

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

January 8, 2023

Epiphany; Baptism of Jesus



"He is my chosen one, and I am pleased with him. I have put my Spirit upon him. He will reveal justice to the nations."

-Isaiah 42:1

Song Leader: Tom Lehman
Worship Leader: Rebecca Rich
Childcare: Michael Lee & Xaris Martínez

Gathering for Worship

Welcome & Call to worship**

L: We gather as beloved children of God.

P: We are each chosen.

L: We are all servants upheld by God
and filled with God's Spirit to bring forth justice.

**P: We each receive our breath from the same God
who stretched the heavens and spread out the Earth.**

L: God holds each hand.

P: God keeps each heart.

L: God opens our eyes to see the new things about to spring forth.

P: Let us listen.

L: Let us watch.

All: Let us worship.

Opening prayer

Gathering hymns

Tom Lehman

277 *As with gladness men of old*

270 *In the beginning*

Congregational Prayer

Stacy Miller

Proclaiming the Word

Isaiah 42:1-9

Children's Story

Nick Plummer

*Hymns

Tom Lehman

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

Responding to the Word

Hymns

Tom Lehman

Congregational response, sharing and prayer

Chris Liu-Beers

Introductions and announcements

Sending hymn # 846 *The Lord bless you and keep you*

Benediction

*Children who have not yet started kindergarten are welcome to meet at the entrance doors for childcare at this time.

**Call to worship by Rev. Joanna Harader, from SpaciousFaith.com.

Next Week

Plan: Sidney King

Songs: Michael Lee

Prayer: Xaris Martínez

Sharing: Kathy Roberts

Sermon: Tom Lehman

Childcare: Stacy Miller & Seth Morgan

Snacks: Tom & Mary Jo Lehman

Scriptures

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1: 29-42

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 11: Fellowship dinner @ Millers

January 14: Youth group

January 15: Sunday school

January 22: Sunday school

January 25: Fellowship dinner @ Mauro-Rosenberger

January 29: Communion and Potluck

Date TBD: Youth group ski trip