



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Last Week's E-Light

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Time to Go Fishing!

Luke 5:10b

Have you been fishing lately? This Sunday is a Family Worship Sunday and we will consider what it means to "fish for people" (Luke 5:10b NIV). Last week we pondered evangelism and this Sunday we continue in that vein ~ let's go fishing!

See you at the "boat", Brother Fred

COME FISHING WITH JESUS

Lively Family Worship Service
February 23 at 10 AM

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On the Calendar

Thursday, February 20 @
6pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Thursday, February 20 @
7:30pm Traditional Choir

Friday, February 21 @
10am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday, February 23 @
10am Family Worship

Sunday, February 23 @
4:30pm Big Soup Party to
benefit Dinner Table

Thursday, February 27 @
6pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Thursday, February 27 @
7:30pm Traditional Choir

Sunday, March 2 @ 10am
Traditional Worship with
communion.

Mondays @ 6:30pm
NA Meeting – Learn to
Live

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
Prayer Warriors /
Prayer Circle ALL
WELCOME!

Tuesdays @ 4:30pm
Bistro at Peace Dale
Dinner Table

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
AA Meeting

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
Bell Choir rehearsals
ALL WELCOME!

2nd Thursdays @ 10am
Women's Fellowship
ALL WELCOME

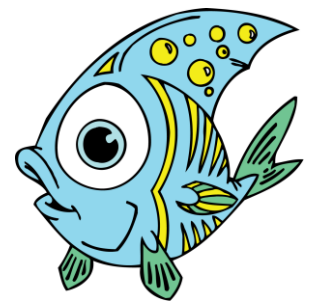
Hospitality Needs Help Now!



Our Coffee Hour Teams for the 3rd and 4th
Sundays of the month need additional members.

What is involved? Setting up a serving table,
coffee, and goodies. Clean up after coffee hour is over.

Time required? One Sunday a month, an hour before church service and
an hour after.



We have teams set up so there are always hands to share the work. If you can help us to continue
providing fellowship with a smile and cup of coffee please contact:

Christine Grevstad
christinegrevstad@ hotmail.com
516 694-9154 (home)
401 284-6483 (cell)

168th Annual Meeting Commences Despite Snowy Conditions.

With a brief delay to accommodate snow removal, the 168th Annual Meeting of Peace Dale Congregational Church happened on Sunday, February 9, 2025. Following our worship service and a potluck luncheon, the meeting was called to order by Moderator, Peter Swain. Those members who had died in the past year were recognized. Brief reports from Moderator, Peter Swain and Pastor Fred were delivered. The Annual Report contains a wealth of knowledge about what has been accomplished at PDCC in the past year and is posted on the website. The document contains reports from all boards and committees, and Pastor Fred.

The election of officers, board chairs and new board members and delegates resulted in a new group of officers: Joanne Haynes, Moderator, Scott SanAntonio, Assistant Moderator, Jim Crisafulli, Treasurer and Katherine Condon, Clerk. You can see a full slate of Officers, Boards and Delegates posted on the PDCC Website.

There was no financial action at this meeting, as our fiscal year budget for 2025-2026 will be presented at a special Congregational Meeting in June.

The final vote that was taken was to approve a resolution to establish January 30th as "Foundation Day". This proclamation was presented and passed:

Whereas, since 1857, Peace Dale Congregational Church has been a place of worship, compassion, and outreach, providing a sanctuary for prayer, support for those in need, and a strong foundation for building lasting relationships among members and the greater community; and

Whereas, this day serves as an opportunity for us to reflect upon the rich history, achievements, and continued mission of the church, and to honor the faithful individuals who have contributed their time, talents, and resources to sustain and grow this cherished institution; and

Whereas, by recognizing this day, we honor the foundation upon which this beloved church was built, and renew our commitment to continue its work for future generations by creating Shalom and Justice for All;

Now, therefore, I hereby proclaim January 30th as Peace Dale Congregational Church Foundation Day, to be celebrated on the Sunday before that date - a day for all members and friends of Peace Dale Congregational Church to come together in gratitude, celebration, and dedication to the continued service of God and the community.

This proclamation is hereby entered into the minutes of the Annual Meeting on February 9, 2025 as a testament to the enduring faith and mission of Peace Dale Congregational Church.

