

# THE FORECAST

A Bi-Weekly Newsletter

January 29, 2020

## Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church

3900 Saint Charles Ave New Orleans LA 70115 // 504.899.3431 // www.raynenola.org



### WORSHIP

Sundays at 8:45a and 11:00a  
in the **Historic Sanctuary**

### OUR STAFF

**Rev. Dr. Jay Hogewood**  
Senior Pastor  
jay@raynenola.org

**Rev. Marissa Teauseau**  
Associate Pastor  
marissa@raynenola.org

**Allison Bunnell**  
Director of Children's Music

**Elizabeth Cheezem**  
Director of Children's Ministries

**Shaun Darnall**  
Administrative Assistant

**Nancy Hopkins**  
Lay Servant & Financial Secretary

**Ernest Lumpkins**  
Business Manager

**Teresa Magee**  
Rayne Early Childhood Program

**C. Leonard Raybon**  
Director of Music

**Marcus St. Julien**  
Organist

**Carol Thiele**  
Secretary

**Marcus Thompson**  
Building Maintenance

**Susie VanderKuy**  
Secretary

### SERENDIPITY

When words of pastoral prose fail, as they are destined to do, I need a soft place to land. And maybe, by God's good timing, serendipity, we name it, you need poetry as much as I do.

Would we all receive the gift of Mary Oliver, "Wild Geese":

*You do not have to be good.  
You do not have to walk on your knees  
for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.  
You only have to let the soft animal of your body  
love what it loves.  
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.  
Meanwhile the world goes on.  
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain  
are moving across the landscapes,  
over the prairies and the deep trees,  
the mountains and the rivers.  
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,  
are heading home again.  
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,  
the world offers itself to your imagination,  
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting -  
over and over announcing your place  
in the family of things.*

Placed,

Jay



# LECTIONARY

---

*A weekly set of Scripture readings.*

## February 2

Micah 6:1-8 • Psalm 15  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 • Matthew 5:1-12

## February 9

Isaiah 58:1-12 • Psalm 112:1-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-16 • Matthew 5:13-20

# ROCK N' ROLL MARATHON

---

**Sunday, February 9th**

*Plan Ahead!* Make sure you plan a some extra time to get to Church - especially if you are attending the 8:45a service! A marathon will be going right by our front door! Check out the map and plan to drive around - you can't drive through!

*Do not forget to give em' a cheer!  
They're running a long way!*

# ASH WEDNESDAY

---

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent - is a day of contemplation. Often celebrated with the imposition of ashes, Ash Wednesday reminds us of our humanity. On this day we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. And it leads us into the Lenten season, a time to consider our lives in the light of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

Join us for Worship and the imposition of ashes at:  
**6a, 12p, or 6p**  
**in the Historic Sanctuary**

# PRIMETIMER'S LUNCHEON

---

**Wednesday, February 19th**  
**Noon**  
**in the Fellowship Hall**

**RSVP: 899-3431**  
**\$6**  
**\$1 for Luke's House**

*Laissez les bon temps rouler!* Join us for a very special Mardi Gras Luncheon! Festive dress is encouraged!

# MARDI GRAS WORSHIP TIMES

---

**The floats will be floating by soon!**

Due to the parade schedule, we will worship all together at **10a** on **Sundays, February 16 & 23.**

On February 23, we will have our annual Jazz Service with music led by the Mark Braud Band.

# #RESISTHARM

---

*Loving and holy God, when you set a task before us, you do not leave us to labor alone. Thank you for the presence and power of your Holy Spirit who empowers us and enables us to persevere in the face of challenge. Give us steadfast hearts and minds towards the day ahead, surround us with your love and help us to be forces for love in all that we do. Remind us God that you love both the outcast and the one doing the casting out. It is a mystery we cannot fathom, yet as we follow in Christ's footsteps we seek to spread your love, inclusion and justice to all. May it be so. Amen.*

For more prayers and daily devotionals, as well as ways to support the inclusion of LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters, go to [resistharm.com](http://resistharm.com)

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

---

Vacation Bible School will be  
June 8th-12th, 2020.



Registration is open!

Kids - come and join us for this  
awesome week of learning and fun!



Register at:

<https://2020.cokesouryvos.com/rayne>

## "THE NEXT BEST STEP"

---

*The next best step...* Often this is the surest way to determine the path forward. Such is the case with the United Methodist Church. What 16 leaders of our denomination have offered Methodist Christians is their prayerful effort to chart a course of progress for our denomination. Their work, now known as the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation, lays out the blueprint for the global UMC to step away from discord and into a season of gracious discernment.

