

## ***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 A, 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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## **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 tranSender Chris Beck, who serves as the volunteer coordinator for Love INC in Waynesboro, Va., will find effective ways to raise awareness of the need for volunteers and to recruit and retain volunteers.

## **Announcements:**

- **Scripture Readings:** Scripture Readings: In preparation for next Sunday's worship service (Sept. 24), you are encouraged to read [Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23](#) and [Genesis 28:10-17](#).
- The **Women's Lectio Divina** Bible study meets on Thursday mornings from 7:15 to 8:30 at Karin S's house in North Raleigh. Please contact Karin or Joanna J if you have questions or would like to join our group!
- **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

Church Life Meeting October 22  
 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)

Virginia S Sep 17  
 Leslie F and Louis S Sep 17  
 Paul Ne Sep 20

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

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

	Today (Sept 17)	Next Week (Sept 24)
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	Kim B and Anne C	Rose Tr and Mary J
<b>Nursery</b>	Anne C and Brenda H	Brenda H and Karin S
<b>Sharing</b>	June A	Joy W
<b>Sound</b>	Marc Segre	Stan North-Martin
<b>Bulletin</b>	Joanna J	Joanna J
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Rachel T, Rosene R	Brenda NM
<b>Speaker</b>	Rachel T	Melissa F-B

## Raleigh Mennonite Church

September 17, 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 Kim B & Rosene R

Welcome & Announcements Stephen J

Songs of Praise

Screen I Will Call Upon the Lord

Screen Great is Thy Faithfulness

Screen Be Still and Know

Prayer Rosene R

Scripture Reading Screen

Song WB 162 The God of Abraham Praise

Affirmation of Faith Screen

Song Screen Speak, O Lord

*(Children invited to nursery)*

### Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Church Creations Anne C

Scripture Reading [Genesis 21:1-2; 22:1-14](#) Rachel D

Sermon Rachel T

Song Songsheet Bread of Life

Communion Rachel T

Sharing and Prayer June A

### Sending to Serve

Song Screen Benediction/The Lord Lift You Up