

Rinn Newsletter 5/8-5/14

A Note from the Office

I suspect you're getting tired of this note. The program we are currently using is working well and does 90% of what we need, but I'm still working on that last 10%. I still don't know if this will be the final form of the newsletter. Thank you for your patience as I figure it out.

From The Minister's Mac

Mother's Day

Do you know who Anna Jarvis is? Born in 1864, the 10th of 13 children, Anna was one of the 4 siblings who survived to adulthood. She grew up appreciating the role her mother played in her life and admired her mother for starting what were called "Mother's Day Work Clubs" in 1858. Their goal was to help educate other families living in West Virginia regarding precautions they could take to prevent the spread of disease, like boiling water and washing hands before eating. After the Civil War, Anna's mother organized a Mother's Friendship Day, hoping that families from both sides of that tragic war might find a path toward reconciliation.

After her mother's death in 1905, Anna wanted to make another of her mother's dreams come true. Her mother had prayed for a day to honor mothers. Since her mother died on the second Sunday in May, she thought enshrining that day annually to honor the services mothers render to the world would be a fitting tribute to her own mother. In 1908, Jarvis celebrated the first formal Mother's Day in Philadelphia, and there was also a celebration in Grafton, West Virginia, where she sent 500 white carnations to Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in honor of her mother. After a lengthy letter-writing campaign and much public speaking, almost all states in the USA were celebrating Mother's Day. Woodrow Wilson made the second Sunday in May a national holiday in 1914 and the rest is history.

What I didn't know about the holiday until I read an article in Britannica, is that Anna Jarvis also organized the Mother's Day International Association, meant to keep Mother's day from becoming overly commercialized. In spite

of the Association's best efforts, Mother's Day, like just about everything else in our great nation, succumbed to commercialization, with cards, flowers, chocolates, and going out for brunch being the favored Mother's Day gifts. (According to the National Retail Federation, Americans will spend roughly 33.5 billion dollars this Mother's Day.)

Jarvis hated the commercialization of Mother's Day so much that she actually tried to get the day legally cancelled. Thankfully, she was unsuccessful with that.

Yes, it has been commercialized, and yes, there are those who struggle with Mother's Day because of fractured relationships, unsuccessful pregnancies, or recent losses. But I believe we can be sensitive to those who have a love/hate relationship with Mother's Day and still honor the important women in our lives, those who have been positive role models for us and who have had a positive impact on our world. And we can do it without commercialization!

Now, if your mother loves white carnations, by all means, get the white carnations! And if it wouldn't be Mother's Day without brunch at her favorite restaurant then, of course, brunch it is. But I encourage you not to forget those personal touches that create long-lasting memories, like breakfast in bed, and the coupon book for hugs and kisses, or even a phone call that doesn't end with you saying, "Well, I have to go now." This year, let's try to keep Anna Jarvis' original vision of Mother's Day in mind and let these women we love know why we love and admire them. Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, cousins, friends, educators, piano teachers, next-door neighbors, doctors, lawyers, activists, love-bearers and world changers, have a blessed Mother's Day. This year, may you truly know how amazing you are.

See you in church,
Lin

"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." Proverbs 31:31

Dogs Need Fostering

A member of our community has reached out to us because she needs to go into a rehab program, and she needs someone to foster her dogs while she does. They are two English Springer Spaniel females, un-spayed, ages 2 and 2 1/2 . If you could potentially take one or both dogs for a few weeks, or know someone who could, please [email the church](#), and I will put you in touch with the owner.

“Making a Way”: A Conference for Widows

Cherry Hills Community Church is hosting a 2-day conference at Cherry Hills Community Church June 27-28 for widows who may find comfort and meaning in spending time with others who have also experienced the loss of a husband.

Registration is \$125 before May 15, \$135 after.

If you might be interested visit <https://www.chcc.org/ccb/event/19820/>

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

- May 11th: Denise Stewart and Sue Oliver
- May 18th: Terry and Karen
- May 25th:

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 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

May 11, 2025

Scripture

Revelation 7:9-17

Message

“Hunger No More”

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!

Upcoming Study of Revelation

Monday Nights via Zoom

Rev. Lin will be hosting an online Bible study on the book of Revelation. Contact her or [email the office](#) for more information, to be included in the Zoom link, and to get the study materials.

Via Mobility for Life

Providing rides for residents:

Seniors 60+, disabled, and income qualified.

Dacono, Frederick & Firestone

303-444-3043

Rinn Cowboy Christian Fellowship

Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

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An hour-long concert with Steve & Rhonda Desmond

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- All those struggling with depression.
- All those who grieve, especially those experiencing their first Easter without a loved one.
- Eric and Justin's Uncle Jerry and family, as Jerry approaches the end of life.
- Jonathan, who has just moved to the area and needs to get financially stable.
- For Mike R. and his family on the loss of his uncle.

HEALING

- Debby Perry, who is home after her stem-cell transplant and ready to receive visitors. May her treatment continue to progress well.
- Diana's daughter, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Mark McCleary for a diagnosis and healing.
- Mike's friend Casey, who suffered burns in a house fire, and for the whole family who lost their home and their dogs.
- Mike and Karen's friends Greg and Gail, who are both dealing with cancer
- Janice is also doing much better, but still needs prayers.
- Sue had a double lung transplant some years ago and has other health issues.
- Garry after his stroke, as well as strength and healing for Patty
- Jed after his surgery.

- Wayne W., who has pneumonia.
- Linda's friend George, who was in an accident.

THANKSGIVING

- Tractor Supply for their support for Justin's ministry for the unhoused, and all those who donate to the backpacks and help give them out.
- Jennifer, and all missionaries out spreading the Word of God.
- The wonderful music at church.
- That Vi is feeling better and is ready to receive visitors again.
- Those who find Jesus, even on their death beds.

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](#).

May Birthdays

3 Jim Nelson
 6 Terry Johnson
 8 Bill Longstraith
 20 Renee Kemnetz
 20 Dagny Novak
 21 Ruth Fuss

Happy Anniversary To...

3 Michael & Deb Rowley(1986)
 26 Brian & Rev. Lin Cheek (1991)

This Week at Rinn

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

Friday 5/9

7:00pm New Hope AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday 5/11

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

Wednesday 5/14

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Maggie's

10:30am 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

Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek

Worship Committee: Betsy Foushee