



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

July 3, 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!

Music Search Team Success!

The Music Search Team is excited to announce the appointment of Nathaniel Baker to the position of Music Director for PDCC. He will be directing both adult choirs and the youth choir. He will also become the Organist for PDCC, starting August 19, 2019.



The Search Team thought it would be helpful to share with you our introductory letter from Nathaniel which follows. In a future issue we will share his resume so you might come to understand the depths of his talent that he brings to our Music Ministry.

Dear members of the Peace Dale Congregational Church Music Director Search Committee,

When I think of music in a community of worship, I think of Bob O'Connell. Short, thin and bespectacled with kind eyes and ageless silver hair, Bob carried himself with a deliberate gentleness I have yet to witness in another human being. This manifest warmth of his made him the perfect mentor to the chubby, freckled, red-headed, awkward 12-year-old confirmand I was at the time, attending the First Congregational Church of Mansfield Center, Connecticut.

Bob encouraged me to perform on the piano for the church at every conceivable moment. He organized a fundraising drive to rebuild our then crumbling Steinway into what remains one of the finest instruments in the area. He coached me and others in our confirmation class' dramatic reenactment of the Supreme Court trial of the prisoners of The Amistad, in which I- donning dyed gray hair I liked to believe resembled Bob's- played the role of John Quincy Adams. To this day, I can still close my eyes and vividly hear Bob's own perfectly mocking, bitter and searing delivery of the bone-chilling line from the Passion: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Although Bob passed away a year ago at the age of 80, he remains to me a very much living example of the true spirit of a worshipful community. Ironically, churches are notorious for their petty squabbles and political infighting. As an elderly Jamaican lady at my present church is fond of saying: "There's no hurt like church hurt."

Yet alongside all that hurt, it is a miracle that there are Bobs in practically every community of faith. They lift the rest of us up. The world needs Bobs. The world needs us to try and be Bobs.

The further into my own career as a church musician I go, the more I realize that while quality of music, the correct selection of music, the best instruments, the most appropriate robes, etc. are all factors that build up the house of worship, it is the people in the house that give church meaning. It is not always easy and one of my

many frailties as a human being is that I'm not always necessarily in the mood for it, but each day I strive to help and raise those people up, to be a Bob to them as it were.

Sometimes this is accomplished simply by making music together, by improving, by learning. Other times it may mean lending an open ear to a member of the choir who is going through a difficult time.

I have enjoyed a vibrant and varied musical career. Some of it has been in churches, some in theaters, some in living rooms of the wealthy. It has taken me throughout this country, around Europe, even to Brazil. I have been blessed to learn from the best and to work with more brilliant people than I can count.

As Tennyson says in his immortal poem Ulysses: "I am a part of all that I have met." I have taken a little piece of all my many musical experiences with me and am eager to bring my musical and organizational skills to bear in what is no doubt a delightful community of worship at Peace Dale Congregational Church in Wakefield, Rhode Island. But with those skills and lessons, I hope to bring something even more important: the spirit of dedication to serving a religious community.

Thank you for your time and consideration and best of luck with your search. I know you have many hours of deliberation, reflection and debate ahead of you. These decisions are not easy. Nonetheless, I look forward to the opportunity to meet you all and learn more about Peace Dale Congregational Church.

Sincerely,
Nathaniel



Altar Flowers



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 – Janet Goodhart; Communion – Janet Goodhart, Tom Heald; Usher – Deb Zepp; Offering – Byron Fish, Gary Smith; Property – Lee Jeans (open), Dave Worthen (close); Hospitality – Ed Holt, Tom Kolodziej; AV – James McMonigle; Scrip – David & Betsy Nelson; Clock – Byron Fish

11:Deacon on Call – Janet Goodhart; Communion – Janet Goodhart, Keith Bruns, Gabby Klensch; Ushers – David Parkinson; Offering – Mary Lou Northup, Carol Edwards; Property – Lee Jeans (open), Dave Worthen (close); Hospitality – Tacy Hackey; AV – James McMonigle; Scrip – David & Betsy Nelson; Clock – Byron Fish

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!).



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!

This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of all who serve or have served their country by Peter and Claudia Swain. If you are interested in providing altar flowers from a florist or from your own garden, dates are available for altar flower dedications. Call Carol Anne Hayes (364-9308) to learn of open Sundays and to make necessary arrangements.



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!

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.



July Mission Offering:

For 26 years, the **RI Conference of the UCC Haiti Task Force** has been providing education, quality health care, nutrition programs, orphan relief and community-based services to the people of Haiti.

In preparation for the new school year, the July Missions offering will be donated to education for Haiti's children. Most of the children supported by the Haiti Task Force have very little or no financial support. Without the scholarship aid provided through sponsorships, they would not be able to attend school.

Over the past few years, PDCC has generously contributed to three individual students allowing for an education that they would not have otherwise. As these three students strive to continue their education, we hope and pray for a much better life for them all. We sincerely thank you for your previous support and hope you are able to donate again.

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



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.



New Worship Series ~ The Outsiders ~

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." - Luke 7:9

Have you ever felt like a third wheel? Life on the outside of the "in" crowd can make it difficult to fit in, to feel "at home." The Gospel of Luke chronicles Jesus' ministry with those on the so-called "outside." What can we learn from these stories and Jesus' call to turn the inside out and the outside in?

Beginning July 14 through August 4 we will be looking at how we are called to turn the inside out and the outside in as we move through our summer series "The Outsiders."

