

## 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. 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 (Aug 5, 10 AM)** – Our last Brunch & Hymns for the summer will be held next Sunday, August 5, with a potluck brunch at 10:00 AM, followed by a time of worship as we sing your favorite songs from *Sing the Story*. Bring a brunch dish with serving spoon. Hospitality will provide water & paper products. We will meet in Shelter #3. As you enter Pullen Park, follow the driveway to the right, pass the aquatics center (on the right), and continue to the upper parking lot on the right. The shelter is right next to this parking area, easily accessible with no steps.

**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. A few hardcopies of the Entity Descriptions are on the "back table." **Today, July 29** is the last day to submit your Scoring Sheet either electronically or hardcopy to AI R.

**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**.

**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 Second 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 29)	(Aug 12)
Greeter/ Usher	Chrys B and Alyssa Ch	Luz and John F
Nursery	Duane B and Peggy M	Kathy and Dennis B
Sharing	June A	Melissa F-B
Sound	Marc S	Sean BI
Bulletin	Ruth R	Pam B
Worship Coordinator	Hans L and David R	Deb W
Speaker	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Brenda H July 29  
 Craig H July 29  
 Sam Mi W July 29  
 Joy S August 4  
 Louis S August 5  
 David C August 7

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 July 29, 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.

Prelude Pam B  
*-On screen: Woodcut from Margaret Parker's series on the book of Ruth*

Welcome & Announcements Stephen J

Songs of Praise Hans L and David R

WB #26 Holy Spirit, come with power  
 Screen Abraham journeyed to a new country

Prayer David R

Hymn Tag Hans L  
 WB #592 Love divine, all loves excelling

Offering of Giving Plans June A  
 Screen The steadfast love of the Lord  
 (Children invited to attend nursery)

### Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading Ruth 2:1-22 Readers' Theater

Message Ruth Melissa F-B

Song STJ 23 Slowly turning, ever turning

Sharing and Prayer June A

### Sending Forth to Love and Serve

Benediction STJ 87 Put peace into each other's hands (vv. 2, 5)