



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

PDCC's Deep History

From the Historian

This year, our nation celebrates its 250th anniversary! Do you remember the excitement and joy of celebrating our country's Bicentennial in 1976?

Join us on **Sunday, August 30th**, for a special historical presentation exploring our church's archival records and memories from that remarkable year. Come revisit the people, events, and moments that made 1976 a year to remember!

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have." ~ Margaret Mead

Stephanie Healy, Church Historian

Worship Flowers



The flowers of August 30 are given by Rod and Barbara Gilbert in memory of Barbara's parents, Harold and Janet Smith, and 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 September, please contact Claudia Swain or the church office.

Church office will be closed Monday, August 31

PDCC Welcome Back Sunday Needs Helping Hands – 9/13

Sunday September 13 is **Welcome Back Sunday**.

This will be our chance to welcome the fall, welcome our return to full regular schedule, welcome back members who have been away during the summer, welcome back Youth Connect – and hopefully welcome potential new members who have been participating in worship or programs.



Youth Connect will be providing activities for the kids.

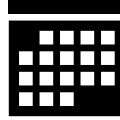
We need hands to help set up, put food dishes on the table, clean up.

Your help on this one event would be greatly appreciated! *This will be our last potluck for the year.*

There will be a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall, or you can contact: Christine Grevstad at christinegrevstad@hotmail.com (401 284-6483)

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On the Calendar

Sunday, August 30

@ 10am Blended
 Worship – Stephanie
 Healy speaking on
 PDCC History

Tuesday, Sept. 1 @

6:30pm together
 Women Rise,
 Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, Sept. 6 @

10am Traditional
 Worship with
 Communion

Thursday, Sept. 10

choir rehearsals
 resume

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am Prayer
 Warriors / Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm AA
 Meeting

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm Bell
 Choir rehearsals resume
 Sept.1

Thursdays @ 1-3pm Shawl
 Knit & Crochet

Choir rehearsals resume
 Sept. 10

Donating Sunday Flowers is Easy

So, you'd like to donate flowers for the sanctuary...
 That's wonderful!

Please call/text Claudia Swain (401) 265-8226 or
 Lynn McCall (401) 742-3949 to let them know:

1. The date you'd like to have your flowers at the altar.
2. The wording you'd like to see in the bulletin and on the screen at church. Example: "Given in loving memory of my parents, Matty and Russell Ernest, by Claudia E. Swain"
3. You may use flowers from your garden or a lovely plant from your home, or any florist that you prefer. Two florists have keycards to deliver flowers easily (Joy Rich at Flowerthyme 401-792-3440 and Kenyon Ave Florist 401-789-9381); other florists may need to deliver to your home and you bring the flowers in on Sunday morning.
4. Please be sure that the flowers are in place by 9:30 AM on Sunday morning.
5. Also, kindly let us know if you would like to take the flowers home after church – or let Claudia know if they can be used for a Called To Care visit.
6. THANK YOU!



**Everyone is
 buzzing about
 Youth Connect
 returning on
 September 13**

**at 10 AM
 Come find
 out why!**



Music Returns

Come sing or ring
 with us!

September 1

Bell choir rehearsals
 resume Tuesdays @
 6:30pm

September 10

Contemporary and
 Traditional choir
 rehearsals resume
 Thursdays @ 6pm
 and 7:30pm,
 respectively

3rd Sunday Hospitality Needs More Help

Steve, Jane and Heather, with baking by Linda Jeans, are short of help in the kitchen the 3rd Sunday of the month.

We had a great time on 8/16 with lots of special cool foods for hot weather.

If you are feeling inspired and/or looking for a way to socialize one Sunday a month, please consider joining us. We arrive shortly after 9 AM to put out the food and prepare the fruit, cheese, and beverages and stay until usually 12:15 to clean up. Hospitality after church is a good way to meet people and stay connected. Is it time to do your part?

Hospitality Needs New Members for Our Collation Team

A collation at our church is similar to our fellowship hour after Sunday service. A collation takes place in Fellowship Hall after a memorial/funeral service/celebration of life.

We provide coffee, punch, and some light fare. Food is provided by the family if so desired.

During a difficult time of grief, even simple acts of kindness can bring comfort and show a family that they are not alone. By preparing food, serving guests, and helping with cleanup, we can ease some of the responsibilities from the family and provide a welcoming place for friends and loved ones to gather, share memories, and support one another.

Our willingness to serve is a practical expression of Christian love and compassion.

Volunteering to help organize and serve a collation after a funeral is a meaningful way to support both the family and our church community. Please consider joining our team.

