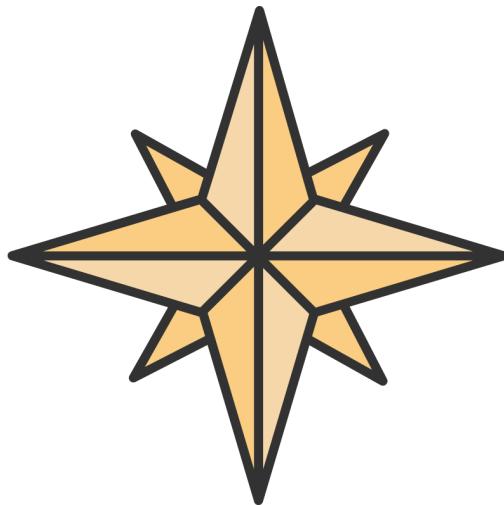


# Peace Mennonite Church



**January 4, 2026**

## Welcome statement

We welcome into the full life of Peace Mennonite Church all who seek to follow Jesus' way of peacemaking and compassion. We rejoice in the diverse characteristics each person brings to our community, and we embrace differences in race, gender, sexual orientation, physical ability, mental ability, economic status, marital status, and age.

## Mission statement

Peace Mennonite Church is a Christ-centered community that seeks to create peace, work for justice, care for creation, serve others, and nurture thoughtful faith.

## **Epiphany**

## **When Old Meets New**

### **Order of Worship**

#### **Gathering**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to worship

#### **Gathering hymns:**

VT 240 *Joy to the World*

VT 277 *As with Gladness*

Announcements  
Sharing joys & concerns  
Congregational prayer

## **Listening**

**Hymn:** VT 828 *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*  
**Scripture readings:** [Luke 2:25-32](#); [Mark 2:18-22](#); [Matthew 13:51-52](#)  
**Message:** *When Old Meets New* — Roger Neufeld Smith  
*Silent reflection*

## **Responding**

Sharing  
Offertory prayer  
Sending hymn: VT 809 *Sing a New World into Being*

## **Blessing**

### **Worship volunteers**

**Worship leader:** Larry Adams; **Song leader:** Anne Bailey; **Accompanist:** Twila Schmidt ;  
**Scripture reader:** Rebecca Adams; **Opening /closing & greeter:** Carola Ratzlaff;  
**Message/Tech tender:** Roger Neufeld Smith

*We are glad you have come to Peace Mennonite Church for worship this morning! You are invited to stay for drinks and snacks immediately after the service. It is a special time for socializing and getting to know one another!*

**We are grateful for the gifts freely given in this community, including financial gifts to continue the work of the church.** There is a box at the back of the sanctuary for financial gifts.

### **Upcoming week's schedule of events**

#### **Tuesday, January 6th**

**9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.:** Pastor Roger's office hours @ PMC  
**1:30 p.m.:** Wise Guys (conversation group)  
**2:00 p.m.:** Coordinating Committee meeting @ PMC

#### **Thursday, January 8th**

**9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.:** Pastor Roger's office hours @ PMC  
**9:30 a.m.:** Wise Women; contact Judy Johnson  
**2:00 p.m.:** [Zoom](#) gathering (informal sharing and prayer time)

#### **Sunday, January 11th**

**NO 10:00 a.m.:** Gathering on [Zoom](#)  
**NO 10:30 a.m.:** In-person worship  
**4:00 p.m.:** **Gracious Space**

### **Announcements**

**Save the date:** Our next congregational meeting will be January 18th after the service.

## Announcements continued

### **Gracious Space January 11th**

Next week Gracious Space will be an extension of today's worship theme "**Old Meets New**". Our time together will include **table discussions and a group exercise in "old meets new."** All of this will be a prelude to "Reimaging Peace Mennonite Church for the Future" discussions later in the month. **Pizza potluck** afterwards, details to follow next week.

### **SUGARCANE Movie Screening RESCHEDULED**

PMC and the Unitarian church will co-host a screening of the movie **SUGARCANE** on **Sunday, January 25, at 1:00 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Lawrence, 1263 N 1100 Road. We hope you will **SAVE THE DATE!**

**SUGARCANE** is a groundbreaking investigation into an Indian residential school, shedding light on years of forced separation, assimilation and abuse that Indigenous children experienced at the hands of Church and government. This urgent and timely film brings the hidden story of cultural genocide to audiences while celebrating the resilience of Native people as they work to overcome cycles of intergenerational trauma.

#### **Transition notes for our time between pastors:**

- **During the interim pastoral care needs and the pastor's email** will be monitored by Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith. (peacemennopastor@gmail.com)
- **Administrative Assistant**, Jerry Dowdle, will be working mostly Tuesdays and Thursdays (peacemennonite@gmail.com)

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