



# 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

January 8, 2020

**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 Dick Healy and Dick Iovino by Stephanie, Jeff and Maia Healy.

### Christian Education:

**SHINE**  
Living in God's Light

Finally we get to the all-important story of the birth of Jesus. Would anyone care to act it out? First, we will review the story in a video and then if we have some volunteers, you can act out the parts while I read the story. Of course, there will still be "What comes Next" and music. Come join our youth worship and age level classes! Yes, there will be a senior high school class too. Looking forward to celebrating the birth of Christ with you!

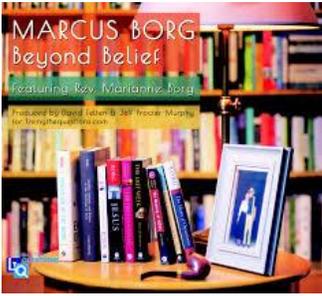
### WHITE ELEPHANTS:

Items are slowly arriving. Thank you. We collect year around. We no longer have a big teddy bear watching over your donations in the lower hall, but they will be taken care of. The bear went with Reverend Archie to St. Mathew's Church. Another blessing through your white elephants.

### *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

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

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET IN 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)**



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.”

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 – Linda Redmond, Tom Heald, Martha Beazley
- 9:00AM Scripture Reader – Linda Redmond
- 11:00AM Scripture Reader – Bob Hackey
- 9:00AM Ushers – Tim & Linda Redmond, Galen McGovern
- 11:00AM Ushers – Bob Gamache, Laura Benoit, Peter & Claudia Swain
- 9:00AM Offering – Susan and James Blackerby
- 11:00AM Offering – Barry Keinard, Deb Waterman
- 9:00AM Hospitality – Ed Holt, Tom Kolodziej
- 11:00AM Hospitality – Tacy and Bob Hackey
- Property – Byron Fish (open) Dave Parkinson (close)
- AV – Jet Vertz
- 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, Heather Etter, Laura Krochin
- 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!).

**Women's fellowship will meet Tuesday January 14 at 10 AM in the community room at the church. We will work on the**

**health and school bags. Bring a book review to share if you have one. All women invited. Refreshments served. Bring a sandwich for lunch, when we will sign cards and catch up.**



The Women's Fellowship would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who contributed so generously to the School Kits that are donated to Church World Service each year and to the ladies who made the attractive, "kid friendly" bags to hold the items.

Now it's time to ask you to contribute the items necessary for Hygiene Kits. Supplies needed for each kit are:

- One hand towel
- One washcloth
- One wide tooth comb
- One fingernail or toenail clipper
- One bath size bar of soap in original wrapper
- One toothbrush in original wrapper
- Ten standard size Band-aids.

They can be found at either Job Lot or the Dollar Store.

We will be bagging these items and they will be sent to Church World Service in April. Thanks for your continued help.

### Extravagant Welcoming

*Our Extravagant Welcoming program began on Sunday, January 5th with two of our greeters, one at each entrance to the church. The greeters will be passing out information about Peacedale Congregational Church and a visitor's card. They will be escorting them to the deacons to receive a bulletin and for seating. Thus far, we have four teams of two greeters for the 9AM service and one team of two greeters for the 11AM service. If you would like to participate in this important ministry, please contact the undersigned or plan on coming to our next organizational meeting on Monday, January 27th at 7PM. We especially need additional greeters at the 11AM.*

Peace Dale Congregational Church  
ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

February 2, 2020

11:15 AM

Fellowship Hall

Purpose: Conduct the Annual business of the church

1. Elect officers and board members
2. Approve the 2020 budget
3. Any other business that comes before it

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**Budget Review on Sunday January 26 between services  
Hoxie Lounge**



On 1.4.20 the Youth Group had it's first meeting for 2020. We held the "Larger Than Life Game Night" in fellowship hall. We had 19 kids attend, with the support of eight adults. The adults helped by donating appetizers, salad, bread, casseroles and dessert for the group.

As our youth arrived they played cards or giant Jenga. Wow were those blocks loud in fellowship hall. After a quick introduction, we had eight newcomers join us, and Pastor Fred said grace we had a delicious dinner. After dinner we divided the Youth Group into two teams. They gave themselves names: **The African Stuffed Oreos** and **Charmin Ultra Strong**.

It was an evening of suspense, competition and many laughs as we played five games: **Floor Puzzle**-Each team completed a large floor puzzle. Whoever did it the fastest won! Charmin Ultra Strong was the winner.

Next, we played **Pass the Pigs**-This game requires the great skill of luck mixed with good teamwork. Again, the Charmin Ultra Strong won.

