

### **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.

### **Prayer Concerns**

Praise God for 11 years of Mission Network partnership with Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) in Texas. Pray for Katrina Kniss with Mennonite Voluntary Service who is currently helping the agency provide free legal work to unaccompanied minors and mothers with children. (Mennonite Mission Network Prayer Vine)

Pray for courage and creativity in the Association des Eglises Evangéliques Mennonites de France (French Mennonite church) as the country considers a return to mandatory national service. May the peace churches stand on their commitments not to bear arms, and instead offer alternatives to military service that build solidarity in French society. (Mennonite World Conference Prayer Network)

### **Announcements**

Today, August 12, is the deadline for making contributions to the **7% Giving** fund for the current fiscal year (2017-18). A generous, anonymous donor will match additional gifts designated for 7% Giving up to \$3,000. This additional money will be distributed to the eleven 2017-18 entities in the same proportions as was determined earlier. (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 to RMC, and give it to Al Reberg, Treasurer.

**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 Reberg, 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**

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.

# Raleigh Mennonite Church

August 12, 2018

	Today (August 12)	Next Week (August 19)
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Luz and John F	Deb W and Dennis B
<b>Nursery</b>	Kathy and Dennis B	A & Dave C
<b>Sharing</b>	Melissa F-B	Rachel T
<b>Sound</b>	Joe J	Sean B
<b>Bulletin</b>	Pam B	Pam B
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Deb W	Rachel T
<b>Speaker</b>	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Brenda and Stan NM	August 20
Kathy and Dennis B	August 24
Lois and Duane B	August 26
Tennyson F-B	August 26
Anali NM	August 26

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, please contact the bulletin team at [bulletin@raleighmennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@raleighmennonite.org).

### *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	Sam W
Welcome & Announcements	Stephen J
Call to Worship	Deb W

## Worshiping Our God

WB 48	<i>All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	
Screen	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	
STS 31	<i>Jesus, Be the Center</i>	
Screen	<i>Mercy is Falling</i>	Wick F-B
	Hymn Tag	

Prayer and Offering Deb W

WB 383 *God, Whose Giving*  
(Children are invited to nursery)

## Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading	<a href="#">Ruth 2: 1-23</a>	Readers Theater
Sermon	<a href="#">As It Happened</a>	Melissa F-B
Screen	<i>Lord, Prepare Me</i>	
Sharing and Prayer		Melissa F-B

## Sending Forth

WB 24 *Grace to You and Peace*