

### **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
Website	<a href="http://www.raleighmennonite.org">www.raleighmennonite.org</a>
Facebook	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/raleighmennonite">www.facebook.com/raleighmennonite</a>
Instagram	<a href="http://www.instagram.com/raleighmennonite">www.instagram.com/raleighmennonite</a>
Email for announcements	<a href="mailto:bulletin@raleighmennonite.org">bulletin@raleighmennonite.org</a>
<u>Email slides or videos to be projected</u>	<u><a href="mailto:AV@raleighmennonite.org">AV@raleighmennonite.org</a></u>

### **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**

Jason B coordinates the Peace and Justice Support Network. Pray for inspiration and wisdom as he provides resources to congregations and individuals who engage in nonviolent, active peacemaking. (Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Vine)

### **Announcements**

**Gifts Discernment** - RMC takes time each May to consider how our gifts and passions might be used in the coming year both within the church and in the broader community. We ask each person (high school and above, newcomers and old-timers!) to complete a gifts discernment form and return it to Joanna J, Rosene R, Debbie B, or Emily B **by May 30**. Check your email inbox for the electronic version or the link to respond online, or pick up hard copy on the back table at church. Feel free to contact anyone on the team if you have questions.

**A new process for choosing certain leadership roles** was affirmed at our last Church Life Meeting, in which we agreed to update our bylaws. We are seeking to fill the roles of Moderator, Secretary, and two Servant Leaders. We're hoping we can affirm nominations at our next CLM on June 10. If you sense that someone you know is gifted for one of these roles, please speak with them and ask if they'd be open to being nominated. If that person agrees to be nominated, please notify Melissa (temporarily serving as moderator). If you feel called to serve in one of these roles, you are welcome to nominate yourself.

### **Upcoming Events**

Women's lunch, 1:00 pm, TGIF, <a href="#">4209 Wake Forest Rd.</a>	May 14
Brunch & Hymns at Pullen Park, 10:00 am	June 3
Church Life Meeting after worship	June 10
Brunch & Hymns at Pullen Park, 10:00 am	July 1
Brunch & Hymns at Pullen Park, 10:00 am	August 5
Church Life Meeting – Budget	August 26

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

Very Good Gospel – Room #2

Tokens of Trust – Room #5

	<b>Today (May 13)</b>	<b>Next Week (May 20)</b>
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	June Ao, Deb W	Karin S and Debbie BI
<b>Nursery</b>	Alyssa C, Dave C	Rosene R, Marva Kr
<b>Sharing</b>	Melissa F-B	Rachel T
<b>Sound</b>	John F	Joe J
<b>Bulletin</b>	Joanna J	Joanna J
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Melissa F-B	Brenda NM
<b>Speaker</b>	Nathan Hr & Kaitlin H	Melissa F-B

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Sara Chenlo

May 18

*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**

**May 13, 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**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Gathering for Worship**

**10:30 a.m.**

Prelude

David and Rosene R

Welcome & Announcements

Stephen J

**Song**

WB 401 This Little Light

**Call to Worship** Screen

Melissa F-B

SJ 54 Longing for Light

Handout Ya rabba ssalami

**Litany for Refugees**

Screen

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

[Jeremiah 31:1-17](#) Hans L, Janet F, Stephen J

Church Creations

Rachel T

WB 421 By the waters of Babylon

Ensemble

*(Children invited to attend nursery)*

Sermon

Kaitlin and Nathan Hr

Song of Response

WB 323 Beyond a Dying Sun

Sharing and Prayer

**Sending Forth**

Screen Preparation for Communion

Benediction