

## 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
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Instagram	<a href="http://www.instagram.com/raleighmennonite">www.instagram.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, Accessible Restroom

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.

An accessible, gender-neutral bathroom is available near the front entrance.

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.

## Mennonite Mission network (Prayer vine)

SOOP volunteers from Indiana, Kansas and Oregon are serving in El Dorado, Arkansas, this month. Pray for them as they work with children and senior citizens, Habitat for Humanity, and a soup kitchen, as well as helping with tasks at Faith Community Church.

## Upcoming Events

Men's beach retreat	March 23-25
Women's beach retreat	April 27-30

## Announcements

- **RMC Men - Interested in a Men's Beach Weekend?** We are looking at the weekend of March 23-25. See Stan or Al, for more info.
- The **By Laws team** is looking for feedback on proposed structural changes to our church. In addition to the survey, we'd like to invite you participate in one of two focus groups for discussion about proposals that arose from individual meetings and surveys. Both groups will be held after worship for approximately an hour, and held in one of the classrooms. Dates: Feb 25 or March 4. Please let Melissa know if you are able to attend.
- The **Women's Beach Retreat** is planned for April 27-30. Sue S 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! Women's Beach Retreat planned for April 27-30 is almost full. See Sue S if you would like to sleep on a couch or the floor or if you want to be on a waiting list for a bed.
- **Prayers for Hope:** On Thursday, February 22, we have the opportunity to offer prayers for all stakeholders at Hope Elementary and Growing Together Schools. Let's also mber the neighborhood children and families.
- **Electronic Giving Options:** While we want to continue to encourage community and meaningful, worshipful offerings, we also recognize that electronic transactions are becoming the norm for many. If you'd like to learn more about

RRMC's electronic giving options, contact Treasurer, Al , for details.

- The **Spring Sunday School Quarter** begins in March through May. All are welcome, here are the two new classes that will be offered. Please respond to Karin S, to let her know which class you plan to attend, and whether you will need a book.

[Tokens of Trust: An introduction to Christian belief](#) - Addressing perplexities such as the possibility of miracles and how to read the Bible, Rowan Williams demonstrates that each of the basic tenets of Christian faith flows from one fundamental belief: that God is completely worthy of our trust. Led by Melissa F-B.

[The Very Good Gospel: How everything wrong can be made right](#) - What can we do to bring shalom to our nations, our communities, and our souls? Through a careful exploration of biblical text, particularly the first three chapters of Genesis, Lisa Sharon Harper shows us what “very good” can look like today, even after the Fall. Led by Karin Shank.

**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).

Judy S February 19

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

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

	Today (Feb. 18)	Next Week (Feb 25)
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	Zinith B & Deb W	Alyssa C and Mary J
<b>Nursery</b>	Kathy & Dennis B	Rosene R, Marva Kr
<b>Sharing</b>	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B
<b>Sound</b>	Marc S	Stan NM
<b>Bulletin</b>	Claude Kr	Claude Kr
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Brenda NM	Hans & David
<b>Speaker</b>	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B

**Raleigh Mennonite Church**

**February 18, 2018**

**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**

**9:30am**

**Gathering for Worship**

**10:30 a.m.**

Prelude	SS 121	Nothing is lost	Instrument Ensemble
Welcome & Announcements			Stephen J
Call to Worship		Screen	Brenda NM
Song of praise	Screen	All my days	Worship Team
Scripture reading		<a href="#">Psalm 142</a>	
Song	WB 585	In your sickness	
Prayer of Confession			
Words of Assurance			
Song	Screen	O, the deep, deep love	
Song	Screen	I am the resurrection, and the life	

*(Children are invited to leave for nursery)*

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

Church creations		Anne C
Scripture reading	<a href="#">John 11:1-44</a> WB 562	Nada te turbe
First cloth removed from the cross		
Sermon	<a href="#">Remember that you are dust...</a>	Melissa F-B
Song	SS 111	For me to live is Christ
ShariNM Prayer		Brenda NM
Preparation for Communion	Screen	

**Sending to Serve**

Benediction		Brenda NM
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