

### **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:**

Praise God for Dini and Klementina Shahini as they celebrate their 35th anniversary tomorrow in Albania. Pray for Dini as he attends a conference this week representing the Albanian Mennonite Mission foundation. Pray for Klementina as she travels to the U.S. next week to promote the Lezha Academic Center, recruit teachers, and raise funds.

### **Announcements:**

- **Scripture Readings:** In preparation for next Sunday's worship service (Oct 22), you are encouraged to read [1 Samuel 16:1-13](#) and [Psalm 51:10-14](#).

- There will be a Finger Food Fellowship Meal on Sunday, Oct 22, after the worship service and before our CLM. 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 K-L help with setting up tables and chairs before the meal as well as assist with clean up afterwards.
- 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](mailto:cldeme@aim.com) to be added to the list. There is something for any skill level.
- **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?

### • **Guns to Garden Tools** - Nov 12

Join us as we share in RAW Tools mission to meld guns into garden tools

10:30 - Worship in honor of those impacted by gun violence

12-4 pm

- Melding handguns into garden tools
- Art fair and raffle
- Food truck
- Children's Project

### • **Upcoming webinar** answers questions about Medicare

Most people approaching retirement age have questions about Medicare. An upcoming webinar presented by Everence Financial will provide answers. Medicare made easy will be presented on Monday, Oct. 16, at 3 and 8:30 p.m. Specific topics will include Medicare plans, eligibility, deadlines and costs plus enrollment details. The webinar will be presented by Jim Smith, Everence Financial Services Representative. To register, visit [everence.com/MedicareMadeEasy](http://everence.com/MedicareMadeEasy) or contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054, ext. 3392 or [melissa.short@everence.com](mailto:melissa.short@everence.com). [Lowell Miller, Everence Advocate]

- Save the date! **Women's Beach Retreat** will be April 27-30 next spring. We have rented the same house as last year and look forward to another fun weekend walking on the beach, playing games, swimming in the pool and doing whatever you want! More details in January.

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  
 Work Days at Princeville October 26-28  
 Intergenerational Retreat, Chestnut Ridge Camp November 3-5  
 Guns to Garden tools November 12  
 Womens Beach retreat April 27-30, 2018

**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)

Zinith B October 16  
 Joe J October 17  
 Truman H October 20  
 Stephen J October 22

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

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

	<b>Today (Oct 15)</b>	<b>Next Week (Oct 22)</b>
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Alyssa C and June A	Mary J and Zinith B
<b>Nursery</b>	Kathy B, Dennis B	Anne C, Karin S
<b>Sharing</b>	Rachel T	Melissa F-B
<b>Sound</b>	Marc S	Liz S
<b>Bulletin</b>	Claude K	Claude K
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Hans & David	Chrys B
<b>Speaker</b>	Jon Mark	Melissa F-B

**Raleigh Mennonite Church**

**October 15, 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  
 Honoring God with our Voices Hans Li & David R  
 SJ 125 Call to Worship  
 WB 521 Come thou fount of every blessing  
 Prayer  
 Screen Shine, Jesus, Shine  
 SJ 59 Confitemini Domino  
 Screen [Psalm 32](#)  
 Screen Open the eyes of my heart  
*(Children are invited to nursery)*  
 Hearing and Responding to God's Word  
 Church Creations Anne C  
 Scripture [1 Samuel 3:1-21](#) Ruth R  
 Lyrical Reflections Lowell M and Joy S  
 Sermon [The Calling of Samuel](#) Jon Mark  
 SJ 95 I want to walk as a child of the light  
 Sharing and Prayer Rachel T  
 Screen Communion Preparation Hans  
 Sending to Serve  
 WB 105 Christ we do all adore thee