

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 AI 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
Email for announcements	bulletin@raleighmennonite.org
Email slides or videos to be projected	AV@raleighmennonite.org

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 A/V table.

Prayer concerns:

Pray for wisdom, direction, and vision for a VMissions couple as they look to start a Bible Study in their South Asian neighborhood. Pray for discernment as they consider the format and leadership.

Announcements:

- There will be a **Fellowship Meal** on Sun, Dec 4 between worship and our **Coloring Party**. Please bring a dish to share and stay after church to enjoy some good food and fellowship. Hospitality asks those with last names starting with K- Z help with setting up tables and chairs before the meal as well as assist with clean up afterwards.
- **MDS Relief Work (Princeville, NC)** A team leader is now in place. Mennonite Disaster Service can use any help we are able to furnish, and a list of days for the next two weeks was emailed to RMC. We

will work on getting together a team for a day or a few days as people are available; the list will be updated every two weeks. We can work for several months and in conjunction with other teams like one coming the week of 12/12/16 from another area. Sign up on the emailed spreadsheet or call Claude K

- **Christmas Caroling & Fellowship with Parkview** - Our annual potluck meal and fellowship with residents of Parkview Manor will take place **Friday, Dec. 9**, at 6:00 pm. If you would like to join a group of carolers walking down Blount Street to Parkview Manor, please meet at the church at 5:00. (You may drop off your covered dish at Parkview ahead of time.) The meal and festivities will begin around 6:00 pm, with Craig H serving as MC for an evening of song and merriment.
- **The RMC Young Adult Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 10, 6:30 PM** at the Hollinger home, 3813 Boddie Drive, Raleigh 27609. Please bring a dish or a drink to share. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater/shirt for a chance to win an awesome prize! Also please bring a wrapped item that you no longer want or need from your home, for our white elephant gift exchange. RSVP by December 6 to Kari MH in person or via email.
- **Longest Night Service, Dec. 21st** at 7pm: For many the holidays can bring up heaviness and longing. Perhaps it's because you are missing someone who has died making and the holidays remind you of it. Perhaps it's the political climate, or maybe it's something else. During this service, we will create space to mourn, remember, and process some of these challenges together.
- **Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th** at 5pm: Please join us for worship and celebrating Christmas Eve together.
- **Christmas Day, Dec. 25th** at 10:30am: Please join us for a joint worship service with Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship and Love Wins on Christmas morning for carols and celebrating Christ's birth!
- **Men's March Getaway** - RMC men are invited to a weekend of hiking, eating, talking and chilling in Hanging Rock State Park, March 24-26, 2017. We've reserved a couple of the park's cabins for the weekend. If you're even a little interested, please talk with Stan NM soon.
- **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 February. 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

Potluck Fellowship meal	Dec 4
Advent Coloring Party, 1:30 pm	Dec 4
Christmas Caroling and Parkview Party, 6:00 pm	Dec 9
Young Adult (IDR) Christmas Party, 6:30 pm	Dec 10
Second Informational Meeting following worship	Dec 11
Women's meeting at Bonnie M's	Dec 12
Longest Night Service, 7:00 pm	Dec 21
Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 pm	Dec 24
Christmas Service, 10:30 am	Dec 25
Servant Leader Retreat	Jan 7
Men's March Getaway 2017	Mar 24-26
Women's Beach Retreat 2017	Apr 28-May1

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

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Adult Sunday School classes:

"Love is a Verb" 1 John Bible Study – Room TBD
 "Trouble I've Seen" Racism and the Church – Room TBD

	Today (December 4)	Next Week (December 11)
Greeter/ Usher	Joy W, Chrys B	Rose T, June A
Nursery	Rosene R, Brenda H	Kathy B, Dennis B, Laura C
Sharing	Rachel T	Al R
Sound	Stan NM	Joe J
Bulletin	Joanna J	Joe J
Worship Coordinator	Brenda NM	Rosene R

Raleigh Mennonite Church

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent

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 SS 8 Wild and lone the prophet's voice
 Welcome & Announcements Stephen J
 Invitation to Worship Screen Brenda NM
 Song WB 211 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
 Reading: [Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19](#) ; WB 101 Alleluia
 Lighting of Advent Candle
 SS 3 Come, Light of the World
 Confession/Words of Assurance (Screen)
 Offering SJ 60 Lord of all good
 SJ 147 Offering of thanksgiving
 Children's Story Janet F
 WB 177 Creator of the stars of night
Children are invited to Nursery

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading Claude K, Stephen J
[Isaiah 11:1-10](#) , [Matthew 3:1-12](#)
 Sermon [Old World, NewBody](#) Melissa F-B
 Song of Response
 SS 8 Wild and lone the prophet's voice
 Sharing and Prayer Rachel T

Sending to Serve

Words of Blessing Brenda NM