

### **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	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**

There will be a **Fellowship Meal TODAY** following worship. Please stay even if you didn't bring a dish to share. 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.

### **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 T.

**Monday, Jan. 7, 7-8 p.m.**, 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.

**Pub Theologizing - 1st and 3rd Mondays (7 pm)** starting **Jan. 21**: Join others from RMC and the community for open reading and discussion related to social justice, community, and spiritual vitality. Location and readings change weekly. To join the Pub Theologizing email group, contact Stan:

**Chili for Kids!** What could be better for the Superbowl or any of these cold, dreary winter days than tasty chili – that you didn't have to cook? **Loaves and Fishes, an after-school ministry for at-risk children and one of RMC's Seven Percent causes**, is selling both **meaty and vegetarian chili for \$13 per quart!** **Order by January 20** to reserve as many quarts as you want. Pick-up will be January 25 or 26. To order, contact Hans.

We are all invited to the **Congregations for Social Justice Annual Dinner** gathering - Monday, **February 4** - 6:00 - Highland United Methodist Church - 1901 Ridge Road, Raleigh 27607. Speaker will be Tom Campbell, moderator of WUNC-TV's weekly "NC Spin – *Balanced Debate for the Old North State*." Interfaith Food Shuttle will cater. Donation - \$15 at the door. Invitation in your RMC mailbox. **RSVP to AI R by Monday, January 28.**

The Stewardship Commission reports that contributions to the RMC General Fund through December, the fourth month of the fiscal year, totaled \$54,649. This is over the budget-needed contributions of \$53,732. Thank you, RMC, for being faithful stewards, and in love, let us encourage one another to give as we

have been given and ask for God's Spirit to give us the strength and courage to live as maturing stewards.

**Raleigh Mennonite Church**  
**January 6, 2019**

**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**

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
Pub Theologizing	January 21
Congregations for Social Justice Annual Dinner, 6 pm	February 4
Women's Beach Retreat	April 26-29

	<b>Today (Jan. 6)</b>	<b>Next Week (Jan. 13)</b>
<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	Angel C, Judy S	Duane and Lois B
<b>Children 9:30</b>	Brenda Herb and Joanna J	Anne C, Mariechen J
<b>OMS 10:30</b>	Justin K	Mariechen J
<b>Sound</b>	Marc S	Joe J
<b>Bulletin</b>	Joanna J	Joanna J
<b>Worship Coordinator</b>	Rosene R	Brenda NM
<b>Speaker</b>	Melissa F-B	Melissa F-B
<b>Sharing</b>	Melissa F-B	Janet F
<b>Worship Setup</b>	Brenda and Stan NM	Craig and Brenda H

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Leah Miller Weaver January 8

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](mailto: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.

**Gathering**

**10:30 a.m.**

Sounding of Singing Bowl	
Welcome & Announcements	Stephen J
Prelude	Sam

**An Epiphany Service of Poetry and Song**

Songs of Praise	
Screen O come, all ye faithful	
Screen He came down	
Poems (Screen)	
<a href="#">"Hymns of the Nativity"</a> by Ephrem the Syrian	Melissa Florer
Bixler	
"Star Song" by Elizabeth B Rooney	Loretta S
Songs	
STS 30 Arise, Your Light Has Come	
Screen Christmas Offering	
<i>Bring offerings forward/Children invited to OMS</i>	
Church Creations	Belissa A
Poems	
<a href="#">"The Journey"</a> by Mary Oliver	Janet F
<a href="#">"The Journey of the Magi"</a> by TS Eliot	Pam B
Song Screen We Three Kings	
Scripture <a href="#">Matthew 2:1-15</a>	Chris H
Poems	
<a href="#">"Feast of the Epiphany"</a> by Julia Kasdorf	Jackie P
"Antiphon from <u>Laudes</u>	Hans L
Song WB 214 Morning Star	
Scripture <a href="#">Matthew 2:16-23</a>	Kari H
Special Music Coventry Carol	Vocal Ensemble
Sharing and Prayer	Melissa F-B
Benediction	
"Listen" by Paula T Calhoun	Melissa F-B