

# Rinn Newsletter 1/14/26-1/21/26

## From the Minister's Mac

### “In Memory of Rev. Bob Link”

Last weekend a former pastor of mine, Rev. Bob Link, was laid to rest. I wasn't able to attend the service, but if I had been there, I would have told this story about him — the very thing that made him one of my favorite pastors.

One Sunday, Bob made the announcement that the city had complained about the weeds growing in our extra lot. He asked for volunteers to show up the following Saturday to help tidy up the lot so we would be good neighbors.

Of course, I forgot. That Saturday, rushing home from the grocery store with the kids in tow, I drove past the church and saw Bob out in the field pulling weeds — all by himself! Mortified, we got the groceries put away, grabbed gardening tools and went to join him in his labor of love. By the time we got to the church, Bob was no longer alone. We happily joined the work detail and others continued to arrive. Many hands make light work and we whipped that field into shape in no time. But the weeding is not what I remember. What has stuck with me all these years is Bob's leadership by example, his willingness to do the work all by himself if necessary, and the way he inspired so many to drop the plans they had for the day and spend the morning working together.

Bob was also the kind of pastor who insisted on not being paid when there wasn't enough money to cover other payroll and expenses. The chair of SPRC would get up Sunday morning, explain the situation, and ask folks to “dig deep so we can pay the pastor.” And we did, in spite of his protests.

Rev. Bob Link was a man who devoted his life to Love. I know we all hope to do the same!

See you in church,  
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**“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’” Matthew 25:21**

# This Week at Rinn

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

## Wednesday 1/21

9:00am Brunch Bunch Breakfast at Doug's Diner  
10:30am Bible Study at Bev Ramsey's House  
7:00pm Cowboy Fellowship

## Thursday 1/22

7:00pm Movie Night at Rinn

## Friday 1/23

7:00pm New Hope AA

## Sunday 1/25

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

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## “All Church Celebration”

Sunday 1/25, after worship —All Church Celebration and potluck— a little business, a lot of fun, some great food, and the burning of the mortgage!

Food assignments by the first letter of your last name:

**A-H –main dish**

**I-R-dessert**

**S-Z– side dish**

If you are unable to bring your assigned dish just bring what you can or just bring Yourself! There is always lots of food and fellowship so come join the fun!

## ~ Rinn Worship Service ~

**In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook**  
**January 18, 2026 ~ 9:30am**

Scripture & Message  
January 18, 2026  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
“The Church of God”

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](#)

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### A Note from the Office

Hello,

You are receiving the newsletter today because I will be out of the office on Thursday as I have Dr. Appointments. Thanks! Julie

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### Go Fund Me for Merinn Mae Purcell

Aleta Purcell's (donut lady if you don't know who this is) 5 year old granddaughter was tragically run over on New Year's Eve while in South Carolina. A go fund me page has been started in memory of her. It tells about her. If you would like to donate but don't want to go on the gofundme site you are welcome to give something to Aleta to give to her son and family.

\*\*\*Merinn's dad drove by Rinn Church and liked it and spelled her name after Rinn.

<https://gofund.me/769c8568e>

# Update on Noah's Community Outreach

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.

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](mailto:bfoushee@hotmail.com)



## “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.



## Movie Night at Rinn

Please join us every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each Month at 7:00pm.

The next movie night is January 22nd 2026.

If you have any questions,  
Please contact Shelly Anderson.

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## In Our Prayers

### **COMFORT**

- For all who are grieving.
- For those affected by floods and fires.
- For those in war torn areas.
- For all those awaiting surgery and healing for those recovering from surgery.
- For Annie prayers for her and her family on the passing of her sister.
- Brian asks prayers of healing and comfort for his son Tony, who is undergoing tests. The doctors can't find the source of his pain.
- For the Link family and all who mourn the loss of a loved one
- For Shelly's friends Colleen and Brian.
- For Aleta and her family as they mourn the death of Aleta's 5 year old granddaughter who was accidentally run over on New Year's Eve.

### **HEALING**

- Healing for fractured families.
- Healing and comfort for all those awaiting results from tests.
- Linda asks prayers of healing for Terry's mom, who fell and fractured her pelvis.
- Paula asks prayers for her sister who has pancreatic cancer, and pray that God takes cancer out of this world altogether.
- For those struggling with depression
- For Wayne's Aunt Linda. She was doing better but now is not. Prayers for her, for the family and for the hospice team.
- For Ginny and Brian who are sick during this extremely bad cold and flu season.

### **THANKSGIVING**

Marsha gives thanks to the choir for the beautiful music and to Rhonda for leading the choir.

- Thanks for this church and our church family.
- Thanks that Vi is doing better.

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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](mailto:Info@rinnumc.org).

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## Refreshments After Worship

January 18th-

January 25th-Potluck-All Church Celebration

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)

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## 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!

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## January Birthdays

4 Lynne Diaz  
8 Daniel Smith  
11 Dan Smith  
12 Sharon Cely  
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 January Anniversary To...

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

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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:

Chair of Church Council: Janice Bachman  
Lay Leader: Bonnie Clark  
United Methodist Women: Sharon Goldade  
Treasurer: Sue Mercer  
Finance Secretary: Steve Sterkel  
Finance Chair: Janice Bachmann  
Nominations: Rev. Lin Cheek  
Worship Committee: Betsy Foushee  
Office Manager: Julie Stirm  
Audio/Visual Tech Chair: Wayne Vinson  
SPR Chair: Janice Bachmann  
Members: Eric Presnall, Linda Rinn,  
Scott Lawrence, Diana Murray, Dave Boyd,  
Brian Cheek, Mike Carr.