

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 through 8 years old. To participate in Order of the Mustard Seed, which is led by Rachel Taylor 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, 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, 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.

Fellowship Meal: After worship **today**, you are invited to stay and join us for a meal and fellowship. The Hospitality Commission asks that folks with last names I-Z help prepare tables and stay to help with clean-up after the meal. Thank you!

The Stewardship Commission reports that **contributions to the RMC General Fund** through November, the third month of the fiscal year, totaled \$40,169. This is almost exactly the budget-needed contributions of \$40,299. Thank you RMC for being faithful stewards.

December's Intergenerational Advent Sunday School class:

Based on the Gayle Boss Advent devotional *All Creation Waits*, this intergenerational Sunday School class will look at how wild animals preparing for winter can be our teachers for how to receive the gifts, growth, and life that happens when this season comes. We will spend one week each focusing on the Advent spiritual disciplines of saying no, praying, getting ready, and practicing hospitality. By paying attention to how wild animals of the northern hemisphere ingeniously adapt when darkness and cold descend, we will see and hear as if for the first time the ancient wisdom of Advent: *The dark is not an end but the way a new beginning comes*. After church on December 16th, we will also have a guided tour at Umstead State Park where a ranger will show us where we might find some animals getting ready for winter.

Parkview Christmas Party December 8 For the last several years we've coordinated a Christmas Party at Parkview Manor Community (a low-income elderly apartment community just down the road from the church at 911 N. Blount St.) This year we are planning on more fun than ever with a karaoke machine (WOO_HOO!) and a few rounds of Family Feud. Singing some Christmas Carols together at 6pm, with a Potluck at 6:30 and Program around 7:15. Several RMC'ers have signed up. Let Craig H know if you have interest or have questions. **It's a good time!**

Special **Church Life Meeting on Dec 16:** in order to finalize our discernment for filling the role of church treasurer, we will have a CLM immediately after our worship service on Dec 16. This will be the only item on the agenda. We hope you will be able to stay and share in this important decision. Let me know if you would like to review the job description for this role or if you have any questions! Chrys B(Moderator for CLMeetings)"

Saturday, **January 5 (5pm): Three Kings (and Queens!) Party:** Come celebrate Three Kings Day at RMC! Kids and adults will have the opportunity to dress up in royal costumes, decorate star-shaped cookies, create their own crowns and other crafts, and eat King Cake. We will end the evening by watching a movie based on the Henry Van Dyke story of the last king who got a little distracted on his journey.

Prayer Concerns

For all refugees and those who are threatened where they now live.

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December 2, 2018

Advent 1

Upcoming Events

Parkview Christmas Party, 6 pm (caroling/dinner/program) December 8
 St. Nicholas Day Party at Melissa's home, 2 pm December 9
 Women's Lunch at TGIF, 1 pm December 10
 Advent Season Hike, Umstead State Park, 1pm December 16
(guided by a ranger who will show us how animals get ready for winter)
 RMC Christmas Eve Service, 7 pm December 24
 Three Kings (and Queens!) Party, 5 pm January 5
 Fellowship Meal January 6
 Church Life Meeting January 13
 Women's Lunch at TGIF, 1pm January 14

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.

	Today (Dec. 2)	Next Week (Dec. 9)
Greeter/ Usher	June A, Zinith B	Sara Ch and Deb W
Nursery 9:30	Joanna J, Brenda H	Kathy and Dennis B
OMS 10:30	Karin S	Justin K
Sound	Stan NM	Joe J
Bulletin	Ruth R	Ruth R
Worship Coordinator	Hans L, David R	Janet F and Rosene R
Speaker	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B
Sharing	Janet F	Red D
Worship Setup	Duane B, Rachel T	Craig and Brenda H

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Adrienne I Dec 2

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

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.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Gathering

10:30 a.m.

Sounding of Singing Bowl
 Welcome & Announcements Stephen J
 Advent Prayer "Violence and Travail" WorkOfThePeople.com

Proclaiming

WB172 O come, o come Immanuel Hans L & David R
 Screen Wreath Liturgy
 STS 14 Prepare the way
 Sheet Savior, come
 WB 211 Lo! How a rose e'er blooming
 Offering

Children are invited to Order of the Mustard Seed

Hearing and Responding

Church Creations Belissa A
 Scripture and Sung Refrain – [Jeremiah 33:14-16](#), [Luke 21:25-36](#)
 Angel z & Debbie B

STS 7 Come, come Emmanuel
 Sermon [Stand Up!](#) Melissa F-B
 STS 11 No wind at the window
 Sharing and Prayer Janet F
 WB 348 Oh, Lord, hear our prayer

Sending

Benediction Hans and David