

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 30, 2023



Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

--Acts 2:46-47a

Song Leader: Eric Hochstetler

Worship Leader: Aspen Yordy

Gathering for Worship

Call to worship

Aspen Yordy

Leader: A wilderness beckons us; a desert, a barren place, yet a place of blessing and discovery.

People: Jesus, steady companion, accompany us as we enter the hurtful places, the frightening places, the dangerous places deep within us.

Leader: Jesus, our wild and well-traveled guide, lead us into the emptiness, where all will fall away, and we will have nothing but you.

ALL: Walk with us through the valley of the shadow of death, where we shall be raised and drink of deep springs. Amen.

Invocation Prayer

VT 1030

Gathering hymns

Eric Hochstetler

Congregational Prayer

Michael Lee

Proclaiming the Word

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

VT 725

John 10:1-10

Scripture Activity

Aspen Yordy

Responding to the Word

Hymn

Congregational response, sharing and prayer

Aspen Yordy

Introductions and announcements

Sending hymn

Benediction

VT 1059

Next Week

Plan: Aspen Yordy

Songs: Mary Jo Lehman

Prayer: Chris Liu-Beers

Preaching: Ben Kreider

Sharing: Michael Lee

Snacks: Lehman's

Childcare: Laura Rosenberger, Jen Peifer, & Nora Plummer

Scriptures

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

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

May 6 - 4:30 to 7 PM, Church of Reconciliation, informal meeting and furnished dinner with pastoral candidate, Ben Kreider, and wife, Alli

May 7 - 3:30 - Congregational Life Meeting

5:00 - Worship with pastoral candidate preaching