

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 Kreider, Pastor

Thomas Lehman

Nick Plummer

Rebecca Rich

Kathy Roberts

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship October 1, 2023

Communication Information:

For church-related communications, please subscribe to our **email list**.

To sign up, contact Nick Plummer.

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 (mculusacdc.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

*God split rocks open in the wilderness,
And gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.
--Psalm 78:15*

Song Leader: Michael Lee
Worship Leader: Sandra Vander Linde
Preacher: Ben Rudeen Kreider
Childcare: Rebecca Rich & Sidney King

Gathering for Worship

Call to Worship

Come, all who thirst—come to the water!

You who long for the water of life—come and drink!

Dip your soul in the river of God's goodness.

Quench your thirst at God's well of grace.

For God is here among us,

offering living water to all who would drink!

All: Let's worship together in grace and truth!

Invocation Prayer

Sandra Vander Linde

Gathering hymns VT #1 *Summoned by the God Who Made Us* vs. 1, 2 & 5

VT # 22 *What is This Place*

Michael Lee

Congregational Prayer

Ben Kreider

Proclaiming the Word

Matthew 21:23-27

TBD

Philippians 2:1-13

Rebecca Rich

VT # 212 *Comfort, Comfort, O My People*

VT # 706 *O Healing River*

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

TBD

Exodus 17:1-7

Tom Lehman

Sermon

"Thirst for Freedom"

Ben Rudeen Kreider

Responding to the Word

VT # 611 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Communion Celebration

Nick Plummer

Communion Music VT # 476 *Eat This Bread*

Congregational response, sharing, and prayer

Kathy Roberts

Offering with Song # 737 and Prayer VT # 1022

Announcements and introductions

Sending hymn VT # 805 *Peace, Salaam, Shalom*

Benediction

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

Next Week Offering, World Communion Sunday

Lead: Erin Mullaney

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Hymns: Eric Hochstetler

Psalms 19

Prayer: Mary Jo Lehman

Philippians 3:4b-14

Sharing: Aspen Yordy

Matthew 21:33-46

Preach: Thomas Lehman

Snack: Yordys

Childcare: Chris Liu-Beers, Xaris Martinz

Announcements

This fall, CHMF Sunday School focuses on the story of the Bible - the big picture. 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 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

October 11—Dinner group at Rudeen Kreiders

October 14—Youth Group

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

October 22-- NO evening worship service in Chapel Hill