

Rinn Newsletter 6/19-6/25

From The Minister's Mac

About Annual Conference

Annual Conference is a three-day event when clergy and lay representatives from every church in the Mountain Sky Conference gather for friendship, inspiration, and the business of the Church. We worship together, share communion, hear guest speakers, learn about ministry around the globe, and vote on regional and global matters. And we eat. Not the healthiest scenario, but the snacks make sitting for hours on end a bit more bearable.

Your lay representative Bonnie Clark and I will give a brief report about this year's Annual Conference on Sunday, but I thought I would use this space to delve into some of the special matters we voted on during our time together, which were to ratify four amendments to our UMC Constitution that were proposed at General Conference last year. All Annual Conferences around the globe will vote on these amendments. All those votes will be tallied together and then the results will be announced when we have or have not reached a 2/3 Churchwide ratification. Here are the General Conference amendments presented to us at our Annual Conference:

1. Not the most significant amendment but of importance to me, is the addition of the words "gender" and "ability" to the UMC Constitution, found in our book of discipline. In ¶4, subtitled, "Inclusiveness of the Church," our Church Constitution declares that "all persons are of sacred worth. **All persons without regard to race, color, national origin, status, or economic condition**, shall be eligible to attend its worship services, participate in its programs, receive the sacraments, upon baptism be admitted as baptized members and upon taking vows declaring the Christian faith, become professing members in any local church in the connection." The words **gender** and **ability** will be added to the list highlighted here in bold. Yea!
2. Under ¶5, subtitled Racial Justice, the General Conference amendment changes Article V to read: "**The United Methodist Church proclaims that from God's goodness and love, God created all persons as God's**

unique and beloved children. Racism opposes God's law, goodness and love and diminishes the image of God in each person. Fueled by white privilege, white supremacy and colonialism, the sin of racism has been a destructive scourge on global society and throughout the history of The United Methodist Church. It continues to destroy our communities, harm persons, obstruct unity and undermine God's work in this world. Racism must be eradicated. Therefore, The United Methodist Church commits to confronting and eliminating all forms of racism, racial inequity, colonialism, white privilege and white supremacy, in every facet of its life and in society at large." Friends, we Methodists have always taken a stance against racism in any form, but this is the first time we have officially identified a cause. While I may not agree that these are the only roots of racism, I must agree that they exist and own my complicity in them. This is what the change to Article V hopes to accomplish in our Church.

3. An amendment to the Constitution was submitted at General Conference to clarify educational requirements for voting clergy. While ¶35 currently calls for "completed course of study" for Licensed Local Pastors and a Masters of Divinity (M. Div.) degree for ordained clergy, the amendment adds clarifying language that course of study or M. Div. must come from a "University Senate approved theological school or its equivalent as recognized in a Central Conference."

4. An amendment was submitted at General Conference to admit Regionalization to our Constitution. Here are highlights about the new way of organizing our worldwide Church:

- a. Regionalization allows each region of the Church to make decisions that will best support outreach and ministry efforts in their specific setting. This ability is already in place in the Central Conferences; Regionalization will bring that ability to the U.S. as well. (In other words, other conferences in the world were previously given permission to make decisions that are culturally appropriate for them without forcing those decisions on the rest of the global Church. That permission was previously denied the United States. Regionalization will now give that permission to the U.S. and will also create additional regions around the globe that had previously been comprised into one Central Conference).
- b. Regionalization was developed collaboratively by United Methodists across the globe.
- c. It was adopted by an overwhelming majority of General Conference delegates.
- d. Nine regional conferences will comprise The UMC: one in the U.S. and eight in Africa, Europe and the Philippines. If you have read this far, congratulations. You just got a taste of what Annual Conference is like!

If you want to know more about anything voted on at Annual Conference, please ask me or Bonnie Clark, or visit one of these links to our Mountain Sky Conference website: <https://www.mtnskyumc.org/ratification>. <https://www.mtnskyumc.org/petitions-elections-legislationAC2025>.

