

# THE FORECAST

A Bi-Weekly Newsletter

July 3, 2019

## Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church

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### WORSHIP

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

### OUR STAFF

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Secretary

**"...GOD SHOWS NO PARTIALITY, BUT IN EVERY NATION ANYONE WHO FEARS GOD AND DOES WHAT IS RIGHT IS ACCEPTABLE TO GOD," PETER PREACHED (ACTS 10:34-35).**

Patriotism. What does it mean to you these days? A few amazing Civics teachers back in high school taught me patriotism means loving our country and working for its good. When I was finishing up my BA in History, my area of focus was the Reconstruction period in our nation (roughly 1865 - 1880). Then I learned the nuance of constructive patriotism over destructive patriotism.

**Constructive patriotism**, what Rev. James Forbes calls "prophetic patriotism," is our best effort to ensure that our nation is healthy and whole, conducting its affairs at home and globally with political doctrines that care for the sick and hurting, not just the wealthy and influential. On the other hand, **destructive patriotism** focuses on discrediting or even destroying any whom we perceive might be opponents of the United States. The political ideology of destructive patriotism vilifies criticism of US policy and creates an artificial and evil, false dichotomy - "us" versus "them." Thus, the patriotism I want to keep developing is the kind that refuses jingoism heard in tripe like "America - love it or leave it."

Sadly, I sense that much of what passes for patriotism in current political discourse (can we even call it discourse these days? Or just bombast) seeks to silence prophetic criticism; patriotism too easily slides to nationalism - where idolatry slinks in the shadows of red, white and blue tweets. That happens when any one of us begins to value the welfare and even the humanity of some of God's children - the American ones - and not the welfare and humanity of all others, especially those who look, speak and worship differently.

This Independence Day I want to celebrate freedom, our nation's history of liberty and justice for all; and I do not want to forget that the flag of our country does not supersede the cross of our Christ. Blessedly, Jesus eradicates boundaries, tears down distinctions and demonstrates love and care for people beyond our distinctions of ethnicity, nationality, creed or class. Love of country and love for God converge in love for the "other." To that end, some day sooner than later, I hope there is no more "other."

Patriotically,

*Jay*

# LECTIONARY

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*A weekly set of Scripture readings.*

## July 7

2 Kings 5:1-14 • Psalm 30  
Galatians 6:1-16 • Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

## July 14

Amos 7:7-17 • Psalm 82  
Colossians 1:1-14 • Luke 10:25-37

# HEARING ASSISTS IN WORSHIP

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Hearing assists are now available to be borrowed for use in Worship.

If you'd like to check one out - please ask an usher for assistance! They are located in the Pitt Street Hallway. We have volunteers trained and ready to help you get a device and put it back after Worship.

We ask that if you would like to borrow, please check in and out for each service!

If you'd like to have your own device, please contact Shaun ([shaun.darnall@raynenola.org](mailto:shaun.darnall@raynenola.org)) for more information.

# ACCESSIBILITY ENTRANCE

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There are two handicap accessible entrances to the main building of Rayne. The first location which is in Circle Drive (on St. Charles Ave.) has a door that leads to a wheel chair lift. The St. Charles Avenue Circle Drive is designated for handicap parking.

The second location is through the Rayne Early Childcare Program entrance on Pitt St. When using this entrance, please ring the bell at the gate or call the posted number between 10a and 11a. You can also call Carol (985-640-8370) or Susie (504-813-1800) for assistance. There are a few handicap parking spaces available on Pitt St.

# MAKING ROOM UPDATE

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## Making Room - More Space for More Grace



Thanks be to God for your generosity and commitment!

To date, our capital campaign has 115 pledges. This brings our church family's commitment to almost **\$1,400,000** in total dollars pledged.

By October, our church conference will help decide which priorities will lead our renovations and facility improvements.

*Thanks for helping Rayne make more room for ministry!*



The United Methodist Men are searching for artists to feature in their upcoming "Artists Day" on August 24th.

The informal art show will be held at the Epiphany House and will feature the art of Rayne congregants and the friends of Rayne.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in displaying art, please contact the Church office (504-899-3431) or Mal McLetchie ([malmaclet@gmail.com](mailto:malmaclet@gmail.com)).

# DISHING UP LOVE

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**Rayne seeks to welcome all everyday.**

Sundays are special - that with Worship we fellowship with one another. Refreshments can make us feel at home and are important.

Rayne would like to take our hospitality a step further by serving our refreshments with real cups and dishes. This also would improve the impact we make on the environment.

