

Rinn Newsletter 2/20-2/26

A Note from the Office

We are going to be experimenting with doing the newsletter in some different ways in order to find a better program than Mailchimp. You do not have to do anything different—the newsletter should arrive in your email every week the way it always has. However, the newsletter may look a little bit different from week to week. Please feel free to give Suzanne feedback as we search for a new way to do things.

From The Minister's Mac

The Power of Love

Many years ago, I worked in Advertising. I was the Creative Manager at BBDO/West, a mid-sized, full-service agency in Los Angeles. My job was to “manage” the Creative Department for the Creative Director, freeing him — or her — to schmooze clients, drum up new accounts, and help the creative teams when they needed it. I liked helping the creatives keep their jobs on schedule and on budget, handling correspondence for the boss, writing and proofing ads, and doing anything else that was needed. It was an exciting place to work.

Then the boss quit. One of the copywriters was asked to fill in as “interim Creative Director” while they searched for a permanent one. She was a bit offended that she wasn’t just offered the job and said as much to the President of the agency. He said he wanted someone with more experience, but she thought he might reconsider once she showed him what she could do as Creative Director. Unfortunately, he didn’t. Advertising was, and still is, woefully unfair to women in terms of advancement opportunities and salaries. She was a casualty of that biased environment and she didn’t take it well. When the new boss came in, he hit the ground running, pitching new clients, inspiring the creative teams and bringing in a couple of heavy hitters. I liked him immediately, but the displaced “interim” was not a happy camper and became very difficult to work with.

Cut to several months later, when the new boss was out of town and the once-creative-director-and-now-a-copywriter-again old boss wanted to speak to him. I told her several times that I had left messages for him at the restaurant and the hotel (cell phones hadn't caught on yet in the early '80s) but she kept nagging me about it and I finally got a little snippy with her, resenting the way she was unleashing her perpetual bad mood on me. I had never heard a woman swear the way she swore at me that day, causing the entire creative department to stop what they were doing and watch the action. Knowing I was close to tears, I grabbed my purse and left the office, not wanting anyone to see me cry.

Too upset to drive, I walked around Westwood, trying to calm down, thinking about how much I disliked that woman and what I was going to say to her when I went back to the office. Then, I heard my pastor's voice saying, "It is easy to love our friends, but loving our enemies takes great effort." That stopped me in my tracks. I recognized that I was not completely blameless in this unpleasant scene, and if I had been a little more patient, or compassionate, it never would have happened.

It just so happened that I had stopped right in front of a flower store. I went in, bought a bouquet of flowers and went back to the office, practicing my apology. I went straight into the office of "the enemy" and told her I was sorry for losing my patience and getting snippy with her. I handed her the flowers and said again that I was sorry.

Now, if this was a TV show or a movie, we would have laughed about it and become best friends. But this was real life. And this was advertising. She took my flowers, threw them in the trash can and said, "Well, you should be sorry."

The strange thing is, I didn't get mad. I wasn't hurt any more, or near tears, or anything except sorry, only now I was sorry for her, too, and her inability to forgive. I simply said, "Well, I am sorry," and left her office, feeling light-hearted for the first time in a long time.

We'll explore loving our enemies this Sunday in worship. It isn't easy in the moment, but it sure makes for an easier life in the long run.

See you in church,
Lin

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.” Luke 6:27-28

Egg Cartons No Longer Needed

Marsha would like to thank everyone for donating egg cartons, but with the price of eggs being what it is, they are not needed for the immediate future. Marsha will let us know when she needs egg cartons again.

Blarney Burritos

We are still doing our burrito fundraiser this year; however, we're doing them as “Blarney Burritos,” just in time for St. Patrick's day (or, for those of you who are college basketball fans, right at the start of March Madness). We'll be doing 4 different kinds: Breakfast, Spicy Breakfast, Beef Bean and Cheese, and Pork. Sign up for yours on the sheet in the narthex. Burritos will be delivered on March 16 (Selection Sunday for the basketball fans).

Talk to Rusty if you would like to donate money or food or help make the burritos.

Thank You from the Carbon Valley Help Center

We received a note from the Carbon Valley Help Center thanking Rinn for our donation to help them continue to provide food and financial assistance to the families in need in our local area. Thank you to all of you who contribute to the church and make it possible to engage in these types of missions.

Thank You from Legacy Elementary Teachers

Thanks go out to the Kids Hope mentors who donated/participated in the brunch that the mentors provided to the teachers at Legacy on their late arrival date. It was very much appreciated by the teachers and staff.

Camp Buckhorn Registration is Open

[Camp Buckhorn](#), the Methodist summer camp west of Fort Collins, is open for registration. If you have children, grandchildren, or other kids who are close to you who are entering the 3rd through 10th grades, it's a great experience and a lot of fun! The UMW offers scholarships to send the kids. Most kids from Rinn are going to the second session (June 22-27), but kids can pick whichever session is most convenient for them and their families.

Talk to Sharon Goldade for more information.

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

- February 23rd: Vinson Family
- March 2nd: ???

