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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Children in Worship

Email slides or videos to be projected

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

Today on Peace Sunday, we join with believers across the nation in praying for justice in the complexities surrounding immigration.

Pray for Leah Weaver at Mennonite Voluntary Service in Colorado and the 30 MVS participants in eight locations who are beginning a year of learning and work in new communities. (MMN Prayer Vine)

Thursday, September 27, the last Thursday of the month, is the day we set aside to offer prayers for all stakeholders at Hope Elementary and Growing Together Schools. Hope's grades were not so good this past year. As we can remember, let us pray for them on a daily basis. Let's also remember the neighborhood children and families. Please take time to pray during the day as the Spirit inspires you.

Continue to pray for all those affected by Hurricane Florence and other severe weather events around the globe.

Announcements

Worship Survey Results This morning Melissa will spend a half hour sharing the results of the worship survey that went out last month. Anyone interested in hearing the results is welcome to meet in our sanctuary space just after the service ends.

We hope you'll all join us on **Sunday**, **Oct. 21** (tentative date) **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.

Upcoming Events

Fellowship Meal

Women's lunch TGIFridays 4209 Wake Forest Rd. 1pm

Intergenerational Retreat

Church Life Meeting

October 7

October 8

October 27-28

November 11

Sunday School

Adult class: <u>Journey Forward</u>: 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. . 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 This class is intended for RMCers aged 9 and older. Rachel Taylor will be facilitating this class.

	Today (Sept 23)	Next Week (Sept 30)
Greeter/ Usher	Janet F, Zinith B	John and Luz F
Nursery 9:30	Dennis and Kathy B	Dave C, Karin S
OMS 10:30	Kathy B, Dennis B	Brenda H
Sound	Marc S	Joe J
Bulletin	Ruth R	Ruth R
Worship Coordinator	Chrys B	Rosene R
Speaker	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B
Sharing	Melissa F-B	Dave C
Worship Setup	David and Rosene R	Craig and Brenda H

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jacob F-B September 25

If you haven't shared the date of your birthday or anniversary so it can be included in this weekly list, please contact <u>bulletin@raleighmennonite.org</u>

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September 23, 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 and Nursery

9:30 a.m.

Gathering for Worship

10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

Stephen J

Calling to worship

With a litany of sounds and sights

With Voice (Screen) Congregation

Song: Come, now is the time to worship (STJ 9)

Song: Come, thou fount of every blessing (WB 521)

Prayer

Commissioning of Church Roles

Rosene R

Litany (Screen)

Song & Sharing of Rolls: There are Many Gifts (WB 304)

Children are invited to OMS (children's worship)

Hearing and Responding to God's Word

Church Creations

Scripture Reading: Genesis 39:1-23

Sermon <u>Living in the Empire</u> Melissa F-B

Sharing & Prayer

Melissa F-B

Sending Forth

Song: You are salt for the earth (WB 226)