

**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

### September 24, 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](mailto:chmf@chapelhillmennonite.org).



**Affiliations:**

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship CHMF is a **member** of the following:

- Central District Conference ([mcusacdc.org](http://mcusacdc.org)), a regional conference of Mennonite Church USA ([mennoniteusa.org](http://mennoniteusa.org))
- NC Council of Churches, ([ncchurches.org](http://ncchurches.org)), a statewide ecumenical organization which promotes Christian unity and a more just society
- Supportive Communities Network ([bmclgbt.org/scn](http://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](http://opentableministry.org)) in Durham
- Interfaith Council ([IFCWeb.org](http://IFCWeb.org)) in Chapel Hill

*O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,  
Make known his deeds among the peoples!*  
--Psalms 105:1

Song Leader: Jen Peifer

Worship Leader: Mary Jo Lehman

Preacher: Ben Rudeen Kreider

Childcare: Eric Hochstetler & Sarah Marks

### Gathering for Worship

Call to worship

Mary Jo Lehman

*Leader: Let all who are thirsty come;*

**People: Let them drink of the water that has no price.**

*L: Let all who are hungry come;*

**P: Let them eat of the bread which has no cost.**

*L: All without money, come, buy and eat!*

**P: Drink what is good, and delight in the Lord!**

Invocation Prayer

Gathering hymns

Jen Peifer

#25 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

#117. "We Give Thanks unto You"

Congregational Prayer

Zach Yordy

### Proclaiming the Word

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45

\* Hymn #606 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

"Hunger for Freedom"

Ben Rudeen Kreider

### Responding to the Word

Hymn #465 "Prepare a Room for Me", vs. 1-4

Congregational response, sharing and prayer

Steve Jolley

Announcements and introductions

Sending hymn #840 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

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: Sandra Vander Linde

Exodus 17:1-7

Hymns: Michael Lee

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

Prayer: Chris Liu-Beers

Philippians 2:1-13

Sharing: Kathy Roberts

Matthew 21:23-32

Preach: Ben Rudeen Kreider

Communion: Nick Plummer

Snack: Lehman

Childcare: Sidney King, Rebecca Rich

### 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

**September 27**—Dinner group at Liu-Beers

**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