Thanks to Stephanie Healy in her role as historian for bringing this forward.

The meeting concluded with recognitions for the many people at PDCC who have served us well in the past year. Peter Swain was recognized for his 3 years of leadership as President/Moderator with a plaque and a gift certificate.

Submitted by Joanne Haynes

Worship Flowers



The flowers of February 23 are given to the glory of God. Flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or simply give to the glory of God.

If you are interested in donating Sanctuary flowers for March, April, May, or

June please contact Roberta Norman at (401) 226-7123.



A Prayerful Invitation – 2/21



Crocheters and Knitters are invited to meet with our prayer shawl group to help us add to our comfort wraps given to those in need.

Can't crochet or knit? No problem! All are welcome. We have teachers and supplies to help you in this wonderful ministry.

Join us **Friday, February 21 at 10 am** in the Community Room. Contact Carol Edwards.

Benefit for Peace Dale Dinner Table – 2/23



Sunday * February 23, 2025
4:30 - 6:30PM

Homemade Soups, Bread and Desserts
Donations Accepted

BENEFITS
Peace Dale Dinner Table Weekly Community Dinners
Bring A Friend - All are Welcome

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261 Columbia St, Wakefield RI

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Calling all PDCC Soup Creators!

You are the key to the success of this fundraiser. **If you would like to donate a soup**, please email sylviablанда@gmail.com or text 401-439-3541 with your name and the kind of soup. If you have a crockpot, great; if not just deliver it in a soup pot to the church **by 4:15pm on February 23rd**.

We cannot wait to try yours.

Gabby Klensch is recruiting folks to make dessert.

We also will need some able-bodied folks to help set-up after Fellowship on Sunday and for clean up when the event is done.

Mostly we need you all to come, enjoy some soup and have a great time.... See you on the 23rd.

Big Soup Party Desserts Needed

It's not too late to sign up to bake – or even shop for – a dessert for our Big Soup Party on 2/23/25.

Sign-up by:

- Talking to Gabby at church
- Write on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall
- Call or text 401-932-8350
- Email gklensch1@gmail.com
- Or talk to Gabby at Salk's ACE Hardware on Wed/Thurs from 8:00-1:00, where I am a Cashier

Thank you so much,
Gabby (The Big Soup Party Dessert Organizer)

Church Family Life Events

2/22 @ 12 – 4 PM Winter Wellness Fair at George's of Galilee by Holistic RI, George's & C. Nevulis with mini wellness sessions, shopping, & local healthcare professionals - an event to gather, spread healing, wellness, and support local businesses. Free. Go to their Facebook page available at <https://www.georgesofgalilee.com/whats-happening/>

Through 2/23 PVD Children's Film Festival during February vacation in sites all over Providence providing the best children's films from across the globe, drop-in animation activities, special guests and tons of free popcorn. All programming is Free / Pay What You Can! Visit our website for the full schedule.

<https://providencechildrensfilmfestival.org/>

2/23 from 1 – 3 PM On Pettaquamscutt - Mending Matters, Historical Perspectives on Textiles and the Environment at the ML Memorial Library, 25 Pier Marketplace, Narragansett. Rebecca Kelly, the Deputy Director and Curator at the South County Museum, will describe the environmental impact of textile production past and present. <https://mauryloontjens-ri.whofi.com/calendar/event/1261253?method=embed>

Tues. 2/25 at 6:30 PM Wakefield Books hosts author Rebecca Brenner Graham to discuss her new book, *Dear Miss Perkins*, a narrative of Frances Perkins, the 1st woman to serve in a presidential cabinet and the revelation of her role in saving countless Jewish refugees. Optional tour of the WWII Foundation for \$10 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM showcasing a renowned WWII display. <https://www.wakefieldbooks.com/event/author-event-rebecca-brenner-graham>

NEW Ongoing – RI Wind Ensemble Band Instrument Renewal Drive (BIRD) Across Rhode Island, hundreds of used band instruments sit in storage rooms, attics, closets, and basements. At the same time, hundreds of school children are denied the opportunity to play music in their school band because they can't afford to buy or rent an instrument. But these instruments need some light work costing anywhere between \$50-\$200 per instrument. Your tax-deductible gift will support the goal of this initiative. Want to donate an instrument? Info at: <https://www.riwe.org/bird>

NEW Ongoing– the SK Senior Center has joined with Project Linus to be a drop-off location for new, handmade blankets. Project Linus is a national organization that presents blankets to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or at risk. Distributing them to hospitals, DCYF, Child & Family RI and Make a Wish. Newly created blankets can be dropped off at the atrium at the Senior Center.

