

### **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
Church meeting location	1116 North Blount St., Raleigh NC
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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 A/V table.

### **Prayer concerns:**

From Virginia Mennonite Missions: Lift up the ESL students and neighbors of Sarah K. in Harrisonburg, Va., who have received the movie *Magdalena* (similar to the *Jesus* film). Pray that it will be a way of drawing them to Jesus.

### **Announcements:**

- The **NEW Adult Sunday school quarter starts on March 5**. Everyone is welcome to these classes in the hour prior to worship (starting at 9:30am). Please RSVP to Karin S to let us know which class you're planning to attend
  - **When in Romans...** - Spend some time getting to know Paul's letter to the Romans as the universal, cosmic salvation of Jesus Christ. This class includes special appearances from The Batman Lego movie and Bruce Springsteen. Led by Melissa
  - **Thou Shalt Not Covet Thy Neighbor's Spiritual Walk** - Using the book *Sacred Pathways* by Gary Thomas, this class will explore a variety of spiritual temperaments with an emphasis on finding the ways each of us relate most meaningfully to God. As we learn about the different spiritual "types," we'll also learn about specific practices and disciplines to help us meet and enjoy God. Led by Joanna J.
- This year's **Women's Beach Retreat** is planned for **April 28 to May 1**. Come join us at the beach for walks, talks, relaxing, games, movies, food, or whatever you want to do! The planning team is looking for anyone who would like to help organize, esp with devotions and leading our Sat evening Hymn sing. Please give your \$50 deposit to Sue S to hold your spot. Financial support is available- see Sue.

**Mennonite Disaster Service:** Two things in the process:

1. The Eastern Carolina District is planning to have a "**Mission project**" **work week April 24<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>**. Some of you have already volunteered for this week and still looking for more volunteers.
2. Update: **Opportunity to work the week of March 19-24**. Claude will coordinate if we have interest in working some of these days. Contact Claude Kremer with your interest. Jay Ro has informed him this would be good week for us to work independent of some of the larger groups.

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**

7:00 pm Women's meeting

Mar 13

Men's March Getaway 2017  
 Women's Beach Retreat 2017

Mar 24-26  
 Apr 28-May1

## Raleigh Mennonite Church

February 19, 2017

### 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)

Jeff M

Feb 23

### 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 (February 19)	Next Week (February 26)
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Alyssa C and Mary j	Kim B and Sara C
<b>Nursery</b>	Joanna J and Marva K	Anne and Dave C
<b>Sharing</b>	Joy W	Al R
<b>Sound</b>	Marc S	Stan NM
<b>Bulletin</b>	Ruth R	Ruth R
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Joy W	Hans L and David Ro

### 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 Chrys B and Pam B  
 Welcome & Announcements Stephen J  
 Call to Worship Screen Joy W  
 Songs of Praise  
     SJ 3 Jesus Calls Us  
     Screen You're the God of this City  
 Confession of Faith Screen  
 Song Screen What does the Lord require of you?  
*Children are invited to Nursery*

### Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading [Matthew 5:38-48](#)  
 Responsive readings of [Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18](#)  
 Sermon [The Cornerstone of Justice](#) Melissa FB  
 Song WB 545 Be Thou my vision  
 Blessing and Sending Brenda NM and Brenda Herb  
 Sharing and Prayer Joy W  
 Preparation for Communion Joy W

### Sending to Serve

Benediction