

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 (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

Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship

November 5, 2023



*He who is greatest among you shall be your servant;
Whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
And whoever humbles himself will be exalted.
--Matthew 23:11-12*

Song Leader: Jen Peifer
Worship Leader: Mary Jo Lehman
Preacher: Ben Rudeen Kreider
Childcare: Sarah Marks, Seth Morgan

Gathering for Worship

Call to Worship, after Psalm 107:

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: We offer praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord, for the abundance we have received through your grace.

L: You satisfy those who are thirsty, and fill the hungry with good things.

P: You have gathered us in, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, to be your people.

ALL: Help us, Lord, to heed your call!

Invocation Prayer

Gathering hymns

Jen Peifer

#80 "We Sing to You, O God"

#281 "Joyful Is the Dark", vs. 1, 2, 5

Congregational Prayer

Xaris Martinez

Proclaiming the Word

Joshua 3:7-17

Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

* Hymn #454 "Wade in the Water"

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon "Students of the Living God"

Ben Rudeen Kreider

Responding to the Word

Hymn #758 "Who Will Speak a Word of Warning"

Congregational response, sharing and prayer

Michael Lee

Offering: Hymn #750 "God of the Fertile Fields", vs 1 & 2; Prayer

Announcements and introductions

Sending hymn #138 "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee"

Benediction

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

Next Week

Lead: Sandra Vander Linde

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-15

Hymns: Tom Lehman

Psalm 78:1-7

Prayer: Zach Yordy

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Sharing: Steve Jolley

Matthew 25:1-13

Preach: Ben Rudeen Kreider

Snack: Liu-Beers

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

November 8—Fellowship group potluck at Liu-Beers residence

23—Thanksgiving meal at Rich-Hochstetlers; sign-up sheet on email

December 9—Youth group caroling