



# 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

### June 11, 2020

Hello PDCC Family!

I would like to take a moment here and say a huge Thank You to our online choir! Last Sunday, we celebrated Part II of our Music Sunday series and I just want to say to all involved - Well Done! The music was amazing! Joanne, Bob, Nathaniel, the film crew, the singers and musicians all did a remarkable job and I hope you find some time to enjoy the service in the near future if you haven't yet. Some have asked for a copy of the letter that I shared, so here's the link if you are interested - <https://www.mavenproductions.com/letter-to-a-young-activist>

Last week I began this E-light by recalling George Floyd's words saying that he couldn't breathe, and this week I begin with the words of the protestors that Black Lives Matter too. We follow a Savior who taught us that all lives are important, that we should welcome ALL to the table, especially those that society tells us don't matter as much. And so we will celebrate communion this coming Sunday, and consider who we welcome to our tables.

During the Houston memorial service for George Floyd, Rev. Steven Wells challenged the white churches across America, when he said, "We have to take up work of racial justice. It can end in our lifetime." But he said this would happen, "Only if you ask what am I going to do about it? Was I true to the calling? Every morning ask, what can I do to bring God's kingdom on earth?" The question becomes, how are we answering the call at PDCC?

On Sunday at 10am Fellowship Hour, we will share experiences we have had regarding racism. We will also watch a movie on Wednesday the 17th (the first episode will start at 5:15) with discussion to follow. I invite you to put it on your calendar. The movie is called "When They See Us". It's clear that our lives have intersected with a historic moment. Let's find creative ways to rise to the occasion, and intentionally take up the work that our denomination has been doing for some time now – the work, and ministry, of racial justice.

See you on Sunday.

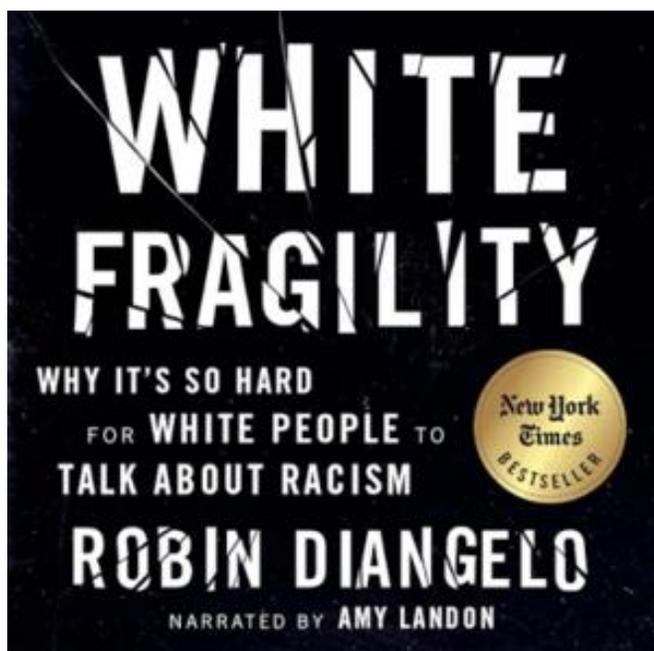
Peace,  
Pastor Fred

## Peace Dale Congregational Church Community Book Discussion

With the recent murders of black people spurring marches across the country for the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement, an idea arose around organizing a book club.

Peace Dale Congregational Church invites you to a community book discussion exploring the topic of racism. We want to learn more about how racism is present in our country, our town, and ourselves, and what we can do to undo these injustices. We figured a book club would be a good place to start and that others might be interested in joining.

We extend the invitation to you below and hope you can join us.



- In this book club, we will read [White Fragility](#) by Robin DiAngelo.
- The meetings will take place on Zoom on Wednesdays, from 7-8:00pm. There will be five in total: June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15, and July 22
- This book club is geared towards white people. Too often people of color are burdened with having to teach white people about the racism they experience. As white folks organizing this book club, we seek to take responsibility for our antiracist education.
- If folks of color would like to join, you are welcome.

If you would like to join, please fill out [this Google Form](#) to sign up! Also, please purchase the ebook *White Fragility*. Spaces are limited. Each participant is asked to join us with an open heart and mind. Please read the material assigned, prior to attending. On June 24<sup>th</sup> we'll discuss chapters 1-3.

### White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism

By Robin Di Angelo, Ph.D.

