

## **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.*

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| 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                            | <a href="http://www.raleighmennonite.org">www.raleighmennonite.org</a>           |
| Email for announcements                | <a href="mailto:bulletin@raleighmennonite.org">bulletin@raleighmennonite.org</a> |
| Email slides or videos to be projected | <a href="mailto:AV@raleighmennonite.org">AV@raleighmennonite.org</a>             |

## **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 concerns:**

Lift up tranSender Anna McMullen as she continues with language study in Albania. Pray that she will manage her time well, and that she will find opportunities to connect with the people God brings into her life.

## **Announcements:**

- Local Mennonite congregations are hosting an **Advent hymnsing and potluck** at Church of the Reconciliation in Chapel Hill (where CHMF meets - 110 N. Elliott Rd.) on Saturday,

December 3 at 4pm. Please come to enjoy music and food this season.

- The **following adult classes will be starting on December 4.** Please RSVP to the class leaders if you plan to attend the class.  
**Love is a Verb: A study of I John**, A Bible study, led by John Frye. Mennonite Church USA encourages the study of 1 John as a lead up to the 2017 Convention theme "Love is a Verb". In Christ, we see that love is something lived, love is active in the world, love is a verb. Download the MCUSA study resource here: <http://mennoniteusa.org/mennolove/> It is provided as a year-long study, this class will focus on Part One: Loving One Another.  
**Trouble I've Seen: Changing the way the church views racism.** A book study, led by Karin S and Al R. Theologian and blogger Drew Hart places police brutality, mass incarceration, anti-black stereotypes, poverty, and everyday acts of racism within the larger framework of white supremacy. Leading readers toward Jesus, Hart offers concrete practices for churches that seek solidarity with the oppressed and are committed to racial justice.
- MDS Relief Work** Claude Kremer's update: "I have been in contact with Larry Stoner Friday afternoon. We have 5 or 6 people that are able to go to Princeville on Sat, Nov 26 and he very much wants to use them but doesn't have someone to coordinate the work for that day yet. I am waiting for him to call back with information on if there will be work for that day. I have a list of names for people willing to go at another time and will put anyone else on the list and arrange another date for latter." Let Claude know if and when you would like to be available to help and he will work out the details.
- Women's Beach Retreat April 28-May 1, 2017**  
Mark your calendars! We have already reserved the same house we had last year for April 28- May 1. Come join a bunch of like minded ladies for a fun weekend of walking, talking, beach lounging, games, food and fun! More details in Feb but set aside the last weekend in April. Questions? See Sue S

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

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| Potluck Fellowship meal                        | Dec 4  |
| Advent Coloring Party, 1:30pm                  | Dec 4  |
| Christmas Caroling and Parkview Party          | Dec 9  |
| Second Informational Meeting following worship | Dec 11 |

## 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)

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| Marsha C  | Nov 24 |
| Stan NM   | Nov 25 |
| Belissa A | Nov 26 |
| Dianne S  | Nov 26 |

## Adult Sunday School classes:

Soundtrack of Our Faith - Auditorium  
Mud house Sabbath - Room 6

2 new classes will be beginning Dec 4  
Bible study of I John "Love is a Verb"  
The Church and Racism

|                            | Today (November 20) | Next Week (November 27) |
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| <b>Greeter/Usher</b>       | Kim Br and Liza F   | Luz and John F          |
| <b>Nursery</b>             | Sara C, Mary J      | Joanna J, Marva Kremer  |
| <b>Sharing</b>             | Joy W               | Brenda NM               |
| <b>Sound</b>               | Stan NM             | Stan NM                 |
| <b>Bulletin</b>            | Ruth R              | Joanna J                |
| <b>Worship Coordinator</b> | Brenda NM           | Rosene R                |

# Raleigh Mennonite Church

November 20, 2016  
Christ the King Sunday

## 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 Anne Hope C

Welcome & Announcements Stephen J

Invitation to Worship Brenda NM

Screen Psalm 46

Songs of Praise

WB 36 God of our Strength  
Screen You are holy

Scripture Tag Anne C & Bill C

Song WB 578 The Lord's my shepherd

Affirmation of Faith WB 711

Song WB 438 I sing with exultation

*Children are invited to Nursery*

## Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading [Jeremiah 23:1-6](#), [Luke 23:33-43](#)

Sermon [At the Cross](#) Melissa F-B

Preparation for Communion

Song of Response

WB 506 I sought the Lord

Sharing and Prayer Joy W

## Sending to Serve

Benediction Brenda NM