



Peace Dale

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

Our Mission Statement:

"EMPOWERED BY GOD'S GRACE, WE WELCOME ALL, LOVE ALL,
AND SEEK JUSTICE FOR ALL. UNITED IN SPIRIT, THE JOURNEY MAKES US ONE."

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E-Light Newsletter

June 27, 2019

Welcome visitors and friends! Greetings from Peace Dale Congregational Church! All are welcome to participate in the events and projects mentioned in this newsletter. Please feel free to contact the church office with any questions or for more information. If you attend our worship services, we want you to feel welcome. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask anyone you meet — the ushers who greet you, the other people in the pews, or the staff. Welcome to our community!



Please join us this Sunday as we say
thank you to Alan Barnes!

As many know, Alan Barnes is resigning, and we will be recognizing him on his last Sunday as our music director, which is this Sunday. Please join us in wishing him all the best as he embarks on his new career!

We hope you can **come bid Alan farewell** as we will honor him during **9 and 11 AM worship services** and celebrate at **fellowship hour after the 9 AM service**.





VACATION BIBLE CAMP HAS A NEW TIME!

“Who Is My Neighbor?” is the theme of Vacation Bible Camp which will be held Sunday mornings during August in classrooms 2A and 2B. Children will use stories from the Bible to learn more about kindness, compassion, peace, and love. Each session will include worship, drama, games, and crafts that relate to the day’s Bible lesson.

On 8/4, 8/11, and 8/18 VBC will be from 9 to 10:15 AM and on 8/25 from 10 to 11:15 AM. Stay for an optional half hour at the end of each session for a video or special activity.

All children entering grades K through 6 are welcome and may attend any or all sessions. Students entering grades 7 through 9 are welcome to attend as camp assistants.

Campers and assistants may pre-register by filling out the form at peacedalechurch.org/education/registration or register in room 2A at the beginning of any session.

Please note that there will no longer be any evening sessions.



PROPS AND CRAFT MATERIALS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Vacation Bible Camp will be held at the church this August. Our rooms will be decorated to look like an outdoor camp site, and we need some props and craft materials. Do you have any of these items that you could donate or lend to us?

- Small 2-person tent that could be set up indoors
- Foldable canvas camp chairs
- Fake campfire flame
- Colorful picnic blankets
- Props like picnic baskets, coolers, and battery powered lanterns
- Large stuffed woodland animals
- Empty jelly jars (10-12 oz size)
- LEGOs

If you can share any of these items, please see or call Sarah Algie at 413-221-8812.

REVITALIZING OUR CHURCH SCHOOL

Two endeavors are underway to revitalize our church school program.

The **new format includes a worship service in the church school wing.** Our Property Management team has stepped up and will clean out room 2C of the current furniture, create a mini stage, paint the room and hang a big screened smart TV. Exciting developments that are greatly appreciated! Let’s hear it for the PM team!!

The second part is the creation of a program of what will go on in the redesigned room. YOU can be part of that development. Yes, YOUNG PEOPLE, TOO. We do have ideas generated by youth, but now is the time to roll up our sleeves and make these ideas come alive. Do you like music, to sing or play an instrument? Or act in skits, do arts n’ crafts, or assist in these activities? We are having a **program committee meeting this Friday, June 28th at 1 PM** at the church. Come if you can or see/talk to Jane Stabile, Sarah Algie, or Kateri Wheeler with your suggestions. We can hardly wait to meet and create!

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

We would like to thank all those who help bring everything together for our worship services. This week's volunteers are listed below. There are many others who do so much behind the scenes, and we thank them as well! Special thanks to this week's

volunteers:

9:00 Deacon on Call – Jim Blackerby; Communion - Tom Heald, Bill Nelle, Martha Beazley; Ushers – Bill Nelle, Kathy Carlson); Offering – Sylvia Blanda, Wally Young; Property – Joe Fink (open), Dave Worthen (close); Hospitality – Ann Brakenwagen, Darlene Hermes, Beth Anderson; AV – James McMonigle; Scrip – Don & Karen Richer; Clock – Ray Christian

11:00 Deacon on Call – James Blackerby; Ushers – Cindy Dowgiallo, Deb Shaw; Offering – Mary Lou Northup, Carol Edwards; Property – Joe Fink (open), Dave Worthen (close); Hospitality – Tacy Hackey, Sarah Algje; AV – James McMonigle; Scrip – Don & Karen Richer; Clock – Ray Christian

And a very special thanks to Ed Holt and Meg Kolodziej for printing our bulletins and newsletters each week (and all the other countless things they do to help our church!).



June Mission Offering:

South County Habitat for Humanity

South County Habitat for Humanity is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions.

As we near completion of our new duplex home in Exeter, the two families are making plans to move in this summer. We are also continuing renovation of 3 homes in the area and we expect to start an additional new construction project this summer in Wakefield.

We are always looking for volunteers in on our build sites, in our ReStore and in the office. If you want to get involved, please call us at 401-213-6711.

