

Rinn Newsletter 5/29-6/4

A Note from the Office

Hello Rinn UMC!

I am sending the newsletter as an attachment in a PDF. I am hoping you can all open the attachment. I am using a Publisher document so that I can easily add photos and other forms of media. Let me know if it works!

Thanks!

Julie Stirm

Office Manager-Rinn UMC

From The Minister's Mac

Did you hear about the man from Norway who was a heavy sleeper? One day, a neighbor pounded on the door of Johan Helberg, but Helberg didn't respond. Worried, the neighbor called Helberg, who finally answered. The neighbor explained that he had been worried about him and wanted to make sure he was alright. When Helberg asked why his neighbor was so worried, the neighbor told him to go look outside. Helberg stepped outside, only to find a cargo ship where his garden should have been. No joke; true story that happened last week. The pilot of the ship, which was cruising down a fjord, had fallen asleep and accidentally run aground, narrowly missing Johan Helberg's house.

Helberg said he didn't hear a thing. He was fast asleep.

I can sympathize. In California, it is not uncommon to sleep through earthquakes. Someone who isn't accustomed to them might not be able to, but I almost slept through the Sylmar quake of 1971, which was a 6.6 magnitude, bad enough to close the schools in Los Angeles for a couple of days so they could assess damages. I would have missed it entirely, since it happened early in the morning (much like Helberg's ship coming in), but my terrified cat, who was sleeping on my feet, as usual, dug his claws into my ankles. That's what woke me up. The quake epicenter was about 40 miles away from where I lived, so the shaking was not as severe in our area. Sleeping through it would be easier for me than someone who lived in, say, Sylmar.

A study done by Jawbone*, a company that makes a fitness-track wristband, has looked at the biometrics of those who experience earthquakes. They studied data from users who lived 15 miles or less from the epicenter of the 2014 Napa Valley quake and found that 93% of their customers woke up at 3:20 am, which was when the quake hit. In cities further away, like San Francisco and Oakland (about 65 miles from the epicenter), only 55% woke up with the quake. Further out, in Modesto and Santa Cruz (75 to 100 miles away from the epicenter), hardly anyone woke up. This seems logical.

Jawbone also found that those who were closest to the epicenter had the hardest time getting back to sleep, and those who were farther away returned to sleep more quickly. The study found that 45% of those within the 15-mile range stayed up the rest of the night, unable to get back to sleep.

Friends, this seems just like our faith! Keeping in mind that in the Bible, being awake means “knowing” and being asleep means “not knowing,” we want to stay awake. We want to wake up for the big event and not sleep through it. The closer we remain to God, the more we will wake up to what God is doing all around us. The further away we get, the more likely it is that we will sleep through it. As we read in Ephesians, “Sleeper, awake!”

Are we missing anything? Are we sleep-walking? Or are we attuned to God’s movement in the world? We should not only answer those questions, but also look at our tendency to return to sleep after being awakened. In religious terms, it is called back-sliding, or the human condition. When we stay close to God, we are less likely to stray from the path God has laid for us. We are less likely to return to sleep.

We need to do whatever it takes to remain in love with God and gripped in God’s grace. It may be hard at times and we may feel fearful while the world shakes around us with whatever new thing God is doing, but that is part of discipleship. And if we remain close to God, we have no need to fear.

Now, I don’t know how this theological train of thought would have helped Helberg, but I’m hoping it helps the rest of us stay awake so we don’t miss God’s work in our world, and we don’t miss the boat!

See you in church,
Lin

“But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Luke 21:36

*Data from Time Magazine article entitled, “This Is What Happens When You Sleep Through An Earthquake,” <https://time.com/3173597/earthquake-sleep/>, by Matt Vella, August 25, 2014.



Pig Roast Time



**32nd Annual Pig Roast
And Bake Sale!!**

**Saturday, June 14, 2025
5:00pm to 7:00pm**

Menu

Pulled Pork & Beef

Baked Beans

Cole Slaw

Pasta & Potato Salad

Desserts and

Beverages

Music by Dean Himes

**\$14 Adults
\$6 Children ages 5-10
Children under 5 FREE**

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.

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.



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.



Refreshments After Worship

- June 1st: Genell
- June 8th: Terry & Karen
- June 15th:
- June 22nd:



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 Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook

June 1, 2025 ~ 9:30am

Scripture

Acts 1:1-11

Message

“The Ends of the Earth”

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](#)

“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!

Upcoming Study of Revelation

Monday Nights via Zoom

Rev. Lin will be hosting an online Bible study on the book of Revelation. The Study will Start June 2nd and go thru July 7th at 7:00pm 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

6/4/2025 - Dean Himes

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 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.
- 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
- JR, who is having heart trouble and is recovering at home
- Continued healing for Sue Mercer who is recovering well from knee surgery.
- Healing for a Colleen's friend's daughter who had a heart transplant surgery.
- Prayers for Tom Mason who is in St. Anthony North Hospital

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.
- Thanks for Anneke and all the music she has helped us make!
- Thanks for Marsha who coordinates our Pig Roast, and all the volunteers who help, and prayers that it is successful in bringing people together.
- Bethany and Scott thank us for our prayers. Bethany surgery went well and hopes to fully recover soon.
- Shelly is thankful to have seen one of her Kid's Hope kid's graduate.
- God bless all our organ donors.
- We give thanks for Anneke and the gift of music she shared with us while she was here.
- Thanks that Dan's surgery went well.
- Thanks to Mike and Brenda, who donated the flag and flagpole at church, and maintain them.
- Thanks for anniversaries.
- Congratulations to all the children who have finished another year of school.

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)

This Week at Rinn

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

Wednesday 6/4

8:45am Breakfast Fellowship at Maggie's
10:30am Wednesday Brunch Bunch Bible Study at Bev Ramsey home
7:00pm Cowboy Fellowship

Friday 6/6

7:00pm New Hope AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday 6/8

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