

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
RMC Website	www.raleighmennonite.org
Email for announcements	bulletin@raleighmennonite.org
Email slides or videos to be projected	AV@raleighmennonite.org

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:

From October 6-18, eleven community members and VM Missions staff members will explore opportunities for business as mission in the Balkans and Central Asia regions. Ask for safe travels. Pray for the group as they meet and encourage VM Missions workers and see VM Missions ministries.

Announcements:

- **Scripture Readings:** In preparation for next Sunday's worship service (Oct 8), you are encouraged to read Exodus 16:1-18.
- There will be a **Potluck Fellowship Meal** on Sunday, Oct 1, after the worship service. Bring a dish to share and stay for some delicious food and great fellowship after worship. Hospitality asks that those with last names starting with the letters A-J help with setting up tables and chairs before the meal as well as assist with clean up afterwards.
- **Stewardship Commission** reports that contributions to the RMC General Fund through September, the first month of the fiscal year, totaled \$11,379. Note that this is under the budget-projected contributions of \$13,898. 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.
- Join an RMC group for the **"Yam Jam" (sweet potato gleaning) on October 21 from 8:30am-1pm**. With increasing levels of hunger around the Triangle area and beyond, this gleaning organized by Society of St. Andrew is a huge benefit to the Food Bank and other agencies. RSVP to Karin Shank, kjshank@gmail.com if you plan to join us, or have any questions. Children, friends and neighbors are welcome to join the fun!
- Eastern Carolina District is planning a **mission project for rebuilding at Princeville, NC on October 26-28**. Housing will be available for those going over for the project. Contact Claude at cldeme@aim.com to be added to the list. There is something for any skill level.
- The **Women's Lectio Divina** Bible study meets on Thursday mornings from 7:15 to 8:30 at Karin Shank's house in North Raleigh. Please contact Karin Shank or Joanna J if you have questions or would like to join our group!
- **November 3-5 is our annual Intergenerational Retreat** at Camp Chestnut Ridge near Efland; our theme is **"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?

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

Potluck Fellowship Meal	October 1
Women's meeting at Joyce M's	October 9
"Yam Jam" Sweet Potato Gleaning 8:30am-1pm	October 21
Church Life Meeting	October 22
Work Days at Princeville	October 26-28
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

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

Class on Joy - Room #5
Scripture into Art - Room #2

	Today (Oct 1)	Next Week (Oct 8)
Greeter/Usher	Ruth and Al R	Deb Wr and Chrys B
Nursery	Kathy and Dennis B	Joanna J, Peggy M
Sharing	Brenda North-Martin	Al R
Sound	John F	Joe Jo
Bulletin	Joanna J	Claude K
Worship Coordinator	Debbie B and Rosene R	Joy W
Speaker	Joy W	Melissa F-B

Raleigh Mennonite Church

October 1, 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

Welcome & Announcements Stephen J

Call to Worship Debbie B

Songs

WB 395 Here I am Lord

WB 389 Take My Life

WB 164 When Israel was in Egypt's Land

Offering

SJ 54 Longing for Light

Song This Little Light of Mine

(Children invited to nursery)

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Church Creations Anne C

Scripture Reading and Poems [Exodus 2:23-25, 3:1-15, 4:10-17](#)

Sermon Joy W

Sharing (including Art) and Prayer Brenda NM

Sending to Serve

Benediction Debbie B

WB 486 God of our Life