Contact Christine Grevstad at christinegrevstad@hotmail.com

Communications Task Group (CTG) Update

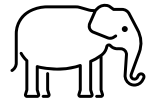
The CTG has researched and compiled information about the current communication channels at PDCC. In the process and through discussions we have determined that there are 3 areas that we need to prioritize: Breeze, the web site, and the church calendar. We are currently using all three but need to improve their usage and effectiveness. Gabrielle Briggs will guide the discussion about sample top notch church web sites and Darlene Hermes will provide an overview of Breeze through a PowerPoint presentation. Speak to Jane Stabile or a member of the group for further details.

White Elephants

THANKS FOR YOUR

CONTINUING DONATIONS. We

love collectibles, kitchenware, decoratives, linens, fall items, Christmas items, dishes, utensils, POTS & PANS, unwanted gifts. We do not take books, software, computers/printers/ink, paint, mirrors, liquids, furniture, large items.



HELP SORT: More treasures arrive every week that need sorting, cleaning and boxing up. Care to join the fun? Really! Plus workers get first choice.

NEXT WORK DAY: Fri. 9/4 from 10 - 11:30 AM

QUESTIONS? jane.stabile@outlook.com

Flower Children Welcome



Would you be interested in helping to ensure there are flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship services? We field phone calls or email from PDCC members/friends wanting to commemorate certain dates; we reach out to members and friends who have given flowers before. No physical labor required.

QUESTIONS contact Lynn McCall 401 742-3949 or Claudia Swain



Plan Ahead Pumpkins

The truck arrives Sunday, September 27. Yes, just a month away.



Tabitha's Closet Changing Seasons

Pause donations beginning August 15. We will begin accepting Fall/Winter donations on September 15.

Join PDCC 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. **This week's passcode is 942239.** Submitted by Joanne Haynes.



Aug. Flower Purchases Benefit Dinner Table

Narragansett Stop and Shop has once again selected Dinner Table as the hunger organization to benefit from purchases of specially-marked bouquets.

Giving Back, One Bouquet at a Time!



When you purchase a specially marked \$11.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet at our designated Stop & Shop store during our selection month, \$1 will be donated to our organization to help us further our work.

stopandshop.2givelocal.com
Bloomin' 4 Good Program

Benefits the Peace Dale Dinner Table
Bouquets purchased August 1-31
@ Narragansett Stop & Shop
91 Point Judith Rd



Together Women Rise – 9/1

The Peace Dale Chapter of Together Women Rise will meet Sept. 1 for potluck at the Peace Dale Congregational church at 6:30pm. Please bring a dish to share and your own plate and utensils.

Big YAHOO to Abby Fang & the Charlestown TWR Chapter and the results of their sponsoring the guitar musical fund raiser on Aug. 9. They took in over \$1500 and all of it went directly to TWR in Greenville, S. Carolina, TWR head quarters. It was a joint effort and thanks to all from our chapter who also made it a success. Since the time Peacedale chapter has been contributing, approximately 11+ years, our total including up to July was \$78,232.87!!!! We are helping to make this happen!! For those newly attending or wanting to make a contribution, if you go to the website, you will see various ways to donate directly, versus one time, automatic payment, bank, credit card etc. Saves me one less action to do - and there are NO dues or membership fees, knowing educating others is also key for gender equality.

This month our grantee is "Creamos", rooted in care, expanding Community based mental health for women in Guatemala City. creamosguatemala.org They will be receiving \$50,000 - back in June, 2021 they received \$25,000. Check out their website for more info, recipes, and video.

We have a guest speaker for September., , from Wakefield, , Elin Torell, Ph.D. . Director, Coastal Institute, URI, who has spent the last 25 years working in international development, focusing on coastal communities, in Tanzania, Malawi, Ghana & the Phillipines where she is still active. Her work includes working to improve women's working conditions and voice in the fisheries sector, providing live skills and training to support women's diversification of livelihoods and much deeper aspects of how to integrate HIV/AIDS prevention, reproductive health, early forced marriages, and domestic violence into their biodiversity conservation work.

Look forward to seeing you there. You're welcome to bring a friend!

With appreciation,

Gail - Peacedale Chapter leader

Thursday Knit and Crochet and Quilt and... Cups & Saucers?

COME! Our knitters, crocheters, quilters, crafters all kinds of makers meet every Thursday from 1-3pm in the Community Room.



Prayer Shawl makers and the I Care Shawl Project knitters and crocheters can help you learn, too. Make prayer shawls, warmth for cancer patients, small teddy bears and kittens, etc.

People are also bringing other crafts to do in community – it's good to be together.

CONTACT Carol Edwards, or Marjorie (401) 580-1712.

