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**From the Minister's Mac**

**All Hallows Day**

You wouldn't think that Halloween would be controversial, but in certain circles, it is. While many children in this country keep alive the tradition of donning a costume and receiving candy from their neighbors, others are taught that it is a pagan holiday to be avoided at all costs.

This culture clash was first brought to my attention at a church I served which had multi-cultural ministries all sharing space equally. The

English language ministry wanted to have a Halloween party for the church and neighborhood children. The Vietnamese and Spanish language ministries felt it was inappropriate and didn't want their children to participate.

What to do?

After much conversation, we decided to have an Angel Party, where all the kids dressed like little angels, which of course, they were. They had fun playing games and eating snacks. The only problem for me was that this party was not open to the neighborhood. Their fear was that neighborhood kids wouldn't understand what an Angel Party was and would come as demons or chainsaw-wielding serial killers. Although the original idea was to offer hospitality to the neighborhood via this Halloween party, the English-language ministry felt it was more important to build trust within the church and so, in the spirit of compromise, went along with the Angel Party.

Over the years, I have thought a lot about that church, that party, that compromise. Were we right to exclude the neighborhood children? Did we miss an opportunity to minister to them? Did we gain trust within the church or create resentment? And I can't help thinking theologically: Is this a pagan holiday that should be ignored? Have we as a society completely forgotten the Christian Feast of All Saints Day, previously called All Hallows Day? Have we rejected the purpose of honoring the dead in favor of glorifying vampires and zombies?

For me, which came first — the Gaelic tradition of Samhain, the Aztec tradition of the Day of the Dead, or the Christian tradition of All Saints Day — is not as important as remembering what our traditions are all about. All Saints Day, which is always November 1 and celebrated in church on the following Sunday, began as a day to remember the Christian martyrs. It has evolved into a day of remembering and honoring our loved ones who have died, and to celebrate our connection with them through our belief in eternal life.

And Halloween? Well, the United Methodist Church doesn't have an official stance on this holiday, leaving local churches to decide for themselves whether or not to celebrate. For the record, I'm for it! I love seeing the parade of princesses and pirates, ghosts and ghouls, burritos and Beetlejuice Bobs. We get about 100 kids, if the weather is good, and even when the weather is bad, our neighborhood is a hub of trick-

or-treat activity. And I love it!

So, have fun out there tonight and stay safe. And whether you're going door-to-door or handing out treats, consider saying a prayer for the little ones and for us, that God will bless us all, despite our crazy controversies.

See you in church,  
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**“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” James 5:16b**

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### **CARBON VALLEY HELP CENTER FUNDRAISER**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2024**

**We need cakes, pies, and other baked goods for the Carbon Valley Help Center's fundraiser on Saturday, November 2nd. Please drop off your contribution at the church at 10:30 on Saturday.**

**Contact Pam Zuromski at 847-951-1473 or [pammyzuromski@gmail.com](mailto:pammyzuromski@gmail.com) for more information.**

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### **Attention Veterans**

The Longmont Quilt Guild has a program to honor all our veterans. If you are a veteran, or you have a family member who is a veteran and would like to be honored with a Quilt of Honor to thank you for your service, please contact Janice Bachmann (720-272-6947 or email: [bachmann837@msn.com](mailto:bachmann837@msn.com)). Depending on the number of veterans we have in our congregation family it may take some time to get quilts to everyone.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **Lifeline Screening at Rinn**



Rinn will once again be hosting  
Lifeline Screening on **January 2, 2025**  
Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in stroke and  
cardiovascular disease risk screening.  
Call 888-814-0466 or

Click [here](#) to learn more about it and/or sign up for a time.

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**~ Rinn Worship Service ~**  
***(In-person and livestreamed on Facebook)***

**November 3 • 9:30 a.m.**

***Scripture***  
**James 5:13-16**

***Message***

**"The Powerful and Effective Prayer"**



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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Rinn CD Sales



The Rinn CD, featuring the music from our church, is now on sale for \$15. Enjoy music from Scott, Shelly, Rae Ann and the choir whenever you want. CDs will be available in the front lobby after church, or talk to Wayne Vinson.

