

## ***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 28:10-19a](#); [Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24](#); [Romans 8:12-25](#); [Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43](#).

## **Prayer concerns:**

As weekly Kids Club programs continue in the Shenandoah Valley throughout the summer, pray for each child's heart to be receptive to the gospel and for sufficient volunteers to share God's love.

## **Announcements:**

- **Summer Worship Time** – In July & August, Sunday School does not meet. Sunday worship services begin at **10:00 a.m.**
- **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
- 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 for Sept '17 through Aug '18. Your input is welcome. Contact a member of your Stewardship Commission - - *June Adamio, Dennis Boos, Lowell Miller & Al Reberg*

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

Brunch And Hymns, Pullen Park	August 6
Women's Meeting, Mary Jo 's house	August 14
Finger Food Fellowship Meal	August 27
Church Life Meeting	August 27
<a href="#">Intergenerational Retreat, Chestnut Ridge Camp</a>	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)

Mauricio Ch	July 16
Kim and Michael B	July 18
Kathleen Is	July 20

	Today (July 16)	Next Week (July 23)
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	Dennis and Kathy B	Al and Ruth R
<b>Nursery</b>	Joanna J, Ruth R	Dennis and Kathy B
<b>Sharing</b>	Melissa F-B	Al R
<b>Sound</b>	Stephen J	Joe J
<b>Bulletin</b>	Ruth R	Ruth R
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Joy W	Debbie B and Rosene R
<b>Speaker</b>	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B

# Raleigh Mennonite Church

July 16, 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	Medley of Hymns	Instrumental Ensemble
Welcome & Announcements		Stephen J
Call to Worship	Screen	Joy W
Opening Songs		Worship Team
	WB 6	Here in this place
	SJ 4	You got a place
Confession	Screen	Joy W
Song	WB 143	Amazing Grace
	<i>(Children are invited to go to nursery)</i>	

## Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading

[Genesis 25: 19-34](#)

[Hebrews 11: 17-22](#)

Chris H

Sermon

Melissa F-B

Special Music

Beautiful Things

Sharing and Prayer

Joy W

## Sending to Serve

Benediction

SJ 78 Sizohamba naye (We will walk with God)