

## ***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	<a href="http://www.raleighmennonite.org">www.raleighmennonite.org</a>
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Email slides or videos to be projected	<a href="mailto:AV@raleighmennonite.org">AV@raleighmennonite.org</a>

## **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. Even if you do not have a hearing problem, they make what is spoken from the podium much more intelligible.

## **Prayer concerns:**

Lift up the Sunday school program at the church that the Campbells attend in Montenegro as it continues to teach the second generation how to live a life for God, and for a national believer to step up to be trained in how to teach the children.

## **Announcements:**

- **Summer Worship Time Change** – In **June, July & August**, there is **no Sunday School**; Sunday worship services will begin at **10:00 a.m.**
- **Gifts Discernment** - RMC takes time each year to identify and encourage the gifts among us and to consider how our gifts and passions might be used in the coming year within the church and the broader community. We ask each person (high school and above, newcomers and old-timers!) to complete a gifts discernment form and return it to Joanna J or Rosene R **by May 30**. Check your email for the electronic version, or pick up a copy on the back table at church. Feel free to contact Joanna or Rosene with questions.
- **There will be opportunities to discuss and dialogue around the expansion of our welcoming statement on June 4 at 12:30 p.m.** We will meet again as a church for a discussion and to **test consensus on June 11, roughly 11:30-12:30**. We will meet directly after worship and will not provide lunch, but if you'd like to bring a snack or bag lunch you are welcome to do so.
- **Pre-budget Conversation** - Your Stewardship Commission (June A, Dennis B, Lowell M & AI R) will host a Pre-Budget Conversation **Sunday, June 25, 9:00–9:45 AM**. Come and help us peer into the future. We value your input before we begin to formulate the church budget for next year; all input will be welcome.
- **Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) needs volunteers!** MDS is building bridges in West Virginia that meet the West Virginia state expectations for a personal bridge of an approved family. Volunteers assist in the wood construction, painting, ecological landscaping around the bridge area, some heavy equipment operation, and placing the bridge in its permanent location. The primary need each week is a skilled track hoe operator, 6 energetic persons to provide physical labor, and a cook for each week. To volunteer, please contact Darin Bontrager, Weekly Crew Volunteer Placement Coordinator at MDS, to immediately to arrange your volunteer service. He can be reached at 717-735-3536 and ask for Darin. Rodney Burkholder, the Virginia region coordinator, can also be contacted for any clarifications at [rodburkholder@comcast.net](mailto:rodburkholder@comcast.net) Go to <https://wvvoad.communityos.org/cms/resilientlybridgingthegap> and scroll down to see the pictures of bridges completed.
  - May 28-June 3:** we need 6 volunteers and a cook
  - June 4-10:** we need 2 volunteers, already have a cook
  - June 11-17:** we need 5 volunteers and a cook (1 heavy equipment operator is needed)

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

Brunch & Hymns @ Pullen Park 10 am Sun, June 4, July 2, Aug 6  
 Dialogue re: Welcoming Statement 12:30 pm June 4  
 Church discussion / test consensus re: June 11  
 Welcoming Statement 11:30-12:30  
 Women's Meeting at Rosene R's Home June 12

## 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)

Marc S	May 28
Jorge FP	May 29
Scott Bales	May 31
Joanna J	May 31
Sue S	May 31
Rose and David R	June 2

## 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

	Today (May 28)	Next Week (June 4)
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	Luz and John F	No Greeters – Brunch and Hymns at Pullen Park
<b>Nursery</b>	Mary J and Ruth R	No Nursery – Brunch and Hymns at Pullen Park
<b>Sharing</b>	Brenda NM	
<b>Sound</b>	Stephen J	N/A – Brunch and Hymns at Pullen Park
<b>Bulletin</b>	Joanna J	Claude K
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Hans Linnartz, David R	Rosene R
<b>Speaker</b>	Melissa F-B	N/A – Brunch and Hymns at Pullen Park

## Raleigh Mennonite Church

May 28, 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	Rosene and David R
Welcome & Announcements	Stephen J
Invitation to Worship	Hans L and David R
Screen	Lord, I lift your name on high
HWB 267	Christ has arisen
Prayer	David R
Scripture	<a href="#">Luke 24:44-53</a> Stephen M
STS 110	Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!
Poem	" <a href="#">The Slip</a> " by Wendell Berry Pam B
STJ 54	Longing for light
Scripture	<a href="#">Acts 1:1-11</a> Lowell M
Poem	" <a href="#">Ascension</a> " by Kathleen Norris Rosene R
HWB 25	Jesus, stand among us <i>Children are invited to Nursery</i>

## Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Sermon	<a href="#">But you will see me</a> Melissa F-B
Song of Response	STS 39 Will you come and follow me
Sharing and Prayer	Brenda NM

## Sending to Serve

Benediction	Jan Richardson Melissa F-B
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