

Rinn Newsletter 12/04/25-12/10/25

From the Minister's Mac

"Blessed Advent"

I remember the first time I said it to a stranger. "Blessed Advent!" First, she looked surprised. Then she smiled and said it back to me. "Blessed Advent!"

Why hasn't that phrase caught on? Technically, for those Christians paying attention, we have not yet arrived at the season of Christmas. We are in Advent, a season of waiting and anticipating the arrival of the Christ child. So why aren't we going about our days wishing everyone, "Blessed Advent!"?

For the politically correct, the phrase "Blessed Advent!" may contain too many religious overtones for general use, since it describes a season in the Christian calendar AND the awaited arrival of Jesus the Christ. For the religious, the phrase may not convey a theological meaning that includes Christ, since the word "advent" simply means the arrival of a noteworthy person or thing.

And yet, this is exactly what I wish for all of us and for the world:
Blessed Advent!

God's blessings on us as we anticipate Christmas! God's blessings on us as we wait in line to buy a gift for a loved one! God's blessings on us as we struggle to find joy in the midst of grief! God's blessings on us as we await the day when our fractured family can reunite! God's blessings on us as we pray for an equal sharing of love and acceptance in the world! God's blessings on us as we wait to hear about the job, or the test results, or the safety of friends and family in distant lands. Blessed Advent!

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "Waiting is an art that our impatient age has forgotten." (from *God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas*). He encourages us to take the time necessary to mature as Christians, and to give others that time as well. The transformation that God works in the world through the life and teachings of Jesus the Christ does not happen overnight. And so, we must wait.

May this Blessed Advent create in us a new appreciation for the season of waiting. May we use it well, preparing our hearts for that itinerant preacher named Jesus, making room in our hearts for him and all God's people while we work together to bring about God's sacred community on earth.

Blessed Advent, my friends!

Lin

"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage.

Wait for the Lord!" Psalm 27:14

Holiday Church Office Hours

The office will be closed December 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st and January 1st for the Christmas Holiday. There will not be a newsletter the week of December 30th. Thank you for this time off and have a blessed Holiday Season!



Cookie Making at Rinn!



Can't get enough Christmas cookies? Have holiday baking fever? **It's not too late! Saturday, December 20, from 9-noon**, join us in the Rinn fellowship hall & kitchen for decorating and baking some cookies. Dough, cookie cutters, and decorations will be provided. You bring the creative energy and we will bake up some Christmas fun! Please sign up on this 'COOKIE' list in the narthex, so we know how many bakers to expect and prepare for. Contact Betsy Foushee if you have any questions.



Rinn Gift, Craft, and Bake Sale



Saturday, December 6, 2025, 10am – 4pm
Rinn United Methodist Church
3783 Bella Rosa Parkway (Weld County Rd 20)
Frederick, CO 80504

Just west of the I-25 frontage road,
between HWY 52 and 119

A Christmas shopping experience with dozens of local artists showcasing their crafts! Bring a canned good and take a picture with Santa!

Enjoy lunch in our Corner Café from 11- 1:

- Homemade soups:
 - Chili
 - French Onion
 - Beef Stew
 - And more...
- Christmas cookies
- Lunch is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids



Take some flyers from the welcome table in the Narthex and spread the word!

Want to contribute to the bake sale? Bring your cookies, cakes, pies, breads, jams and jellies, or whatever else you make to the church kitchen on Friday morning, December 5 from 9-12, or Saturday morning from 8-10.

Ladies Lunch

**Let the United Women of Faith(UMW)
Treat you to Lunch!**



**If you would like to carpool to the
restaurant, please be in the
church parking lot at 10:15am.**

WHEN: DECEMBER 13, 2025 AT 11:30AM

**WHERE: Pepper Pod
530 Fir Street,
Hudson, CO 80642
off of Hwy 52 and I-76**

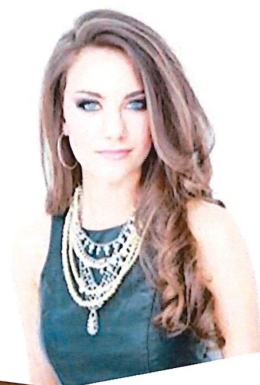
WHO: ALL LADIES ARE INVITED!

Questions? Ask Sharon Goldade



**A Country Christmas at
Rinn Cowboy Christian Fellowship**
(The traditional Christmas songs you know and love.)

Wednesday 12/3, 7pm
Nashville recording artist,
Aubree Bullock/Neeper
singing your favorite songs of
the season with a Christmas
message.



Wednesday, 12/10, 7pm
Barry Ward returns with his
heartfelt music from middle
America. Christmas, the way
you remember.

Wednesday, 12/17, 7pm
An hour of uplifting 4-part
by the popular New Life Quartet.
Songs guaranteed to soothe your
soul!



