

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

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 (mcsacdc.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

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship

October 8, 2023



*The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.*

--Psalm 19:7

Song Leader: Eric Hochstetler

Worship Leader: Erin Mullaney

Preacher: Tom Lehman

Childcare: Chris Liu-Beers & Xaris A. Martínez

Gathering for Worship

Call to Worship

Come into this sacred space to worship God

whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure.

Come into this holy place to worship God

whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear;

whose judgements are true.

Come — let us worship God.

Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts

be according to your will, O God. Amen.

Invocation Prayer

Erin Mullaney

Gathering hymns

Eric Hochstetler

#2 Uyai Mose (Come All You People)

#47 God of Our Strength

Congregational Prayer

Mary Jo Lehman

Proclaiming the Word

Exodus 20:1-20

Psalm 19

* Hymn #710 This is My Song

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon

“A call to action”

Tom Lehman

Responding to the Word

Responding hymn #197 God’s Glory Fills the Heavens

Congregational response, sharing, and prayer

Nick Plummer

Announcements and introductions

Erin Mullaney

Sending hymn

#813 Heart With Loving Heart United

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 32:1-14

Hymns: Sarah Marks

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Prayer: Michael Lee

Philippians 4:1-9

Sharing: Zach Yordy

Matthew 22:1-14

Preach: Ben Kreider

Snack: Sandra & Steve

Childcare: Laura Rosenberger, Sandra Vander Linde

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

November 5—Congregational Life Meeting @ 3:30PM