



# 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 11, 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!



### Welcoming Nathaniel Baker as Our New Music Director

It is with great pleasure that the Music Director Search Committee, PDCC Music Board, and with enthusiastic support from members of *both* of our choirs, present to you the resume of our new Music Director who will be replacing Alan O.W. Barnes. (*The resume can be found at the back of this newsletter.*)

Last week in the e-Light, Nathaniel's cover letter was shared with you. This week, we proudly share his resume. It probably won't take you long to understand how uniquely qualified we felt he was for our church music at this time in our lives. We found a GEM (or, rather, this gem **found US**)!

Please join us in welcoming Nathaniel (and his significant other, Vivian) into our church family when he starts his tenure on August 19th.

On behalf of PDCC musicians, Music Board, and Search Committee,  
Kim Mather

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 – Janet Goodhart; Communion – Janet Goodhart, Linda Redmond; Usher – Linda & Tim Redmond; Offering – Jim & Sue Blackerby; Property – Byron Fish (open), Earl Clark (close); Hospitality – Linda Jeans, Sharon Lankford; AV – James McMonigle; Scrip – Linda Tucker, Deb Shaw; Clock – Gabby Klensch; Teachers – Jane Stabile, Sarah Algje

11:00 Deacon on Call – Janet Goodhart; Ushers – Bob Gamache, Laura Benoit; Offering – Barry Keinard, Deb Waterman; Property – Byron Fish (open), Earl Clark (close); Hospitality – Tom McMillan; AV – James McMonigle; Scrip – Linda Tucker, Deb Shaw; Clock – Gabby Klensch

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!).



**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 that is 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 can donate again.

*Did you know you can donate to PDCC using your PayPal account?  
 Simply go to [peacedalechurch.org](http://peacedalechurch.org) and click on "giving".*

**Altar Flowers**



This week's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Charles & Albertine Turner and George & Dora Brakenwagen, by Richard & Ann Brakenwagen.



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

Memorial flower donations are needed for Sundays this summer. 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. Thank you in advance for your help!



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**.



**The Garden Basket**

Look for The Garden Basket table in Fellowship Hall this Sunday and every Sunday throughout the summer. Take home free garden produce and fresh flowers donated by the talented and generous gardeners of PDCC.

**Gardeners**

If you have vegetables, fruit, herbs, or flowers that you would like to share simply place them in one of the baskets or flower buckets on The Garden Basket table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning. Your donations will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

**Pumpkin Palooza** planning meeting this Sunday between servicees in Hoxie.



**TONIGHT**

**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, today, July 11, at 7pm. We hope to see you there! Refreshments will be provided.

**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  
Sally Bradley  
Anne & Richard Brakenwagen  
Linda Tucker  
Betsy & David Nelson  
Martha Beazley  
Sharon & Carey Lankford  
Sylvia Blanda & Wally Young  
Joanne Haynes  
Kathy Carlson  
Marilyn Williams  
Heather Etter  
Darlene & Don Hermes

Dani & Charlie Rupprecht  
Linda & Lee Jeans  
Karen & Don Richer  
Paula & Steve Campbell  
Cindy & Alex Dowgiallo  
Mary Louis & Tom McMillan  
Jean Heller  
Kerry McCarty  
Gayle & Barry Keinard  
Roberta Norman  
Gary Bower  
Valerie & Scott Candow  
Sue & Jim Blackerby



**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.

Looking for a change of pace on one Sunday morning? Would you join Jane Stable up in the new worship room to assist on Sunday 7/21? No planning, just come and enjoy the young and lend a hand. Contact Jane 508 395-1172 or [jane.stabile@outlook.com](mailto:jane.stabile@outlook.com)

**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.





### 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  
donation

### 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](http://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".

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



### 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)
- 10:00 AM Pumpkin Palooza Meeting (Hoxie Lounge)
- 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)
- 6:00 PM Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, July 18

- 8 PM AA Meeting (Community Room)

### Sunday, July 21

- 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)
- July 21-26 Youth Mission Trip (Rutland VT)

### Tuesday, July 23

- 9:30 AM Prayer Circle (Hoxie Lounge)
- 7 PM AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### Wednesday, July 24

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

**Please visit our website for a complete list of events.**

*(direct link [peacedalechurch.org/about/calendar/](http://peacedalechurch.org/about/calendar/))*

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

**Please 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!

07/11 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 Cumiskey

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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DESIGNATED MINISTER:  
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*NATHANIEL BAKER – BEGINNING AUGUST 19, 2019*

DIRECTOR OF BELL CHOIR:  
CHERYL VON EHRENKROOK

DIRECTOR OF CHURCH SCHOOL & SR YOUTH:  
NICK PENDOLA

TODDLER CARE PROVIDER:  
LAUREL SMITH

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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**Be sure to visit our website  
for all sorts of information related to PDCC!  
[peacedalechurch.org](http://peacedalechurch.org)**

*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).*

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## EDUCATION

**UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT** Storrs, CT Master of Music in Piano Performance awarded May 2014

Selected Scholar: Music Department Teaching Assistantship, The Lenard Music Department Scholarship 2014

Relevant Instruction: Professors Irma Vallecillo (Uconn) and Luiz de Moura-Castro (The Hartt School)

**THE HARTT SCHOOL** West Hartford, CT Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance / Music Theory awarded May 2010

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## RELATED EXPERIENCE

**St. Monica's Episcopal Church** 2009 – Present  
*Music Director*

- Selects service music
- Directs Chancel/Gospel Choirs
- Plays services and weddings/funerals
- Attends regular meetings with Priest In Charge

**First Congregational Church of Canterbury** 2005-2009  
*Music Director*

- Directed choir
- Arranged special musical offerings
- Organized concert series and musical production
- Played services and weddings/funerals

**Unitarian – Universalist Church of Norwich** 1998-2005  
*Pianist/Music Director*

- Played services
- Founded choir
- Adapted special musical offerings to a variety of faiths

**Choate Rosemary Hall** 2016-Present

*Music Director* for productions of *Bring It On The Musical*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Rent*,  
*The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*

*Piano Instructor*

*Vocal, instrumental and choral accompanist*

**Simsbury Light Opera Company** 2015-Present

*Music Director* for productions of *The Sorcerer*, *Iolanthe*, *The Gondoliers*, *Patience*

- Auditions cast in collaboration with Artistic Director
- Conducts musical/staging rehearsals with leads, ensemble and rehearsal accompanist
- Hires pit musicians
- Conducts performances

**Mansfield Senior Chorus** 2012-Present

*Music Director*

- Selects music for winter and spring concert programs
- Conducts musical rehearsals
- Accompanies and conducts 8-9 concerts each spring and winter in a variety of settings

**University of Connecticut** 2012-Present

*Vocal Coach/Accompanist*

- Accompanies student voice lessons
- Provides regular one-on-one coachings with students on repertoire in a variety of styles and languages
- Accompanies juries and recitals

## **SPECIAL SKILLS**

Good command of Brazilian Portuguese

Poetry recitation (has memorized most/all of Shakespeare's 154 Sonnets)

Musical composition/improvisation