

THE FORECAST

A Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church

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PLEASE NOTE

**HYBRID WORSHIP
(ON-SITE & ONLINE)
IN THE
SANCTUARY
AT 8:45A & 11A**

*Please note, due to hurricane damage, for the foreseeable time please email or call and leave a message to make an appointment. Office hours may vary and currently our offices are located in the Educational Wing.

ASK. GIVE. RECEIVE.

This Sunday, October 3rd, we follow through in our effort to participate in the life of our Rayne family of faith. By presenting our pledge, we hope to offer ourselves again to Christ and his work of love in our community. Prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness - these are expressions of the overflowing presence of Jesus Christ in our lives, and these mark our pledge to support Rayne's growing ministry and mission.

Please consider joining us in worship (onsite or online) this Sunday. If you have received your stewardship letter, each of us will have the pledge card to offer during the time of commitment within the service. You may share this in one of three ways: **onsite** - bring your completed card forward during Communion to place in the basket or place it in the offering plate; **online** - complete the pledge card on the website; or by **mail** - send your pledge card when you can.

If you have not received a pledge card, plenty of copies will be available this Sunday. I also welcome you to contact me directly, then I can deliver a card to you promptly.

Together, may we trust in the good news of God's abundance seen in the grace of Christ. **"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work"** (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Plenty of hope and lots of love,

Jay



SAINTS GEAR SUNDAY

Sunday, October 3rd

Whether you're worshipping online or onsite - wear your favorite Saints attire for worship.

The annual tradition of "dressing out" for the first Saint's home game is a lot of fun but most importantly reminds us Rayne is a place you can come however you are!

**Remember, before you hit the dome...
Come, spend time at your Rayne home!**

THE SCHOOL FOR CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING

12th Annual Conference with Parker Palmer, founder of the Center for Courage and Renewal and author of ten books.

Standing on the Brink
Saturday, November 13
10a-12:30p

A Live Stream Interactive Interview.

For more information and to register visit www.theschoolforcontemplativeliving.com

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a taste of the Kingdom of God. Whenever we partake, we are sharing with fellow believers around the world in unity and equality. World Communion Sunday is a needed reminder to invoke that presence always and embrace the wholeness that we are as Christ-followers.

Join us Sunday, October 3rd for World Communion Sunday.

LECTIONARY

A weekly set of Scripture readings.

October 3

Job 1:1; 2:1-10 - Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 - Mark 10:2-16

October 10

Job 23:1-9; 16-17 - Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16 - Mark 10:17-31

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

On Saturday, **October 9th**, the *Volunteers in Mission* of the Louisiana Conference are offering a Basic ERT training. The training will be at **Algiers UMC** at **637 Opelousas Ave**, from **8a to 3:30p**. The \$25 registration fee includes lunch and a t-shirt.



Early Response Teams (ERT) fill a specific need in the early days after a disaster to clean out flood-damaged homes, remove debris, place tarps on homes, and otherwise help to prevent further damage, while providing a caring Christian presence. ERT's are not the first-response group of emergency workers, nor are they recovery, rebuild, or repair teams. Under very specific guidelines, ERT's assist survivors, without causing further harm or being a burden to the affected community.

UMCOR's Basic Training is a comprehensive course in working with survivors to help prevent further damage to their homes after a storm. Upon completion of the basic class and the proper background check, you will become a Certified ERT and will receive an ERT badge. Certification makes you eligible to participate in most ERT deployments. Your certification must be renewed every three years.

You can sign up for the training by signing up at: louisiana-reg.brapp.com/BasicERT_10092021



NEW FALL STUDIES

Small Groups at Rayne



THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS



- The Teachings of Jesus -

Wednesdays, 6-7p
September 29 - November 3
Parsonage & Zoom

Facilitated by Pastor Jay and the Methodism Class

What did Jesus even *mean*?
What did he *really* teach?
Come find out!

Email Jay for more information - jay@raynenola.org.

WOMEN OF THE HEBREW BIBLE



- Women of the Hebrew Bible-

Tuesdays, 7-8p
October 5 - November 9
Zoom (Online Only)

**New
Date!**

Facilitated by Nancy Hopkins

Have you met Huldah, the prophet, or Yael, the warrior? The stories of over 50 women are told in the Hebrew Bible. See how some of them shaped the Jewish people and discuss how their stories speak to us.

Email Nancy to register-
nancy.hopkins@raynenola.org.

SURVEY OF THE HEBREW BIBLE



- Survey of the Hebrew Bible -

Sundays, 4-5p
October 3 - November 7
Parsonage & Zoom

Facilitated by Pastor Jay and Wendy Rihner

Join us for a six week investigation of one whole side of our Bible. Find out what is the "torah" and who are the Prophets and why do they even matter... and so much more!

Email Jay for more information - jay@raynenola.org.



Crescent City

Chamber Music Festival

September 30 - October 10, 2021

New Orleans

Thursday, September 30

Felicity Church

Opening Night Gala

Jason Vieaux, Guitar with the Escher Quartet

6:30 PM: Doors Open

7:30 PM: Concert

Thursday, October 7

Urban South Brewery

Casual Classical Music with Beer Pairings

Special Beer Flights available for purchase

7 PM: Concert

Friday, October 1

Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church

"Music for the End of Time"

The Escher Quartet and member of the Manhattan Chamber Players

Music by Strauss, Barber, and Messiaen

7:15 PM: Doors Open

7:30 PM: Concert

Friday, October 8, 2021

Recital Hall, UNO Performing Arts Center

"A Celebration of Virtuosity"

Manhattan Chamber Players

Music by Mozart, Beethoven, and Mendelssohn

6:30 PM: Doors Open

7 PM: Pre-Concert Talk and Q&A

7:30 PM: Concert

Sunday, October 3

Saint Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church

"...in the Age of Noise"

The Escher Quartet and Friends

Music by Antonín Dvořák, Béla Bartók,
and George Walker

World premiere of a new work by Andrea Casarrubios

3:30 PM: Doors Open

4 PM: Concert

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church

2021 Season Finale Concert: "A Hymn to Music"

Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Aaron Copland

World premiere of a new work by Andrea

Casarrubios

3:30 PM: Doors Open

4 PM: Concert

Tuesday, October 5

Recital Hall, UNO Performing Arts Center

"Treasures of NOLA"

All performers are local New Orleans Classical musicians

Music by Brahms, Schubert, and Vaughan Williams

6:30 PM: Doors Open

7 PM: Pre-Concert Talk and Q&A

7:30 PM: Concert



For more information, please visit
crescentcitychambermusicfestival.com

PRAYER LIST

We pray for healing of –

Martha Gatlin, Darien Mason, Sr., Richard Moore, Ray Cook, Stephanie Stennett, Chuck Pate, Andrew McLetchie, Barbara Everett and her daughter - Renee, Judy Mastainich, and Warren Comeaux - father of James Comeaux.

We share in the joy of –

Lacy & Bryan McManus (along with sisters - Clara & Virginia) in the birth of their daughter, **Adelia Beau.**

Jessica & Ronnie Slipman (along with brother - Wesley) in the birth of their daughter, **Annabelle Louise.**



PRAYER REQUESTS

James 4:8 reminds us, *“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.”*

If you would like to share prayer requests,
email them to Pastor Marissa - marissa@raynenola.org.
Or mail a note to the church addressed with "Attention: Marissa."

Please indicate if the request is public (shared in the newsletter)
or private (supplied to the Intercessory Prayer Group).

**If you would like to join the Intercessory Prayer Group,
we meet online and onsite, Mondays at 11a. For more information, contact Marissa.**