NEW Tues. 2/25 from 11 AM to 12 PM join Steve and Jane at a Sock Hop at the SK Senior Center with Bob Tremblay and then stay for lunch at noon. New offering, sneakers and bowling shoes are the best. You could just come to listen to the music and see the dancers!

NEW Tues. 2/25 at 2 PM FREE Wicked the Monthly movie at MLM Library, Narragansett. 160 min. Elphaba, a misunderstood young woman because of her green skin, and Galinda, a popular girl, become friends at Shiz University in the Land of Oz. After an encounter with the Wonderful Wizard of Oz, their friendship reaches a crossroads. No registration required.

NEW Tues. 3/11 from 9AM – 3:30 PM RI Compost Conference & Trade Show at Rhode Island College hosted by RIC & the RI Food Policy Council brings together food waste generators, composters, food recovery organizations, regulators, legislators, and the public to network, to trade ideas and learn more about compost and the food waste ecosystem. Help us advance wasted food solutions in Rhode Island! \$40 adjustable. Info at <https://www.ric.edu/visitors-arts-events/events/2025-ri-compost-conference-and-trade-show>

NEW Tues. 3/11 at noon "The Pipes Are Calling: PPAC" Celebrating the season of St. Patrick as part of the Wonders of the Wurlitzer (organ) Series with house organist PE Krasinski & friends.

NEW Sat. 3/15 at 2 PM "The Vanishing Elephant" a PPAC Sensory-friendly performance – open to all! "This incredible story of resilience and friendship, inspired by true events, comes to life through large-scale puppetry, illusion, and magic!" \$5 See details and accommodations at: <https://www.ppacri.org/events/detail/the-vanishing-elephant>





White Elephants – What Will We Take?

The cellar is cleaned up and **we are ready for some mid-sized boxes** (about the size reams of paper come in) preferably closable. No current workdays scheduled.

We love your hand me overs but have space limitations. So, here are the guidelines:

WE WILL TAKE:

- ✓ Kitchen items, dishware, vases
- ✓ Plug-in items that work preferably with manuals
- ✓ Table lamps, ornamentals, storage pieces, Christmas decorations
- ✓ Accessories of all sorts, trinkets, collections,
- ✓ Personal care items
- ✓ Toys, games, arts 'n craft & sewing, knitting supplies
- ✓ New or like new small stuffed animals,
- ✓ tools, gardening items, desk items, mid-size Sports equipment
- ✓ PUZZLES
- ✓ Linens – and only for the spring sale (5/17) we will take pillows & mirrors

PLEASE NO

- × Frames
- × CD's, books, records
- × Furniture
- × Clothing – donate appropriate items to Tabitha's Closet
- × Printers, computers, and related supplies
- × Luggage
- × House paints

SUGGESTION: cut this out and save.

THANK YOU for consistently donating. If you're not sure if we will take an item call Jane Stabile and ask. 508 395-1172



PEACEDALE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH PRESENTS



And



CUISINE



SATURDAY MARCH 29TH

Hors d'oeuvres at 6 P.M. Show at 6:30 P.M.

TICKETS \$30.00 ea.

Includes entertainment, appetizer, meatball and pasta dinner, dessert and beverage

TICKETS SOLD IN FELLOWSHIP HALL SUNDAYS FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICE

Contact Carol Edwards 401 783-2713 or Christine Grevstad 516 694-9154

Proceeds to benefit the ministry of Peacedale Congregational Church

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PDCC OSCAR Nominated Movie Watch! Walk the PDCC red carpet! 3/2

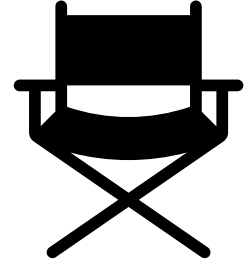
The Academy Awards is **March 2**. If you like to watch movies, here's your chance to decide which should receive this year's Oscars. **CFL OFFERS THIS OPPORTUNITY** for anyone interested in having a cohort of movie fans with whom to discuss this year's nominees. **JOIN US FOR SOME GET-TOGETHER FUN.**

