

Rinn Newsletter 6/5-6/11

June 8, 2025 is **PENTECOST** Sunday!!
Don't forget to wear **Red** this Sunday!

From The Minister's Mac

Who Is My Neighbor?

Friends, these are worrying times, and we have good reason to be worried. Our world has always been a violent place. The very act of creation was violent. Nature is violent, with its earthquakes, volcanos, hurricanes, tornados, avalanches, fires and floods. All of that is more than enough to worry about. But for some reason, humanity seems to need to be violent as well. We war against each other. We fight, torture, abuse and denigrate other human beings in ways that must make Jesus weep.

Since Columbine, I have watched our country fall deeper and deeper into the trap of hostility. Every week there is a new act of brutality, some new and cruel undertaking that one human has inflicted on others. Today, watching the continuing report of the mayhem that occurred in Boulder last weekend, I find myself thinking once again, "This is too much."

Our hatred is too much. Our anger is too much. Our intolerance is too much. Our finger-pointing and baseless accusations are too much. Our unyielding, stubborn opposition to "the other," whoever that might be for us, is just too much. This latest act of violence in our state shows how depraved humanity can be. "Kill all the Zionists," he said, as if that will make his hatred disappear. But hatred does not dissipate when acted upon. It grows.

This, then, is the tragedy of our time. Growing hatred. Growing anger. Growing violence. And a growing number of innocent victims, the latest of which were breaking no laws and doing no harm — simply showing up peacefully in their

town to express their views on something close to their hearts. We should all be able to do that without fear of harm. We should be able to, but alas, we aren't.

It is too much, yes, but there is a glimmer of hope in all of this. The footage I watched on the news Sunday afternoon showed people rushing to aid those who had been burned, rushing to put out fires, while the assailant was still visible in the background, shirtless and carrying his weapons. These extraordinary people stayed in, or rushed into, the danger zone to help others, bringing water for wounds, cradling heads of victims, calling out for help, and pointing to the perpetrator of the violence, helping police apprehend the man quickly. I heard some even tried to reason with the man causing the terror, which may be the reason he did not deploy all his weapons.

This, then, is the blessing of our time — people helping people. People willing to brave danger to help a friend, or even a stranger. People who don't stop to count the cost, but react with love and compassion when they see someone in need of a helping hand. People.

Friends, we have to be sure we are part of that blessing, and we need to encourage others to turn from their hate and anger and become part of the blessing, as well. And let's keep looking for those moments of healing, those acts of compassion that are evidence of God still working in our world. They are still happening, even in the midst of today's brutality. We can find them if we look.

Let's keep serving Christ in love, in spite of all the anger and hatred around us — or maybe because of it. As Wesley has been credited with saying, we need to "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

It is the least we can do, and what the world needs most.

See you in church,
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"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:36-27

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.

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.



~ Rinn Worship Service ~

In Person and Livestreamed on Facebook

June 8, 2025 ~ 9:30am

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

Message

“Pentecost”

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](#)

Refreshments After Worship



- June 8th: Terry & Karen
- June 15th:
- June 22nd: Paula Clapp

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.

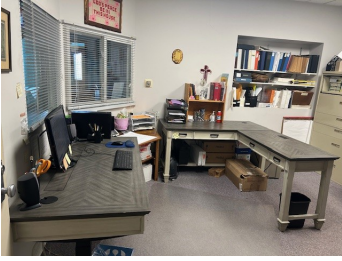
If you have any questions, or need to change your date, please feel free to call or text Mary Margaret at 573-368-1390 or call the church office at 303-776-1578 (Church Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-noon)

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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A Note from the Office



Come and check out the new desk in the office! A giant thank you to all of you who made this happen! The desk moves up and down -so great for standing and working- and there is so much work space now! It is a huge blessing ! Thank you so much!!



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.



“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!

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

6/11/2025 - Paul Estep

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 M that he gets stronger in rehab.
- Prayers for JR that his health improves.

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.
- God bless all our organ donors.

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 6/11

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

Friday 6/13

7:00pm New Hope AA in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday 6/14

Pig Roast

Sunday 6/8

8:00am Adult Bible Study
8:15am Men's Koffee Klub