



# 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

December 31, 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!

### Altar Flowers

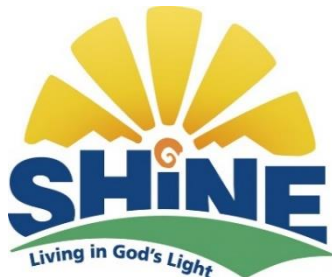


The altar flowers are given to the  
Glory of God in memory of our  
Mom and Gigi - Josie Fox - by Doug,  
Jenny and Quinn Fox.

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TOUCH WITH PASTOR FRED,  
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT  
401-789-7313 OR EMAIL HIM AT  
[FRED.E@MAC.COM](mailto:FRED.E@MAC.COM)**

### WHITE ELEPHANTS:

The down under team although taking some time off is making plans to improve storage and efficiency for our 2020 sales. We continue to welcome donations year 'round. Christmas items are a great seller. Thanks for making the 2019 bazaar sales the best ever!



### Christian Education:

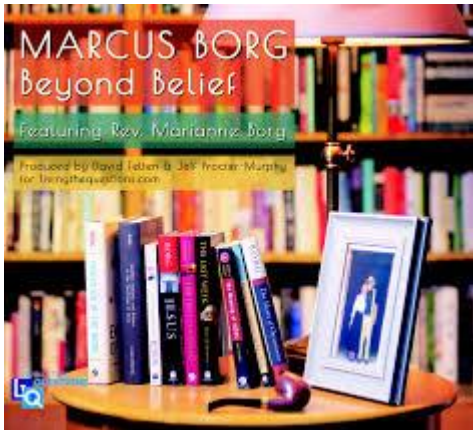
On Sunday, 1/5/20 the youth worship and classes will be learning about a dream that Joseph Mary's husband had that led him to marry her.

Try to think of some dream

you have had while sleeping to share in worship. Worship and classes will continue through January. Would some young people care to lead or sing a song for worship this month? I'd be glad to help make it happen! Jane Stabile for Youth Connect.

### *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

***Every Thursday the Prayer Shawl  
Ministry will be meeting from  
11:30-1:30 here at PDCC  
(excluding holidays).***



Join us during our Coffee and Conversation every Friday at 9:30am-11:00am in the Hoxie Lounge to be included in the conversation!

“Meeting Jesus Again” by Marcus J. Borg

“James was among the most widely known and influential voices in progressive Christianity and internationally known in both academic and church circles.”



## Bernice C. (Anderson) Durfee

Bernice Claire (Anderson) Durfee, who was born April 24, 1928, died December 11, 2019 at the age of 91. For 68 years she was the beloved wife of Wayne K. Durfee.

Please see the following link for full obituary and service information.

<https://www.carpenterjenks.com/obituaries/Bernice-C-Anderson-Durfee?obId=9730544#/obituaryInfo>



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 – Martha Beazley
- 9:00AM Communion –Brad Alton, Gary Smith, Martha Beazley
- 9:00AM Scripture Reader –Richard Brakenwagen
- 11:00AM Scripture Reader – Carol Vetter
- 9:00AM Ushers – Betsy & Dave Cote, Deb Zepp, Brad Alton
- 11:00AM Ushers – Dave Parkinson, Jeff & Stephanie Healy
- 9:00AM Offering – Byron Fish, Gary Smith
- 11:00AM Offering – Mary Lou Northup, Carol Edwards
- Property – Joe Fink (open) Lee Jeans (close)
- AV – James McMonigle
- CE Teachers - Jane Stabile, Susan Krochin, Sarah Algje, Kateri Wheeler, and Bob Van Clef
- CE Assistants - Byron Fish, Laura Lehrman Kelly, Meg Kolodziej, and Vivian Skipper
- Clock – Lee Jeans

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!).

