

Rinn Newsletter 5/15-5/21

A Note from the Office

I suspect you're getting tired of this note. The program we are currently using is working well and does 90% of what we need, but I'm still working on that last 10%. I still don't know if this will be the final form of the newsletter. Thank you for your patience as I figure it out.

From The Minister's Mac

Congratulations Graduates!

May is a busy month for most folks. It is the month of May Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and the beginning of the graduation season. Sometimes Pentecost falls in May, although this year it falls in June, which has its own scheduling madness, with more graduations, Father's Day, Annual Conference, vacations, and the Pig Roast. All that celebrating can be enough to make a person's head spin right off.

As crazy as May and June get, I hope our graduates don't get lost in the mix. I hope we can remember to focus on their accomplishments and help them through this time of transition. They may be facing an unplanned future, or fearing the big changes that are coming their way. Having looked forward to the freedom they would have upon graduation, graduates may find reality setting in and realize that freedom comes with responsibility and costs they had not anticipated. They may find that the job market is tight, housing is expensive, and the dating scene is disappointing.

My own High School graduation went a bit like this: Yea, I've graduated! Boo, now I have to work full time. Yea, I make more money! Boo, I still can't afford a house. Yea, I found a job that pays more money! Boo, it means I am driving an hour to work and might have to work weekends. Yea, I'm making even more money! Boo, I don't have any time to go to the beach.

Life is a long succession of gains and losses, and that's the truth. But graduates, the good news is that love mitigates the losses. Love is the only

thing that holds us together when life gets so overwhelming we fear being swallowed whole by it. Love is the only thing that offers light and hope and courage and rest. Love is the only thing that matters. Love is.

Jesus is the love that will carry us through not only this crazy month of May and all the graduation parties, but through all the ups and downs in our lives. Let us not fear what comes next, and let us not get swallowed whole by our own habit of over-scheduling. Let us pray for graduates everywhere — and their families. Special congratulations to my grandson Brian Burlingame, and to Josh Stirm, and to all college, high school, and elementary school graduates everywhere. May you be comforted and sustained by the hope, peace and love that is Jesus Christ.

See you in church,
Lin

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6

Dogs Need Fostering

A member of our community has reached out to us because she needs to go into a rehab program, and she needs someone to foster her dogs while she does. They are two English Springer Spaniel females, un-spayed, ages 2 and 2 1/2 . If you could potentially take one or both dogs for a few weeks, or know someone who could, please [email the church](#), and I will put you in touch with the owner.

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.

Pig Roast Time

It's only a month away. Rinn's annual pig roast and bake sale will be on June 15th this year. If you are interested in cooking, serving, or donating, see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or talk to Marsha W. or Mary Margaret.

“Making a Way”: A Conference for Widows

Cherry Hills Community Church is hosting a 2-day conference at Cherry Hills Community Church June 27-28 for widows who may find comfort and meaning in spending time with others who have also experienced the loss of a husband.

Registration is \$125 before May 15, \$135 after.

If you might be interested visit <https://www.chcc.org/ccb/event/19820/>

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

- May 18th: Terry and Karen
- May 25th: Ruth and Teena
- June 1st: Genell

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 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 Worship Service ~
In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook
May 18, 2025 ~ 9:30am

Scripture
Revelation 21:1-7
Message
“God Incarnate”

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 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!

Financial Update from Sue

The state of Rinn finances from the first quarter:

Income: \$46079.91

Expense: 51924.86

Net Loss: \$ 5844.95

Note we paid an additional \$3000.00 on the mortgage, which is included in expenses. Discounting that, the loss would be \$2844.95, which is typical.

We need to remain frugal but are NOT in financial distress at this time.

Mortgage Balance: \$15,000.

We hope to pay this off no later than Pig Roast next year, 2026, our Anniversary year. What a celebration we will have!!

Investment account balances as of March 31, 2025:

Methodists Helping Methodists: \$28,600.14 (Market Value)

Schwab Investments: 1,076.14

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!

Upcoming Study of Revelation

Monday Nights via Zoom

Rev. Lin will be hosting an online Bible study on the book of Revelation. Contact her or [email the office](#) for more information, to be included in the Zoom link, and to get the study materials.

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

5/21/2025

Eddie Kendrick

In Our Prayers

COMFORT

- All those struggling with depression.

- All those grieving the loss of their mothers, all mothers grieving the loss of their children, and all who grieve that they never had a chance to be mothers.
- Eric and Justin's Uncle Jerry and family, as Jerry approaches the end of life.
- Jonathan, who has just moved to the area and needs to get financially stable.
- For Mike R. and his family on the loss of his uncle.

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.
- Mark McCleary for a diagnosis and healing.
- Mike's friend Casey, who suffered burns in a house fire, and for the whole family who lost their home and their dogs.
- Mike and Karen's friends Greg and Gail, who are both dealing with cancer
- Janice is also doing much better, but still needs prayers.
- 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
- Jed after his surgery.
- Linda's friend George, who was in an accident.
- JR, who is having heart trouble and recovering at home.
- Janice Hunt, who is recovering from a fall.
- Bethany, who had surgery on Wednesday.
- Amy, who had a seizure and can't drive.
- Brett from California, who broke his femur.

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.
- Jennifer, and all missionaries out spreading the Word of God.
- The wonderful music at church.
- All of the women at church who act as "mothers" to the children in the congregation.
- That Vi is feeling better and is ready to receive visitors again.
- 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](#).

May Birthdays

3 Jim Nelson
6 Terry Johnson
8 Bill Longstraith
20 Renee Kemnetz
20 Dagny Novak
21 Ruth Fuss

Happy Anniversary To...

3 Michael & Deb Rowley(1986)
26 Brian & Rev. Lin Cheek (1991)

This Week at Rinn

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

Thursday 5/15

7:00pm Ad Council

Friday 5/16

7:00pm New Hope AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday 5/11

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

Wednesday 5/14

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