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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 discussion of our faith.

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? Please consider signing up! Every little bit 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.

**November 14, 2024**







**FALL BACK**

**Daylight Savings Time ends November 3, 2024**

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

We are looking at Christian themes in contemporary novels. Our book is "*The Trial of Fallen Angles.*"

Please join us for engaging conversation this Sunday!  
All are welcome!

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**In Our Prayers**

**COMFORT**

- Hurricane Victims
  - Annie asks for our prayers as she prepares to move in November.
- Ashley's son Tristin, recovering from successful Achilles tendon surgery, and prayers for Sean who is care-giving.
- Rusty's uncle Warren who has passed away. Please pray for his family and Rusty's Aunt.
  - Prayers for Ashley that her interview goes well and she gets the job.
  - May God be with all those who are feeling afraid or unsure in today's volatile political climate.
  - For Betty and Cindy as Cindy's mother, Janet, has passed away.

- Rae Ann's brother Calvin who is in the hospital and needs sleep.
- HEALING**
- Annie's son-in-law with kidney trouble, that he will find a kidney.
    - Sherry had a stroke and is in rehab now.
      - Jack has brain cancer.
    - Aunt Linda has multiple health issues and needs healing..
      - Shelly's Friend who had leg amputation.
    - Dan asks prayers for his brother John, who fell, and for John's wife.
  - Continued healing for Dan Smith after his surgery and for Donna who is caregiving.
    - Lisa asks prayers for her Granny, who is nearing the end of her life.
      - Prayers for Vi as she recovers at home from her hospital stay.
  - Mitch asks prayers for the Sharma family, on the death of his friend, Shivik Sharma.
    - For Debby Perry, who is undergoing tests in the hospital.
      - All those suffering loss or injury from continuing wars.
    - Continued prayers for Dave's healing after a successful surgery.
      - For all those having surgery or recovering from surgery.
  - Rae Ann's sister-in-law, Helen B, she is in the hospital with an infection and lots of pain

**THANKSGIVING**

- Paula's friend's husband, Dick, who finally got an appointment with a specialist who hopefully can help him with his seizures.
  - Kaye finding work!
- Annie gives thanks for this church and will miss it when she moves.
- Scott gives thanks for what his doctors are calling a miraculous recovery from cancer!
  - Bill gives thanks for the friendship he has found at this church.

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](#).

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**Refreshments for after Worship sign-up**

- November 3rd:Goldade
- November 10th:Marsha
- November 17th:Toni and Diana
  - November 24th

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.
- 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 at Rinn**

**Wednesday nights at 7pm**



**Robert Davis 11/6/2024**

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**November Birthdays**

- 3 John Martin**
- 4 Rev. Lin Cheek**
- 4 Katleyn Addy**

6 Tim Kemnetz  
7 Colin Peterson  
8 Renee Peterson  
8 David Grabowski  
10 Bill Smith  
11 Mary Ann Barnes  
14 Michaela Boisen  
18 Mike Abney  
18 Cathy Billings  
18 Suzanne Gallagher  
21 Sharon Goldade  
21 Mitch Hollingsworth  
29 Sheila Legler

**Happy Anniversary to:**

3 Jim & Jan Nelson (1968)  
18 Dan & Aleta Purcell (1978)  
27 Larry & Sharon Thompson

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**Weekly Activity Schedule**

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

**Sunday 11/3**

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

**Wednesday 11/6**

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

**Friday 11/8**

7:00pm New Hope AA

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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

Chair of Finance: Linda Rinn

Treasurer: Sue Mercer

Finance Secretary: Steve Sterkel

Cowboy Fellowship: Mike Shaw

Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek

Worship Committee: Betsy Foushee



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