1. Join by committing to seeing at least half of the movies nominated. Movies are available to see on the big screen and on various streaming services. 10 movies in each category, but there is overlap. **SIGN UP** by emailing sylviablanda@gmail.com
2. CFL will support accessibility by sharing info about where movies may be found.
3. Participants have until March 1 to see half the movies nominated. Join with others to watch the movies, or curl up on the couch and stream a movie from the comfort of home. Organize a small group to go to the theater. Make this a date night! One could also escape to the theater all alone. The possibilities are endless.
4. On March 2, participants will attend an Academy Awards **PARTY**. After walking the red carpet, we will have dinner and discuss the movies. After our discussion, we will vote to determine our winners. We will watch the Awards and compare our winners with those who receive an Oscar. The location and festivities will be determined by the number of folks participating – no number is too small, nor too large.

2025 Oscar Nominees

Best Picture

"Anora"
"The Brutalist"
"A Complete Unknown"
"Conclave"
"Dune: Part Two"
"Emilia Pérez"
"I'm Still Here"
"Nickel Boys"
"The Substance"
"Wicked"



Best Actress

Cynthia Erivo – "Wicked"
Karla Sofía Gascón – "Emilia Pérez"
Mikey Madison – "Anora"
Demi Moore – "The Substance"
Fernanda Torres – "I'm Still Here"

Best Actor

Adrien Brody – "The Brutalist"
Timothée Chalamet – "A Complete Unknown"
Colman Domingo – "Sing Sing"
Ralph Fiennes – "Conclave"
Sebastian Stan – "The Apprentice"

**PDCC & KCC Youth Group
Super Bowl**

Bowling, Burgers, and Fries

March 2 from 5 to 7 pm Old Mountain Lanes

To sign up, contact Meg Kolodziej (megkolodziejri@gmail.com)
or Vivian Skipper (vivian.skipper@yahoo.com)

February Mission of the Month: Rhody Outpost Food Pantry

For the entire month of February, we are collecting donated **FOOD AND MONEY** to benefit Rhody Outpost. Rhody Outpost is URI's primary pantry for the 25% of students facing food insecurity, offering both fresh and non-perishable food as well as personal care items at no charge.

Founded through a partnership between URI and St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, the pantry is operated by the Dean of Students Office with help from student and community volunteers. Serving about 80 students weekly, Rhody Outpost is open two afternoons each week, year-round. The pantry provides a variety of food, including produce and dairy, and aims to meet the needs of many international students who prefer ingredients over processed foods. Read more at <https://web.uri.edu/rhody-outpost/>

PDCC will be collecting **FOOD DURING CHURCH SERVICE** as a competition between the sections of pews where we normally sit so bring any of the items listed below to help your section win! There are also boxes in the church hallway.

FOOD:

- Gluten free pasta
- cooking oils (including alternative oils like sunflower and olive)
- Rice (1 lb bags), lentils, alternative grains
- Non-dairy shelf-stable milk
- Spices
- Whole oats (not packets)
- Peanut, almond, and alternative butters

WINTER PRODUCE ITEMS:

- bananas, carrots, potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, peppers,

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS:

- Laundry Pods, Dish soap
- There is also an Amazon wish list for direct food deliveries:
[amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/HSZD8PGYCZC0/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/HSZD8PGYCZC0/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

QUESTIONS? Contact Stacy Saxon at stacysaxon@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Missions Board

[Give now](#)

PDCC supports the Rhody Outpost Pantry as our February Mission of the Month. You may donate by 1) placing your gift in the Missions basket during Sunday service, 2) sending a check to the church office @ 261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI 02879, **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "Rhody Outpost" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).



The **MARCH** Mission-of-the-Month will be the UCC California Wildfire Relief Effort.

Help Assemble Church World Service Kits

We will be assembling kits on Thursday, March 13 @ 10am. Feel free to join us!

We will be assembling for the next two months (second Thursday @ 10am). This is an annual mission of PDCC and with the help of our congregation, we have increased the number of kits processed each year. These Hygiene Kits and School Kits are sent to areas around the world where natural disasters have occurred. Thank you for your help in making another successful year providing kits for Church World Service's world-wide mission.

