

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.

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: Asher and Lindsey Fast are beginning their term of service in Francistown, Botswana. As they fly today and arrive tomorrow, pray for safe travels and a smooth adjustment to their new home.

Announcements:

- There will be a **Fellowship Meal next week Sunday, March 5**, 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.

- 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 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 F-B
 - **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.
- **Women's Beach Retreat is April 28- May 1**. All the beds are full, but if you want to come and sleep on the floor or couch, see Sue. More info on sign up for transportation and food/pantry supplies will be coming soon..

Mennonite Disaster Service: Two things in the process:

1. The Eastern Carolina District is planning to have a "**Mission project**" **work week April 24th- 28th** 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 Rohrer 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 at Janet H's	Mar 13
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

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 26)	Next Week (March 5)
Greeter/Usher	Kim Band Sara C	Luz and John F
Nursery	Anne and Dave C	Kathy and Dennis B OMS
Sharing	Joy W	Melissa F-B
Sound	Stan NM	Joe J
Bulletin	Ruth R	Claude K
Worship Coordinator	Hans L and David R	Rosene R

Transfiguration, VII (by Mark Jarman)

"And there appeared to them Elijah and Moses and they were talking to Jesus."

I want to believe that he talked back to them, his radiant companions,
 And I want to believe he said too much was being asked and too much
 promised.

I want to believe that that was why he shone in the eyes of his friends,
 The witnesses looking on, because he spoke for them, because he loved
 them

And was embarrassed to learn how he and they were going to suffer.

I want to believe he resisted at that moment, when he appeared glorified,
 Because he could not reconcile the contradictions and suspected
 That love had a finite span and was merely the comfort of the lost.

I know he must have acceded to his duty, but I want to believe
 He was transfigured by resistance, as he listened, and they talked.

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February 26, 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	Bendice, Señor, nuestro pan	Worship Team
Welcome & Announcements		Stephen J
Call to Worship	Screen	Hans L/David R
Opening Song	Screen 10,000 Reasons	
Prayer	Screen Source of All	
Songs of Praise		
	STJ 1 We sing to you, O God	
	STJ 16 Praise with Joy the World's Creator	
	Screen Psalm 62	
Litany of Awe	Screen Based on Psalm 99	Hans & David
Song	WB 70 Immortal, invisible, God only wise	
	<i>Children are invited to Nursery</i>	

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading	Exodus 24:12-18 ; Matthew 17:1-9	Anne C Sean B
Sermon	A God who Stays	Melissa F-B
Song	Screen Bendice, Señor, nuestro pan	
Communion		Melissa
Sharing and Prayer		Joy W

Sending to Serve

Benediction	WB 433 Go, my children	a cappella
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