

Peace Mennonite Church



April 26, 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.

Order of Worship

Gathering

Prelude
Welcome
Call to worship

Gathering hymns: VT 182 I Sing the Mighty Power of God
VT 550 God Who Touches Earth with Beauty

Announcements
Sharing joys and concerns
Congregational prayer

Listening

Hymn: VT 776 Teach Me Thy Truth

Scripture readings: Selected verses from [Exodus 20, Matthew 5, John 8 & 18, and Ephesians 4](#)

Message: "To Tell the Truth" — Roger Neufeld Smith
Silent reflection

Responding

Sharing
Offertory prayer
Sending hymn: VT 813 Heart with Loving Heart United

Blessing

Worship volunteers:

Worship leader: Susan Rieger
Prelude: Twila Schmidt/Whitney Baker
Accompanist: Whitney Baker
Song leader: Jim Krause
Scripture reader: Rose Claassen
Opener/closer/greeter: Carola Ratzlaff
Tech: Barbara Yoder

***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 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.

Upcoming week's schedule of events

Tuesday, April 28th

9:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Pastor Roger's office hours
1:30 p.m.: Wise Guys (conversation group)
5:30 p.m.: Coordinating Committee mtg

Wednesday, April 29th

6:00 p.m.: Labyrinth event @ PMC

Thursday, April 30th

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

Friday, May 1st

7:00 p.m.: Family game night

Sunday, May 3rd

9:30 a.m.: Remarks from Raylene Hinz-Penner
10:00 a.m.: Gathering on [Zoom](#)
10:30 a.m.: Service @ PMC

For future events and comprehensive announcements please refer to the weekly email newsletter (subscribe on our website homepage).

Announcements

Nehemiah Assembly is Here

Justice Matters spent two years working on a plan to address the problem of youth trauma. After considering many alternatives, JM is ready to propose a program called Nurse-Family Partnership that pairs first-time, low-income mothers with trained nurses for ongoing mentoring and support

in the first two years of the child's life. This program has been very successful in Shawnee county, and JM is hoping to bring it to Douglas County, but we need your support! The Nehemiah Assembly is the best chance for us to show our strength in numbers as we gather to ask elected officials to support the Nurse-Family Partnership plan. **Please take a seat in the Peace Mennonite section of the Nehemiah Assembly this Sunday, April 26 at 2:00pm** at the Doubletree Hotel 200 McDonald Drive, Lawrence KS.

Please help with moving and **stacking all the chairs** after worship this Sunday in preparation for the Labyrinth event– **Wednesday April 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** See this week's newsletter for more information.

On Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 pm there will be a Rally and Vigil for Immigrant Kansans at Asbury United Methodist Church in Prairie Village. This event is co-sponsored by KIFA (Kansas Interfaith Action) and has been a memorable event for those who have attended in the past. **Please let Roger Gibson know if you plan to attend, as we have at least one person looking for a ride.**

The East Hill Singers choir will be performing May 2nd at 3 p.m. at Village Presbyterian Church 6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village. Admission is free. **Several men from PMC are part of this choir.**

May 3rd Special Schedule Notes:

Next Sunday, May 3, we are delighted to have Raylene Hinz-Penner as our resource person for the morning. She will be sharing from her long experience with Indigenous justice issues in three different sessions.

- **At 9:30**, after introductory remarks by Raylene, the Coordinating Committee will briefly share themes derived from the questions and convictions people expressed in the congregation discussion of Indigenous justice on March 15. They will then ask Raylene to share her insights on each of these themes, one at a time, allowing for additional congregational response to each theme, as time permits.

- **At 10:30**, the sermon time during worship will be a panel discussion of themes not yet discussed. Roger will moderate the discussion with Raylene and two other PMC members chosen by the Coordinating Committee.

- **After a light potluck lunch**, we will continue the congregational discussion, asking Raylene to share additional stories and insights.

Please join us in congratulating Piper Bonner on her high school graduation at the Historic Taylor Barn (1827 E 1150 Rd, Lawrence, KS 66049) on **Saturday, May 9 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.** We would love to see you there!

Peace Mennonite ODIM Guatemala Service Trip -- February 20-28, 2027

The purpose of our trip is to learn about the work of the Organization for the Development of the Indigenous Maya (ODIM) and to experience Guatemalan culture. You can find written information about this trip in the church foyer. **Vickie Eaton will be available after the service today to talk to anyone who would like more information about the trip.**

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