

**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

ben@chapelhillmennonite.org

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: nickplummer@gmail.com.

To contact **Children and Youth Pastor** Catherine Lee, email: catherine@chapelhillmennonite.org.

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 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:**

- Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests (bmclgbt.org)
- Open Table Ministries (opentableministry.org) in Durham
- Interfaith Council (IFCWeb.org) in Chapel Hill

# Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship

**September 3, 2023**



Song Leader: Mary Jo Lehman

Worship Leader: Rebecca Rich

Preacher: Doug Luginbill, Conference Minister, Central District Conference

Childcare: Laura Rosenberger, Jen Peifer, Nora Plummer

### Gathering for Worship

Call to worship\*

L: We are met in the presence of God,

**P: And we do not meet alone.**

L: With Abraham and Sarah,

**P: We gather to worship the Lord.**

L: With the saints of every age,

**P: We gather to worship the Lord.**

L: We embark on a journey of faith,

**P: And we do not journey alone.**

Invocation Prayer\*

Gathering hymns # 601 Lead Me, Guide Me

# 386 One is the Body

Congregational Prayer

Catherine Lee

### Proclaiming the Word

Genesis 12:1-9

\*\* Matthew 9:9-13

Michael Lee

Bradley King

Sermon

“Being a Blessing”

Doug Luginbill

### Responding to the Word

Hymn # 553 How Many Times We Start Again

Congregational response, sharing and prayer

Nick Plummer

Service of Installation and Licensing toward Ordination  
for Benjamin Rudeen Kreider

Hymn # 540 Will You Come and Follow Me

Offering

Announcements and introductions

Sending hymn # 827 Move in Our Midst

Benediction

\* Adapted from Rev. Daniel B. Randall, *United Church of Christ, Worship Ways*.

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

### Next Week

Lead: Sidney King

Hymns: Xaris Martínez

Prayer: Tom Lehman

Sharing: Kathy Roberts

Preach: Ben Rudeen Kreider

Snack: Liu-Beers

### Scriptures

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

### Announcements

**This fall, CHMF Sunday School** will focus on the story of the Bible—the big picture. Starting September 10, Sunday school will be held **every Sunday at 4pm—for all ages, kids and adults**. We're calling it "The Bible Timeline Project," creating 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.

### Calendar

**September 9**—Youth Group

**September 10**—Sunday School “Bible Timeline Project” starts (all ages), 4p

**September 23**—Ride for Refuge

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