

## ***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
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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 tranSenders Jim and Pam Beachy, who arrived in Albania last month to work at the Lezha Academic Center. Pray for a good transition to a new culture, city, language, and school.

## **Announcements:**

- **Scripture Readings:** In preparation for next Sunday's worship service (Sept. 17), you are encouraged to read [Genesis 21:1-3](#) and [Genesis 22:1-14](#).
- **Stewardship Commission** reports that contributions to the RMC General Fund through August, our full fiscal year, totaled \$153,902. Note that this is slightly under the budget-projected contributions of \$158,272 for the year. 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.
- **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 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 - What makes us the water of our shared life? What are the headwaters, the shared Scriptures, songs, and spiritual influences, from which we emerge?
  - ❖ Session 2: Along the River Bed - RMC has flowed on for three decades. Together we'll explore the still places of growth and the rapids of challenge that have greeted us along the way.
  - ❖ Session 3: Where will the River Flow? - Our church life flows on with new energy, challenges, and hopes ahead. Through our worship, we'll discern where God is sending us into the future as we see and experience the faithfulness of the one who called our community into being.

RMC receives a **public offering** once each month (First Sunday of the month); at other times gifts may be placed in the oak offering box on the back table.

## Upcoming Events

Women's meeting at Rose T's Sept 11  
 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)

Hans L	Sep 10
Rachel T	Sep 10
Laurie and Paul N	Sep 11
Seth B	Sep 12
Adele (Della) B	Sep 14
Sarah B	Sep 16

## Adult Sunday School classes, Fall quarter (Sept-Nov)

Class on Joy - Room #6  
 Scripture into Art - Room #2

	Today (Sept 10)	Next Week (Sept 17)
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Sara Ch & Brenda H	Kim B and Anne C
<b>Nursery</b>	Kathy and Dennis B	Anne C and Brenda H
<b>Sharing</b>	Rachel T	Melissa F-B
<b>Sound</b>	Joe JF-B	Marc SF-B
<b>Bulletin</b>	Joanna JF-B	Joanna JF-B
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Rosene R	Rachel T, Rosene R
<b>Speaker</b>	Melissa F-B	Rachel T

## Raleigh Mennonite Church

September 10, 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	"Christ be Beside Me"	Pam B
Welcome & Announcements		Stephen JF-B
Call to Worship	Screen	Rosene R
Songs of Praise		
	WB 112 O Lord, our Lord	
	Screen Awaken the Dawn	
Poem (based on Genesis 1)		Lowell Mi
Song	WB 46 I Sing the Mighty Power	
Prayer of Confession/Words of Assurance		Rosene R
Song	WB 414 God, who Stretched	
	<i>(Children invited to nursery)</i>	

### Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Church Creations		Anne C
Scripture Reading	<a href="#">Genesis 1 – 2:4</a>	Readers' Theater
<a href="#">Sermon</a>		Melissa F-B
Song of Response	WB 57 Come & Give Thanks	
Sharing and Prayer		Rachel T
Preparation for Communion	Screen	Rosene R

### Sending to Serve

Benediction Litany	Screen	Rosene R
Song	WB 434 Thuma mina	