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.

<u>Affiliations:</u>

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)

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Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

--1 Peter 2:4-5

Song Leader: Mary Jo Lehman Worship Leader: Aspen Yordy Preacher: Ben Rudeen Kreider Childcare: Laura Rosenberger, Jen Peifer, & Nora Plummer

Gathering for Worship

Call to worship Aspen Yordy

VT #866 Invocation Prayer

Gathering hymns Mary Jo Lehman

VT #4: Christ is Our Cornerstone VT #38: Life-Giver, Maker, God of All

Congregational Prayer Chris Liu-Beers

Proclaiming the Word

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 Ziva Rosenberger Mauro John 14:1-14 Sidney King

Children's Story Catherine Lee

Acts 7:55-60 Samir Knego 1 Peter 2:2-10 Rich Hochstetlers

Sermon: As Living Stones Ben Rudeen Kreider

Responding to the Word

Hymn VT #703: Rain Down

Congregational response, sharing and prayer Michael Lee

Offering

Introductions and announcements

Sending Hymn VT #827: *Move in Our Midst* Benediction

Next Week

Plan: Sidney King Scriptures
Songs: Lehman Acts 17:22-31
Prayer: Lehman Psalm 66:8-20
Preaching: Hymn Sing 1 Peter 3:13-22
Sharing: Steve Jolley John 14:14-21

Snacks: Liu-Beers

Childcare: Sandra Vander Linde & Tana Liu-Beers

Announcements

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 13 – Youth Group

May 14 – 3:30: Special CLM

Hymn Sing

May 21 – Sunday School and Communion Preparation

May 28 – Pentecost, Potluck, and Communion

^{*} Hymn VT #47: God of Our Strength

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