



# 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

March 18, 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!

We hope that everyone takes the time to read this week's newsletter as there are updates and letters from many committees. Please note that we are doing our best to keep everyone updated about church services, activities and news by email, but if you are unable to receive email, you can call and leave a message at any time for information. You will notice that there is no calendar in this week's issue, as all church activities have been suspended until April 1. We also ask that at this time that you only come into the church building if **absolutely necessary** in order to help keep everyone safe and healthy. There will be limited office hours in the coming weeks, so if you have any questions or need anything please call us at 401-789-7313 and leave a message and we will get back to you, or you can always email Ashley at [office@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org).

**\*\*\* The memorial service for George Thompson has been postponed until further notice. We will keep everyone informed as far as rescheduling.**

*The Women's Fellowship completed packing 31 school kits and 40 hygiene kits this past Tuesday. We would like to thank those of you in the congregation who donated so generously and sewed colorful bags for the school kits. They will be blessed before they are delivered to Newman Congregational Church where they will be picked up by Church World Service in April*

*CWS distributed 19,880 hygiene kits and 7,710 school kits in the United States in 2019. They distributed 18,000 hygiene kits and 6,000 school kits to Syria. The numbers are staggering! Thanks again for your help.*

## SCRIP is BACK!!!!



### **Thank you for Supporting PDCC through SCRIP!!!!**

SCRIP returned March 1st and thanks to all of you we had a very successful re-launch. In the past 2 weeks, we had a total of \$11,072 in sales which resulted in a \$623 rebate to the church. Let's keep the momentum going and we are well on our way to reducing the budget deficit.

We all shop at grocery stores, pharmacies, coffee shops, and restaurants so just imagine if we all bought just a few cards a week. A \$100 grocery card purchase each week will earn the church between \$4 and \$10 (Thanks Belmont!). That's giving back to the church between \$200 and \$500 a year!

Retailers include: Belmont, Dave's, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Dunkin', Panera, Starbucks, CVS, Walgreens, Applebee's, Old Mountain Lanes, and Matunuck Oyster Bar.

With Spring in the air – look for Brickley's Ice Cream coming soon!

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Deb Shaw at dkshaw5@cox.net or 401-741-6578.



## WHITE ELEPHANTS

Aha. Here we are stuck at home. If you get inspired to clean out an area, you can either drop off your castaways at church in the lower area by the office or make a pile and I will be willing to pick them up when we are given the all clear. We have cleaned out the cellar and would love your hand me overs to fill it up! Thanks to all those who lugged and dumped from the cellar and third floor! It's a substantial improvement.

**The Community Forum with Adoption RI scheduled for March 25th at 6:30 pm is postponed until a future undetermined date.**

## ARE YOU A NUMBER\$ PERSON?

Do you get excited looking at financial statements?

Are you experienced with reading balance sheets, cash flows, or budgets?

Do you have a background in accounting or finance?

Perhaps you are/were a tax preparer, a bookkeeper, or a financial planner?

Maybe you own(ed) a business, work(ed) in the insurance industry, or act(ed) as a business manager or development consultant?

If ANY of these apply, then WE NEED YOU!

The Finance Committee at PDCC needs 1-2 people

to help make important decisions for the future of our Church.

Meetings are held only when needed.

This might be a great way for you to use your skills and volunteer at PDCC, contact Carol Vetter, Jim Algie, or Linda Redmond

**MUSIC LESSONS:** They are starting! Choose your type of music lesson. Register through the form at the end of the e-light and turn them in to the office. You can sponsor or help to sponsor children's lessons by making donations made out to PDCC and noted for music lesson scholarships. Predictions are that we will fill up quickly.

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

<b>Mary Szrom</b>	<b>03/19</b>
<b>Helen Van Cleef</b>	<b>03/22</b>
<b>Melinda Soderberg</b>	<b>03/22</b>
<b>Gabe San Antonio</b>	<b>03/22</b>
<b>Allyson Beckmann</b>	<b>03/24</b>
<b>Gregg O'Neill</b>	<b>03/25</b>
<b>Sam Fox</b>	<b>03/25</b>
<b>Brenda Stafford</b>	<b>03/28</b>
<b>Kelsey Simmons</b>	<b>03/28</b>
<b>Daryl Anderson</b>	<b>03/28</b>
<b>Daniel Foster</b>	<b>03/30</b>
<b>Keith Simmons</b>	<b>03/30</b>

**Birthday Club**

Birthday Club contributions benefit the Peace Dale Congregational Church endowment fund. Church members and friends are encouraged to donate on or around the time of their birthday, \$1.00 for each year that the world has been blessed by their presence. Birthday cards are sent from the church to remind members of this opportunity to make this birthday gift to the endowment. Increasing the endowment will ensure PDCC continues its mission for future generations.

