

Statements of Mission and Belief

Our mission at Portland Mennonite Church is to be a community of faith in Christ Jesus that nurtures and disciples one another, ministering in both our city and the global village so that we participate in God's continuing acts of creation and redemption.

We believe that:

1. We are the redeemed children of an awesome God who loves us unconditionally and calls us into loving relationships with God, one another, and all of creation.
2. Jesus the Christ, Son of God, is our savior, teacher, healer and Lord, liberating us from evil and sin, setting us free to love.
3. God's gift of the Holy Spirit convicts, transforms and empowers us; believer's baptism proclaims our new birth.
4. We become part of the community of faith as we choose to follow Jesus, confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness, and growing as his disciples.
5. Scripture reveals God. We interpret God's word, our guide for living, within the body of believers.
6. We are woven together by God, each one's gift enriching the whole community.
7. Through grace we grow in wholeness and holiness, sharing with and challenging one another in a nurturing, affirming atmosphere.
8. God entrusts us with the created world, including our own talents and resources, and asks us to serve as faithful stewards for the blessing of each other and the earth.
9. God's righteousness and Christ's love impel us to walk with the forsaken, labor for justice, reconcile enemies, and embrace peace in a violent world.
10. God leads us on a journey of faith, calling us to study and meditation, ministry and service.
11. Worship is an act of confession, prayer, song, and praise in which we celebrate God with us.
12. In glad response to God's abundant grace, we seek and walk with others, inviting them to the Lord's fellowship and feast.