

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 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.

To contact **Children and Youth Pastor** Catherine Lee, email:

catherine@chapelhillmennonite.org.

Our **website** has more information about our faith and worship and 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 that 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 12, 2023



Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
Matthew 25:13

Song Leader: Tom Lehman
Worship Leader: Sandra Vander Linde
Preacher: Ben Rudeen Kreider
Childcare: Rebecca Rich, Sidney King

Gathering for Worship

L: Come Mary Jo Lehman

Out of moments of despair,
Out of moments of joy,
Out of your everydays,
Out of heights, out of depths

Come as you are. Come worship the one who loves us.

P: We come as we are, prepared to see the bridegroom, ready to worship the Lord.

Invocation Prayer

Gathering hymns Tom Lehman

#122 *Sing to the God of Harvest*

#407 *View the Present*

Congregational Prayer Zach Yordy

Proclaiming the Word

Psalm 78:1-7 Sidney King

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Steve Jolley

*Hymn #228 Wait for the Lord

Matthew 25:1-13 Michael Lee

Sermon *What are we waiting for?* Ben Rudeen Kreider

Responding to the Word

Hymn # 226 *Sleepers, Wake*

Congregational response, sharing, and prayer Steve Jolley

Announcements and introductions

Sending hymn # 837 *Lead me forth*

Benediction

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

Next Week

Lead: Erin Mullaney

Hymns: Michael Lee

Prayer: Mary Jo Lehman

Sharing: Kathy Roberts

Preach: Chas Edens

Snack: Rich/Hochstetler

Childcare: Tana Liu-Beers, Laura Rosenberger

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

December 9—Youth group caroling