

## ***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.

## **Prayer concerns:**

Pray that God will raise up more workers to join the J. and M. W. family as they minister through business as mission in Central Asia. Ask God to reveal His truth to those in Central Asia who are spiritually hungry.

## **Announcements:**

- Please join us today for a **Finger Food Fellowship Meal** after the worship service and before our church life meeting. Hospitality asks that those with last names starting with the letters K-Z help with setting

up tables and chairs before the meal as well as assist with clean up afterwards.

- Lois, Freddy and Craig (and others for our annual Christmas Party at Parkview) have been involved with Parkview Manor (a senior housing development down the street from the church at 911 N Blount St.) for the past several years. Craig is coordinating a dinner party there on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. On Parkview's end will be around 20 ladies involved in their "Neighborhood Network" – a group who we've supported in their Food Bank efforts for a few years. It will last from 6-8 and it will be a potluck and some games. These ladies are wonderful and you'll be blessed to be around their fun spirits.
- Next Sunday we resume **our winter schedule**: Sunday School at 9:30 am and Worship at 10:30.
- **Scripture Readings**: In preparation for next Sunday's worship service (Sept. 3), you are encouraged to read the following Lectionary texts: [Exodus 3:1-15](#); [Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b](#); Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.
- After our summer hiatus, **new adult classes** will be starting next week! See the class descriptions below, and tell Karin S which class you plan to attend.

**Class on Joy** - Explore insights and practices for nurturing happiness and peace in a stressful world, inspired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and His Holiness, the Dalai Lama. It evolves from "The Book of Joy", there will be copies of the book if you want to follow along; but you can benefit from the class without reading. [led by Pam B and Todd ]

**Scripture into Art** - We'll read lectionary scriptures together two weeks in advance of worship, then reflect and create something during the week (photography, painting, poetry, litany, sculpture, whatever!). We'll share those creations with each other the next Sunday, and hopefully find a way to tie them in with our worship service the following week. [organized by Karin S

- **November 3-5 is our annual Intergenerational Retreat.** This year we will be retreating at Camp Chestnut Ridge near Efland. Here is a brief description of our program for the weekend. An email has been sent out with a link to the sign-up doc and with the brochure attached with schedule and particulars.

## **"Shall we gather at the river, the beautiful river"**

The life of our church is like a river - always flowing, on the move, changing yet constant, picking up new life along the way as others pass through. This year we gather to give our attention to the life of our church. Where have we been? Who are we now? What is God making us into?

- ❖ Session 1: The Headwaters