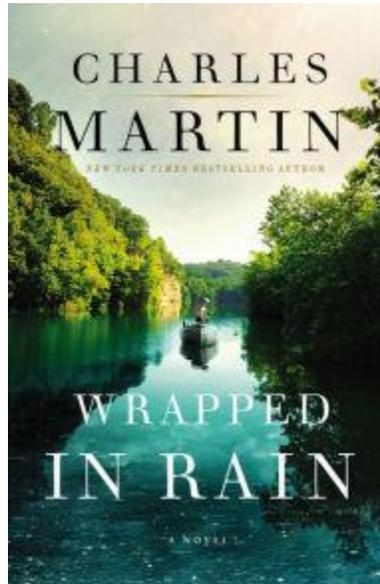
Dr. Robin DiAngelo is an Affiliate Faculty at the University of Washington. She teaches classes entitled *White Racial Identity and Race Relations*. Her book, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, was published in June of 2018, and continues to be a bestseller.

If you would like to hear Dr. DiAngelo introduce these concepts go to:

<https://bigthink.com/videos/top-10-2018-white-fragility-and-racism-in-america>

- White guilt is a roadblock to equality, says Robin DiAngelo. It takes race conversations off the table and maintains the status quo.
- "How do so many of us who are white individually feel so free of racism and yet we live in a society that is so profoundly separate and unequal by race?" asks DiAngelo.
- Stop feeling bad – that's not productive. Instead, start doing something to dismantle the systemic racism that benefits you at the expense of others.

**Virtual (Zoom) Book Club Get-Together  
Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**



On Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. CFL book club will hold a virtual get-together on the fictional book, “Wrapped in Rain” by Charles Martin. Although this book is a little sappy and far-fetched in its story-line, its timeline, and clichés at times, it touches on many of the complexities of humanity. There is a thread of Christianity as a foundation for life through the character of Miss Ella. If you want to participate, please let Darlene know at [dhermes44@gmail.com](mailto:dhermes44@gmail.com) and she will send you an invitation the week of the get-together. The Discussion at the get-together could possibly include such reflections as:

1. Where does one turn to gather strength when tough times come: family, church, friends, past experiences?
2. When you think of someone, who may have changed your life in some way, how much did you really know about that person (teacher, past acquaintance, neighbor)?
3. How much do you know about domestic violence in South County?
4. Have you had a coincidence that seemed unreal? (i.e. Running into an old friend when that relationship may have caused you to reflect on something needed at that time in your life.

Online Speaker Event



**LGBT ASYLUM**  
TASK FORCE

June 20th 4-5pm

Mission Board will be hosting a Zoom speaker event with the LGBT Asylum TaskForce, a Worcester organization that assists LGBTQ+ refugees.

During the presentation you will learn about their history, services, and hear short stories from people helped by the organization, followed by a Q&A portion at the end.

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87174885673?pwd=M2lidVVDmK11LytOeVJvY2d6d3hQUt09>

Meeting ID: 871 7488 5673

Password: 001593

Call in: 929-205-6099

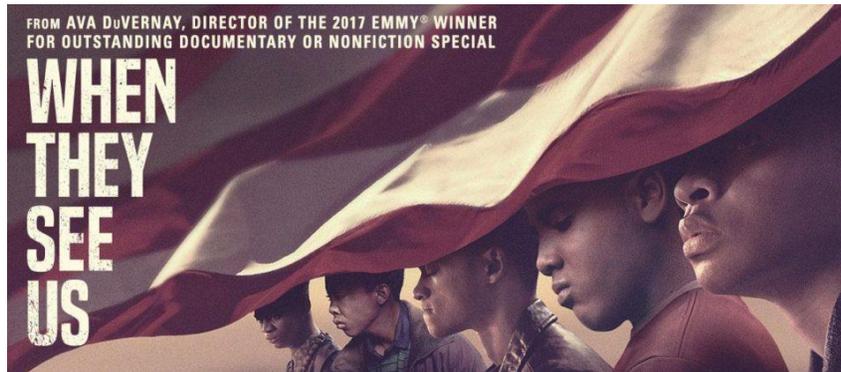
If you have any questions you can contact me at [jamimarie93@gmail.com](mailto:jamimarie93@gmail.com) or 605-351-3420, I'm very excited for this event and I hope to see you there!

-Jami Schafer, Co-Chair, Mission Board

**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE** – Members of Christian Education and other congregants are creating learning opportunities for young children, youth and adults that focus on racial justice. We have many resources to evaluate. Along the way, we are learning and sharing new experiences. Care to be part of the creation process? Email Jane Stabile at [jane.stabile@outlook.com](mailto:jane.stabile@outlook.com). Come be part of the solution!

**WHITE ELEPHANTS** – My box over floweth. I will be asking at Executive Board when we can have a drop off time for donations at church. We might need to pray on that.  
Jane

## Documentary Discussions Week 4



Hello everyone!

Next week, June 17th, we have the beginning of a two-parter!

*When They See Us* is a four-part docuseries on Netflix about the Central Park Five, five Black and Latino boys who were coerced into giving false guilty pleas to committing the rape and assault of a white woman in 1989. They served time in prison and finally had their convictions vacated in 2002.