DONATE CUPS & SAUCERS

– We would appreciate donations of any decorative cups and saucers for the I Care Shawl Project. They will be used to plant and donate flowers, houseplants, etc. for cancer patients. Thank you



DONATE – Prayer Shawl/I Care Shawl Project will gladly accept donations of yarn, knitting needles, or crochet hooks.

MULTI-GENERATIONAL – We consistently have adults and high school students participate.

We truly work together!



August Mission of the Month: Habitat for Humanity of South County

1990

Year Established

141

Families Served

586

Volunteers in 2025

65

Homes Built

South County Habitat for Humanity continues to build strength, stability, and hope through affordable homeownership in our community. We are excited to share that two newly completed homes in Westerly will soon be sold to deserving local families, marking another milestone in our mission.

Looking ahead, we will also celebrate the groundbreaking of three new homes on Broad Rock Road in South Kingstown, bringing more opportunities for hardworking families to achieve the dream of homeownership.

In addition to new home construction, we are committed to helping our neighbors remain safely in their homes. Over the past year, we have completed five accessibility ramps for older adults in our community, improving safety, independence, and quality of life.

Your prayers, volunteer support, and generosity make this work possible. Together, we are helping build not just houses, but stronger communities.



This month, our mission collection will support Habitat for Humanity. Founded in 1990, South County Habitat for Humanity (SCHH) has been dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide. SCHH serves all towns in Washington County, Rhode Island. Read more about South County Habitat for Humanity and SCHH's programs – expanding home ownership, building accessibility ramps, the ReStore resale store – at southcountyhabitat.org/.

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, community and hope. Programs include:

- The home construction, home ownership program provides a unique opportunity for those in need of an affordable place to call home to take an active role in the construction of and eventual purchase of their own home.
- Ramp Up RI serves low-income residents of Washington County, RI in need for a ramp for themselves or a household member.
- The Restore is a non-profit store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, building materials, appliances, and home accessories to the public at discounted prices

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support South County Habitat for Humanity with your Mission of the Month donations this month. 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 "Habitat" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the Give now button here to donate online

(peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Thank you for your generosity,
The Missions Board
www.peacedalechurch.org/missions

Give now

The September Mission of the Month will be The Rhody Outpost (URI food pantry)..

Tabitha's Closet

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm (Tuesdays will resume in the fall)

Pause donations beginning August 15
We will begin accepting Fall/Winter donations on September 15

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.** Each week, we offer unique specials based on our inventory to keep shopping fun and affordable for our shoppers.

WE NEED: costume jewelry.

SPREAD THE WORD Each Saturday, ~35 people visit Tabitha's and find an item they need. We are working to spread the word about our ministry and the wonderful, large, inventory we have of clothing and shoes for the entire family. Email tabitha@peacedalechurch.org if you'd like an electronic poster or pamphlet to share, post or deliver to a local bulletin board.

DONATE We are happy to accept spring and summer items until August 1 for men, women, and children, as well as costume jewelry. **Please hold on any donations that are not spring/summer; our storage space is limited and already full.** We ask that clothing donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.

We happily accept current-season clothing: shirts, pants, skirts, dresses, shorts, sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves for children and adults, belts, purses, costume jewelry. We accept shoes that are new or lightly-used. See peacedalechurch.org for a list of what we do and do not accept.

LATEST UPDATES on Instagram
[#shoptabithasclose](https://www.instagram.com/shoptabithasclose)

VOLUNTEER!! We would love more volunteers! If you would like to help sort clothes, staff this effort, or do marketing, please contact tabitha@peacedalechurch.org We have an urgent need for additional Saturday morning shopkeepers

MORNING VOLUNTEERS?

Are you interested in volunteering at Tabitha's, but our afternoon time slots don't work with your schedule? Great news! We have sorting volunteers Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Lynne at tabitha@peacedalechurch.org

TABITHA SUPPORTS OUR

COMMUNITY We serve people every week whose need exceeds their ability to pay and who are happy to gain new-to-them clothing and shoes. We also have shoppers who contribute the full "donation price" or more for items, knowing that we reinvest the funds in the church and our missions, and to support community partners providing social services in our community.



Summer Sale Celebration Weeks!

New Items Added

Saturday August 29th Only

Summer Clearance

10 items

for **\$10***

ALSO, Entire inventory

\$2.00* per item

* Excludes jewelry

TABITHA'S CLOSET

GENTLY USED CLOTHING

Get what you need, Pay what you can!

Shop for the Whole Family.

Open Saturdays 9:30-12:30pm
Peace Dale congregational Church
Office door, downstairs
261 Columbia St.
Peace Dale, RI 02879
tabitha@peacedalechurch.org

Volunteers Needed!

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED VOLUNTEERING AT THE PDCC DINNER TABLE OR BISTRO?

See the many opportunities below where you can support these PDCC Missions that serve many in our community.