~ Colin Penney

*Did you know you can donate to PDCC using your PayPal account?
Simply go to peacedalechurch.org and click on "giving".*

Altar Flowers



This week we are blessed with two altar flower dedications. The flowers on the left side of the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the baptism of William Albert Silkes by his loving family, and the flowers on the right are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for Alan Barnes' enthusiastic service to Peace Dale Church. Alan and his family will be sorely missed.



Do you have **garden flowers** you could share?

Memorial flower donations are needed for Sundays this Summer. Please consider gracing our altar with flowers while honoring a loved one or celebrating a special occasion. Call Carol Anne Hayes (364-9308) to learn of open Sundays and to make necessary arrangements. Thank you in advance for your help!



William Albert Silkes, son of Kristen Noel Ottesen and Adam Thompson Silkes, will be baptized at this Sunday's 9 AM contemporary service.

Every Tuesday, the Prayer Circle group meets to read the names of those who need prayers (elderly, ill, cancer, spiritual, and thanks for joys) requested by the congregation. If you would like to join us for a brief devotional and time for offering prayers, the time is 9:30-10:30 AM in Hoxie Lounge each Tuesday. Names are added from the requests made during worship services; however, if you have someone (does not have to be a church member) you would like to add to the prayer list, please notify the church office. They will receive heart-felt prayers on Tuesday morning.



The PDCC Board of Missions participated in the 2019 RI PrideFest in Providence on June 15th. We set up and “manned” a booth from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm. We distributed a new PDCC Brochure, a list of RI Conference Open and Affirming Churches, Trans Pronoun Buttons (very, very popular), Brochures about Camp Lilac and UCC Temporary Rainbow Tattoos. We solicited donations for Camp Lilac a camp for Trans students in Ohio. We also displayed our new UCC Rainbow Banner (“A Just World for All”) that has our name and e-mail address on it. It is two sided and is on display in the banner frame facing Columbia Street. I seemed that most of the 75,000 to 100,000 people and families in attendance stopped and talked with us. Four other RI UCC churches also had booths. We found the attendees were appreciative of our attendance and materials. We talked with residents of South County and invited back several who said they attended PDCC as a child or attended years ago.

We had a great time and some of us had a chance to visit some of the over 200 participating booths. It was slow walking with all the crowds of families and children. Everyone was extremely polite and conversant and many times others had to rescue our brochures that went sailing in the wind gusts. We had a great crew representing our Church. Thanks, to Jami Schafer (brochure creator and button maker), Katherine and Dennis Condon, Cheryl Von Ehrenkrook and husband Ralph, Deb Shaw, Sylvia Blanda and Heather Etter who trusted us with her canopy for shade. Wally Young

The Missions Committee is conducting a survey / questionnaire for the Congregation so that they may gather feedback to help better serve the church in our mission outreach.

There has been a nice response, but we are hoping for more representation of the congregation. If you have not already completed the survey, we ask that you please do so.

A paper copy of the survey will be available Sunday in the pews of the sanctuary as well as on the table across from the elevator, outside of the copy/work room. If you prefer to complete online, the survey is also available via this [link](https://goo.gl/forms/7OX4EF4TmCVYr6i03)

(<https://goo.gl/forms/7OX4EF4TmCVYr6i03>). Questions involve the mission initiatives we are presently involved in as well social justice issues that are of concern to us all.

We would like to have everyone complete the survey. If you haven't had a chance to respond to the survey, please use the link for the online survey or complete the paper survey and return it to us as soon as possible. There will be baskets in Fellowship Hall for completed paper surveys.

We thank you in advance for your participation.



Thursday, July 11, 2019

Movie Screening at PDCC at 7:00 PM

Join us for a FREE screening of Paris to Pittsburgh, a new film from National Geographic, produced by RadicalMedia in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies -- narrated by Emmy® and Golden Globe® Award-winning actress and activist Rachel Brosnahan (“The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel”). This film is being offered through Interfaith Power and Light to draw faith communities together to inspire local community action to heal the climate for the benefit of all. From coastal cities to America’s heartland, Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change. And as the weather grows more deadly and destructive, they aren’t waiting on Washington to act.

Learn about their incredible stories in Paris to Pittsburgh and be inspired to create change in your own community! Watch the trailer here.

We are excited to be hosting a screening of this incredible film at the Peace Dale Congregational Church, 261 Columbia Street in Peace Dale, on Thursday, July 11, at 7pm. We hope to see you there! Refreshments will be provided.



The church will be closed in observance of Independence Day next Thursday, July 4. If you have anything you’d like included in next week’s newsletter or bulletin, **please forward your requests/info to Rachel by Tuesday, July 2 at noon.**

Thanks so much! PDCC wishes everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July!



Save the Date

The Garden Basket will start on July 14!

Please note that our worship services are recorded.



Since the church is a public space, we reserve the right to use photos and videos without the expressed written permission of those included within the photo/video. To ensure the privacy of individuals and children, images will not be identified using full names or personal identifying information without written approval from the photographed subject, parent or legal guardian. If this is of concern to you, please contact the church office.