As always, you can watch ahead of time on your own or together that night. We will start the first episode at 5:15, the second around 6:20, and our first discussion will be at 7:30.

Past and Future Events with Notes:
<a href="#">Chasing Coral</a>
<a href="#">13th</a>
<a href="#">The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson/Happy Birthday, Marsha!</a>
When They See Us (Ep 1 and 2)
When They See US (Ep 3 and 4)

**[Remember to sign up for the email list to get a link to the event!](#)**

I'll see you there!  
-Jami Schafer

## GREEN TEAM SEEKS ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS

We are in the early stages of forming a Church Green Team. Our major goal is to advocate for improved conservation and environmental practices to better protect the Earth and Humankind. So far we have a nucleus of enthusiastic volunteers, but wish to enlarge our group in order to better address the diverse tasks and efforts to accomplish our goals. As a first effort, we are attempting to make an inventory of practices already in place (to see a preliminary inventory list, go to our website at <http://www.peacedalechurch.org/>) .The team then will identify several key areas that need priority attention and try to improve our efforts in those areas.

Please consider volunteering to serve on the Green Team to help us to help improve the environmental health of our church, our community, and our country.

Sincerely,

Don Hermes Dherme33@gmail.com

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## JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH

Our Mission of the Month for June is The Jonnycake Center of Peacedale. The Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale started 45 years ago to supply a need of food for those who didn't have it. Since then, it has grown from a food pantry into a medium size social service center that serves South Kingstown and Narragansett. The Jonnycake Center of Peacedale provides a range of services – from school vacation meals, toiletries, other health/financial wellness services and more! With the current crisis keeping kids at home, they've started the school vacation meals early; they've currently fed 150 kids a week since March. Now more than ever the Jonnycake Center and our local community needs us to step up as we are able. The Jonnycake Center is also asking that if you can, to please consider donating physical items as there is always a need. They can always use gluten free items, such as pasta and snacks, non nut butters for those with nut allergies, toiletries, and canned goods. They have a donation bin on the curb outside that's available during their operating hours which can be found on [jonnycakecenter.org](http://jonnycakecenter.org). Please think of the Jonnycake Center this month and always as you donate and give generously.

**The practice of generosity** - like our spiritual practices-deepens the sense of hope, purpose, and meaning in people. While we are battling against the Cov-19 pandemic and must observe social distancing, we feel the need to respond. Thank you to all who have faithfully continued to support our congregation through time talent and treasure.

We know that for some the pandemic has made financial support difficult. If you are able please support the mission and ministries of Peace Dale Congregational Church through one of these options:

1. Send a check to the church: Peace Dale Congregational Church, 261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI 02879.
2. Set up Auto-bill pay for your weekly or monthly offering through your bank
3. If you have not already done so, set up online giving through our secure Vanco system on our website. You can access that by clicking [here](#).
4. Use PayPal for a donation. Here's the link: [PayPal](#)
5. Download our new phone app: Church Center giving. Here are some instructions for acquiring that account:

Using the Church Phone App:

From the app store:

Choose **Church Center, Peace Dale Congregational**



Need help?

Contact the church office:  
[office@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org)

Once the app is installed on your phone choose “Give” at the bottom of the app to quickly make a donation to support our mission and ministries.

Thank you, thank you, thank you the continuing support of Peace Dale Congregational Church who is making a difference in many people’s lives. We hope it is making a difference in yours.

The Stewardship Board



## Introducing Curbside Pickup at PDCC

SCRIP Gift Cards will now be available for purchase via Curbside Pickup

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month – **starting June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
12:30pm – 2:00pm

Where: PDCC Parking Lot – we encourage you to keep an empty space between cars

Details: Please stay in your car and wear a mask.

A member of the SCRIP team will come to your car and take your order and receive your payment. Please have your own pen to write your check. We will once again be accepting credit card orders with an additional \$2 transaction fee.

If you want to expedite your pickup please e-mail me at [dkshaw5@cox.net](mailto:dkshaw5@cox.net) or text at 401-741-6578 with your order before arriving.

In Stock Availability: Belmont, Dave's Marketplace, Shaw's, Stop & Shop (\$100)  
Applebee's, Dunkin', Panera (\$25)  
CVS (\$25)  
Walgreen's – limited stock (\$25, \$100)  
Matunuck Oyster Bar (\$50)

Special orders via electronic gift cards are also available.

If you are unable to make the curbside pickup date/time, you can still contact Cindy Dowgiallo ([acld98@cox.net](mailto:acld98@cox.net)) or Deb Shaw ([dkshaw5@cox.net](mailto:dkshaw5@cox.net)) and we can arrange alternate pickup/delivery. Please note that credit cards will only be accepted on the designated curbside pickup dates.

Thanks so much for supporting the ministry of PDCC!!!!

