

## 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 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)

The Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia continues to grow rapidly. Pray for the 310,877 baptized members in more than 1,000 congregations who share the good news of Jesus despite opposition from Orthodox and Muslim neighbors. Ask God to provide leaders for the churches and safe places to worship.

## Upcoming Events

Men's beach retreat	March 23-25
Maundy Thursday with RMC Dinner Groups (meal & foot washing)	March 29
Good Friday Tenebrae Service at church, 7 pm	March 30
Easter Sunday - Breakfast at 9:15 am; Worship at 10:30 am	April 1
Church Life Meeting	April 8
Women's beach retreat	April 27-30

## Announcements

- **RMC Men** - Interested in a Men's Beach Weekend? There are still one or two more spots available for the Men's Beach Weekend March 23-25. Let Stan or Al know if you're interested.
- **Food for Thought** is looking for small berry containers to help with their distribution. You can drop those off in the church basement kitchen on Sundays.

**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 RMC's electronic giving options, contact Treasurer, Al Reberg, for details.

- **We encourage everyone to participate in these Holy Week events as a way to intentionally follow Jesus' journey to the cross.**
- **Maundy Thursday (March 29)** - RMC Dinner Groups gather in homes for a simple meal and foot washing.
- **Good Friday (March 30, 7:00 pm at church) - Tenebrae Service** (Service of Darkness) as we follow Jesus' journey to the cross through songs and scripture while the room gradually darkens.

Easter Sunday (April 1, 9:15 breakfast; 10:30 worship) - We will share a fellowship meal before the worship service (no Sunday School classes). Breakfast will begin at 9:15 in the upstairs kitchen. Please bring a breakfast dish to share (casserole, pastries, fruit, cheese, etc.) and join us in fellowship as we celebrate this joyous day of LIFE! (*Note to children/parents: The children are invited to join in an Easter egg hunt toward the end of breakfast; meet at 9:45 in the playground.*)

- 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 S.

### 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).

Jeff Mountz February 24

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

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

	Today (Feb. 25)	Next Week (March 4)
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	Alyssa C and Mary J	
<b>Nursery</b>	Rosene R, Marva Kremer	
<b>Sharing</b>	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B
<b>Sound</b>	Stan Martin	John Fry
<b>Bulletin</b>	Claude Kremer	Ruth Reberg
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Hans & David	Chrys Brown
<b>Speaker</b>	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B

## Raleigh Mennonite Church

February 25, 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

Welcome & Announcements

Stephen J

### Honoring God with our Voices

Hans L& David R

WB 459 I come with joy to meet my Lord (verses 1-4)

Prayer

Hans

WB 306 In Christ there is no East or West

Screen Servant King

Scripture Reading: [John 13:1-17](#)

Zinith Barbee

WB 449 Jesus took a towel

Introduction to Blessing the Children

Melissa F-B

WB 427 You shall go out with joy

(Children invited to receive a blessing and attend nursery)

### Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Church Creations

Anne C

Sermon

[Making the Ordinary Extraordinary](#)

Melissa

WB 307

Servant Song (Dance)

Janet Fields & Craig Herb

Communion

Melissa

WB 454

Seed, scattered and sown

WB 463

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Sharing & Prayer

Rachel Taylor

### Sending to Build Community

WB 459

I come with joy to meet my Lord (verse 5)