

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, Accessible Restroom

Hearing enhancement devices are available at the A/V table. Even if you do not have a hearing problem, the devices 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)

Katrina Kniss and Joanna Loepp Thiessen are serving with Mennonite Voluntary Service in San Antonio, Texas. Pray for them as they enhance the ministry of San Antonio Mennonite Church through work with RAICES, a nonprofit law firm that advocates for immigrants (Katrina), and with Catholic Charities (Joanna).

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Women's Monday lunch, 1:00 pm TGIF	March 12
Men's beach retreat	March 23-25
Maundy Thursday Dinner Groups (meal & foot washing)	March 29
Good Friday Tenebrae Service at church, 7 pm	March 30
Easter Sunday - Breakfast and Worship, starting 9:15am	April 1
Church Life Meeting	April 8
Women's beach retreat	April 27-30

The **2nd Monday Night Women's Meeting** is now the **2nd Monday Lunch**. We will meet the second Monday of every month at 1:00 PM for lunch at the TGIF restaurant [4209 Wake Forest Rd](https://www.tgif.com/). All women are invited

We encourage everyone to participate in these Holy Week events as we intentionally follow Jesus' journey to the cross.

- **Maundy Thursday** (March 29: 6:30pm) - Gather in homes (two locations) for a simple meal (soup, bread, fruit), communion (as part of the meal) and optional hand or footwashing. You are welcome to join either group. Please RSVP to the hosts, so they can plan accordingly.
 - David & Rosene R home.
 - Stan & Brenda NM home.
- **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! Also bring single stem flowers (longish stems are best) to decorate the cross. *(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.)*
- **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.

Our next step for our involvement with Industrial Areas Foundation is to have 10-15 people in our congregation attend a training on the basic of broad-based community organizing. Please let Melissa know if you can attend one of these sessions:

- **March 12, 2018:** Cary First Christian Church 7-9PM <https://www.caryfirst.org/>
- **March 15, 2018:** Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church 7-9 PM <https://www.stambroseraleigh.org/>
- **March 17, 2018:** Baptist Grove Church 10-12 PM <https://baptist-grovechurch.org>

Interested in a RMC 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.

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 R, for details.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

Adult Sunday School classes, Spring quarter (March - May)

Very Good Gospel – Room #2

Tokens of Trust – Room #5

	Today (Mar 11)	Next Week (March 18)
Greeter/ Usher	Luz and John F	Al and Ruth R
Nursery	Duane B and Peggy M	Anne and Dave C
Sharing	Brenda NM	Rachel T
Sound	Stan NM	Sean B
Bulletin	Ruth R	Ruth R
Worship Coordinator	Brenda NM	Rosene R
Speaker	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B

Raleigh Mennonite Church

March 11, 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

Praise and Worship

Call to Worship Screen Psalm 145:10-13 Will K
Brenda NM

Opening songs Worship Team

Screen God of Wonders

STS 65 Abre mis ojos (Open my eyes)

Confession of Faith

WB 712 The Nicene Creed

Song WB 129 Fire of God, undying flame

Song Screen Speak, O Lord

(Children invited to attend nursery)

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Church Creations Rachel T

Scripture John 18: 28-40 Kari and Chris H
Dave C Brenda NM

(Fourth cloth removed from the cross)

Song Strange fruit – sung by Billie Holliday

Sermon The Banality of Evil Melissa F-B

Song of Response WB 589 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Sharing and Prayer Brenda NM

Sending Forth

Benediction Screen The Lord lift you up