

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
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:

Alisha Justice's parents will be traveling to Uganda tomorrow to visit her and Brent. Pray for a refreshing and encouraging time with family, and for the Spirit to move as they interact with local pastors.

Announcements:

Stewardship Commission reports that contributions to the RMC General Fund through February, the first six months of the fiscal year, totaled \$77,882. Note that this is slightly under the budget-projected contributions of \$79,136. 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.

- There will be a **Fellowship Meal Today**, after the worship service. Plan to share and stay for the meal, 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 TODAY**. Everyone is welcome to these classes in the hour prior to worship (starting at 9:30am). Please RSVP to Karin Shank, [S](mailto:KShank@raleighmennonite.org) 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.
- **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:

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.

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
 Eastern Carolina District Mission Work Project Apr 24-28

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Chris H Mar 7
 Janet H Mar 9
 Minova F Mar 10

Adult Sunday School classes:

Thou Shalt Not Covet Thy Neighbor's Spiritual Walk – Room 1
 When In Romans – Room 2

	Today (March 5)	Next Week (March 12)
Greeter/Usher	Luz and John F	Anne C and Rose T
Nursery	Kathy and Dennis B, OMS	Sara Chenlo, Mary J, Laura Cooper
Sharing	Melissa F-B	Brenda NM
Sound	Joe J	Stephen J
Bulletin	Claude K	Claude K
Worship Coordinator	Rosene R	Brenda NM

Raleigh Mennonite Church

March 5, 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 Kathleen I

Welcome & Announcements Stephen J

Call to Worship SJ 119 Rosene R

Opening Song SJ 97 The Lord is My Light

Prayer of Confession

Song SS 36 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

Words of Assurance

Offering SJ 29 You are All We Have

Song Screen Kyrie Eleison

Children are invited to Nursery

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading [Matthew 3:13-4:11](#) Joe J

Sermon [He Drank Water](#) Melissa F-B

Song SJ 82 Water Has Held Us

Remembrance of Baptism Melissa F-B
 Melissa

Sharing and Prayer Melissa F-B

Sending to Serve

Benediction Screen The Lord's Prayer