

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 our pastor or one of our deacons:

Ben Rudeen Kreider, Pastor

Thomas Lehman

Nick Plummer

Rebecca Rich

Kathy Roberts

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>.

The youth pastor may be reached at catherine@chapelhillmennonite.org.

Please direct all other questions to chmf@chapelhillmennonite.org.

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

August 20, 2023



*Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!*

--Psalm 133:1

Song Leader: Eric Hochstetler
Worship Leader: Mary Jo Lehman
Preacher: Ben Rudeen Kreider
Childcare: Sidney King, Rebecca Rich

Gathering for Worship

Call to worship

Mary Jo Lehman

Leader: How good a thing it is when all God's people live together in unity.

People: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words, let us come together with gentleness.

L: Though we may want everything to happen quickly, let us come together with patience.

P: Though the world around us often encourages hate, let us come together in love.

ALL: In humility, gentleness, patience, love and unity, let us worship the God who has called us together.

Invocation Prayer

Gathering hymns

Eric Hochstetler

#28 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

#120 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Congregational Prayer

Aspen Yordy

Proclaiming the Word

Psalms 133

Steve Jolley

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Xaris A. Martínez

* Hymn #664 "Be Still, My Soul"

Romans 11:1-2a,29-32

Emma Horst-Martz

Matthew 15:10-20

Nora Plummer

Matthew 15:21-28

Tom Mullaney

Introduction of our pastor

Katherine Roberts

Sermon "Geography of Faith"

Ben Rudeen Kreider

Responding to the Word

Hymn #731 "Open My Heart"

Congregational response, sharing and prayer

Zach Yordy

Installation of the new deacons, Rebecca Rich and Katherine Roberts

Announcements and introductions

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.

Next Week

Lead: Erin Mullaney

Hymns: Sarah Marks

Prayer: Michael Lee

Sharing: Aspen Yordy

Preach: Ben Rudeen Kreider

Snack: Lehman

Scriptures

Psalms 124

Isaiah 51:1-6

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

Announcements

This fall, CHMF Sunday School will focus on the story of the Bible - the big picture. Starting Sunday, September 10 at 4pm, Sunday school will be held **every Sunday at 4pm – for all ages, kids and adults**. We're calling it "The Bible Timeline Project"; we will create a timeline together to help us visualize and understand the story of God's people in history. Each week will be a little different, but we'll have arts and crafts (for grown-ups too!), singing, games, and discussion. Bring your curiosity and your 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 are interested in helping, sign up on the Worship Participant List. We would welcome your help with worship.

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.

This month is the end of our fiscal year. If you have reimbursement requests or donations for this fiscal year, please get them to our treasurer by the end of this week.

Calendar

August 23—Combined fellowship group, Steve and Sandra's home

26—Youth group

September 3—Congregational Life Meeting, 3:30

3—Installation service for Ben Rudeen Kreider; Doug Luginbill, CDC minister preaching; potluck follows

October 20-22—CHMF retreat at Trinity Center, Pine Knoll Shores, NC