

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
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 Craft 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 during the hymn prior to the sermon.

Hearing Assistance:

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.

Hearing enhancement devices are available at the A/V table.

Prayer concerns:

Ask for wisdom for Nancy Marshall as she ministers to a group of young women who have attempted suicide in Belize. Pray that these women will support each other with friendship, understanding and a strong faith in God's love.

Upcoming Events

Men's March Getaway 2017	Mar 24-26
MDS from RMC to Princville work days	Mar 22-23
Good Friday meal (6:30 pm), followed by Service of Darkness	April-14
Easter Breakfast (9 am), followed by Worship at 10:30	April 16
Eastern Carolina District Mission Work Project	April 24-28
Women's Beach Retreat 2017	Apr 28-May1

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anne C	Mar-19
Hilary R	Mar-20
Kari Martin H	Mar-21
Wallace B	Mar-25
Bill Bi	Mar-31

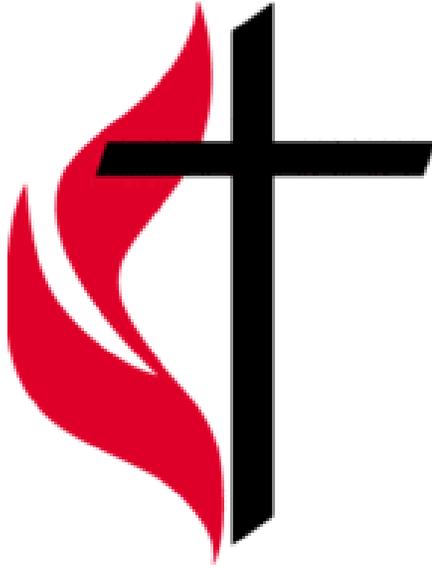
Adult Sunday School classes:

Thou Shalt Not Covet Thy Neighbor's Spiritual Walk – Room 6
Led by Joanna J

When In Romans – Room 2

Led by Melissa F-B

See insert for more announcements.



Raleigh Mennonite Church

March 19, 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.

Our preacher today is Jon Mark, a first year student at Duke Divinity School. He comes from the Pacific Northwest and was mostly recently at Seattle Mennonite. We're glad Jon can worship with us at RMC.

	Today (March 19)	Next Week (March 26)
Greeter/ Usher	Brenda H and Rose T	Deb W and Chris B
Nursery	Kathy and Dennis B, OMS	Rosene R, Johanna J
Sharing	Rachel T	Joy W
Sound	Stan NM	Liz S/Sean B
Bulletin	Claude K	Ruth R
Worship Coordinator	Melissa F-B	Joy, Brenda, & Rosene

Sunday School **9:30 a.m.**

Gathering for Worship **10:30 a.m.**

Prelude Ruth R

Welcome & Announcements Stephen J

Opening Song Screen River of Life

Invocation Screen

Congregational Prayer Melissa F-B

Children's Time Melissa F-B

Songs of Praise WB 493 I Heard The Voice of Jesus
WB 446 Wade In The Water

Children are invited to meet at the back for Order of the Mustardseed

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading [John 4:5-42](#) Stan NM, Anne Hope C
Rachel T

Sermon ["Water for a Samaritan?!"](#) Jon Mark

Song WB495 O Let All Who Thirst
Melissa

Sharing and Prayer Rachel T

Preparation for Communion Melissa F-B

Sending to Serve

Benediction SJ 42 Listen, God is Calling

Mennonite Disaster Service

The Eastern Carolina District is planning to have a
” **Mission project” work week April 24th- 28th**

It is time to begin firming up the names of people agreeing to volunteer for our ECD Mennonite Disaster Service mission project during the week of April 24-28. We have been notified that we may only keep ten individuals overnight at the conference center which will be hosting us during that week. This will mean that we will need to be far more intentional in counting numbers than we had thought.

So I am proposing that as we advertise this in our congregations and tap people on the shoulder, we offer several alternatives:

- a) Stay for the entire week (arrive early Monday morning after breakfast; stay Mon, Tues, Wed, and Thursday nights and return home Friday after work)
- b) Stay Monday thru Wednesday (arrive early Monday morning after breakfast; stay Mon and Tues nights; return home Wednesday after work)
- c) Stay Wednesday thru Friday (arrive early Wednesday after breakfast; stay Wed and Thurs nights at the conference center; return home Friday after work)
- d) work a long day (arrive early any day of the week after breakfast, work all day, return home after work the same day)

I'm sure Steve will be able to accommodate almost any schedule people wish to volunteer, but we will absolutely need to know who and when. If you have questions, Steve will soon have a better idea of the type of work needing done, tools needed, etc. His email is above.

Congregational representatives, I will soon contact you to see who you are lining up, or you may contact me with names and days.

Please fill in the information for Claude to pass on to the Eastern Carolina district

Name: _____

Times I would be available in accordance to the above information

Return this information to Claude K

Announcements:

- **Basics of investing:** Tuesday, March 21 (2 or 8 p.m.) Everence® webinar This Tuesday, In this webinar, we'll discuss how investing can help you meet your financial goals, go over different types of investments and help you determine your appropriate level of risk. We'll also cover how to get started and address your questions. Presented by Dennis LeFevre, CFP®, Trust and Financial Advisor.
- "To register, contact Melissa Short at melissa.short@everence.com or call 800-222-5054. Once registered you will receive an email confirming your registration, with information you need to join the online call."

Everence Advocate – Lowell M

On Easter Sunday (April 16) we will share a fellowship breakfast before the worship service (no Sunday School). Breakfast will begin at 9:00 am in the upstairs kitchen. Please bring a breakfast dish to share (casserole, pastries, fruit, cheese, etc.), and join us in fellowship as we celebrate this joyous day! All are welcome, and if you have family or friends in town for the weekend, please bring them as well. We encourage everyone to help with clean up so we can all join in the worship service at 10:30. Our Easter Fellowship Meal will replace our usual first Sun meal for April.

RMC has several college students and it is our custom to send them some goodies and inspirational notes this time of year to get them through the end of the year and exams. Our students this year are: Leah and Sam W, David Allemang, Belissa Acosta, Anali NM and Liz S. Sue will be collecting items in a labelled box in back of the sanctuary on March 25 and April 2. Our students would love snacks such small cookie or cracker packs, microwave popcorn, candy, nuts or some cool school supplies like colored gel pens or post it notes. I would love it if anyone would like to write a personal note of encouragement to any or all of our students and will be sure to place them in the right box. If you don't feel like shopping or don't know what to get, cash contributions are welcome as well to cover the cost of supplies or shipping. See Sue. Thanks!