Donate at [www.peacedalechurch.org](http://www.peacedalechurch.org) or send/bring your gift to church!



**Music Scholarship**

**Program** is an outreach program to give scholarships to *students* who are unable to pay for music lessons. These lessons will be given by paid music professionals. All realms of music will be available providing the availability of the educator for the instrument chosen. There will also be an opportunity for anyone of any age to pay for lessons. The scholarship program will be funded in 3 different ways.

**SPONSORSHIP:** A sponsor will pay for the students' lessons.

**DONATIONS:** Anyone can donate any amount to the scholarship program.

**PERCENTAGE:** A percentage of the paid lessons will be put into the scholarship program.

There will also be an opportunity for volunteers to be available at the time of lessons to be the second adult (required by law) or be at the entrance to open the door for students and/or parents. If anyone is interested in donating or has further questions please contact Nathaniel Baker, Carol Edwards @ [apleqay@cox.net](mailto:apleqay@cox.net) or 783-2713, Ashley (Administrative Assistant) in the office @789-7313 or any other member of the music committee. – Carol Edwards

## **Peace Dale Dinner Table**

This is one fantastic group of volunteers that comprise the Peace Dale Dinner Table.

As you know, we suspended our dine in service, even before the Governor did so statewide. Immediately, folks moved into action!

The Dinner Table is now commencing our first take-out/delivery experience! Sue Cohen is the chef for this week and this Wonder Woman has prepared an awesome meal:

Chicken and corn chowder  
Pulled pork on a roll  
Three bean salad and coleslaw  
Cookies by Mary and Carol Ann

On Wednesday this delicious meal is being packaged by Susan and Sylvia, delivered to cars by Heather Etter and the Wheeler Clarke family and then driven to different locations throughout town. Carol and David Hayes, Wally Young, Richard Brakenwagen, Brad Alton, and Peter Swain will deliver to the Peace Dale House, Peace Dale Estates, La Casa, Welcome House and to the homes of some of our regular guests and volunteers at the Dinner Table. In addition, we have folks who will come to the church and pick up their orders.

Thank you to all who volunteered. As is so often the case with our fantastic church family, more have stepped up than we actually need; however, since we will continue doing this for as long as possible, or as long as we have a good number of folks wanting take out, we will be calling on you. We have done quite a bit of outreach. Ashley has placed information on the web page and Facebook. Wally Young contacted the regulars for whom we have information.

Please, if you know someone who can benefit from this take out meal, tell them to contact the church and we will make it happen. Sue Cohen has cooked for a crowd, so we have plenty of food to share.

Usually, we welcome all volunteers, even at the last minute. For now, please do not enter the kitchen or "hang out" in the lobby, etc. We are trying to keep folks from gathering in any way.

## How to continue to support the mission and ministries of PDCC during this time of social distancing

The Corona-virus has created great disruption to our lives in an effort to keep transmission under control. Social distancing is the new phrase of the decade. Peace Dale Church is observing social distancing that is affecting our worship time and other activities.

Although we are not able to physically be together to worship or participate in other activities at PDCC, the mission and ministry of our church continues and your continued financial support is very important.

Here are some ways that you can continue to support your church at this time of social distancing:

1. If you give regularly through check at our worship services, you can mail your check to the office. Or you can request that a check be sent to the church via your bank. Most banks offer this service with no additional fee.
2. You can click on this link to our PDCC on-line giving and give through the Vanco program , [https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco\\_ver3.vps?appver3=SsKSQ0-nPT\\_k4RByT8\\_3XTA5CysPqHW6\\_wpj3X1u2X3H32ygx0hJv-svYzYN-NEyJ5U-vgC3x65OYCxMtnWyvM505Li6vDSM49C8hiqnq09cKKLVOCax9HqgyCfAQxmos0l3Qms5fEaU8MpxVsXH0WCamUUUrBaiVGV4CZzcMuhHkp4bUKP2KsBDyEqZhMLU58kApXMgktem3GKcuWH5JA==&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=SsKSQ0-nPT_k4RByT8_3XTA5CysPqHW6_wpj3X1u2X3H32ygx0hJv-svYzYN-NEyJ5U-vgC3x65OYCxMtnWyvM505Li6vDSM49C8hiqnq09cKKLVOCax9HqgyCfAQxmos0l3Qms5fEaU8MpxVsXH0WCamUUUrBaiVGV4CZzcMuhHkp4bUKP2KsBDyEqZhMLU58kApXMgktem3GKcuWH5JA==&ver=3). This secure website allows you to set up regular recurring giving via direct withdrawal from your checking account or via credit card. You can also make donations to the mission offerings for the month.
3. You can make a one-time gift through a PayPal account by clicking on this link: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme2/peacedalechurch>