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

February 23, 2025

Scripture

Luke 6:27-38

Message

“The Hardest Part”

Livestreamed on Facebook:

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

To follow along with the service, the Order of Worship is [HERE](#).

Lent and Easter Services

It's coming, sooner than we think! Here is what Rinn UMC has planned for the 2025 Lent and Easter Season:

Wednesday 3/5: 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Special Music: Shelly Anderson “Ashes to Ashes”

Sunday 3/9: First Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Luke 4:1-15

Special Music: Praise Band "Waitin' at the Gate";

Plus special music from Scott Anderson and Melissa Westover

Sunday 3/16: Second Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Luke 13:31-35

Special Music: Rinn Choir

Sunday 3/23: Third Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Luke 13:31-35

Special Music: Rinn Choir "River in Judea"

Sunday 3/30: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Psalm 32:1-7

Special Music: Scott Anderson on the organ

Sunday 4/6: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Special Music: Anneke Toomey

Sunday 4/13: Palm Sunday

Scripture: Luke 10:28-40

Special Music: Praise Band, plus special music by Scott Anderson

Thursday 4/17: 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

Special Presentation of "The Last Supper of the Disciples":

Each of the 12 disciples speak about who they are and their relationship with Jesus. They share communion with Jesus, and then we all get to share communion with Jesus, just as the disciples did.

Special Music: Shelly Anderson

Friday 4/18: 7:00pm Tenebre Service

A Service of Tenebre, or "darkness," is based on a twelfth-century late night service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. We use readings, music and decreasing light to remember Jesus' sacrifice.

Sunday 4/20: Two Services on Easter Sunday!

6:45 Sunrise Service

Scripture: Psalm 118:1, 17-29
Special Music: Shelly Anderson and Lin Cheek

7:30 Potluck Breakfast

9:30 Regular Service

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43

Special Music: Rinn Choir "Glory Bound" with a prelude by Scott Anderson

"Brunch Bunch" Bible Study

Wednesdays

Breakfast at Maggie's (now in Mead) 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!

Lifeline Screening at Rinn

Rinn will once again be hosting Lifeline Screening on April 21, 2025. Lifeline 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.

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

Robert Davis and the Duck Hunters

2/26/2025

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- All those struggling with depression.
- Nancy, who has lost friends to cancer and to suicide.
- Annie, after the death of her brother.
- Linda Archer, whose mother passed away.
- The Grabowski family after Jim's death. Funeral is on 3/8 at 11:00am.
- The Van Dyke family after the loss of Selma. Funeral is on 4/12 at 11:00am.
- Rae Ann, after the death of her beloved cat.
- Denise and family after the death of her sister Brenda.
- Donna, who lost a loved one.
- Lisa, as she prepares for a move.
- The family of Mitch's friend who died recently.

HEALING

- Bethany, who is fighting sepsis,

- Vi, whose doctors are trying to get her heart back in rhythm.
- Debby Perry as she battles cancer.
- Carolanne Allen, who grew up at Rinn, was diagnosed with Lupus & Sjoren's Syndrome. Pray for her physical and emotional wellbeing.
- The Hinkles' son-in-law Tom Pratt, who has kidney failure and Lymphoma.
- Debby, recovering from surgery.
- Mike, who has pneumonia.
- Mark McCleary for a diagnosis and healing.
- Jenny's brother is having stomach problems and a biopsy on a spot on his face.
- Rusty's aunt.
- Barry, as he undergoes a biopsy.
- Sue's cousin Evonne who is hospitalized with heart, blood pressure, and gallbladder issues.

TRAVEL MERCIES

- Tony and his family as they look for a place to put down roots.
- For all of our snowbirds heading to warmer climes for the winter.

THANKSGIVING

- Justin's ministry for the unhoused and all who support it.
- Rae Ann's sister-in-law's recovery from meningitis and her return home.
- Annie (and others) being able to join us every Sunday online.
- Nina's and Jodi's wonderful trip.
- The prayers from this church for Warren's wife Linda, who is doing better.
- Miranda Hulstrum, now 34 weeks pregnant, is doing well.
- Wayne's Aunt Linda has found a care facility that she likes.
- Eric's new granddaughter, and that she and her mother are doing well.
- The wonderful music at church.
- 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](#).

February Birthdays

5 Amanda Hollingsworth

7 Tamara Green
9 Paul Abbott
10 Lisa Parker
11 LaRissa Waneka
13 Elaine Bolton
14 Denise Stewart
17 Lisa Johnson
19 Scott Anderson
19 Larry Thompson
20 Sharon Thompson
22 Janice Henderson
26 Salem Presnall
28 Barb Abbott
28 Warren Napier

Happy Anniversary To...

17 Glenn & Janice Bachmann (1979)

This Week at Rinn

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

Thursday 2/20

7:00pm Ad Council Meeting

Friday 2/21

7:00pm New Hope AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday 2/23

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

Tuesday 2/25

6:30pm Trustee's Meeting

Wednesday 2/26

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