shane's heart surgery was successful.
- -Thanks for the Empty Bowls Fundraiser and all who worked to make it a success.

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.

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This Week at Rinn

For more upcoming events, see our online calendar **HERE**.

Wednesday 10/15

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 10/16

7:00pm Ad Council

Friday 10/17

7:00pm New Hope AA

Saturday 10/18

10:30am Jessica LaSalle Celebration of Life Service

Sunday 10/19

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

October Birthdays

1 Danny Martin
3 Annika Toomey
9 Ashley Maine
10 Donna Smith
12 Jenny Goetz
13 Robbie Alexander
15 Wayne Wood
15 Sandy Presnall
15 Julie Stirm

17 Lisa Abbott
17 Kat Mann
25 Rob Alexander
28 Justin Presnall Jr.
29 Morgan Riggs
30 Jenna Riggs
31 Bella Presnall

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