

# **Rinn Newsletter 4/24-4/30**

## **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.

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

### **What's Going On Here?**

#### **A Blast from the Past While Rev. Lin is on Vacation**

In the early 1980s, several churches joined together for an ecumenical Lenten experience. Ash Wednesday at one church, Maundy Thursday at another, Good Friday at a third, and then an Easter Sunrise Service at a local park. We publicized the Sunrise Service at the park in the local paper (remember when that was a thing?) with an ad that read, "This year, 5 churches will join together for an Easter Sunrise Service. Rise to the occasion! He did!"

It was one of those Easters I will always remember. It was cold that day and the grass in the park was wet with dew. Strangely for that day and hour, there was a lot of loud, distracting traffic on the nearby boulevard. The music was not amplified and was hard to hear, especially with the wind blowing, and there was a mix-up about who was supposed to bring the song sheets for everyone, leaving the congregation to sing from memory.

Yet, in spite of it all, it was a glorious service. People came who were not from any of the churches. They saw the ad or the crowd, or heard the music that had drifted to them on the wind. They asked those of us standing at the back of the crowd what was going on.

"It's a Sunrise Service," was the explanation.

"Oh, are you sun worshippers?" was a follow up question.

Another person asked, “Is this one of those group baptisms?”

“No, it’s a worship service.”

The onlooker was puzzled. “You worship in a park?”

“Well, this Easter we do.”

“In the park? For Easter?”

Our witness was working, but we were surprised by the questions it raised. What were we worshipping? Was this something vaguely familiar to them, like baptism? Maybe they understood worship, but worship in the park? For Easter? What’s going on here?

I imagine that question was asked often with Jesus. “What’s going on here?” as the crowds gathered for the Sermon on the Mount, the feeding of the 5000, and the multitude at the seaside. “What’s going on here?” as people witnessed the cleansing of the Temple, the salvation of Zacchaeus, the raising of Lazarus and the entry into Jerusalem. How many times were people drawn to what Jesus was doing, yet still did not understand the full meaning behind what they were seeing?

Just like in Jesus’ time, that Easter Sunrise Service in the park also attracted those who were open to what was happening, who joined in the singing, who asked deeper questions about faith and Jesus and the resurrection. We stood in the cold, wet grass after the service was over, talking with those who stayed, inviting them for coffee and donuts at the church next door, letting them know they were welcome and loved.

Friends, Easter is all around us, all the time. We are Easter people. We celebrate the resurrection one way or another every Sunday, and are encouraged to carry the light of Christ out into the world. May we find new ways to connect with those who have not yet seen the light of Christ, who have not yet felt the love and grace of God. May we, as Easter people, continue to do active work and worship which attracts people, invites them in, and causes them to ask, “What’s going on here?”

With Love in Christ,  
Lin

*“He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.” 1 John 2:2*

## **Rev. Lin on Vacation 4/21-28**

Rev. Lin will be on vacation from April 21 through April 28, returning to the office on Tuesday April 29. She and Brian are also observing their annual "Tech Fast" and will not be reading phone messages, texts or emails EXCEPT from Shelly Anderson. In the event of an emergency, please notify Shelly, and she will contact Rev. Lin. She can also to put you on the prayer chain, should you desire that. If you would like a visit when Rev. Lin gets back from vacation, please call the office, and leave your name and number. Rev. Lin will begin scheduling those visits when she gets back.

## **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.

## **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. Most kids from Rinn are going to the second session (June 22-27), but kids can pick whichever session is most convenient for them and their families.

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**

- April 27<sup>th</sup>: Sue Mercer
- May 4<sup>th</sup>: ???
- May 11<sup>th</sup>: Denise Stewart and Sue Oliver

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, 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**

**April 27, 2025**

**Scripture**

**John 21:1-14 Amplified Bible**

**Message**

**“May Our Eyes Be Opened” by Pastor Robin Riley**

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!

**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**

**4/30/2025**

**The TuneFarmers**

## **In Our Prayers**

### **COMFORT**

- All those struggling with depression.
- All those who grieve, especially those experiencing their first Easter without a loved one.
- The family of Bill Sype, after his passing.
- Justin and his colleagues, who are starting a prison ministry.
- 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.

### **HEALING**

- Debby Perry, that she feels stronger soon.
- Diana's daughter, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Mike Shaw, as he continues to recover from pneumonia.
- 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.
- Scott and Bethany's son-in-law Josh, dealing with health issues, and comfort for his family.
- Mike and Karen's friends Greg and Gail, who are both dealing with cancer
- Vi is doing much better, but still needs our prayers.
- Janice is also doing much better, but still needs prayers.
- Sue had a double lung transplant some years ago and has other health issues.
- Donato, for continued healing and that his insurance allows him to get help.
- Garry after his stroke, as well as strength and healing for Patty
- Jed after his surgery.
- Mary Margaret's nephew and his family as they navigate.
- Mike, who just got out of the 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.
- Annie (and others) being able to join us every Sunday online.
- Everyone's prayers for Melody, and that she is doing better.
- Jennifer, and all missionaries out spreading the Word of God.
- The wonderful music at church.
- All those who help at the memorial services held at this church, and particularly those who helped at Selma Van Dyke's celebration of life.
- For Vi and all others who were able to join us on Easter Sunday.
- 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](#).

## **April Birthdays**

1 Garry Wilson  
5 Norma Parsons  
11 Matthew Kemnetz

12 Eileen Hinkle  
12 Pastor Robin Riley  
13 Debbie Rowley  
16 Justin Goetze  
16 Matthew Presnall  
18 Marvin Van Dyke  
20 Britt Hulstrom  
21 Michael Diaz  
21 Keith Oliver  
25 Zadia Diaz  
25 Mark Mann  
28 Andrea Finney  
28 Jeff Shaw  
30 Ethan Diaz

## Happy Anniversary To...

10 Wayne & Marsha Wood (1971)

## This Week at Rinn

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

### **Friday 4/25**

7:00pm New Hope AA in the Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday 4/27**

8:00am Adult Bible Study

8:15am Men's Koffee Klub

9:30am Worship Service

### **Monday 4/21-4/28**

Rev. Lin on vacation. Office hours limited.

### **Tuesday 4/29**

6:30pm Trustees Meeting

### **Wednesday 4/30**

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