**Battleship**- The game of battleship turned out to be a tie between the two teams.

**2-Liter Chug**- What could be better than sugaring up a bunch of teenagers??? Get them caffeinated up and then sugaring them up before sending them home to their parents! As you might already be imagining this game involved giving each team a 2-liter bottle of soda. The team to finish it first won. That team was The African Stuffed Oreos.

**Giant Yahtzee**-Another game of great skill with a dash of luck allowed The African Stuffed Oreos to win this game too.

**Bouncer**-Each team had six ping pong balls and six cups. They had to get one ping pong ball into each cup that was placed at the opposite end of the table. The African Stuffed Oreos won.

It was a tight game but the winning team was The African Stuffed Oreos.

A BIG thanks to Sarah and Jim Algie, Vivian Skipper, Kathy Bamford, Jane and Steve Stabile, Ed Holt, Meg and Tom Kolodziej and Pastor Fred for helping us have a fun filled night for the youth.

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## *Hospitality News*

Every Sunday, after each service, our Hospitality Committee provides coffee, juice, and homemade goodies for all to enjoy! It is an opportunity to meet and greet one another, talk, laugh, and share. Please help our committee by extending a warm and welcoming invitation to any visitors to join us during this time of fellowship.

In addition, please keep in mind there is a free will offering basket on the table each week. Donations help to pay for the coffee, juice, sugar, and paper goods. We are grateful for your generosity.

We would like to thank Bess Eaton Coffee Shop in Wakefield for providing the donuts every week. Please stop in for a sandwich, cup of soup, or donut and thank Mary Haverly, the managing partner, for her very generous donation to our church!

We appreciate everyone who has helped in the past year by hosting our weekly Fellowship Hours. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to make these weekly events possible – baking, carrying, shopping, laundering etc. A special thank you goes out to Jane Corbishley, Tom and Mary Louise McMillan, Gail and Bethany Hopfer, Karen and Don Richer, Tacy and Bob Hackey, Ann and Richard Brakenwagen, Sharon Lankford, Tim and Kathy Rancourt, Jane and Steve Stabile, Linda Jeans, Darlene Hermes, Sarah Algie, Ed Holt, Tom and Meg Kolodziej, Beth Anderson, Shirley Anderson, Sue Blackerby, Kateri Wheeler, Earl Clark, Judy Hayes, Betsy Nelson, Roberta Norman, Claudia Swain, and Janet Goodhart and anyone else we might have missed!! Your efforts are all truly appreciated!!

Please note: If you are celebrating something special (i.e., a birthday, anniversary, graduation ...) and would like to contribute a cake or treat to a fellowship hour to acknowledge the event, please contact Tacy Hackey (bobandtacy@gmail.com) – the church would love to share in your celebration!!

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# 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.

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

Sunday January 12	Monday January 13	Tuesday January 14	Wednesday January 15	Thursday January 16	Friday January 17	Saturday January 18
<p>☼ 9:00 AM Contemporary Service</p> <p>☼ 11:00 AM Traditional Service</p> <p>☼ 3:00 PM-5:00PM Al-Anon (Community Room)</p>		<p>☼ 9:30 AM Prayer Circle (Hoxie Lounge)</p> <p>☼ 10:00 AM Women's Fellowship (community room)</p> <p>☼ 6:30 PM Bells</p> <p>☼ 7:00 AA</p>	<p>☼ 4:30 PM Dinner Table</p> <p>☼ 6:30 PM Choir</p> <p>☼ 7:00 PM Praise Team</p>	<p>☼ 11:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Community Room)</p> <p>☼ 7:00 PM Traditional Chor Practice</p> <p>☼ 8:00 PM AA Meeting (Community Room)</p>	<p>☼ 9:30 AM Coffee and Conversation (Hoxie Lounge)</p>	

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

<b>Dorothy Wegimont</b>	<b>01/08</b>
<b>Susan Krochin</b>	<b>01/08</b>
<b>Allison Palombo</b>	<b>01/09</b>
<b>Barbara Wallace</b>	<b>01/10</b>
<b>Alice Babcock</b>	<b>01/10</b>
<b>Amy Lombardi</b>	<b>01/10</b>
<b>Elizabeth Wilson</b>	<b>01/13</b>
<b>Sandra Bellantoni</b>	<b>01/14</b>
<b>Tacy Hackey</b>	<b>01/15</b>
<b>Kim Kimball</b>	<b>01/16</b>
<b>Danise Rupprecht</b>	<b>01/17</b>
<b>William Nelle</b>	<b>01/17</b>

*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.



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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)*