

## ***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	<a href="http://www.raleighmennonite.org">www.raleighmennonite.org</a>
Email for announcements	<a href="mailto:bulletin@raleighmennonite.org">bulletin@raleighmennonite.org</a>
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## **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 back during the hymn prior to the sermon.

## **Hearing Assistance:**

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

## **Prayer concerns:**

At Nazareth Village in Israel, tranSender Elsa Miller keeps busy by leading tours and engaging in the day-to-day life and upkeep of the village. Pray for renewed energy and strength each day.

## **Announcements:**

- **Maundy Thursday** (April 13, 11:30 am) - We will meet up with the Witness for Peace pilgrimage in Durham as they make their way from Asheville to Raleigh. Gather outside of Iglesia Emanuel (2504 N Roxboro St, Durham) at 11:30 and walk about 8 blocks to La Superior Taqueria (3325 N Roxboro), where there will be footwashing and lunch. The service will be conducted in Spanish.
- **Good Friday** (April 14, 6:30 pm) - Please join us for a Good Friday meal & service in the RMC auditorium. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with a light meal and communion, followed by a service of darkness as we follow Jesus' journey to the cross through songs and scripture. Sign up to bring items for the simple meal at this link: [Good Friday Meal \(April 14, 2017\)](#)
- **Easter Sunday** (April 16, 9:00 breakfast; 10:30 worship) – 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.
- **Stewardship Commission** reports that contributions to the RMC General Fund through March, the first seven months of the fiscal year, totaled \$92,858. Note that this is slightly over the budget-projected contributions of \$92,325. 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.

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

Good Friday meal (6:30pm) followed by Service of Darkness Apr 14  
 Easter Breakfast (9 am) followed by Worship at 10:30am Apr 16  
 Eastern Carolina District Mission Work Project Apr 24-28  
 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](mailto:bulletin@raleighmennonite.org)

Kathy B Apr 9  
 Billy St Apr 11  
 Todd Fi Apr 13

## 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

	Today (April 9)	Next Week (April 16)
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	June A and Mary J	Alyssa C and Zinith B
<b>Nursery</b>	Kathy and Dennis B, OMS	Kathy and Dennis B, OMS
<b>Sharing</b>	Brenda NM	Melissa F-B
<b>Sound</b>	Stan NM	Marc S
<b>Bulletin</b>	Joe J	Joe J
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Brenda NM	Peggy & Rosene

## Raleigh Mennonite Church

April 9, 2017, Cloak/Palm Sunday

### 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 Rosene & David R  
 Welcome & Announcements Stephen J  
 Call to Worship Screen Brenda NM  
 Songs of Praise  
     WB 100 Praise Him, praise Him  
 Procession of palm branches  
     WB 238 Hosanna, loud hosanna  
 Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance  
     Screen Hosanna  
*Children are invited to Order of the Mustard Seed  
 (Children's church)*

## Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading [Matthew 21:1-17](#)  
 Sermon [Jerusalem Flash Mob](#) Melissa F-B  
 Song of Response  
     Screen Waterfall on me  
 Sharing and Prayer Brenda NM

## Sending to Serve

Benediction  
     WB 427 You shall go out with joy