

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

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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 27, 2023



*But my salvation will last forever,
my righteousness will never fail.*

--Isaiah 51:6

Song Leader: Sarah Marks
Worship Leader: Erin Mullaney
Preacher: Ben Rudeen Kreider
Childcare: TBD

Gathering for Worship

Call to worship Erin Mullaney
Leader: In the face of heat and storm, our help is in the name of the Lord!
**People: As we return to school and look to the fall,
our help is in the name of the Lord.**
L: Even when troubles mount up, we know the Lord is still on our side.
**P: When we face challenges with nature or neighbors,
we know the Lord is still on our side!**
L: We're gathered to bless the Lord, who has not given us up to despair.
P: Together, we declare "our help is in the name of the Lord!"

Invocation Prayer
Gathering hymns Sarah Marks
#22 "What Is This Place"
#84 "To God Be the Glory"
Congregational Prayer Michael Lee

Proclaiming the Word

Psalms 124
Isaiah 51:1-6
* Hymn #397 "The Church's One Foundation"
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon "Gifts of Transformation" Ben Rudeen Kreider

Responding to the Word

Hymn #759 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"
Congregational response, sharing and prayer Aspen Yordy
Back to school blessing Catherine Lee

Announcements and introductions
Sending hymn #831 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
Benediction

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

Next Week

Lead: Rebecca Rich Exodus 3:1-15
Hymns: Mary Jo Lehman Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45
Prayer: Catherine Lee Romans 12:9-21
Sharing: Nick Plummer Matthew 16:21-28
Preach: Doug Luginbill
Childcare: Laura Rosenberger, Nora Plummer, Jen Peifer
Snack: Peifer/Plummer
CLM Childcare: Sandra Vander Linde, Michael Lee

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

September 3—Congregational Life Meeting, 3:30

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

September 23—Ride for Refuge

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