

## ***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.*

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

**Scripture Readings for Next Week:** In preparation for next Sunday's worship, you are encouraged to read the following Lectionary texts: [Genesis 25:19-34](#); [Psalm 119:105-112](#); [Romans 8:1-11](#); [Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23](#).

## **Prayer concerns:**

This year's tranSend training begins tomorrow and continues over the next two weeks. Pray that this orientation will prepare and equip each tranSender for future service around the world.

## **Announcements:**

- **Summer Worship Time** – In July & August, Sunday School does not meet. Sunday worship services begin at **10:00 a.m.**
- **7% Giving - Matching Gifts** - A generous, anonymous donor will match additional gifts designated for 7% Giving up to \$3,000. This additional money would be given to the fourteen 2016-17 entities in the same proportion as used with 2016-17 **7% Giving**. (This is **not** additional money for the 2017-18 entities.) If you would like to make such a contribution: Write "**7% Giving Match**" on the memo line of your check on or before Sunday, July 30. Special gifts, with this match could increase 7% Giving by as much as \$6,000.
- **It is 7% Giving Input time.** RMC allocates 7% of General Fund Contributions among non-profit organizations with which we work and volunteer. This year we have 11 entities on our list! This is to invite your input on how we'll allocate 7% of contributions next year - Sept '17 through Aug '18. All RMC members and regular participants are welcome to participate. Hardcopy scoring sheets are in your mailboxes today. A few hardcopies of the Entity Descriptions are on the "back table." Please submit your Scoring Sheet either electronically or hardcopy to Al Reberg on or before Sunday, August 6
- **Giving Plans** - Each year your Stewardship Commission invites each of us to prepare a confidential estimate of expected financial contributions to RMC during the next fiscal year. Giving Plan Packets for FY 2017-18 were placed in your mailboxes.
- Stewardship Commission reports that **contributions to the RMC General Fund through June**, the first ten months of the fiscal year, **totaled \$132,715**. Note that this is slightly over the budget-projected contributions of \$131,893. 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.
- **Budget Input** - Your Stewardship Commission (June, Dennis Lowell & Al) is now constructing a proposed budget. Your input is welcome. Contact a member of your Stewardship Commission - - *June A, Dennis B, Lowell M & Al R*

RMC receives a **public offering** once each month (Second Sunday of the month for July & August); at other times gifts may be placed in the oak

offering box on the back table.

**Upcoming Events**

Women's Meeting at Julia's house July 10  
Brunch And Hymns, Pullen Park August 6  
Finger Food Fellowship Meal August 27  
Church Life Meeting August 27  
Intergenerational Retreat, Chestnut Ridge Camp November 3-5

**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)*

June A July 12  
Claire U and Ben H July 12  
Joanna and Stephen J July 13  
Mauricio Ch July 16

	<b>Today (July 9)</b>	<b>Next Week (July 16)</b>
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Luz and John F	Dennis and Kathy B
<b>Nursery</b>	Mary J, Marva K, Anne Hope C	Rosene R, Joanna J
<b>Sharing</b>	Brenda NM	Melissa F-B
<b>Sound</b>	Stan NM	Stephen J
<b>Bulletin</b>	Ruth R	Ruth R
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Brenda NM	Joy W
<b>Speaker</b>	Hans L	Melissa F-B

# Raleigh Mennonite Church

July 9, 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.

### Gathering for Worship

10:00 a.m.

Prelude	When love is found	Vocal Ensemble
Welcome & Announcements		Stephen J
Call to Worship		Brenda NM
Screen	<a href="#">Song of Solomon 2:8-13</a>	
Songs of Praise		Worship Team
WB 12	Come, let us all unite to sing	
Screen	10,000 Reasons	
Prayer of Confession		
Song	Screen	Obey my voice
Offering		
Song	WB 397	God loves all his many people <i>(Children invited to nursery)</i>

### Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading		
Screen	<a href="#">Psalm 45:11-16</a> , <a href="#">Song of Solomon 2:8-13</a> , <a href="#">Zechariah 9:9-11</a>	
Sermon	<a href="#">A Devine Comety</a>	Hans L
Song of Response		
WB 623	When love is found	
Sharing and Prayer		Brenda NM

### Sending to Serve

Benediction