While ultimate resolution and final decisions are months away from being gathered, we feel that we may be on the cusp of something beautiful, redeeming, and restoring for so many of us. Our sense is that the Spirit is moving, and we are invited to take a deep breath, to release our anxiety and to grasp the real hope that the adage of "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" will most accurately describe our church's aspirations for mission. We welcome one another to deeper conversation and shared prayer.

Please join us on **Sunday, February 9th**, immediately following the 11a worship service in the **Fellowship Hall**.

# MARDI GRAS SIGN UPS

---

## Potty Volunteers

Many hands are needed to make this fundraiser a success. Consider volunteering with the youth and parents at our Mardi Gras events. Each hour worked by a volunteer directly reduces the cost of the mission trip. Please take the time and lend a hand go to:

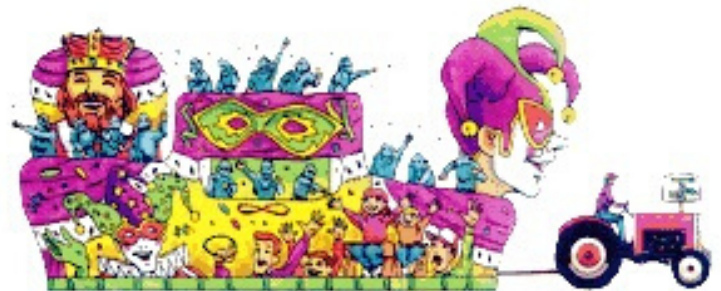
<https://signup.com/go/GaFjXET>



## Meals for Volunteers

Man cannot live by bread alone and Mardi Gras volunteers cannot live on king cake! If you would like to provide a meal February 19-25 to feed about 15-20 volunteers, please email Nancy, [nancy.hopkins@raynenola.org](mailto:nancy.hopkins@raynenola.org).

Meals may be delivered frozen or ready to eat and can be brought to Rayne in advance of the parades.



# MARDI GRAS PASSES FOR SALE

---

IT'S CARNIVAL TIME!

On Sundays, **February 2 & 9**, after both services, Mardi Gras passes will be for sale! Make plans for the parades and support the Youth Mission Trip by purchasing passes for Parking, Circle Drive and Building Entrance on available days, February 19-25.

# A WEEK AT RAYNE

## SUNDAY

- 8:45a Worship  
10a Sunday School  
11a Worship  
3:30p Jr. High Youth  
5p Sr. High Youth  
5p Women's Covenant Group\*

## MONDAY

- 9a-5p Church Office Hours (M-Th)  
1p Staff Meeting  
6p Ministry Meetings  
6:30p AA Meeting

## TUESDAY

- 10a-12p Food Pantry  
12p Women's Covenant Group  
1p Intercessory Prayer Group  
3p Good Samaritan (at Mt. Zion UMC)  
5:30p Luke's House Medical Clinic  
6:30p Covenant Group (off-site)

## WEDNESDAY

- 5:30p Centering Prayer\*  
6p Children's Choir (seasonal)  
6p Wednesday Classes (seasonal)  
7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
7p Overeaters Anonymous Meeting

## THURSDAY

- 6a Men's Bible Study (at La Boulangerie)  
9:30a Sacred Yoga\*  
12p Gamblers Anonymous Meeting  
3-5p Food Pantry  
5:30p Luke's House Medical Clinic  
6p West Bank Bible Study (@ Acme Truck)  
7p Al-Anon/AA Meetings

## FRIDAY

- 9a-12p Church Office Hours

\*Notes activities at the Epiphany House

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2 MARDI GRAS PASS SALES

Sunday, February 2  
After Both Worship Services @ Fellowship Hall

## 3 SPR MEETING

Monday, February 3  
6p @ Pastor's Office

## 9 ROCK N' ROLL MARATHON

Sunday, February 9

## 9 NEXT BEST STEPS

Sunday, February 9  
After 11a Worship @ Fellowship Hall

## 9 MARDI GRAS PASS SALES

Sunday, February 9  
After Worship @ Fellowship Hall

## 10 MISSION & WORSHIP TEAM MEETINGS

Monday, February 10  
6p @ Friendship Room (108) & Pastor's Office

## 16 ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, February 16  
10a @ Sanctuary

## 17 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, February 17  
6p @ Pastor's Office

## 19 PRIMETIMER'S LUNCHEON

Wednesday, February 19  
12p @ The Fellowship Hall

## 23 JAZZ SUNDAY

Sunday, February 23  
10a @ Sanctuary