



Peace Dale

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*

E-Light Newsletter

July 8, 2020



We are very pleased to have the Reverend Dr. George Peters giving the sermon for our worship services while Pastor Fred is on vacation. Dr. Peters will be joining us this Sunday, July 12th and next Sunday July 19th.

Dr. Peters graduated from Bates College in 1969, Andover Newton Theological School in 1973 and earned his doctorate of ministry at Hartford Seminary in 1981.

Dr. Peters, who was ordained in 1973 in his hometown church in Columbia, Connecticut, joined the Pawtucket Congregational Church in 1982 and served there until 2011. The Pawtucket Congregational merged with Sayles Memorial Congregational Church and is now called the Chapel Street Congregational Church in Lincoln, where Dr. Peters serves as Pastor Emeritus.

Dr. Peters has served on many boards and committees, often in leadership roles. He is the Past President of the Rhode Island Conference, United Church of Christ and currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Trustees at Newman Congregational United Church of Christ in Rumford, RI.

Dr. Peters served as our bridge pastor last fall and it is a joy to have him back.

Aprons in Action



Did you know the Prayer Shawl knitters and crocheters are still hard at work these days? We meet via Zoom every Friday from 2:30 to 4:00 pm and chat while we work. It's a wonderful gathering of folks including those who come just for the conversation. Email Janet if you want to participate or learn the crafts, janetgoodhart@gmail.com.

In the past few months, since the church has been closed, the Prayer Shawl crafters have donated 12 shawls and lap blankets. We have been happy to safely mail them to others and to send our prayers and love to those who need them. This brings our 6 months total to 70 donations!



Pastor Fred is on vacation for the next two weeks. Please continue to join us for our online worship services, which will be led by the Rev. Dr. George E. Peters. Please note that we will resume our Fellowship Meetings on Zoom when Fred returns from vacation.



*****Reminder that our next curbside pickup for SCRIP is scheduled for this Sunday, July 11th*****

HELP WANTED

We are looking for someone who would like to volunteer to manage the church Facebook page. Please reach out to Ashley if you are interested.

July Mission of the Month: T.A.S.K. (Toward an Anti-Racist South Kingstown)

An organization dedicated to enacting antiracist policy changes in our community.

A small update, checks are to be made to PDCC with TASK in the memo line, as is the normal protocol for the Mission of the Month, it was my (Jami's) bad and I misspoke last week and I am sorry for any confusion.

If you have any other questions you can email me at jamimarie93@gmail.com or call me at 605-351-3420..

- SOCIAL JUSTICE -

Each Wednesday through 7/22 we Zoom the conversation about the book "White Fragility" which explains why white people have so much trouble understanding and owning our part in racism in the US. The book is available online and is a fairly quick read. On 7/15 we will be covering chapters 10 - 12. Yes, you can come and just tune in to the discussion. We are blessed to have some young adult non PDCC members who bring new ideas.

Here's the link to the book White Fragility that you can download as a pdf file. You can print it if you want to. It is about 135 pages.

https://chicgeak.com/product/white-fragility-robin-diangelo-v9780807047422/?gclid=CjoKCQjwoMb3BRCaARIsAPSNGpXJrrcTvmecxxobvNsTOxEN2LHN-lDIeuwQSHphkMAnnUT9CK8ZziIaArimEALw_wcB

Zoom Logon Information

Topic: White Fragility

Time: Jul 8, 2020 07:00 PM

Jul 15, 2020 07:00 PM

Jul 22, 2020 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

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- has webinars on many social justice topics. Check with them regularly at <https://www.facebook.com/UnitedChurchofChrist/>

Here is one:

How do we live out God's love in our politics? Can we work for a "just world for all" when we're voting? Join us to hear from leaders with decades of experience in translating faith and justice into policy and progress.

Register here:

https://UCC.zoom.us/webinar/register/2815931081497/WN_zc4ruCbIQOmMf_ny24-vMw

In this time of COVID, here is advice from someone who lived through the Black Death Plague

When Martin Luther, the Father of the reformation, was dealing with The Black Death plague, he wrote these wise words that can help inform the way we approach things happening in our world right now...