Submitted by Judy Healy

Tabitha's Closet → Spring

WINTER CLEARANCE NOW TO 3/8

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm. Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's clothing ministry, offers new and gently-used clothing for affordable suggested donations. **Get what you need, pay what you can.**

Tabitha's Closet has stopped taking winter donations. We will begin taking spring donations March 15.

DONATIONS. Tabitha's will be accepting winter clothing donations through February 1st. We ask that all donations be paused for the month of February while we offer our final winter inventory. We will be accepting spring/summer clothing donations beginning March 1st.

We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer. See peacedalechurch.org for a list of what we do and do not accept.

VOLUNTEER!! We would love more volunteers! If you would like to help sort clothes, staff this effort, or do marketing, please contact gsfaucher@gmail.com or lynnehandayan@gmail.com

Eggstravaganza's Coming!

Save the Date!
April 12 @ 11 am – 2 pm

PLANNING MEETING:
Sunday, March 2 in Room 2C following the worship service. *Kids and adults welcome to the planning meeting.*



Join Green Team

For anyone, of all ages, interested in learning more about the "Green Team", please contact George Faucher at glfaucher@gmail.com and/or Don Hermes at dhermes33@gmail.com



Social Justice in Action



For THIS WEEK'S list of events and opportunities, check out the [Social Justice Committee info](#) on the Missions or Groups section of our PDCC website. Submitted by Joanne Haynes

Come Make Music!



Our Praise Team, Traditional Choir, and Bell Choir welcome you! Rehearsals are once a week, typically in the evening. Ask a choir member after worship about rehearsal dates or check the Breeze EVENTS calendar or check the On the Calendar feature in the E-Light (on page 2). If you are interested in a Once-a-Month commitment, see below for contact info to sing with Family Worship Services.

Once-a-Month Singers



We have a somewhat animated group who sing with the family service the 4th week of each month (**next up is February 23**). You do not need to read music, just enjoy singing together and show it. I

email you videos and music/lyrics of all the pieces ahead of time so you can practice. We rehearse just once at 9 AM before the family service. **Feel free to try us out. CONTACT** jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172.

Gift Cards with a Kick



You get a card for the full amount *and* every

retailer gives money back to the church for the money you spend.

Use RaiseRight to buy **gift cards** for teachers, service providers, and family.

Use RaiseRight to buy **cards for your own personal shopping** of groceries, etc. Remember your reusable bags and gift cards in your everyday shopping trips.

- RaiseRight (formerly SCRIP) table sales are available on Sundays in Fellowship Hall after worship.
- Cards in stock include:
Belmont (\$25 & \$100), Dave's (\$100), Shaw's (\$25 & \$100), Stop & Shop (\$25 & \$100), CVS (\$25), Walgreen's (\$25), Amazon (\$25 & \$100), Applebee's (\$25), Brickley's Ice Cream (\$20), Dunkin' (\$10 & \$25), Marshall's (\$25), Matunuck Oyster Bar (\$50), Old Mountain Lanes (\$25), Panera (\$10 & \$25), Starbucks (\$10 & \$25), Walmart (\$25).

Questions? Contact Deb Shaw at dkshaw5@cox.net or stop by the table on Sunday after worship.



Prayer Matters



To build fellowship and make full use of the congregational power of prayer, we offer this Prayer Matters space to allow

members of our community to lift up their names and requests for prayer. This adds to the opportunities for congregants to lift up their prayers during Sunday service, and to request the care of the [Prayer Circle](#) that gathers every Tuesday morning or of our [Called to Care](#) ministry.

How to share your prayer

You may choose to use all or any combination of: Joys & Concerns on Sunday morning, Prayer Circle ministry, Called to Care ministry, and the new Prayer Matters section of the newsletter.

- To lift up your prayer during **Sunday Service**, simply raise your hand, voice your joy or concern and then say, "this is my prayer"; the congregation responds "this is our prayer". Prayer requests made during Sunday service are shared aloud with those in attendance.
- To request the care of **Prayer Circle**, submit the [online form](#) or call the church office at (401) 789-7313. These requests are shared only with members of this group.
- To request the support of our [Called to Care](#) ministry team, call the church office at (401) 789-7313 or submit the [online form](#). These requests are shared only with members of this group.
- To request your prayer be included in the E-Light newsletter, send email to office@peacedalechurch.org or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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