



Peace Dale

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

Our Mission Statement:

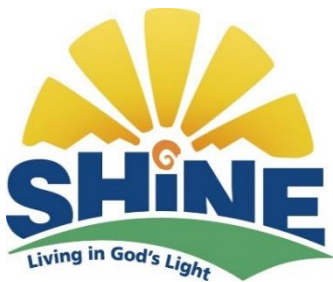
*"EMPOWERED BY GOD'S GRACE, WE WELCOME ALL, LOVE ALL,
AND SEEK JUSTICE FOR ALL. UNITED IN SPIRIT, THE JOURNEY MAKES US ONE."*

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E-Light Newsletter

November 13, 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!



Christian Education:

Many of you know that exciting changes have been taking place up on the second floor this year. We could not keep our Youth Connect and Youth Group programs running without the help of several

dedicated individuals.

- Meg Kolodziej has volunteered to be our new Youth Connect Administrator. She keeps our Sunday morning program running smoothly and has lots of ideas about outreach and intergenerational activities.
- Kateri Wheeler is also volunteering to keep the Youth Group active and led the recent mission trip to Mathewson Street Church. We are advertising for a permanent Director of Youth Groups and hope to be able to work with Pastor Fred Evenson to fill this position.
- The nursery has moved up to the second floor and continues to be staffed by Laurel Smith, our Toddler/Childcare Supervisor, and her assistant Laura McCarty.



It's poinsettia ordering time.

Join this wonderful ministry. Check out the order form on page 7 of the E-Light

WHITE ELEPHANTS:

WHITE ELEPHANTS – Wahoo! The A team has made substantial headway in preparing the treasures.

I am confident we will be ready. Now we need reinforcements: first on Sunday, 12/1 – LOTS of men, women and strong children to set up tables and carry the treasures to the rooms; workers for the day of the bazaar and most importantly a clean-up crew, my unsung heroes. Please note on your calendars December 1st and/or 7th – you are needed!



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given the glory of God and in Loving Memory of Frank Waterman by Harriet Waterman and family.

Prayer Circle

Prayers are liquid stitches – often invisible, hemming together fragments of sorrow and hope.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR December 7

The Christmas Bazaar is less than a month away! There are lots of ways for you to help to make this another successful event.

Crafts and Handiwork still need wares for their table. The Themed Baskets need more items to fill the baskets. Tags for those items are in the display in Fellowship Hall. Books are still welcome. Jewelry, White Elephants and Grandpa's Attic could use a few more items.

Remember to cut your Greens on Thanksgiving weekend and bring them to the Church St. side of the Church lawn. The Baked Goods and Cookie Stroll will be accepting all your wonderful culinary creations on late afternoon, Friday, December 6.

There will be Help Needed sheets in Fellowship Hall on Sundays where you can volunteer to help set up the Bazaar on Sunday, December 1 through Friday, December 6 and also to help on the day of the Bazaar in many areas.

WE NEED YOU!

It is that time of year again when the Nominating Committee will be contacting you to discuss how you can help support the missions of PDCC by serving on a Board. We currently have a total of 26 vacancies on Boards. In addition, we need volunteers to serve as Delegates to the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ (SNEUCC) and the Rhode Island Association. Please consider using your time and talents to volunteer! For further information please contact any member of the NOM COM team: Sarah Algie, Byron Fish, Cindy Fish, Darlene Hermes, and Linda Redmond.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

As in past years, we're asking our church family to assist us in providing the items for School Kits. These kits are provided to families in refugee camps, impoverished communities, or those in need after natural disasters.

To assemble a School Kit we need:

- 1 rounded tip blunt scissors
- 3 70-count bound notebooks
- 1 12-inch ruler
- 1 handheld pencil sharpener
- 6 new unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 box of 24 crayons

Please give what you can to help the very worthwhile project. We look forward to another successful year of providing kits to Church World Service.



The Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, December 7th. Yes, coming soon! There are many ways you can take part.