See you in church,
Lin

"But all things should be done decently and in order." 1 Corinthians 14:40

Spam Alert

The baddies are at it again. If you received a personal text or email that says it's from me, Rev. Lin, saying I'm in a meeting or out of town, and just need you to take care of something discreetly, or quickly, or call back when it is convenient, or send a gift card, or send personal information, or click on a link... PLEASE DISREGARD. Please note my way of working: If I want you to call me, I will call you first and leave a message telling you what it's about. If I text you, it's usually about something you already know about, like to confirm lunch arrangements, or about meeting in a place we have met before, or for a prayer request — NOT MONEY. My emails to you will not be cryptic, or ask you to do something confidentially, or ask you for money or gift cards. Those kinds of requests will be made in person and usually on a Sunday. If the church has a need for additional Grocery Cards, we will ask for those in the newsletter and ask that they be brought to the church — NEVER mailed somewhere else. Please don't fall for these criminal tactics. They are not hacking into my accounts, but rather using my name and their email or phone number. The best way to respond to these is to not respond at all! If you think it might be legitimate, call me at the number in our directory or call someone you trust to confirm. Do not call the number attached to the text or email. Let's outsmart these criminals and make these kinds of scams unprofitable!!

See you in church,

Lin



Huge Thank You

We would like to thank everyone that had anything to do with the pig roast whether it was working, providing food, taking flyers around, donating money or attending. It takes the church family to make this a success every year. When we have the final \$ amount made we will let you know. Also a large heavy duty pot from the kitchen may have been taken by mistake as it is missing. If you happen to have it would be appreciated if you would leave it in the kitchen. The lid is there but not the pot.

Thank all of you again.

Mary Margaret and Marsha

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.

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.



~ Rinn Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook

June 22, 2025 ~ 9:30am

Scripture

1 Kings 19:1-15

Message

“What Are You Doing Here?”

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](#)

Refreshments After Worship



- June 22nd: Paula Clapp
- June 29th:

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. 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.
- A sign-up sheet will be at the podium in the Narthex each Sunday.

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Rinn Cowboy Christian Fellowship



Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

6/25/2025 - The Lighthouse Trio

Marsha is Collecting Egg Cartons

Marsha needs egg cartons once more. Please leave them in the kitchen, on the counter next to the back door.



“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.

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

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!

Via Mobility for Life

Providing rides for residents:

Seniors 60+, disabled, and income qualified.

Dacono, Frederick & Firestone

303-444-3043

This Week at Rinn

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

Wednesday 6/18

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Maggie's

10:30am Wednesday Brunch Bunch Bible Study at Bev Ramsey home

7:00pm Cowboy Fellowship

Friday 6/20

5:45pm New Hope AA in the Fellowship Hall-Ice Cream Social

Saturday 6/21

9:00am UMW Meeting

Sunday 6/22

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- All those struggling with depression.
- Eric and Justin's Uncle Jerry and family, as Jerry approaches the end of life.
- For all those who are grieving this day, and especially those who have lost their children
- For Donna, whose camper caught on fire and for all those who have lost property, belongings, and homes.

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.
- Mike and Karen's friends Greg and Gail, who are both dealing with cancer
- 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
- Continued healing for Sue Mercer who is recovering well from knee surgery.
- Prayers for Tom M who may need his toes amputated.
- Prayers for JR that his health improves.
- For Fayden, a 9 year old who had heart-replacement surgery recently and is not out of the woods yet.
- For Brian's sister Robin who is having abdominal pain and the doctors don't know what is causing it.
- For Denise who is still dealing with leg pain after her surgery.
- For Sue Mercer's sister-in-law Diana, who just had cancer surgery on June 11th.
- For Anne Gallagher, who fell and broke her hip.

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.
- 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.
- God bless all our organ donors.
- For Marsha's hard work on the Pig Roast, among other things!
- For the opportunity for Salem to be a Counselor in Training and prayers that she does well there and enjoys it.

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.

June Birthdays



1 Daniel Glantz
5 Ginny Shaw
8 Gavin Diaz
16 Katelyn Gray
17 Brianna Oliver
20 Debby Thompson
20 Linda Archer
21 Greg Shaw
22 Diana Murray
22 Mike Rowley
23 Betty Koch
24 Kailey Chapman
24 Riley Hollingsworth
24 Evan Novak
28 Nina Zobel



Happy June Anniversary To...

21 Dan & Debbie Perry(2014)
25 Mike & Ginny Shaw (1965)
