

Peace Mennonite Church



May 17, 2026

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.

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.

Worship Order

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Call to worship: VT 851

Gathering hymns: VT 30 "Jesus Calls Us"

VT 428 "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"

Sharing and Prayer

Announcements

Sharing joys and concerns

Congregational prayer

VT 396 "May You Be Rooted and Grounded"

Listening

Scripture reading: [Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16](#)

Message: "Walk Worthy of Your Calling"

Silent reflection

Response

Sharing

Offertory prayer

Sending

Hymn: VT 809 "Sing a New World into Being"

Blessing

Worship volunteers:

Worship leader: Ken Ratzlaff

Prelude & Accompanist: Twila Schmidt

Song leader: Sara Bonner

Scripture reader: Rose Claassen

Sermon: Roger Neufeld Smith

Opener/closer: Roger Gibson

Greeter: Bert Haverkate-Enz

Tech: Roger Gibson

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

Sunday, May 17th

Congregational Meeting after today's service

Tuesday, May 19th

9:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.: Pastor Roger's office hours

1:30 p.m.: Wise Guys (conversation group)

Thursday, May 21st

9:30 a.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)

Sunday, May 24th

10:00 a.m.: Gathering on [Zoom](#)

10:30 a.m.: Service @ PMC

12:00 p.m.: Mennonite Action meeting

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

Announcements

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. We will also serve the local communities of San Juan and San Pablo la Laguna by helping to install clean-burning stoves and providing water filters for potable water for local families. Additional cultural activities may include touring the local coffee, weaving, chocolate and honey cooperatives, exploring the historic colonial town of Antigua, and other cultural cooperatives and galleries in the villages around Lake Atitlán. Activities are subject to change due to weather, schedule, or availability.

You can find written information about this trip in the church foyer.

Please contact Roberta Renz or Vickie Eaton if you are interested.

If you were interested in **Joe Casad's presentation on the Gospel of Thomas** last Sunday during Gracious Space, you might also be interested in the broader issue of how the Bible came to be. A very helpful resource in learning about the making of the Bible, including the story of the Gospel of Thomas and other Gnostic Gospels, comes from a Mennonite publisher, Good Books. The Bible: A History has over 50 brief, easy-to-read, well-illustrated articles on various topics related to the writings and events that influenced Christianity and its scriptures. You can borrow Roger's copy from the library until May 31.

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