

# **Rinn Newsletter 2/6-2/12**

## **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.

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## **From The Minister's Mac Getting Better**

Whenever I get sick, I expect it to go the way colds and flues used to go: a few days of complete rest and I'm good as new. Sometimes it still happens that way. I burrow under the covers and emerge like the butterfly, fresh and new and ready to fly.

Then there are the times when my body takes much longer to heal — the cracked coccyx (two years); the frozen shoulder (a year and a half); a fractured foot (6 months); a cold that turned into bronchitis (three months); and this beast, a simple cold which started a week ago and seems to be holding on for dear life. Each time I deal with these lingering injuries and illnesses, I find myself asking, "What if this doesn't get better? What if it always hurts to sit down? What if I never regain full use of my right arm? What if my shoe never fits correctly again? What if this perpetual cough costs me my job?"

I am, after all, a worrier by nature. Giving things over to God has gotten easier through the years, but those intrusive thoughts still worm their way into my consciousness and must be dealt with.

So here's how I do that.

First, I remember all the times I have gotten through illness and injury. I think of miraculous healings I have witnessed and my own ability to continue doing God's work and I am thankful. God is good!

Next, I remember that there are others out there dealing with far more serious injuries, illnesses or circumstances. I pray for them and am thankful that God will heal and help them, too. God is good!

Then, I take my worries to their logical conclusion. What if I don't get better? Would sitting less be such a bad thing? Could Brian teach me how to be a leftie? Maybe it would be acceptable for me to preach in slippers? And maybe a perpetual cough would inspire me to invent a cough syrup that doesn't make me gag. God is good!

Lastly, having declared out loud that God is good, having remembered that this, too, shall pass, and having laughed at my absurd imaginings, I find I cannot worry about my infirmity. I am comforted. And again, God is good!

Friends, I don't mean to be flippant about real illness or injury. One day, I may find myself in the middle of a health crisis for which my method does not work. I pray I will still have a sense of humor upon which to rely. And I know I will always have our awesome God, who loves us with a love that has no end.

Here's to getting better and to good mental and physical health in this new year—and beyond!

See you in church,  
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*“O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.” Psalm 139:1-3*

## Scout Sunday

This Sunday, we will honor the boys and girls who participate in scouting, an activity that the Methodist church has long supported. Scouts or former scouts should feel free to wear their uniforms, sashes, vests, and/or badges.

# **Thank You for Helping with Selma Van Dyke's Funeral Expenses**

Marsha Wood and Marvin Van Dyke would like to thank everyone that donated money to help with the expenses after the loss of Selma. Many of you that donated didn't know her but she was an integral part of this church for probably 40 years. She also was active in her community out here and worked well into her 80's. Her memorial service is planned for April 12th at 11:00 here with a light lunch afterwards.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grades, it's a great experience and a lot of fun! The UMW offers scholarships to send the kids.

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 9<sup>th</sup>: Sue Mercer

- February 16<sup>th</sup>: Sue Oliver and Linda Rinn

Those cookies and cupcakes and other snacks don't just 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 2, 2025**

**Scripture**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**Message**

**“Untimely Born”**

Livestreamed on Facebook:

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

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

## **“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!

## **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**

**Betwixt n' Between**

**2/12/2025**

## **In Our Prayers**

### **COMFORT**

- The families of those killed in the plane crash in Washington D.C.
- Those affected by the fires in Los Angeles.
- Those still struggling in North Carolina after the hurricane, and all those still recovering from past natural disasters.
- 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.
- Laurene Grabowski, after the death of her beloved husband Jim.
- Rae Ann, after the death of her beloved cat.
- Wayne's Aunt Linda, as she nears the end of her life on earth.

### **HEALING**

- Janice Henderson, who's home following heart surgery but still needs prayers.
- Bethany, who had an ablation.
- Vi, who is feeling better but still needs work on her heart.
- Debby Perry as she battles cancer.
- For those fighting cancer. May God take cancer out of this world completely!
- Denise's sister Brenda, with renal failure.
- 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.
- Miranda Hulstrum, 7 months pregnant with her 1<sup>st</sup> child, has pre-eclampsia.

### **TRAVEL MERCIES**

- Denise, going to South Africa to be with her sister in her final days.
- 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**

- All those who have visited Debby and brought her and Dan food (they have enough food for now!)
- Justin's ministry for the unhoused and all who support it.
- Scott, for what his doctors are calling a miraculous recovery from cancer!
- For all successful surgeries
- 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.
- Those who find Jesus, even on their death beds.

### **GENERAL**

- God's blessing on our country, and our new president. May we live wisely, under Him.

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](#).

### Friday 2/7

7:00pm New Hope AA in the Fellowship Hall

### Sunday 2/9

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

### Wednesday 2/12

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Maggie's

10:30a 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