

## **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
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## **Children in Worship**

\*Children are encouraged and celebrated in worship. Worship bags are available for use during the service. Nursery is available mid-way through the service for children up to kindergarten. To utilize our nursery, staffed by volunteers who have undergone our Safe Church training, meet at the entrance at the hymn prior to the sermon.

## **Hearing Assistance**

Hearing enhancement devices are available at the AV table.

## **Prayer Requests:**

- Pray for Jonathan Brenneman as he begins a one-year Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment helping implement the Israel-Palestine Partners in Peacemaking resolution adopted by Mennonite Church USA delegates at the Kansas City convention.

**Scripture Readings for Next Week:** In preparation for next Sunday's worship, you are encouraged to read the following Lectionary texts:

[Lamentations 1:1-6 and 3:19-26](#); [Psalm 137](#); [2 Timothy 1:1-14](#);  
[Luke 17:5-10](#)

## **Announcements:**

- Our guest preacher today is J. Daryl Byler, Executive Director at the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, VA (USA). From 2007 to 2013, Byler lived in Amman,

Jordan, serving as a regional representative for Mennonite Central Committee. From 1994 until 2007, Byler served as director of Mennonite Central Committee's Washington Office. From 1988 to 1994 Byler served as a staff attorney with East Mississippi Legal Services in Meridian, MS, while pastoring Jubilee Mennonite Church.

- **We will have a Church Life Meeting TODAY** following a quick finger food potluck because Melissa received a letter delivered in person from Virginia Mennonite Conference, detailing the reasons for delay of her ordination. 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. If you are unable to attend, please contact Melissa or a servant leader for more information.
- **Next Sunday (October 2)** is our **quarterly food offering** to help replenish the shelves of the Urban Ministries Food Pantry. Contributions (checks and/or food) will be collected during the worship service. We invite you to write a check payable to Urban Ministries or to RMC (earmarked for Urban Ministries) and/or to bring a few nutritious foods such as lite canned fruit, no salt canned vegetables, low sodium soups, dried beans, canned meat, whole wheat pasta, brown rice, oatmeal, whole grain cereals, or fresh produce.
- The next Saturday **covenant class session** has been confirmed for **October 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Please let Melissa or one of the servant leaders know ASAP if you'd like to attend this session for learning and/or toward membership at RMC.
- **Money webinar for Millennials** - Everence®'s live chat **Conquering your debt: the overlooked key to faith and finances** will be at **8 p.m. (EDT) Sept. 28**. Visit <https://stewardshipresources.org/compass-live-chats> to register.
- **Sep 30 – Oct 1 Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale** to raise money for MCC relief efforts around the world - check out [www.vareliefsale.com](http://www.vareliefsale.com)
- 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 wonderful blend of consciousness-raising and laughter, community-building at its best, and a whole lot of fun! Please use the link emailed to all of you for signing up to furnish pies for the Auction or contact Claude or Marva at 919-977-3703 – we need more pies. ☺
- **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 25	Finger Food Potluck & Church Life Meeting
Sept 28	Money Webinar for Millennials
Sept 30-10/1	VMC Relief Sale
Oct 2	Quarterly Food Offering
Oct 8	Covenant Class
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](mailto:bulletin@raleighmennonite.org)

Sept 25	Jacob F-B
Sept 26	John R
Sept 29	Dean I

## Adult Sunday School classes:

Soundtrack of Our Faith - Auditorium  
Mudhouse Sabbath - Room 6

	Today (September 25)	Next Week (October 2)
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	Luz and John F	Kathy and Dennis B
<b>Nursery</b>	Rachel T, Anne C, Anne Hope C	Ruth R, Joanna J
<b>Sharing</b>	AI R	Rachel T
<b>Sound</b>	Stan NM	
<b>Bulletin</b>	Joanna J	Claude K
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Melissa F-B	Brenda NM

## Raleigh Mennonite Church

September 25, 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	Kathleen I
Welcome & Announcements	Stephen J
Invitation to Worship	Screen
Songs of Praise	Worship Team

STJ 49 Rain Down

WB 495 O let all who thirst

Congregational Prayer Joy W

Song WB 411 I bind my heart this tide

STJ 106 Just a closer walk

*\*Children are invited to Nursery*

## Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading [Amos 6:1, 4-7](#) ; [I Tim. 6:6-10, 17-19](#) Jon Mark

[Luke 16:19-31](#) Liza F

Sermon "Rich in Good Works" Daryl Byler

Song of response

STJ 54 Longing for light

Sharing & Prayer AI R

## Sending to Serve

Preparation for Communion Screen

Song WB 430 God be with you

Benediction Melissa F-B