

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
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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.

Announcements

Help serve brunch to 250 of our friends who will be hungry on **Mon. Dec 31. Oak City Outreach** is open on holidays that the soup kitchen is closed to provide meals to our friends in need. You can help by making brunch casseroles, helping to serve or donating money for supplies. See Sue or Marc S if you would like to help.

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.

There will be a **Fellowship Meal on Sunday, January 6**, following worship. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share. For our first fellowship meal of 2019, consider bringing a dish you associate with New Year's or Epiphany. Hospitality Commission asks that those with last names starting with the letters A-H help with setting up tables and chairs before the meal and with cleaning up afterwards. Please let me know if you have questions. Anne for Hospitality Commission.

Winter Quarter Christian Formation January 6 to March 10

Adult Christian Formation - Sundays (9:30 am) 2 Classes

Revelation - a study of the final book in the Christian canon, and one of the more controversial and challenging texts in our tradition. Join Pastor Melissa for nine weeks of study, reflection, and bowls of wrath.

Adult Bible Study from an Anabaptist Perspective - In addition to weekly lessons, Adult Bible Study offers daily Bible readings, [a weekly online essay](#), and suggested resources for additional study. Led by Dave C.

Children's Christian Formation - Sundays (9:30 am)

Prayer Practices - during the Sunday school hour all children are invited to participate in prayer practices. Led by Rachel Taylor.

Mark your calendars for **Monday, Jan. 7, 7-8 p.m.** to come together with members of three other faith communities to get to know each other and discuss our mutual concerns to make a more just Wake County. We'll host the gathering and be joined by representatives from The Fountain of Raleigh, The Lighthouse Project, and Rush Metropolitan AME Zion. Come be a part of the coalition-building work RMC is engaged with as part of the Wake Organizing Sponsors Committee. Talk with Debbie, Stan or Melissa if you have questions.

Prayer Concerns

Offer prayers for the children and stakeholders at Hope Elementary and Growing Together Schools. Let's also remember neighborhood children and families. Let us pray for them on a daily basis.

Upcoming Events

Brunch at Oak City Outreach 10:30 to 12	December 31
Three Kings (and Queens!) Party, 5 pm	January 5
Fellowship Meal	January 6
Wake Organizing Relational Meeting, 7-8 pm	January 7
Church Life Meeting	January 13
Women's Lunch at TGIF, 1pm	January 14

	Today (Dec. 30)	Next Week (Jan 6)
Greeter/ Usher	Alyssa C and Janet Fields	Angel C and Judy S
Nursery 9:30	None N	Brenda H and Karin S
OMS 10:30	Shannon H	Justin K
Sound	Stan NM	Marc S
Bulletin	Ruth R	Joanna Jones
Worship Coordinator	David R	Rosene R
Speaker	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B
Sharing	Brenda NM	Melissa F-B
Worship Setup	Joe and Mariechen J	Brenda and Stan NM

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Kim B	January 5
Brenda and Craig H	January 5

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.

Raleigh Mennonite Church

December 30, 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

10:30 a.m.

Sounding of Singing Bowl

Welcome & Announcements

Anne C

Prelude

Jeremy G

Proclaiming

WB 199 The first Noel, the angel did say

WB 202 The virgin Mary had a baby boy

WB 194 Away in a manger

WB 190 'Twas in the moon of wintertime

Children are invited to Order of the Mustard Seed

Hearing and Responding

Church Creations

Belissa A

Owen Meany Christmas Pageant

Readers' Theater

Scripture: Matthew's begats ([Matthew 1:1-17](#))

David R

[Matthew 1:18-25](#)

Sermon

Melissa F-B

WB 206 Infant holy, infant lowly

Sharing and Prayer

Brenda NM

Sending

Benediction

WB 318 Joy to the world