

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 that God will lead potential students to Maranatha School for the Deaf in Jamaica. Ask that the administration will be guided to these potential students who will benefit from being there.

Announcements:

- Our **January Fellowship Meal** has been postponed to **today, January 22nd**, after the worship service. Plan to bring a dish to share and stay for the meal and enjoy the food and fellowship. Hospitality asks that those with last names starting with the letters A-J help with setting up tables and chairs before the meal as well as assist with clean up afterwards.
- Stewardship Commission reports that contributions to the RMC

General Fund through December, the first four months of the fiscal year, totaled \$54,567. Note that this is over the budget-projected contributions of \$52,757. In love, let us encourage one another to give as we have been given and ask for God's Spirit to give us the strength and courage to live as maturing stewards.

- In your mailboxes - your Stewardship Commission has given you one page of info - **7 Things Every Church Member Needs to Know About Charitable Contributions.**
- **Contribution Statements:** Your 2016 Contribution Statement (sometimes called a tax receipt) is in your mailbox today. Please contact Treasurer, AI R, if you have any questions about it.

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

January Fellowship Meal	Jan 22
Church Life Meeting	Feb 12
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

Deborah W	Jan 24
Claude K	Jan 25

Adult Sunday School classes:

"Love is a Verb" 1 John Bible Study – Room 6
 "Trouble I've Seen" Racism and the Church – Room 2

	Today (January 22)	Next Week (January 29)
Greeter/ Usher	Deb W and Alyssa C	Anne C and Chrys B
Nursery	Kathy and Dennis B (OMS)	Joanna J and Marva K
Sharing	Rachel T	Brenda NM
Sound	Marc S	John F
Bulletin	Joanna J	Joanna J
Worship Coordinator	Rosene R	Rachel T and Brenda NM

Raleigh Mennonite Church

January 22, 2017

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 Instrumental Ensemble

Welcome & Announcements Stephen J

Invitation to Worship Screen Rosene R

Songs of Praise

WB 1 What is this place (Netherlands)

WB 7 Here, O Lord (Japan)

A Refugee's Prayer (based on Psalm 2)

SJ 69 When the poor ones (Spain)

Prayer for our churches and our world

SJ 59 Come and fill our hearts (France)

Song

SJ 64 Somos el cuerpo (El Salvador)

Children are invited to OMS (Children's church)

Greet one another with peace of Christ (in any language!)

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading [Matthew 18:15-20](#) Isaias M

[Acts 15:22-35](#) Peggy M

Sermon [Being Mennonite: Decisiton](#) Melissa F-B

Song of Response Screen All the people said Amen

Sharing and Prayer Rachel T

Sending to Serve

Benediction WB 434 Thuma mina (South Africa)