1st: Do your Evergreen pruning the weekend after Thanksgiving and drop the greens at the side door on Church Street on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 for the greens gang to work their magic Dec. 2-6.

2nd: Come create Greens decorations during December 2nd – 5th from 9-5 in Fellowship Hall.

3rd: Work the Bazaar on Saturday December 7th.

If you need more info, call: Jackie Kanis – 401-789-4193, Linda Redmond – 401-792-3334 or Jeannette Gamache – 401-783-6227.

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

11/13 Thomas McMillan
11/14 James McMonigle
11/14 Jeanne Garr
11/15 Marlene Williams
11/16 Deirdre Therrien
11/16 Harold Ray Jr.
11/17 Harold Nonnenmacher
11/18 Raymond Dufault
11/18 Lauren Redmond
11/18 Timothy Menard
11/19 Nathan Finnegan
11/19 Beatrice MacGregor
11/20 Pamela Sawin

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Q: Why did the Police arrest the Turkey?

A: They suspected fowl play.

Q: Where do Turkeys go to dance?

A: The Butter Ball

Speaking of Butter Ball..... Be sure to buy your Scrip grocery cards to purchase all of your Thanksgiving needs.

Stop and Shop, Belmont, Shaw's and Dave's are all available at the Scrip table in Fellowship Hall

Your Scrip Team thanks the following people for supporting our program during the month of October.

Judy Keller
Carol Edwards
Carol Dawley
Peter Swain
Linda Tucker
Joanne Haynes
Kathy Rancourt
Cindy and Alex Dowgiallo
Deb Waterman
Dave Parkinson
Gary Bower
Darlene Hermes
David Nelson

Barbara Gilbert
Sharon Lankford
Trish Van Cleef
Linda and Lee Jeans
Martha Beazley
Charlie and Bonnie Fiske
Kathy Bamford
Kerry McCarty
Karen and Don Richer
Holly Rogers
Ann Brakenwagon
Mary Louise McMillan
Sue Blackerby

Kathy Carlson

Do you like to meet new people?
Or do you love to read?
Consider volunteering to help at
Sunday worship services!
We could use some extra help to
serve as an usher or as a scripture reader
on a rotating basis.
Contact Linda Redmond at
lindaredmond@verizon.net

Job Lot is celebrating Veterans Day, with this offer. If you purchase a winter coat (located near the entrance) at Job Lot for \$40 and donate it to Job Lot for distribution to homeless veterans in Rhode Island, Job Lot will give you a \$40 gift card, that you can use as you please. The coat should be given to the clerk once you pay for it.

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:

9:00AM & 11:00AM Deacon on Call – Brad Alton
9:00AM Communion –Brad Alton, Bill Nelle, Janet Goodhart
9:00AM Scripture Reader –Janet Goodhart
11:00AM Scripture Reader – Sarah Algie
9:00AM Ushers – Eric & Kathy Carlson, Bill Nelle, Kim Salisbury-Keith
11:00AM Ushers – Cindy Dowgiallo, Deb Shaw
9:00AM Offering – Sylvia Blanda and Wally Young
11:00AM Offering –George Wyckoff and Deb Waterman
Property – Earl Clarke(open) Lee Jeans (close)
9:00AM Hospitality – Gail and Bethany Hopper
11:00AM Hospitality – Linda Jeans and Karen Richer
AV – James McMonigle
CE Teachers - Jane Stabile, Sarah Algie, Kateri Wheeler, Susan Krochin, Bob Van Clef
CE Assistants - Heather Etter, Byron Fish, Meg Kolodziej, Jet Vertz
SCRIP – Ray and Kathy Christian
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!).

Mission Trip to Providence By Nate Cummiskey

This weekend our church went on a mission trip to Providence to help others who are homeless. To be honest, I did not want to go on the mission trip and thought it would be no fun and too hard. Also, I didn't know the other kids very well and wasn't close with those who were going. I would like to share my experiences with you.