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however, I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above."

Luther's Works Volume 43 pg. 132 the letter "Whether one may flee from a Deadly Plague" written to Rev. Dr. John Hess

**Virtual (Zoom)
Book Club
Get-Together
has been
Postponed until
the fall – please
check back for
updates!**

Spotlight Moment

What began as a small group of sewers at PDCC making dresses for Haiti, turned into an expanded group of 18 women sewing masks to meet the needs of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Four of our Church members, Katherine Condon, Paula Campbell, Kerry McCarty and Sarah Algie joined others from our community.

They shared materials, delivering duties and even sewing machines and as of this time, over 1900 masks have been delivered to organizations. Those include RI Hospital, SC Hospital, SK Fire Department and Police Departments, Hope Valley Ambulance, various nursing homes and medical facilities, and many other local churches, stores and businesses. More than 50 masks have been made for PDCC folks in addition to supplying their own families and friends.

This has been an ongoing labor of love and a camaraderie has grown among the women who virtually share laughter and tears, songs and pictures, and friendship.

We Thank You All!

Missions Board update



Next week, July 15, we will be watching episode 2 of *The Innocence Files* (Netflix). We will begin the episode at 6:10 with the discussion and some action items following at 7:00.

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<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/05-6006338>

You'll be asked to pick a charity. Search for **Peace Dale Congregational Church** and select it.

From now on use Smile.Amazon.com (you may want to create a browser shortcut).

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If you're already on Smile, click your current charity and change it.

Job Posting

The following position is posted by the Board of Christian Education

Position Title - Director of Youth Group(s)

Supervisor - Senior Minister in Collaboration with the Board of Christian Education

Position Summary - The Director of Youth Group(s) will work to provide a safe, secure, and nurturing learning environment in which all youth can grow their faith. The Director will administer the youth group(s) and develop and administer a service-oriented youth mission program.

Key Tasks

- Work with the Board of Christian Education and the Senior Minister to plan and develop biweekly programs for youth group(s).
- Build and administer a relational-based youth ministry at PDCC by meeting biweekly with youth and encouraging participation in youth programs.
- Administer and supervise youth group programs for grades 6 through 12.
- Administer & supervise youth mission work at both the local & wider outreach levels.

Requirements

- Associates degree or equivalent.
- Knowledge of, and agreement with, the statement of faith of the UCC and with the mission statement and values of PDCC.
- Experience working with youth in both individual and group settings.
- Strong communication and computer skills including the use of social media and coordinating remote meetings.
- Strong organizational and administrative skills.
- The ability to recruit, train, and work with volunteers.
- Possess a valid driver's license with a driving record in good standing.
- Pass a background check.

Hours

- Part time: about 10 hours per week.
- Be present on Sunday mornings.
- Attend all youth group activities.
- Chaperone all youth mission activities.
- Attend monthly Board of Christian Education meetings and other meetings as necessary.

Please send inquiries and resumes to: pdccpersonnel@gmail.com



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

Katie Cunningham	07/09	Riley Martin	07/11
Erika Huntley	07/09	Julia Ward	07/11
John Rametta	07/10	Daniel Wheeler	07/12
Dawson Hodgson	07/10	Maia Healy	07/12
Morgan Santos	07/10	Hannah McCoy	07/13
Joanna Kimball	07/10	Patrick Shaughnessy	07/14
Mary Jane Burgess	07/10	Jeffrey Healy	07/15
		Betsy Cote	07/16

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

Prayer Circle meeting via Zoom - Tuesdays at 9:30am (ongoing weekly meetings)

Prayer Shawl Gathering Via Zoom - Fridays at 2:30pm (ongoing weekly meetings)

Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00pm-815pm TOPIC: "White Fragility"

Online Worship Service via YouTube on Sunday July 12 *****Due to Fred being on vacation, there will be no Zoom Fellowship Meeting this Sunday or next*****

Upcoming Town Events: South Kingstown Special Election - July 14th

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

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

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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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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)*

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