Hearing loop is installed in our sanctuary to assist those with

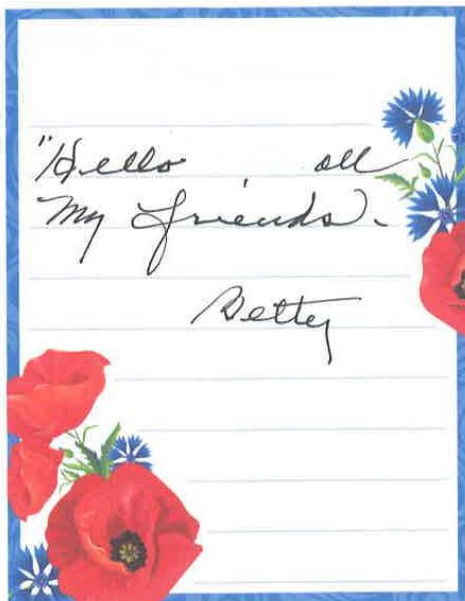


hearing loss. To use, either turn on the T-coil in your hearing aid or use the headphones offered table at the back of the sanctuary.



PDCC is now offering an **alternative worship time!** A prayer service will be held on **the third Wednesday of each month** following the Dinner Table, **at 6 PM. Services will be held** 7-17, 8-21, and 9-18. We hope you will join us!

A PDCC family note from our former organist, Betty Nickerson:



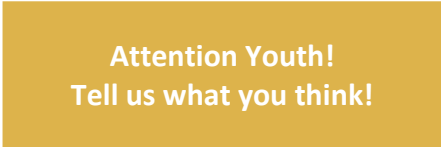
Report from the Search Committee Chair

Happy summer to all. I'll start with a full confession that the search has been a much more time-consuming process than I think many of us on the team expected. We have received almost 40 applicants; many well-qualified. That's meant that the team has painstakingly reviewed each profile, asked those that were moved forward to complete an additional questionnaire, searched the internet for sermons, blogs and anything else that might be of interest (Linda Redmond has proved to be our expert on this), voted several to a preliminary interview stage and conducted five interviews. We are hoping to move candidates forward to the finalist stage soon.

A reminder of our guiding criteria as identified by the congregation:

- Powerful and uplifting sermons
- A commitment to missions and social justice
- The ability to expand the depth and breadth of our CE programs
- A leader that will inspire our staff and congregation to be a "program" church

Finding a person that has these qualities has proved a challenging task, but we have full faith that we will be guided there soon.



PDCC Youth Survey

Dear parents/guardians and youth,
We hope to get more youth involved in **Youth Group** during the next school year. To help us, we are asking all youth, entering grades 7 through 12, to complete a survey. The survey should only take 10 minutes to complete. Here's the link to take the online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PeaceDaleYouthGroup>. Parents/Guardians please forward this survey address with its link to your children so they can take the survey online. Paper surveys are also available and can be found on the table across from the elevator, outside of the copy/work room. If you are taking the paper survey, there is a box to return the survey on that table as well. The deadline to complete the survey is June 22, 2019. Thank you for taking the time to participate in the survey. Your feedback will help us make Youth Group even more FUN!!

Nick & Kateri



Upcoming Worship Services, Meetings, & Events at Peace Dale Church



Thursday, June 27

8 PM AA Meeting (Community Room)

Friday, June 28

1 PM Church School Program Committee Meeting (Room 2A)

Sunday, June 30

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:00 AM Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) **SPECIAL CELEBRATION FOR ALAN BARNES**

11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12:00 PM Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, July 2

9:30 AM Prayer Circle (Hoxie Lounge)

7 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 3

4:30 PM Peace Dale Dinner Table (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, July 4



Church closed in observance of Independence Day



8 PM AA Meeting (Community Room)

Sunday, July 7

9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)

10:00 AM Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)

12:00 PM Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, July 9

9:30 AM Prayer Circle (Hoxie Lounge)

7 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 10

4:30 PM Peace Dale Dinner Table (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, July 11

8 PM AA Meeting (Community Room)

Please visit our website for a complete list of events.
(direct link peacedalechurch.org/about/calendar/)

If you are planning a meeting or event at PDCC, please be sure the space is available before advertising.

Contact the church office so that the space can be reserved
and the event can be included on the calendar, Facebook, website, etc.



Please join in wishing a very happy birthday to those listed below!

06/28 Don Lowell

06/29 Martha Frost

06/30 Will Beazley

07/03 Lindsey Redmond

07/05 Tawny Beckmann

07/05 Angelita Scott

07/06 Sarah Algje

07/06 Sophie Halloran

07/07 Caroline Bamford

07/07 Evan Douglas

07/08 Phil Holley

07/09 Katie Cunningham

07/10 Mary Jane Burgess

07/10 Dawson Hodgson



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*Would you like to share time in prayer or
would you enjoy a pastoral visit?*

If you desire some time in prayer or a pastoral visit, please contact the church office or Pastor Gary to schedule a time to get together. Please also be sure to contact the church office if you know of a church member or loved one who is ill, in the hospital, or in need of the pastoral visit.



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PDCC welcomes your input.

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to the church office (before noon the day before the newsletter is published).*