You can volunteer one week a month, two, three, every week...
It takes a village! Come be part of this village.

WEDNESDAY DINNER TABLE

Chef Team - Assist in preparing meals - 10:00am

Bread Pick-Up - 10-10:30 on Wed. morning.
Panera and Belmont have bread/rolls ready for pick-up. Bread is delivered to Fellowship Hall.

Bread Preparation and baggers - 2:30-3:30pm -
slice bread and bag in individual bags.

Food Servers - place dinners in containers - 3:00
4:00pm

Food Packers - Label and bag dinners - 3:15-
4:15pm

Runners - take bagged dinners from Fellowship
Hall to delivery cars - 4:15-5:15pm

Drivers - deliver dinners to residences locally 4:15-
5:15pm pick up from Fellowship Hall

Kitchen Cleanup - mostly pots, pans, utensils -
4:30-6:00 pm

DINNER TABLE COOKIES

Each dinner includes a cookie/brownie or similar.
300 cookies are needed each week for the Dinner
Table. Each baker is asked to bake 60 cookies
(that's 5 bakers per week). You do not need to bake
every week.

TUESDAY BISTRO - Fall Start Up September 8th

Sit-down dinner for approximately 35 patrons in
Fellowship Hall

Chef Team - Assist in preparing meals -11:00am

Set-Up - Set tables - prior to 4:00pm

Salad Mixers & Prep Dessert Cart - 3:00 - 4:00pm

Bakers - Bake desserts for approximately 35

Servers and Bussers- 4:15-6:00pm Serve salad,
dinner, and dessert, coffee /tea and clear tables

Clean Up - 5:00-6:15pm Clearing tables, kitchen
cleanup, Removing tablecloths, sweeping
Fellowship Hall

Dishwashers - 4:45-6:15pm Clean pots, dishes,
silverware, use dishwasher, return to cabinets

Laundry - Wash tablecloths at home and return for
next use

If you would like to learn more about these opportunities to volunteer, please contact Cynthia Cherney
cherneycynthia5@ gmail.com

PDCC MISSIONS NEED YOU. COME JOIN THE TEAM!

Congregational Care: Caring for Each Other

WE NEED YOU! Congregational care has always been one of the most important missions of Peace Dale Congregational Church and we need you. There are three ways you can enhance this very important part of our church family's mission:

1. **JOIN.** Join the Prayer Circle (meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the church's community lounge on the third floor) or the Prayer Shawl Group that meets once a month (Carol Edwards is there to teach knitting and crocheting if you want to learn).
2. **DO.** If you can help with any of the following efforts to provide a special sense of support or just a caring thought, please let us know:
 - send cards,
 - make phone calls,
 - deliver flowers or prayer shawl,
 - visit someone.
3. **SHARE.** Let someone on Prayer Circle (listed below) know of anyone you think could use prayers, a prayer shawl, a card, a phone call, or a visit, so we can fulfill a thoughtful caring gesture. Prayers can also be requested in church during Joys and Concerns or using the colorful pew cards; or through the [online form](#) on our website.

LET US KNOW! Sometimes we do not hear about folks who could use a special extra touch of caring; please let us know if you need our caring.

Shalom with love, Prayer Circle

Linda Jeans (LTJeans@ verizon.net), Carol Edwards (caedwards760@ gmail.com), Joanne Haynes (joanne@ haynesrandj.com), Betsy Nelson (betsynelson10@ verizon.net), Paula Campbell (phedbat9@gmail.com), Norma Brooks, Darlene Hermes (dhermes44@ gmail.com), Christine Grevstad (christinegrevstad@ hotmail.com), Bea MacGregor (bmacgregor47@ gmail.com), Thomas Mather, Laura Lehrman (lauralehrmankelly@ gmail.com), Claudia Swain, Cindy Fish (cbfish0171@ gmail.com), Enid Watson (watsonenid@ gmail.com), and Pastor Fred (fred.e@ mac.com).

Gift Cards with a Kick

Stop by the RaiseRight table in Fellowship Hall after service each Sunday and let us help you with your shopping.



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, family, birthdays, and special occasions.
- **cards for your own personal shopping** of groceries, etc.

IN STOCK CURRENTLY – Amazon, Applebee's, Dunkin, TJ Maxx/Marshalls, Matunuck Oyster Bar, Old Mountain Lanes, Panera, Starbucks, VISA, and Walmart as well as all the local grocery stores.

PLANNING TO TRAVEL? RaiseRight offers Airline gift cards, Gas gift cards, and Hotel gift cards. All of these cards can be *special ordered* ahead of time.

QUESTIONS? Contact Deb Shaw or stop by the table on Sunday after worship.

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