

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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Children in Worship

Children are encouraged and celebrated in worship. 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, the table at the back will be a **place to color** during summer. All ages are welcome. Adults are also invited to participate.

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 (second Sunday); at other times gifts may be placed in the oak offering box on the back table.

Announcements

Brunch & Hymns at Pullen Park - The first Sunday of each summer month (June 3, July 1, Aug 5), we will worship outdoors at Pullen Park, beginning with a potluck brunch at 10:00, followed by a service of singing your favorite songs. Bring a brunch dish with serving spoon. Hospitality will provide water & paper products. Invite neighbors and friends to join us for these outdoor worship celebrations!

On August 5, we will meet at shelter #3. Follow the driveway to the right as you enter Pullen Park. Pass the aquatics center (on the right) and continue to the upper parking lot on the right, directly across from the shelters."

It is 7% Giving Input time. RMC allocates 7% of General Fund Contributions among non-profit organizations with which we work and volunteer. This year we have 17 entities on our list! This is to invite your input on how we'll allocate 7% of contributions next year - Sept '18 through Aug '19. All RMC members and regular participants are welcome to participate. Hardcopy scoring sheets are in your mailboxes today. A few hardcopies of the Entity Descriptions are on the "back table." Please submit your Scoring Sheet either electronically or hardcopy to AI R on or before Sunday, July 29.

7% Giving - Matching Gifts - A generous, anonymous donor will match additional gifts designated for 7% Giving up to \$3,000. This additional money would be given to the eleven 2017-18 entities in the same proportion as used with 2017-18 **7% Giving**. (This is **not** additional money for the seventeen 2018-19 entities.) If you would like to make such a contribution: Write "**7% Giving Match**" on the memo line of your check on or before **Sunday, August 12**.

The Stewardship Commission reports that **contributions to the RMC General Fund** through June, the tenth month of the fiscal year, totaled \$128,098. This is below the budget-projected contributions of \$138,978. In love, let us encourage one another to give as we have been given and ask for God's Spirit to give us the strength and courage to live as maturing stewards

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, AI R, for details.

Hymn Tag-This Is My Story, This Is My Song - Throughout the summer we'll be hearing from different RMCers about their favorite church song or hymn. You'll be invited to share the story behind your favorite song, then we'll sing it together as a congregation.

Upcoming Events

Brunch & Hymns at Pullen Park, 10:00 am Shelter 3 August 5
 Women's lunch at TGIFridays Monday, 1pm August 13
 Mini-Retreat: Worship Planning as Spiritual Practice, 9 – 3 August 25
 Church Life Meeting – Budget August 26
 Intergenerational Retreat October 27-28

Our summer quarter runs from June through August. During the summer quarter there are no Sunday School classes for children or adults.

	Today (July 15)	(July 22)
Greeter/ Usher	Chrys B and Peggy M	Zinith B and Sara Ch
Nursery	Ruth R and David Rohrer	Marva K and Karin S
Sharing	Brenda NM	Rachel T
Sound	John F	Stan NM
Bulletin	Ruth R	Ruth R
Worship Coordinator	Chrys B	Brenda NM
Speaker	Rachel T	Anali NM

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Mauricio Ch July 16
 Kim and Michael B July 18
 Kathleen I July 20

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

Raleigh Mennonite Church July 15, 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.

Gathering for Worship

10:00 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

Stephen J

Prelude

Holy Manna

Worship Team

Call to Worship

(Screen)

Chrys B

Song: STJ #88 *Hallelujah! We sing your praises*

(Children invited to use rhythm instruments)

Song: WB #625 *Your love, O God, has called us here*

Hymn Tag

Peggy M

Song: WB #545 *Be Thou My Vision*

Blessing for the Children

Janet F

Song: STS #49 *I will come to you in the silence*

(Children invited to attend nursery)

Prayer of Confession

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading

I John 4:7-21

Sermon

Loving by Overcoming our Fear

Rachel T

Communion

Song: WB #471 *Eat this bread*

(Prayers for healing offered during communion at the back of the sanctuary)

Sharing and Prayer

Brenda NM

Sending Forth

(Screen)