Thank you for your continued faithful support of Peace Dale Congregational Church.

The Stewardship Board of PDCC

## **Hello, Fellow Youth Connect Folks!**

My goodness things have changed so fast. How are you managing staying home without friends? Not so much fun, I guess. So how are you spending your time? Not just technology I hope.) For me, this is a good time to contact old friends which I don't usually have time to do. Everyone could use someone to chat with right now. You too!

In the worship lesson we had planned for you to hear last Sunday, Jesus was delivering his Sermon on the Mount. He gives us the Beatitudes which talk about brotherly love, humility and charity. The first one, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Because of the crisis we are in, many people are suffering - some with the virus, some being quarantined and a lot of us our worried. What to do??

What does it mean? "Blessed are the poor of spirit" - we don't like being poor in any way. What is the kingdom of heaven? Well, for me, it is a sense of knowing God has my back. I depend on God. Yes, I get worried, but I am old and I have been in bad situations before, so I can look back and know that I can survive and even more thrive. I am in charge of much of what happens to me and my family. I can make decisions that can keep us safe. I can get help if I need it and no I am not going to run out of TP! I did wake up Sat. worried about what saying home would keep me from doing. It turns out there is still plenty to do.

Then I worried about what about the children whose parents must work. Are they home alone? Do they need lunches. I was thrilled to see that some of you are helping at the food distribution for PDDT this Wednesday night. Good going!

What are you doing with all that time at home? Email me. [jane.stabile@outlook.com](mailto:jane.stabile@outlook.com) Maybe you'll want a chance to share something from this experience when we come back together again.

Also do talk out how you feel with parents and friends. They can help you worry less and maybe suggest some activities. When you find something good to do, share your ideas with your friends!

Looking forward to emailing with you or seeing you before you know it! Got any ideas for our next service?

Jane

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# PDCC Music Academy

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*There's no time like  
the present!*

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## Take a lesson. (Or, give a lesson.)

**TAKE A LESSON:** The PDCC Music Academy is opening soon! Choose among many instruments like: keyboard/piano/organ, voice, guitar, drums and so many more! Individual or group lessons available. (\$25 per 30 mins. lesson. Group lessons discounted.) AND... your lesson fee helps fund a special needs or economically-disadvantaged child in our town.



Music grows the **WHOLE** person.

Or, **GIVE A LESSON:** \$25 will afford one special needs or economically-disadvantaged South Kingstown child a music lessons here at Peace Dale Congregational Church as part of our "Take a Lesson, Give a Lesson" campaign.



Can you give? Will you give?



### PDCC Music Academy Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Choice Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle: I have one/I need to rent one)

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice Instrument \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle: I have one/I need to rent one)

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#### AGREEMENT

- \*My child/I can attend weekly, 30 min. lessons held at 261 Columbia St, Wakefield.
- \*I understand that the fee for this lesson is \$25 for a 30-min. music lesson and group lessons will be discounted accordingly. \*Some instruments may actually be at a higher cost. You will be notified.
- \*I understand that my child/I will be taught by a BCI-checked instructor.
- \*I understand that my child/I can attend the year-end performance (TBD).

Parent/Musician's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Musician's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Musician's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Emergency Contact (Name and cell #) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to PDCC Musical Director, Nathaniel Baker, 261 Columbia St., Wakefield, RI 02879

OR Scan this form and send to: Nathanielgbaker@hotmail.com

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OR

#### I Can Give

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to help support a SK special needs or economically-disadvantaged child with music lessons.

Name:

Contact #:

Mail to PDCC Musical Director, Nathaniel Baker, 261 Columbia St., Wakefield, RI 02879

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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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