3783 Bella Rosa Parkway, Frederick (In the Methodist Church Building)
(Homemade Christmas cookies provided)
Love offering for musicians not required, but gratefully accepted.



A Plea From Your Pastor

Friends, we are all so busy and it is hard sometimes to remember all the things we want to say to someone until we see them, which is usually on Sunday. In most cases, this is a great way to use our time together before and after the service. However, for me, when I am trying to get into worship mode before service, to have several people hit me up with ministry ideas, announcements to make, questions about someone who is sick or hasn't been to church in a while, information about someone who is sick or hasn't been to church in a while, or even just to let me know that they won't be here for the next few weeks because they'll be out of town... well, it really doesn't help me get into worship mode. In fact, it can feel like an onslaught of information that I won't have a prayer of remembering come Monday. YOU CAN HELP by choosing one of the following options:

1. Call me during the week! If I don't answer, please leave me a message and I will get back to you.
2. Write me a little note during the service and pass it to me as you leave after worship. Please leave your name and email address so that I know who to respond to.
3. Email me anytime!
4. (Preferred Option) Let's make a date for coffee or lunch so we can talk about what you want to talk about AND get to know each other a little better in the process.

Thanks for your help with this and I will try to do the same for you, too!!
Much love, Lin

~ Rinn Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook
December 7, 2025 ~ 9:30am

Scripture
Exodus 15:20-21/Luke 1:46-55

Message
“Miriam & Mary: Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving”

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](#)

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



“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.

Looking for an Apartment?

Debby Thompson has an apartment for rent in her house. If you're looking for a place or know someone who might be, call Debby at 970-980-4086 for more information!

Refreshments After Worship

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-December 7th-UMW-Craft Fair
December 14th-Kermit
December 21st-Janice
December 28th-Paula Clapp



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)

This Week at Rinn

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

Wednesday 12/10

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Doug's Diner (hwy 66)

10:30am Wednesday Brunch Bunch Bible

Study at Bev Ramsey home

7:00pm Cowboy Fellowship

Thursday 12/11

7:00pm Rinn Movie Night

Friday 12/12

7:00pm New Hope AA

Saturday 12/13

11:30am Ladies Lunch at The Pepper Pod

Sunday 12/14

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

Can You Help Donate to Carbon Valley Help Center?



We are still asking for your support for Carbon Valley Help Center by bringing anything non-perishable. Here are suggestions from the Help Center. Pasta, Rice, Tomato Products, Peanut Butter, Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables and



Fruits, Dry or Canned Beans, Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Canned Soup. Please place items in the black bin in the narthex. Thank you so much for your help!

Movie Night at Rinn



Please join us for Movie Night at Rinn! We will meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each Month at 7:00pm. December will have one meeting on December 11, 2025. If you have any questions, Please contact Shelly Anderson.

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!

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 .
- Travel mercies for Rae Ann's grandson who is traveling abroad, and for all out on the road in treacherous weather.
- For Sharon G. and her family on the loss of her brother Dan.

HEALING


- For Janice's daughter-in-law Sue, a double lung transplant recipient having other health troubles.
- Healing prayers for Justin's Mom Janet, who has a spot on her lung. Prayers also for comfort and strength for the family.
- Margaret's brother-in-law Rick, who has cancer
- Healing for fractured families.
- Barb, who is in the hospital with multiple issues.
- For Wayne's father who has vertigo.
- For Rob who is battling throat cancer.
- Healing and comfort for all those awaiting results from tests .
- Healing for Marline and Bob
- Healing for Rusty's sister, who was in a bicycle accident
- Healing for Denise, who is recovering at home after hip surgery.
- Healing for Michelle after foot surgery.
- Healing for Diana suffering from bronchitis.
- Scott gives thanks for the healing that has happened through his bone marrow transplant (stem cell replacement), and asks for continued prayers for healing of the skin rash that is a normal by-product of the surgery but is lasting longer than predicted.
- Healing for Vi who is recovering from a fall Tuesday.

THANKSGIVING

- Thanks for those who provide care for and work at homes for the elderly .
- Joy of new babies in our families .
- Thanks to Jasmine and the Girl Scouts for cleaning the pews in the sanctuary.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for continued sobriety for those in our community who are working that out every day.

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.

December Birthdays



1 Brian Cheek	15 Patsy Schmidt
2 Cody Johnson	17 Aleta Purcell
9 Janice Hunt	20 Marsha Wood
10 Kay Northrop	22 Charlie Baum
13 Gene Creech	26 Charlene Russell
15 Addison Mann	27 Mary Stoothoff
15 Russ Fox	

Happy December Anniversary To...

4 Alvin & Helen Underhill-Woznick (2021)

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
Members: Janice Bachman, Eric Presnall, Rusty Goetz, Linda Rinn