**To do this, we need people to volunteer for 30 minutes to help wash and dry dishes before and after worship on Sundays.**

If you're interested, please contact Marissa ([marissa@raynenola.org](mailto:marissa@raynenola.org)) or call the office 504-899-3431.

# YOUTH MINISTRY TRIP

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Our youth are headed to their annual summer trip. This year they are headed to Kansas City to join other United Methodist Youth at "Youth 2019." The theme is Love Well - and there youth and youth leaders will participate in Worship, Mission Activities, Small Groups, Workshops, and a lot of fun.

Please pray for this group as they travel July 7-14.

## Youth

Tomaso DiRe  
Ashlynn Henderson  
Christian Pannagl  
Chase Thompson  
Tristan Thompson

## Adults

Shaun Darnall  
Scott Krueger  
Marissa Teauseau



# ME + 3 BRUNCH

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**Saturday July 27th**

**9-11:30a**

Join us for brunch on July 27th and make a donation to the Crescent City Cafe!

A donation of \$20 enables us to serve you a meal and provide 3 meals to future cafe guests who are homeless or food insecure. Pop in anytime between 9a and 11:30a, just like a restaurant. Bring your friends, family, and co-workers to let them experience our food and the dignified service we provide to all.

We'll have 4 scrumptious menu specials!  
\*Kids under 6 eat free!\*

Feel free to make a donation now and reserve your spot! Or if you can't make it, consider making a "no show donation." Or show up on the 27th and donate at the door!

If you are interested in sponsoring the event, please email [info@crescentcitycafe.com](mailto:info@crescentcitycafe.com)

# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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**Wednesdays, July 10-31**

## Kids Cafe'

5:30p  
Fellowship Hall

## Children's Choir

6p

## Adult Bible Study

6 - 7p  
The Friendship Room (108)

CHARITY IS GOOD,  
SOLIDARITY IS BETTER

We want to help those who feel the pains of hunger, the stigma of homelessness, and the burden of poverty.

Does our best intention to help also bring unintended harm?

Let's take a look at "toxic charity" - what does it mean?

# MINISTRY FEATURE

Rayne has a vibrant ministry of nurture - many people (not just our Pastors) are important parts of showing compassion to others.

The Nurture ministries includes:

**-a Homebound & Nursing Home Ministry**  
which provides flower delivery, visitation, communion delivery and check-in phone calls and letters.

**-a Food Ministry**  
which provides foods for bereaved families and at Funerals and Memorials.

**-a Hospital Ministry**  
which provides visitation for the sick and hospitalized.

**-a Prayer Ministry**  
with an Intercessory Prayer Group who pray on Tuesdays at 1p in Pastor Marissa's office and dedicated members who make Prayer Shawls.

Rayne's love is multiplied through the care and compassion we offer to others. The nurture ministry is a great way to serve for those in our congregation who are gifted with a spirit of hospitality.

If you're interested in serving in one of these areas, please contact Pastor Jay ([jay@raynenola.org](mailto:jay@raynenola.org)).



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



### TEA & PRAYER SHAWLS

Sunday, August 18th  
12:30-1:30p  
Epiphany House



Calling all Knitters & Crocheters,

Bring your yarn and bring your needles - while we spend an hour together to work on prayer shawls, remember the purpose of our work, and be in fellowship with one another.

Scones and tea provided!

Prayer shawls are given to members of our community who are experiencing an illness, hardship, or struggle. They are gifts that provide tangible reminders of the love and prayers Rayne offers for those who receive them.

# A WEEK AT RAYNE

## SUNDAY

5p Women's Covenant Group\*

## MONDAY

9a-5p Church Office Hours (M-Th)

11a-1p Food Pantry

1p Staff Meeting

6p Ministry Meetings

6:30p AA Meeting

## TUESDAY

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

## 4

### HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Thursday, July 4 & 5  
-Church Office Closed-

## 6

### CRESCENT CITY CAFE'

Saturday, July 6  
7a @ Fellowship Hall

## 7

### YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Sunday, July 7-14  
Youth 2019 @ Kansas City

## 8

### WORSHIP TEAM MEETING

Monday, July 8  
6p @ Pastor's Office

\*Please note that the Mission Team Meeting has been rescheduled

## 10

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY BEGINS

Monday, July 10  
6p @ Friendship Room (108)

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### KIDS CAFE' & CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Wednesday, July 10  
5:30p, 6p @ Fellowship Hall

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### TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, July 15  
6p @ Jay's Office

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### FINANCE MEETING

Monday, July 22  
6p @ Pastor's Office

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### MISSION TEAM MEETING

Monday, July 22  
6p @ Library