



Peace Dale

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

E-Light Newsletter

July 15, 2020

A Simple Prayer



Holy God,

We come again, before you, always, always, with gratitude in our hearts. We give thanks that we live in this beautiful little state of Rhode Island, so close to the vast, ever changing ocean.

We go to the water's edge and witness your power and majesty. The salty ocean breeze soothes the angst in our hearts. White caps remind us that sailing on the sea of life is not always smooth.

The distant fog on the horizon gently exhibits that we don't know what the future holds.

Relentless waves crash onto the rocky coast. Sometimes gently lapping, other times, crashing angrily. Those persistent, ever changing waves remind us of the rhythm of life, also forever changing; life can be gentle at times, but then also, oh so turbulent.

Why do I feel so close to you, oh Lord, when I am at the water's edge? I am overcome by this great beauty You have provided. We have You in our lives, right here in front of us. I feel the strength of your Being as I sit at the water's edge. I feel hope in Your presence. I feel gratitude in your gift of faith.

I pray you guide us, Lord, as we sail on the sea of life.
May You be our mast, our sail, our rudder, our wind. We give thanks.

This beautiful prayer written by one of our long-time church members, Linda Jeans. Linda is one of our devoted prayer warriors in our prayer circle. She wrote this prayer while sitting at Beaver Tail.

(photo credit to Josh DiGregorio)

Aprons in Action



It's finally here! A new commercial-grade side by side refrigerator has arrived and has been installed in the church kitchen. Thanks to the efforts of Lee Jeans, Michael Halloran (Lee's Grandson), Tim and Kevin Redmond, Don Richer, Byron Fish, Dave Parkinson and several others, the new machine was brought into the kitchen after it was delivered to the front door. The old one was hauled out and Dave took it to the dump. Lots of heavy work! Thanks Guys!

We have a new Clock Winder! Please welcome Steve Stable to the faithful team who climb up into the tower to wind our church clock. Dangerous and difficult work to keep it running on time. Thank you Steve for volunteering.

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Pastor Fred is on vacation for one more week. 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.

## Job Posting

The Board of Christian Education is looking for a new Director of Youth Group(s). To view more about this job posting, please see the following link.

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

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

## 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](mailto:jamimarie93@gmail.com) or call me at 605-351-3420..

## 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.

## - SOCIAL JUSTICE -

Each Wednesday through 7/22 we Zoom the conversation about the book "White Fragility".

Please see the following link for more information regarding these meetings, and also for links for more info.

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



**Our Next Curbside Pick Up for Scrip will be held on Sunday July 26. Please contact Deb Shaw with any questions!**

### *Missions Board*

*Today, 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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### **PDCC Now on Amazon Smile**

Please see the following link to read more about what Amazon Smile is and how to use it!

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

## NOTE FROM THE GREEN TEAM



Twice the Green Team has tried to schedule a tour of the state land fill in Johnston to see how the land fill was constructed and presently used, and to observe the automated sorting of recyclables. Unfortunately, both scheduled trips have been cancelled due to the Corona Virus threat. As an alternative, I direct you to the two virtual field trips here:

Video, sorting and processing recyclables, [https://youtu.be/Jda\\_9\\_30-WU](https://youtu.be/Jda_9_30-WU) and

Video, building a safe landfill, <https://youtu.be/RyhQQziYA3s>

These are well performed and give you a realistic glimpse into important aspects of recycling and waste disposal. Remember, the mission of our Green Team is to **TO PROMOTE CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES IN OUR CHURCH, OUR HOMES, and OUR COMMUNITIES.** Even now when the church is temporarily closed, we can improve recycling practices in our homes and in our communities.

Your Green Team, Don Hermes, co-chair



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

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| Jeffrey Healy     | 07/15 |
| Betsy Cote        | 07/16 |
| Elizabeth Morse   | 07/17 |
| Carol Edwards     | 07/18 |
| Grace Cummiskey   | 07/19 |
| Cynthia Dowgiallo | 07/19 |
| Richard Curtis    | 07/22 |
| John Manchester   | 07/23 |
| Carol Vetter      | 07/23 |
| Emily Krochin     | 07/23 |

## 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 15 at 7:00pm-815pm      TOPIC: "White Fragility"

Executive Board Meeting Via Zoom: Monday, 20 at 6:30pm

Online Worship Service via YouTube on Sunday July 19 \*\*\*\*\*Due to Fred being on vacation, there will be no Zoom Fellowship Meeting this Sunday\*\*\*\*\*

Please send Ashley items for the church calendar at  
[office@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org)



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"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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*If you have anything you'd like included in the newsletter, please forward your request(s)  
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