Join us each week as we look at topics such as,

- The Worthy – Luke 7:1-10
- The Traveler – Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
- The Neighbor – Luke 10:25-37
- The Lonely – Luke 7:11-17

Come discover how you can help turn things inside out and the outside in so that all God's children become insiders.



The church will be closed in observance of Independence Day Thursday, July 4. PDCC wishes everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July!

We hope you can join us this Sunday, when each service will include patriotic music.



Save the Date
The Garden Basket will start on July 14!



MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

We are excited to announce that July 21st through July 26th several youth and a few adults will be headed to Rutland, VT for the 2019 PDCC Summer Youth Mission Trip. We're going through YouthWorks, a short-term mission's organization that specializes in setting up life-changing Christ-centered trips for teenagers.

To help offset the mission trip costs and raise money for 2019/2020 Youth Group activities, we'll be hosting a fundraiser, The Money Wall. In the fellowship hall you will see the "Money Wall". There will be envelopes labeled \$1 to \$150. To support our youth, we ask you to select a denomination that you would like to donate. You can return the money/check in the envelope provided to Nick Pendola and Kateri Wheeler or place in the basket during service.

As a special thank you, we would like to invite you to a small reception on August 18th starting at 10:15 am in the Community Room. Here the youth will share pictures and stories from the mission trip. This inter-generational event will help the youth debrief, reinforce how God moved during the mission, and express their sincere appreciation for the congregation's support. You will be encouraged to ask questions too (sample questions will be provided).

Thank you again for your generous support of our efforts to provide rewarding experiences for our youth, and we look forward to your continued support.

With gratitude,
Nick & Kateri

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? See/talk to Jane Stabile, Sarah Algie, or Kateri Wheeler with your suggestions. We can hardly wait to meet and create!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES - In July, children of all ages are invited to join us during the 9 AM service in 2C -- the new worship room for music, story, and activities. Jane Stabile and assistants will collect the children after the word for all ages.

There is always, always something to be thankful for.

Today we are thankful for all who have supported the Scrip program with your gift card purchases during the month of June.....

Sincerely,
Your Scrip Team

Kathy Bamford	Dani & Charlie Rupprecht
Sally Bradley	Linda & Lee Jeans
Anne & Richard Brakenwagen	Karen & Don Richer
Linda Tucker	Paula & Steve Campbell
Betsy & David Nelson	Cindy & Alex Dowgiallo
Martha Beazley	Mary Louis & Tom McMillan
Sharon & Carey Lankford	Jean Heller
Sylvia Blanda & Wally Young	Kerry McCarty
Joanne Haynes	Gayle & Barry Keinard
Kathy Carlson	Roberta Norman
Marilyn Williams	Gary Bower
Heather Etter	Valerie & Scott Candow
Darlene & Don Hermes	Sue & Jim Blackerby



The PDCC Board of Missions participated in the 2019 RI

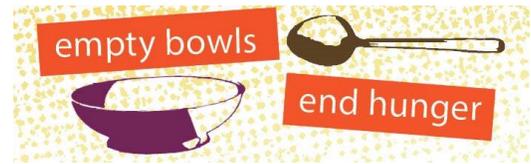


PrideFest in Providence on June 15th. We set up and “manned” a booth from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm. We distributed a new PDCC Brochure, a list of RI Conference Open and Affirming Churches, Trans Pronoun

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



Mission Board Empty Bowl Stroll

Your Missions Board participated in the Empty Bowl Stroll during an on and off drizzly June 20th Thursday. Patti Gross, Barbara Thompson, Heather Etter, Laurie McCoy, Galen McGovern, Tom Sherman and Wally Young helped children at Wakefield School design and create posters and head bands highlighting the issue of hunger and food inadequacy in South County. The results were creative and on point. Materials of paper, markers, tape etc. were delivered by Nick Pendola. After the artwork was completed, we lead a march of the 30 plus children with posters and newly created head bands in a march from Wakefield School to Main Street with several “strolls” up and down downtown Wakefield.

Welcome House and Jonnycake Center sold food coupons for delicious samples at local eateries. In spite of the weather lowering attendance, over \$6,000 raised will be split between Welcome House and Jonnycake Center. All of our Missions Board participants had a great time with the kids and welcomed the opportunity for outreach in our community.

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.



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



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

7 PM "Paris to Pittsburgh" Movie Screening

8 PM AA Meeting (Community Room)

Sunday, July 12

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)

Sunday, July 14

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)

Monday, July 15

6:30 PM Executive Board Meeting (Room 2A)

Tuesday, July 16

9:30 AM Prayer Circle (Hoxie Lounge)

7 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 17

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

Thursday, July 18

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!

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

07/11 Julia Ward

07/12 Maia Healy

07/12 Nicholas Palombo

07/12 Daniel Wheeler

07/13 Hannah McCoy

07/14 Patrick Shaughnessy

07/16 Betsy Cote

07/18 Carol Edwards

07/19 Grace Cummiskey

07/19 Cindy Dowgiallo

07/20 Judy Albano

07/22 Richard Curtis

07/22 Kaitlin Redmond

07/23 Emily Krochin

07/23 Carol Vetter

07/24 J. Benjamin Bradley

07/24 Judy Rametta

07/25 James Algje

07/25 Donna Carlson

07/28 Gayle Keinard

07/28 Kevin Simmons

07/29 Beth Anderson

07/29 Joel LaShomb

07/29 James O'Connor

07/31 Ellen Hefler



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NICK PENDOLA

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SEXTON:
MARY DEPIETRO



*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.

*If you have anything you'd like included in the newsletter, please forward your request(s)
to the church office (before noon the day before the newsletter is published).*