# Ideas for Family Summer Fun

## Collected at 6/8/20 Zoom Parent Meeting

**Cooking contests** – elaborate with rules made up with family or simple enough for the younger set. Older children can make an entire meal.

**Baking or cooking** – There are plenty of resources for children's recipes on line. Self clean up required. [https://nelliesfreerange.com/blog/recipes-baking-with-kids?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIq-mPxND16QIVsYpaBR1\\_yg9hEAAYAiAAEglwZvD\\_BwE](https://nelliesfreerange.com/blog/recipes-baking-with-kids?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIq-mPxND16QIVsYpaBR1_yg9hEAAYAiAAEglwZvD_BwE)

[https://www.briannas.com/kids-favorites-recipes/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIq-mPxND16QIVsYpaBR1\\_yg9hEAAYAyAAEgJVd\\_D\\_BwE](https://www.briannas.com/kids-favorites-recipes/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIq-mPxND16QIVsYpaBR1_yg9hEAAYAyAAEgJVd_D_BwE)

**Movie night** – with snacks, of course. Anyone have an old time projector and screen? You could even try it outside.

**Water themed backyard day.** So popular how about once a week. Check out ideas on Pinterest like making a giant water bed. Also Slip and Slide; water fights using detergent or similar bottles; bubble fun; water balloons; fancy sprinklers. <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/446208275581205671/>

**2 Families playing Family Feud** via Zoom  
<https://hobbylark.com/party-games/list-offamily-feud-questions>

**Car karaoke** – sing favorite songs. Join another family in their car and have a sing off. Who can sing the most songs?

**Group scavenger hunts.**  
<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/parenting/g32050844/scavenger-hunt-ideas-for-kids/>  
<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/103934703879639416/>

**Go clamming, swimming or canoeing.** Ask someone local for info on the best kid spots.  
<https://www.visitri.com/southcounty/beaches/>

**Frisbee golf** behind Curtis Corner school.

Make **play areas** in the cellar or on a porch. Themes could be: dress up; play kitchen; play school; workshop; craft area; trains; inside sand box using a very high sided inflatable pool (keep cats out); outside water table or sandbox with toys. Do you remember making roads and tunnels in wet sand?

**Obstacle course** – can draw with chalk on the ground in driveway or do on the lawn with simple structures. Can time each contestant for a bigger challenge.

[https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?rs=ac&len=2&q=chalk%20obstacle%20course%20for%20kids&eq=chalk%20obstacle%20course&etslf=20710&term\\_meta\[\]=chalk%20obstacle%20course%20for%20kids%7Cautocomplete%7C0](https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?rs=ac&len=2&q=chalk%20obstacle%20course%20for%20kids&eq=chalk%20obstacle%20course&etslf=20710&term_meta[]=chalk%20obstacle%20course%20for%20kids%7Cautocomplete%7C0)

Collect appliance boxes, at least one for each child and let them create their own **hide away village**.

[https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?rs=ac&len=2&q=cardboard%20house&eq=cardbo&etslf=7307&term\\_meta\[\]=cardboard%7Cautocomplete%7C4&term\\_meta\[\]=house%7Cautocomplete%7C4](https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?rs=ac&len=2&q=cardboard%20house&eq=cardbo&etslf=7307&term_meta[]=cardboard%7Cautocomplete%7C4&term_meta[]=house%7Cautocomplete%7C4)

**Cardboard box creations -**

[https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?rs=ac&len=2&q=cardboard%20box%20ideas%20for%20kids&eq=cardb&etslf=16412&term\\_meta\[\]=cardboard%20box%20ideas%20for%20kids%7Cautocomplete%7C2](https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?rs=ac&len=2&q=cardboard%20box%20ideas%20for%20kids&eq=cardb&etslf=16412&term_meta[]=cardboard%20box%20ideas%20for%20kids%7Cautocomplete%7C2)

**Kid experiments -**

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Local **hiking** options: Google “hiking south kingstown ri”

[https://www.yelp.com/search?cflt=hiking&find\\_loc=South+Kingstown%2C+RI%2C+USA](https://www.yelp.com/search?cflt=hiking&find_loc=South+Kingstown%2C+RI%2C+USA)

<http://sklt.org/land-we-protect/trail-maps/>

You have probably already checked out this Pinterest site for at home fun for kids.

[https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?rs=ac&len=2&q=summer%20fun%20ideas%20for%20kids%20at%20home&eq=summer%20fun&etslf=31770&term\\_meta\[\]=summer%20fun%20ideas%20for%20kids%20at%20home%7Cautocomplete%7C7](https://www.pinterest.com/search/pins/?rs=ac&len=2&q=summer%20fun%20ideas%20for%20kids%20at%20home&eq=summer%20fun&etslf=31770&term_meta[]=summer%20fun%20ideas%20for%20kids%20at%20home%7Cautocomplete%7C7)



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