

## 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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Servant Leaders	Chris H, David R, Karin S, & Rachel T
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Mailing address	P.O. Box 25545, Raleigh NC 27611
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Facebook	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/raleighmennonite">www.facebook.com/raleighmennonite</a>
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## 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)

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

February Fellowship Meal	February 4
Women's meeting at Mary J's	February 12
Women's beach retreat	April 27-30

- Our **February Fellowship Meal** will be on Feb. 4th after service. Plan to bring a dish to share and stay to enjoy food and fellowship after worship. Hospitality asks those with last names starting with A- K to help set up tables and assist with clean up afterwards.
- The **Women's Beach Retreat** is planned for April 27-30. Sue Segre is taking \$50 deposits and looking for others to help plan. Total cost will be about \$125 but scholarships are available if it's not in your budget this year. We will be in the same awesome oceanfront house with pool as last year- hope to see you there!
- 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 Frye, Brenda NM, Hans Linnartz, Stephen J or John Frye. *All prayer support will remain private unless otherwise requested.*
- **Contribution Statements:** Your 2017 Contribution Statement (sometimes called a tax receipt) is **in your mailbox** now. Please contact Treasurer, Al Reberg, 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](mailto:bulletin@raleighmennonite.org).

**Raleigh Mennonite Church**

**January 28, 2018**

Craig H

January 30

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

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

	<b>Today (January 28)</b>	<b>Next Week (Feb. 4)</b>
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Clair U	Kim B and Peggy M
<b>Nursery</b>	Duane B and Peggy M	Anne and Dave C Mary J
<b>Sharing</b>	Brenda NM	Rachel T
<b>Sound</b>	Liz Segre	Sean BI
<b>Bulletin</b>	Joanna J	Claude K
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Chrys B	Rosene R
<b>Speaker</b>	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.**

Prelude "I Will Rise" Nate S

Welcome & Announcements Stephen J

Call to Worship (Screen)

**Raising Our Voices**

*Take me to the water (Filling the fountain)* (SJ 83)

*Oh Lord Our Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name* (WB 112)

*Awake Arise, O sing a new song* (WB 56)

*(Children are invited to nursery.)*

**Confessing**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* (Screen)

**Hearing and Responding to God's Word**

Scripture: [John 3:1-21](#)

Sermon [Born of Waters and the Spirit](#) Melissa F-B

*As I went down to the River to Pray* (SJ 79)

Sharing & Prayer Brenda NM

**Sending Forth**

*Water Has Held Us* (SJ 82)