

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	Debbie B, Pam B, Chris H, & Karin S
Church meeting location	1116 North Blount St., Raleigh NC
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Children in Worship

Children are encouraged and celebrated in worship. "Order of the Mustard Seed" (i.e. children's worship) is available mid-way through the service for children up to 8 years old. To participate in Order of the Mustard Seed, which is led by Rachel and volunteers who have undergone our Safe Church Training, please 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. All ages are welcome. Adults are also invited to participate.

Hearing Assistance

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.

Accessible Restroom

An accessible, gender-neutral bathroom is available near the front entrance.

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

A couple whose ministry focuses on community health evangelism in Africa and Asia asks that God's love would be shown through this integrated approach involving sharing the good news of Jesus' love, discipleship training, preventive health care education, and community development. (MMN Prayer Vine)

Announcements

Our **guest preacher today is Donna Battle**. Dr. Battle is a native of Yanceyville, N.C., and is passionate about facilitating spaces that are life-giving by supporting knowledge of truth, fostering healthy community and healing, and encouraging others to operate within their strengths. Dr Battle holds a B.A. in public relations from North Carolina A&T State University, an M.Div. from Duke University with a concentration in spirituality, and a Ph.D. in marriage and family therapy at Eastern University. She currently serves as the chaplain of Meredith College.

We hope you'll all join us **next Sunday (Sept 16) for Melissa's ordination!** Doug Luginbill will be here from Central District Conference to ordain Melissa as our Pastor, and install Rachel into her new role as Intergenerational Minister. Doug will also be our guest speaker for the morning. Come out and join us for this celebration of Melissa's gifts to our community. There will be cake and ice cream after the service.

The RMC Southern Area Dinner Group invites everyone to beautiful Lake Benson Park in Garner for a **picnic potluck supper** (rain or shine) on **Saturday, Sept 15**. Bring a dish to share and outdoor games. Meet us in shelter 2 at 5pm. Drinks and paper/plastic ware will be provided. Contact Chrys B.

Everence® will hold an informative **webinar on Social Security and retirement income planning**. The presentation will be on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 1 and 8 p.m. (EDT). Specifics will include the best time to start taking Social Security, how benefits are calculated, spousal benefits, converting your retirement savings into retirement income and strategies to help your income last throughout retirement.

To register, visit everence.com/retirementincome or contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054 ext. 3392 or melissa.short@everence.com.

Upcoming Events

Women's lunch TGIFridays 4209 Wake Forest Rd. 1pm September 10
 Picnic at Lake Benson Park, Shelter #2, at 5:00 pm September 15
 Intergenerational Retreat October 27-28

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Sunday School

Adult class: **Journey Forward:** Who are we as Mennonites? Who are we becoming as a denomination? Journey Forward is a churchwide renewal process of engaging in scripture, storytelling and sharing how God is at work in the lives of people and congregations across MC USA. This class will use the Pathways curriculum will give us a chance to think about what it means to be Mennonite in a Southern urban context. Melissa F-B (and others) will facilitate this class.

Intergenerational class: **Isaiah and Cupcakes:** Psalm 19:10: "How sweet are Your words to my taste!" We will explore key themes in the book of Isaiah together - by eating a series of differently flavored cupcakes. Come join us to satisfy your sweet tooth as well as your desire for learning more about God's word to us. This class is intended for RMCers aged 9 and older. Rachel T will be facilitating this class.

	Today (Sept 9)	Next Week (Sept 16)
Greeter/Usher	June A, Shannon H	Sarah Ch, Judy S
Nursery 9:30	Ruth R, Mariechen J	Anne C, Rosene F
OMS 10:30	Mariechen J	Janet F
Sound	John F	Stan NM
Bulletin	Ruth R	Ruth R
Worship Coordinator	Melissa F-B	Hans L, David F
Speaker	Donna Battle	Doug Luginbill
Sharing	Dave C	Brenda NM

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sue and Marc S September 8
 Angel Ch September 9
 Hans L September 10
 Rachel T September 10

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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 and Nursery **9:30 a.m.**

Gathering for Worship **10:30 a.m.**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements Stephen Jones

Worshipping Our God

Procession of Dove

Call to Worship

Songs

Screen *This Little Light of Mine*

WB 55 *Cantemos al Senor*

Confession and Pardon

SJ 71 *Alleluia, the Great Storm is Over*

Special Music *Water Has Held Us*

Children are invited to OMS (children's worship)

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Scripture Reading Genesis 6/8

Sermon [The cost of Covenant](#) Donna Coltrane Battle

Song WB 143 *Amazing Grace*

Sharing and Prayer Dave C

Sending Forth

Benediction SJ 10 *Don't Be Afraid*