The work that we did included serving meals both on the street and at a church. We also worked at a house which was shared with 4 people who would otherwise be on the street without the organization called SHINE. SHINE is an organization that helps homeless people be able to have a safe place to stay and works by owners making areas in their house for homeless to rent for only 1/3 of their very small income. Another service that we did was sorting clothes for those that don't have any.

It was very surprising, each and every person's story. Bad choices and bad fortune have made lots of people's lives very difficult. One man who spoke at the breakfast where we served said that his sister was stabbed to death. He grew up in a terrible neighborhood where other people in his family were also shot. Another person who was affected was Pastor Archie. He was raped at 14 years old and turned to drugs. He overdosed 3 times and attempted suicide multiple times. He was brought back to life after jumping off of a 3-story building onto his head. He was involved in gangs, but still God thought his life was worth living and wouldn't let him die. Now he is a Reverend, is an actor, and serves homeless people on the street a warm meal and sings for them with a smile on his face every week. I learned that God is very giving and powerful.

Our work affected people at the house that we worked on greatly. One example is one man who we helped make a loft. We helped him get the project started, but didn't finish. After we left, the loft still needed lots of work, but our enthusiasm inspired him to keep working and he worked for several hours straight and finished the loft that night. This shows that a little work can go a long way.

This weekend showed me that mission trips don't have to be difficult or involve very hard work, they can be fun and meaningful. For example, we went to PFAC to see Aladdin and we had free time at the church where we slept to play games. We also got to play at the park. Towards the end of the mission trip, I realized that I was having lots of fun and was much closer to those in my church. I made new friends. I learned that even though people have had awful things happen to them and who are homeless can still have faith and hope. Seeing all of the misfortune in other people made me realize that we at Peace Dale Congregational Church are very lucky for what we have and are lucky that we can share what we have with others. All in all, the experience was enjoyable and very worthwhile. I advise everyone in our church to part of the next mission trip.



The PDCC Mission Committee has selected Neighbors in Need as the recipient of our November Mission offering. Neighbors in Need is enthusiastically supported by our own UCC. The program funds ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. It began in the '60s with the Civil Rights movement and has been advocating for gay rights since the '70s. It took on environmental racism in the '80s, and in 2005, was the first church in America to endorse marriage equality. We are doing justice.

Much of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to support a variety of initiatives including, advocacy efforts and direct service projects through grants. Grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities that range from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Please give generously to support these goals.

James 2:14-17 - "What good is it...if you say you have faith but do not have works?"

An Extravagant Welcome!

As Richard Brakenwagen works to establish a cadre of “official” greeters for Sunday worship, remember that on Sunday, at the Dinner Table, or whenever you are at 261 Columbia Street you may be the first person to welcome a “stranger” to our church community.

Be sure to go up, say hello! If you have no clue if this is someone who has been attending our church, all you have to say is “I’m Joe. I’m not sure we’ve officially met.” Give directions when needed or better still escort folks wherever they need to go always reminding them how happy you are that they are here.

If there is a wanderer, it may be someone who is just looking for a restroom. They are welcome! Escort them to the facilities; wait for them, if possible, and then find out if there is something else they need. On Sunday, it may be a cup of coffee or during the week it may be help in making an appointment to see the pastor. Always steer folks away from the CE wing on Sunday or the Montessori school during the week. Help anyone who has a CE need by bringing Meg to them.

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to sit with someone who had never been to our church. There is so much to show and explain. You have so much to be proud of; let this guest in on what happens here in worship or other activities.

Need a model to understand what extravagant welcome looks like? Wally Young and Claudia Swain are perfect for this task! Just watch them!

If you want to be an official parking lot greeter, contact Richard Brakenwagen.

Sylvia Blanda

The Value of an Extravagant Welcome

There are many references in the Bible relating to the importance of welcoming a stranger in our midst. Paul's reference to this in his letter to the Romans, Chapter 15 is easily recognized as one of them. "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God (Romans 15:7).

If you are like Ann and I, we look forward to connecting with our friends in church every Sunday. If you're in a leadership role in the church, "doing the business of the church" is often necessary on a Sunday morning. These things tend to keep us from our awareness of the strangers among us.

