

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.

Affiliations:

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship CHMF is a **member** of the following:

)Central District Conference (mcusacdc.org), a regional conference of Mennonite Church USA (mennoniteusa.org)

)NC Council of Churches, (ncchurches.org), a statewide ecumenical organization which promotes Christian unity and a more just society

)Supportive Communities Network (bmclgbt.org/scn), a network of Mennonite and Church of the Brethren communities that welcome and affirm full participation and leadership of LGBTQIA+ people.

CHMF **supports** locally:

)Open Table Ministries (opentableministry.org) in Durham

)Interfaith Council (IFCWeb.org) in Chapel Hill

)Anathoth Community Garden (anathothgarden.org)

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship

April 23, 2023



*Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty
that God has made him both Lord and Messiah,
this Jesus whom you crucified.
--Acts 2:36*

Song Leader: Jennifer Peifer
Worship Leader: Mary Jo Lehman
Preacher: Melissa Florer-Bixler
Childcare: Sidney King, Rebecca Rich

Gathering for Worship

Call to worship Mary Jo Lehman

L: We celebrate the resurrected Jesus, who lives among us,

People: whose Spirit empowers us to remove barriers, tear down walls, and heal divisions.

L: We celebrate the resurrected Jesus, who lives among us,

P: whose Spirit empowers us to see our sister's good as our own, to be our brother's advocate, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to contribute to the well-being of every part of God's world,

ALL: So that we can be joined together into a new structure, where the Spirit dwells and empowers us to seek peace without and within.

Invocation Prayer

Gathering hymns Jennifer Peifer

#180 "This Is God's Wondrous World"

#179 "At the Dawn of Your Creation"

Congregational Prayer Aspen Yordy

Proclaiming the Word

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

* Hymn #160 "What a Fellowship/Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon Melissa Florer-Bixler

Responding to the Word

Hymn #502 "Abide With Me"

Congregational response, sharing and prayer Michael Lee

Introductions and announcements

Sending hymn #847 "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

Benediction

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

Next Week

Potluck/Table Topics

Plan: Aspen Yordy

Songs: Eric Hochstetler

Prayer: Michael Lee

Sharing:

Table Topics: Aspen Yordy

Scriptures

Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Announcements

Pastoral Search: Isaac Villegas concluded pastoral ministry at CHMF in May 2022. The church created a Pastoral Search Committee to find a replacement. Members include Kathy Roberts (chair), Steve Jolley, Erin Mullaney, Zach Yordy, and Rebecca Rich. The committee has announced a pastoral candidating weekend May 5-7, with an informal gathering/dinner Saturday, May 6, and a worship service the following day with the candidate and his wife. Please contact any of the committee members with 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. We would welcome your help with worship. If you would like to be added to one or more of these lists, please contact Aspen Yordy, Interim Church Administrator.

Benevolence Fund: Our congregation has a mutual aid fund, administered by the deacons, to help with financial hardships. If you have a need, including for individual or family therapy services, please get in touch with a deacon. Personal requests are kept confidential.

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

April 24—Combined dinner group

April 30—Potluck and Table Topics

May 6—4:30 to 7 PM, Church of Reconciliation, informal meeting and furnished dinner with pastoral candidate and wife.

May 7—3:30, Congregational Life Meeting

5 PM—Worship with pastoral candidate preaching