

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	Chris H, David R, Karin S, & 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	AV@raleighmennonite.org

Children in Worship

Children are encouraged and celebrated in worship. Worship Craft materials are available for use during the service. Nursery is available mid-way through the service for children up to kindergarten. To use our nursery, staffed by volunteers who have undergone our Safe Church Training, meet at the back of the room during the hymn prior to the sermon.

For children and youth who remain in worship, a Church Creation project will be introduced and materials provided. Church Creations are designed to complement the day's scripture reading or another worship theme. While Church Creations are designed with children and youth in mind, adults are invited to participate as materials are available.

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.

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

Prayer Concerns for Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS)

Please pray for volunteers arriving in Puerto Rico this weekend. Remember them as they serve in Ponce and Guavate. MDS is also working with engineers to draw up designs to be used for the repairs and rebuilds happening on the island.

This February, MDS will hold the All Unit Meeting in Winkler Manitoba. We ask that you pray for binational staff planning this event.

During this winter season, please lift up the homeowners we work with as they continue to adjust to life after experiencing a natural disaster and pray for good health for our leadership volunteers and their families as they serve at MDS projects.

Upcoming Events

Fellowship meal & Church Life Meeting	January 21
February Fellowship Meal	February 4
Women's meeting at Mary J's	February 12
Women's beach retreat	April 27-30

- There will be a **Finger Food Fellowship Meal** today after the worship service and before our Church Life Meeting. Hospitality asks that those with last names starting with the letters L - Z help with setting up tables and chairs before the meal as well as assist with clean up afterwards.
- **Prayers for Hope** On Thursday, January 26, we have the opportunity to offer prayers for all stakeholders at Hope Elementary and Growing Together Schools. Let's also remember the neighborhood children and families. Please take time to pray during the day as the Spirit inspires you.
- Our **February** Fellowship Meal will be on Sun, Feb 4. Plan to bring a dish to share and stay for some food and fellowship after the service.
- The **RMC Prayer Team** is at work praying for our community of believers. If at any time you are in need of prayer support, please reach out to one of our team members to support you. We are available by phone or email during the week, and we can pray with you at church on Sundays. Please contact any of the Prayer Team members: Luz F, Brenda NM, Hans L, Stephen J or John F. *All prayer support will remain private unless otherwise requested.*

Raleigh Mennonite Church
January 21, 2018

- **Contribution Statements:** Your 2017 Contribution Statement (sometimes called a tax receipt) is **in your mailbox** now. Please contact Treasurer, Al R, if you have any questions about it.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please contact the bulletin team at bulletin@raleighmennonite.org.

Deborah W	January 24
Pam B	January 25
Claude Kr	January 25

Adult Sunday School classes, Winter quarter (Dec - Feb)

- Sex, Gender, and the Sacred Story - Room #2
- Evangelism Revisited – Room #5

	Today (January 21)	Next Week (Jan. 28)
Greeter/ Usher	Al and Ruth R	Clair U
Nursery	Karin S and Joanna J	Duane B and Peggy M
Sharing	Rachel T	Brenda NM
Sound	John F	Liz Segre
Bulletin	Joanna J	Joanna J
Worship Coordinator	Melissa and Isaac	Chrys B
Speaker	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B

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.**

Mennonite World Conference in 2017	Video
Welcome & Announcements	Stephen JB
Opening Song	Chrys B

WB 6 Here in this place

Call to Worship

SJ 135 Hispanic Creed

Songs

SJ 78 Sizohamba naye (We will walk with God)

SJ 54 Longing for Light

Prayers for the European Mennonite Church

Songs

SS 40 Som'landela (We Will Follow)
(Children are invited to nursery)

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading	John 2:13-25	Spanish: Mauricio Ch
		English: Anne Hope C

Sermon	Radical Communion	Melissa F-B
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Global Anabaptist Communion

Song	SJ 84	Jesus, offered up as bread	Chrys B
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Song	Insert	Bendice Senor Nuestros Pan
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Sharing and Prayer	Rachel T
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Sending to Serve

Benediction	German Mennonite Hymnal	Isaac V
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