As you know, some of us visited Amplify Church in Pittsburg in the past year. Our mission was to bring about an awareness of the ideas that are in use there and that are responsible for the revitalization of their faith community.

Some of the programs in place at Amplify Church were thought to have value for us and as you may expect, other ideas in use there, do not. Changes in our Christian Education program for our youth that are now in place, are among those changes that we recognized to have value.

Their "extravagant welcoming program," has clearly made a difference in the life of this faith community at Amplify Church and would for Peacedale Congregational Church as well. Simply put, it simply welcomes those that we do not recognize, not by chance, but in a planned and strategic way.

The Future Forward Team, who have been meeting each month to discuss what we saw in Pittsburg and in particular what may have value to Peace Dale Congregational Church feels it is time to form a Welcoming Team for each of the two services that would address the need for an extravagant welcome for those that we don't know that worship with us. Ideally, we would have four teams of two people each, for each of the two services. One team of two people would serve each week at each of the two services. Ideally, each of the two teams that would serve at the two Sunday morning services, would attend the service that they would serve at.

We would have a training session for all of our volunteers, so that we are all on the same page. Each team member would be wearing a name tag, identifying them as a welcoming team members.

The value of this effort cannot be understated. If we are to maintain the vitality of our faith community, we must present ourselves to newcomers in the most positive way possible.

Please let me know of your interest in serving on a welcoming team and at which service

Peace be with you
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Christmas Plants

If you would like to donate a poinsettia to decorate our Church Sanctuary at Christmas, please complete the form below and return it to the Church Office with your payment by December 8. The suggested donation is \$12 for each poinsettia. In the days following Christmas Eve services, your plant(s) will be personally delivered to those in our church family who are homebound, over the age of 85, or recently suffering the loss of a loved one. If you would enjoy delivering your plant yourself, please indicate below to whom you will be taking the plant.

I would like to purchase ____ poinsettia(s) at \$12 each for a total amount of \$_____.

Given by: _____

Please choose one sentiment per poinsettia:

In memory of:

1 _____

2 _____

In celebration of:

1 _____

2 _____

In honor of:

1 _____

2 _____

Delivery Preference:

____ I would like my poinsettia(s) to be delivered through the deacons to a church family member.

____ I would like to take my poinsettia(s) (after the 11:00PM Christmas Eve worship service) to deliver to:

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

Sunday November 17 ☼ 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service ☼ 10:00 AM Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) ☼ 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service ☼ 12:00 PM Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) ☼ 3:00 PM-5:00PM Al-Anon (Community Room)	Monday November 18 ☼ Executive Board Meeting	Tuesday November 19 ☼ 9:30 AM Prayer Circle (Hoxie Lounge) ☼ 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice ☼ 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Community Room)	Wednesday November 20 ☼ 4:30 PM Peace Dale Dinner Table (Fellowship Hall) ☼ 6:30 PM Cotemporary Choir Practice	Thursday November 21 ☼ 11:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Community Room) ☼ 7:00 PM Traditional Chor Practice ☼ 8:00 PM AA Meeting (Community Room)	Friday November 22 ☼ 9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation (Hoxie Lounge)	Saturday November 23
Sunday November 24 ☼ 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship Service ☼ 10:00 AM Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) ☼ 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service ☼ 12:00 PM Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) ☼ 3:00 PM-5:00PM Al-Anon (Community Room)	Monday November 25	Tuesday November 26 ☼ 9:30 AM Prayer Circle (Hoxie Lounge) ☼ 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice ☼ 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Community Room)	Wednesday November 27 ☼ 4:30 PM Peace Dale Dinner Table (Fellowship Hall) ☼ 6:30 PM Cotemporary Choir Practice	Thursday November 28 Thanksgiving Day	Friday November 29 ☼ 9:30 AM Coffee & Conversation (Hoxie Lounge)	Saturday November 30

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.

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



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.



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