

Our Mission:

Raleigh Mennonite Church is a community growing as disciples of Jesus, the Christ. We nurture growth of the inner spiritual life, seeking transformation through God's grace as followers of Jesus.

We are active in reconciliation and service, making Christ known through sharing the story of God's love and forgiveness with our children, our neighbors and our world. In our lives, we seek justice, healing, hope and peace for all people.

We warmly and actively welcome others to join us on this journey.

Pastor	Melissa F-B
Servant Leaders	Ben H, Karin S Al R, David R & Rachel T
Pastoral Care Team	Brenda NM, Stephen J, Dave C & Janet F
Church meeting location	1116 North Blount St., Raleigh NC
Mailing address	P.O. Box 25545, Raleigh NC 27611
RMC Website	www.raleighmennonite.org
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Prayer Requests:

Lift up J. & M. and their two children who have recently moved to Central Asia. Pray for grace as they set up good routines and for strength through the difficult process of learning language.

Bishop Leonard Dow and Oxford Circle Mennonite Church in Philadelphia will host an African-American leadership gathering on Sept 16-17. Pray for the inspiration of God's Spirit as African-American Mennonite Association and Mennonite Mission Network collaborate to deepen relationships and respond to God's call to mission.

Pray for Bethel College (North Newton, KS) students adjusting to a new community. For many, this includes finding a new church home — pray also for the local congregations who will welcome them.

Announcements:

- There will be a **Potluck Fellowship Meal TODAY** after the worship service to celebrate Melissa's installation at RMC! Hospitality asks that those with last names starting with the letters

K- Z help with setting up tables and chairs before the meal as well as assist with clean up afterwards.

- **We will have a Church Life Meeting on Sunday, September 25**, following a quick finger food potluck. This meeting has been added to the schedule because we were notified that Melissa will soon be receiving a letter delivered in person from Virginia Mennonite Conference, detailing the reasons for delay of her ordination. We expect that VMC will be laying out a plan for our way forward, and will require some decisions of Melissa and the congregation. At this informational church life meeting, we'd like to update everyone about what is happening, and to hear your initial input and questions about any actions we might take. No final decisions will be made at this meeting. please contact Melissa or a servant leader for more information.
- Come one and all! The (relatively) **Early Christians Bible Study** at RMC is restarting **Thursday mornings at 7 a.m. in the RMC Office**. We will plunge into the Gospel of Mark, dwelling on Jesus's words and deeds. We typically go about an hour, with time to share prayer requests and pray for one another.
- Join the **RMC Community House** members and support committee for a **game night, Monday, Sept. 19**, 6:30-8:30 p.m.! You are invited to bring a favorite game and snack or hor d'oeuvres to share.
- To subscribe to "**The Mennonite**," the **monthly** publication of Mennonite Church USA, mail a \$37 check to Al R. Make the check payable to **RMC** with "**The Mennonite**" on the memo line by **Monday, 9/19**.
- **Sep 30 – Oct 1 Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale** to raise money for MCC relief efforts around the world - check out www.vareliefsale.com where you'll find an updated website.
- Friday, October 28 - **Peace Pies & Prophets** (Duke Memorial United Methodist Church, Durham) a great Ted & Company show with a Pie Auction fund raiser for Christian Peacemaker Teams. A participatory wonder, a wonderful blend of consciousness-raising and laughter, community-building at its best, and a whole lot of fun!
- **Mennonite Women of Virginia Fall Retreat Oct. 28-30**. Women of all ages are invited to this special weekend retreat. Registration forms are in your mailbox, with all the details

RMC receives a **public offering** once each month (generally the first Sunday of the month); at other times gifts may be placed in the oak offering box on the back table.

Upcoming Events

Sept 11	Potluck Fellowship Meal
Sept 12	Women's meeting at Mary J's
Sept 25	Finger Food Potluck & Church Life Meeting
Sept 30-10/1	VMC Relief Sale
Oct 28	Peace, Pies & Prophets
Nov 13	Church Life Meeting

Birthdays and Anniversaries,

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please contact the bulletin team at bulletin@raleighmennonite.org

Sept 11	Laurie and Paul Ne
Sept 12	Seth B
Sept 14	Adele (Della) Bo
Sept 16	Sarah B
Sept 17	Virginia S
Sept 17	Leslie F and Louis St

Adult Sunday School classes:

Soundtrack of Our Faith - Auditorium
Mudhouse Sabbath - Room 6

Raleigh Mennonite Church

September 11, 2016

Welcome to our worship!

We are a community seeking to keep Jesus at the center of our lives, aware that we come from a variety of life experiences and points in our faith journeys. God invites us all to worship no matter our cultures, traditions and paths to God. We truly welcome you whatever your religious background or spiritual practice.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Gathering for Worship

10:30 a.m.

Prelude	Brother James' Air	Flutes of the Spirit
Welcome & Announcements		Stephen J
Invitation to Worship	Screen	Rosene Rr
WB 670	Prayer	
Songs of Praise		
WB 71	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	
WB 851	Corinthians 12:4-13 I	
WB 304	There are Many Gifts	
Commissioning of RMC Roles		
Screen	Litany	
Screen	Covenant Song (refrain)	
Installation Service for Melissa F-B		
Screen	Litany	Karin S
Screen	All the People Said Amen	

Children are invited to Nursery

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading	Exodus 32:7-14	Lowell M
	Luke 15:1-10	Helen J
Sermon	" Rejoice with me "	Isaac V
Communion	Isaac V & Melissa F-B	
WB 471	Eat this Bread	
WB 454	Seed, Scattered and Sown	
Sharing & Prayer		Rachel T

Sending to Serve

Song	WB 118	Praise God from whom
Prayer of Blessing		Melissa F-B