

Membership and Church Practices:

If you are interested in membership at Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship, or if you have questions about church practices such as communion, baptism and reconciliation, please talk with one of our deacons:

Michael Lee

Thomas Lehman

Tana Liu-Beers

Nick Plummer

From the Deacons:

As we continue to feel the stresses of life and the pandemic, please speak to a deacon if you need financial assistance to access individual or family therapy services. And let us know how we can pray for you or support you in other ways.

Communication Information:

For church-related communications, please subscribe to our **email list**. To sign up, contact Nick Plummer.

Our **website** has more information about our faith and worship, as well as the text of previous sermons: <https://chapelhillmennonite.org>. Please direct all other questions to chmennonite@gmail.com.

Relationships:

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship is a member of Central District Conference, a regional conference of Mennonite Church USA.

Our congregation is a member of the NC Council of Churches, which supports efforts in our state to care for our neighbors. Links to follow these efforts can be found at www.ncchurches.org.

This congregation contributes to the Inter-Faith Council of Chapel Hill and Open Table Ministry of Durham.

Our congregation is also a member of the Supportive Communities Network, an LGBTQ-led Anabaptist-Mennonite association of congregations. Details on the SCN can be found here: <http://www.bmcigbt.org/scn.shtml>

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship

December 25, 2022

Christmas Sunday, The Birth of Christ



*Posterity shall serve him;
men shall tell of the Lord to the coming generation,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
that he has wrought it.*

--Psalm 22:30-31

Song Leader: Thomas Lehman
Worship Leader: Mary Jo Lehman

Gathering for Worship

Welcome Mary Jo Lehman
Call to worship
Gathering prayer
Lighting of the Advent Candles Lee family

Gathering hymn #220 "Prepare the Way!" Thomas Lehman
***During the hymn, children of all ages will come forward to help set up the advent stable.*
Children's story Catherine Lee

Lessons and Carols

First Lesson—VT #231 *Isaiah 9:2,6*
VT #214 "Savior of the Nations, Come!"

Second Lesson—VT #232 *Isaiah 11:1-4*
VT #218 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Third Lesson *Luke 1:26-35*
VT #223 "Bless'd Be the God of Israel"

Fourth Lesson *Luke 2:1-14*
VT #263 "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Fifth Lesson *Luke 2:15-20*
VT 267 "What Child Is this"

Sixth Lesson *Matthew 2:1-12*
VT #277 "As with Gladness"

Seventh Lesson—VT #235 *John 1:1-5, 10-14*
VT #270 "In the Beginning"

Responding to the Word

Congregational response, sharing and prayer Sandra Vander Linde
Introductions and announcements

Sending hymn #240 "Joy to the World"
Benediction VT #1064

Next Week

New Year

Plan: Stacy Miller
Songs: Tom Lehman
Prayer: Chris Liu-Beers
Sermon: Samir Knego
Sharing: Steve Jolley

Scriptures

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

Announcements

Pastoral Search: Isaac Villegas concluded pastoral ministry at CHMF in May 2022. The church has created a Pastoral Search Committee to find a replacement. Search committee members include Kathy Roberts (chair), Steve Jolley, Erin Mullaney, Zach Yordy, and Rebecca Rich. They will regularly update and involve the congregation at appropriate times in the process. Please contact any of us with ideas or questions.

Participate: CHMF encourages any regular attendee to participate in the service. We have rotating worship planners, song leaders, preachers, prayer leaders, response/sharing leaders, scripture readers, and childcare volunteers. If you would like to be added to one or more of these lists, please contact Aspen Yordy, interim coordinator. We would welcome your help with worship.

Tithes and Offerings: We collect our offerings on the first Sunday of the month. After that, checks may be mailed to our treasurer, Steve Jolley.

Calendar

January 1--Offering
8—Congregational Life Meeting; Hymn sing
15—Sunday school
22—Sunday school; Communion Preparation
29—Communion/Potluck