

### **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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### **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.

### **Announcements**

At the last Church Life Meeting (April 8) we affirmed God calling us to a new way of **discerning leadership positions in the church**. This month, we're looking to fill four positions with this new model—**two Servant Leaders, a moderator, and a secretary**. If you believe someone you know is gifted for one of these roles, please speak to them and ask if they'd be open to being nominated. If that person agrees to be nominated, please notify Melissa, who will serve as moderator until these positions are determined at our next Church Life Meeting in June.

**Get to Know Mennonites** is a two-part exploration of Mennonite history, theology, and practice. Those considering membership in RMC are encouraged to participate. Part II will be held on Tuesday, April 17 at The Station on Person Street from 7:00-8:00 pm. (Part I was held last week.) Contact Melissa for more information.

The first big internal action for **Wake County broad-based community organizing efforts** will be held April 19, Thursday, from 7:00-8:30 pm at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Cary. This is an exciting time to hear stories about what's happening in Wake County, why we need an organization like this, and what the next steps are in the process. Those of us who went to the last leadership meeting committed to 25 people from RMC coming. This is also a great time to invite organizations and individuals who you think should have a seat at the table.

It's time to send out **care packages for our college students** to let them know we're thinking about them and praying for a great Finals Week. Kim B is collecting items for these packages. If you would like to contribute (candy, energy and snack bars, popcorn, fun gifts, anything that will fit in a large shoebox sized container), you may leave items with Kim today or next Sunday. Also, cards for well wishes are available on the back table for all to sign. If you have items to contribute but can't bring them to church by April 22, contact Kim to arrange pick up.

**RMC will host a table at the 8th annual Out!RALEIGH festival** (sponsored by the GLBT Center of Raleigh) on Saturday, May 5, from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. This family-friendly street festival draws thousands of people to Fayetteville Street in downtown Raleigh, and the event organizers are excited about having faith-based organizations participate. This will be an opportunity to share information about RMC and reach out to people at the festival who are looking for a welcoming church family. Besides sharing information about RMC, we'll be doing some hymn singing. You are invited to join the fun by helping with two-hour shifts at the table throughout the day. Contact Chrys B for more information.

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

Very Good Gospel – Room #2

Tokens of Trust – Room #5

	<b>Today (April 15)</b>	<b>Next Week (April 22)</b>
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Kim B and Duane B	Brenda H and Zinith B
<b>Nursery</b>	Anne C and Marva K	Rosene R and Peggy M
<b>Sharing</b>	Melissa F-B	Brenda NM
<b>Sound</b>	Marc Segre	Sean B
<b>Bulletin</b>	Pam B	Pam B
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Brenda NM	Rachel T
<b>Speaker</b>	Melissa F-B	Claire U

**Upcoming Events**

Get to Know Mennonites, Part II, 7:00-8:00 pm	April 17
Wake County Broad-based Organizing, 7:00-8:30 pm	April 19
Women's beach retreat	April 27-30
Out!RALEIGH Festival, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm	May 5

**Raleigh Mennonite Church**

**April 22, 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.*

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Gathering for Worship</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Prelude	
Welcome & Announcements	Stephen J
<b>Praise and Worship</b>	
Call to Worship	Screen Rachel T
StJ 18	Over My Head
Screen	This Little Light of Mine/We Are Marching in the Light of God
WB 446	Wade in the Water
Prayer of Confession	Screen
Words of Assurance	
StJ 4	You've Got a Place at the Welcome Table
<b>Hearing God's Word</b>	
Church Creations	Melissa F-B
Reader's Theater	<a href="#">Acts 16:16-34</a>
<i>(Children invited to nursery)</i>	
Sermon	<a href="#">Facing Imprisonment for Our Beliefs</a> Claire U
Sharing and Prayer	Brenda NM
<b>Sending to Build Community</b>	
Benediction	
<b>WB 546</b>	<b>Guide My Feet</b>