

Peace Mennonite Church



February 1, 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.

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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.

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Gathering hymns: VT 57 "Holy Spirit, Come with Power"
VT 62 "God is Here Among Us"

Sharing

Announcements
Joys & concerns
Congregational prayer

Listening

Hymn: VT 570 "When We Walk With the Lord"
Scripture reading: [Selected verses from Matthew 9-11 and](#)
[Philippians 4:4-7](#)

Message: "My Yoke is Easy, My Burden Light"— Roger Neufeld Smith

Silent reflection

Responding

Sharing thoughts and reflections
Offertory prayer
Sending hymn: VT 816 "Guide My Feet"

Blessing

Worship volunteers:

Worship leader: Larry Adams; **Prelude & Song leader:** Anne Bailey; **Accompanist:** Whitney Baker; **Scripture reader & Greeter:** Carola Ratzlaff; **Message/opener/closer:** Roger Neufeld Smith; **Zoom/ tech:** Anne Bailey

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, February 3rd

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

Thursday, February 5th

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)

Friday, February 6th

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: Game night at PMC

Sunday, February 8th

10:00 a.m.: Gathering on Zoom
10:30 a.m.: Gracious Space style worship and discussion

For future events and comprehensive announcements please refer to the weekly email newsletter.

Announcements

For those interested, **Mennonite Action** are meeting **after worship this Sunday February 1st**.

The coordinating committee will meet **February 12th at 7:00 p.m.**

Next Sunday, February 8, our Gracious Space gathering will be a little different as we **“Reimagine Leadership at Peace Mennonite Church”**. We will meet at our **regular worship time (10:30 a.m.)**, rather than at 4:00 p.m. We won't have a meal together - just our usual after-worship snacks.

Oh say can you hear? Ken Ratzlaff has been working diligently to improve the sound and acoustics in our sanctuary. He made some adjustments shortly before our congregational meeting that seem to have helped. We need feedback from everyone, especially from people with hearing difficulties – are these latest adjustments sufficient? Or are you still having difficulty hearing? **Talk to Ken on Sunday or call/text/email him.**

Justice Matters needs your support. Please join us for a team member **meeting on February 22nd following the service.**

Carola and Joe will provide soup and bread. We will share updates on the research committees and discuss upcoming Justice Matters events. This meeting is open to all current team members and anyone interested in learning more about our work.

Additionally, we hope you will plan to attend the **Nehemiah Action Assembly on Sunday, April 26th, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM at the DoubleTree Inn**. This is a vital opportunity to demonstrate our collective power in Lawrence as we address crucial justice issues.

Worship Volunteers' update

- If you are interested in **volunteering to help lead worship services (worship leader, sermon, music, scripture reading)**, please contact worship committee: Kirsten Bosnak (moonfarm63@gmail.com), Sharon McCulley (sharon.mcculley@gmail.com), or Roger Neufeld Smith directly, or see the sign-up sheet in the hall.
- If you are interested in **supporting worship services by serving as greeter, opening or closing the building, or taking part in the Zoom ministry (we'll train you!)**, please contact Sharon McCulley (sharon.mcculley@gmail.com)

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) Please send announcements by 8am Tuesdays.