



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

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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!



Happy Summer,

As I reflect on all we've been through over the past spring, I welcome the change in season to warmer, brighter days. Although this has been a painful time for our nation, I am very encouraged by the good works of our church and the stand we take against injustice wherever we may see it. We are not just a banner waving church, we are an apron wearing church. We stand up against racial injustice, but we also feed the hungry, help shelter the homeless, uplift those who are victims of domestic violence, advocate for affordable housing, and all the other wonderful missions of this congregation.

The changes the pandemic has brought with it have been difficult for many. We miss being with our family and friends. Life events such as proms and graduations, weddings and funerals, have been postponed or cancelled. And closing our church building has been very difficult. But out of the darkness will come light. I look forward to the day where we will worship together again on Sunday mornings. As it is said in 1 Peter 1:6, Be truly glad, there is wonderful joy ahead!

Yours in Christ
Carol Vetter
Church President



In Remembrance of Philip A. Holley

Loving Words From A Daughter:

Dad was a man that can be described as selfless, kind, caring, able to tackle anything put before him.

Dad has lived as we have all been taught , love thy neighbor.

As a husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather , great grandfather , dad led by example .

Never did you hear or see a negative , always thinking the best of others.

Dad has given us his life, love and lessons, those will live on in all that knew him.

He was a great steward...

Sharon Holley-Johnston

Philip's full obituary can be found here:

<https://www.averystortifuneralhome.com/obituaries/Philip-A-Holley?obId=15033341#/obituaryInfo>

We would also like to thank Ray Christian, for ringing the bells in honor of Philip's passing. When a sailor has died, he or she can be honored with the sounding of eight bells; meaning "end of the watch".

SOCIAL JUSTICE PLANNING COMMITTEE

We have resources that we have been collecting that include books, curriculum guides, workshops, webinars which our members have been attending, movie links, web sites, etc. There is so much information. Here are some of the current offerings.

Besides Kateri's "White Fragility" discussion group that starts this Wednesday 6/24, there are so many resources available to download from our own Southern NE UCC Conference and the national UCC sites.

So if you like so many fellow congregants are searching for answers or trying to ask helpful questions, try out some of our links, book clubs, movies with discussion groups or suggested webinars. Hope you will join the Social Justice team in expanding how we each see racial discrimination right here and now and what to do about it. JS

Links to excellent resources from UCC and SNEUCC:
<https://www.facebook.com/sneucc/> Check out Fred's photo and article on the Juneteenth celebration. "South Kingston church to celebrate Juneteenth and raise awareness by ringing bell." Also a list of upcoming events/webinars.

From C. Zedella - Racial Justice Resources
<https://www.sneucc.org/racialjustice>

- o Families, youth leaders, pastors, churches
- o Websites, videos, books
- o Inventory for congregations on welcoming diversity
- o Racial justice workshops
- o Minister for racial justice
<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch/> The Juneteenth is also available on the PDCC Facebook page. Just in case you have not gone on to LIKE PDCC, I have included a link here.

There is additional related info on the UCC Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/UnitedChurchofChrist/>

Also check out the UCC Website for further resources about Racial Justice at:
https://www.ucc.org/justice_racism

YOUTH GROUP

Hello. Sooo great to see particularly the youth at the 6/19 bell ringing at church. Did you know Helen Van Cleef was the one who rang the bell as Jet Vertz timed her pulls and Greg Blaisdell filmed the action. It was a solemn time, lightened by finally getting to see each other.

I have continued to practice signing the Lord's Prayer. Grownups and youth if you think you've perfected it like Daniel, please video your effort and send it to Kateri at kateriwheeler@yahoo.com

Kateri has created a list of fun activities for her family for this summer. Check it out below and feel free to pass along your own ideas.

<http://peacedalechurch.org/wp-content/PDCC/BoredomBusters.pdf>

Youth Group Members and Parents – Please complete our survey at the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLp_YBn-ndil5_Trdq4U-XuTErUi_gzIDZLaw1nutOgtcHfA/viewform

SPOTLIGHT MOMENT by Carol Edwards

Who would have thought that making masks and giving them away could be so rewarding? Almost every day, weather permitting, I put my display stand out in my front yard with a basket full of masks. In large letters the sign says "FREE" "MASKS" Stay Safe! Keeping busy sewing and getting a shout of thank you and waves, is my therapy and satisfaction in knowing I have helped someone. But God is at work! I have met so many of my neighbors I would never have met due to the busy street I live on. My heart was warmed when a neighbor dropped off a thank you card with a note not only of thanks, but learning her husband made the card. I have two handwritten notes of thanks on scraps of paper that also made my day. But today, I received an orchard with a thank you card that brought tears to my eyes. Later, while I was on zoom with my prayer shawl group another neighbor brought me a bouquet of flowers from her garden. God has shown me that strangers become friends with small gestures of kindness. Although, I don't get to meet everyone that takes a mask, for those I do meet I thank God for the opportunity.

The Missions Board would like to remind everyone about Documentary Discussions Week 4 (When They See Us).

Please see previous newsletters for more information.

GREEN TEAM NEWS

The new PDCC Green Team is posting our agenda, minutes, and other actions on the church web site at <http://www.peacedalechurch.org/>. We are located under the Education Tab/Green Team.

Keep in touch and up to date by going to this website. Our early goal is to complete a list of our present resources and status. These are listed under "Steps to Form a Church Green Team" on our web page. Once our inventory is more complete, we hope to select 2-3 objectives to initiate or improve our environmental practices.

OUR MISSION IS TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES IN OUR CHURCH, OUR HOMES, AND OUR COMMUNITIES.

We continue to pray that the PDCC Warming Shelter gets little use this season and that it can help address homeless suffering in our community.

PDCC Shelter Team Leaders: Gary Smith, Carole Ann Hayes, Dave Hayes, Ray Christian

If anyone is in need of prayers or a prayer shawl please notify the office.

We would like to wish a happy birthday to the following people:

Kevin Redmond – 6/24
Elizabeth Laffey – 6/25
John Dugas – 6/25
Susan Simon – 6/26
Cheryl von Ehrenkrook – 6/26
Laurie Baud – 6/26
Don Lowell – 6/28
Martha Frost – 6/29
Cynthia Fish – 6/30
Will Beazley – 6/30



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

- Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, June 24 at 7:00pm-815pm TOPIC: “White Fragility”
- Zoom Meeting: Friday, June 26 at 2:30pm TOPIC: Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Zoom Meeting: Sunday, June 28 at 10:00am TOPIC: Fellowship Meeting w/ Fred
- Zoom Meeting: Wednesday July 1 at 4:30pm TOPIC: “When They See Us” Docuseries
- Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, July 1 at 7:00pm-815pm TOPIC: “White Fragility”
- Upcoming Events: South Kingstown Special Election – July 14th

Please send me items for the church calendar at office@peacedalechurch.org

Please visit our website for a complete list of events.
direct link for calendar: <http://www.peacedalechurch.org/about/calendar/>



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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)*