*The PDCC Community extends our sympathies to the loved ones of those recently lost.*

*Dave & Betsy Cote – on the loss of Dave’s brother, Christopher on December 17.*

*Wayne K. Durfee on the loss of his wife, Bernice on December 11.*

*Joan Machata on the loss of her sister-in-law.*

## Please Join Us In Wishing A Happy Birthday To Those Listed Below

<b>Mark Fratiello</b>	<b>01/01</b>
<b>Carvel Cronkite</b>	<b>01/01</b>
<b>Rae Robinson</b>	<b>01/03</b>
<b>Madison Miller</b>	<b>01/04</b>
<b>Molly Cummiskey</b>	<b>01/05</b>
<b>Hallie Manchester</b>	<b>01/06</b>
<b>Sally Minnetti</b>	<b>01/07</b>
<b>Sylvia Blanda</b>	<b>01/07</b>
<b>Dorothy Wegimont</b>	<b>01/08</b>
<b>Susan Krochin</b>	<b>01/08</b>
<b>Allison Palombo</b>	<b>01/09</b>

# Our January Mission of the Month is Welcome House

Welcome House of South County is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping end homelessness in Washington County since 1987. They offer emergency shelter, a soup kitchen, transitional and supportive permanent housing as well as case management and advocacy for neighbors in need.

The main Welcome House facility is a 3-story, historic rooming house that is home for up to 17 formerly homeless men and women. Their shelter guests are offered free breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Lunch is open to the public and is served Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 12:00 pm - 1:00 p.m. Meals are prepared by volunteers and staff in our commercial kitchen. Welcome House offers a safe, sober environment coupled with supportive services aimed at stabilization and permanent housing.

Their efforts are made possible by volunteer support, individual gifts, foundation grants, government assistance, corporate donations, fundraising events and community resource partnerships. PDCC has been a major supporter of Welcome House with Monthly Missions, the Pumpkin Patch and other fundraising and volunteer efforts. Wintertime is a time where our donations are especially needed and critically helpful.

Please support this mission with cash or check in the Purple Mission Baskets on Sunday or donate on line at [www.PeaceDaleChurch.org](http://www.PeaceDaleChurch.org). Indicate that your donation is for the Mission of the Month and/or Welcome House.

Thank you for your generosity and support for this important “helping hand” in our community.



### Peace Dale Congregational Youth Group

When the craziness of the holiday season has finally wound down, early winter is the perfect time for a fun filled BIG game night. Teams of youth travel from game to game, competing to score as many points as possible. But here's where things get exciting.

These aren't your average games. These are larger-than-life-sized games. The teams with the most points at the end of the event are the winners and receive awards (and maybe some prizes) at a closing award ceremony. Youth, grades 6-12, are invited to join in on the fun.

Feel free to invite your friends. Please RSVP to [Kateriwheeler@yahoo.com](mailto:Kateriwheeler@yahoo.com) or call/text 401.793.6436.

**Date:** Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 5:30pm-7:30pm

**Location:** Peace Dale Congregational Church, 261 Columbia Street, Wakefield

**Donation:** \$5 suggested donation

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

Sunday January 5	Monday January 6	Tuesday January 7	Wednesday January 8	Thursday January 9	Friday January 10	Saturday January 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☼ 9:00 AM Contemporary Service</li>   <li>☼ 11:00 AM Traditional Service</li>   <li>☼ 3:00 PM-5:00PM Al-Anon (Community Room)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☼ 9:30 AM Prayer Circle (Hoxie Lounge)</li>   <li>☼ 6:30 PM Bells</li>   <li>☼ 7:00 AA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☼ 4:30 PM Dinner Table</li>   <li>☼ 6:30 PM Choir</li>   <li>☼ 7:00 PM Praise Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☼ 11:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Community Room)</li>   <li>☼ 7:00 PM Traditional Chor Practice</li>   <li>☼ 8:00 PM AA Meeting (Community Room)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☼ 9:30 AM Coffee and Conversation (Hoxie Lounge)</li> </ul>	

**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.**



**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.



**Donate to PDCC from your smartphone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader or camera to give through PayPal. Thanks!**



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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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*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)*