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Last Week's E-Light

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The Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12

What do the Beatitudes bring to your mind? This Sunday we will explore the Beatitudes, where Jesus is offering wonderful news! It is a new perspective, a different way of looking at the world. It's also recognizing that God was, and is, doing a new thing. What new thing is God doing in your life?

Let's all gather on Sunday and "praise God from whom all blessings flow"! I'll see you soon.

Blessings, Brother Fred



Worship Flowers

The flowers of November 8 are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Harold Koussa, a member of PDCC and a veteran of World War II, by his sons Harold, Carl, and Steven.

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 November, please contact Lynn McCall (401) 742-3949 or the church office.

The church office will be closed Wednesday, November 11 in observation of Veterans' Day.

White Elephant Dog Carrier

FOR SALE ASAP a light-weight dog carrier 18 " wide x 24" long & 20" high. Looks new, possibly collapsible. Please consider buying it ASAP because it is taking up storage space. jane.stabile@outlook.com





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The Poinsettias are Coming

The Bazaar, pruning greenery, Gratitude Tree … you can smell the season coming, can you not? Soon you will also have the chance to donate poinsettias to decorate our church sanctuary for the Advent season. Watch for announcements in the E-Light and in church.

11/22 Book Discussion Group: *What If We Get It Right?*



We took a big pause in our discussion of this book. We have three sections left. The Green Team will sponsor a book study discussion group Sunday, November 22 after worship to pick up where we left off. This is the landmark environmental book What If We Get It Right? Visions of Climate Futures by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson.

CONTACT Pastor Fred with questions.

On the Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 8 @ 10am Contemporary Worship

Sunday, Nov. 15 @ 10am Contemporary Worship

Sunday, Nov. 22 @ 10am Family Worship with Noah's Ark performance

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am Prayer Warriors / Prayer Circle

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

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm AA Meeting

Thursdays @ 1-3pm Shawl Knit & Crochet

Thursdays @ 6pm Contemporary Choir rehearsal

Thursdays @ 7:30pm traditional Choir rehearsals

Youth Connect Family Service Musical

All Aboard – Rehearsals Start Now!



We're putting together a fun musical with the help of our talented Music Director, Mr. Dan!

Don't forget, rehearsals start today for our **intergenerational family service musical** about Noah's Ark called "100% Chance of Rain"—and **THERE'S A PLACE FOR EVERYONE ON THE ARK!**

Here are the details you need to know:

- **Rehearsals:** Thursdays from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM (starting today, October 29!)
- **Warm-up Practice**: 9:00 AM on Sunday, November 22
- **Family Service & Performance:** 10:00 AM on Sunday, November 22

No auditions, no pressure, just a lot of fun! Grab a family member, a friend, or just bring yourself—everyone is welcome!

See and print the complete Youth Connect fall calendar on the church website

Preparing for Christmas and the 12/5 Bazaar

Christmas Bazaar Basket Raffle



We're getting ready for our famous Basket Raffle for the Christmas Bazaar to benefit PDCC.

Please help us fill the baskets by choosing a tag off the "basket tree" in the main hallway and dropping your item(s) off in the Basket Box next to the tree **by Sunday November 15th.**

QUESTIONS Please contact Maria Cassaday at mariac828@ gmail.com

Christmas Bazaar Bakers

Please join us in making the Bake Sale Table and the Cookie Stroll Table at the annual Christmas Bazaar a huge success. We need to stock both.

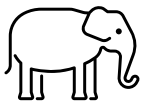
BAKE TABLE: Assorted items include bar cookies, large cut out cookies, cakes, pies, yeast & quick breads, candy, jams & jellies, snack foods (trail mix, frosted pretzels, etc.)

COOKIE STROLL: Needs small to medium-size cookies that will fit into coffee cans. **WE CAN ALWAYS USE MORE COFFEE CANS.**

DELIVER We will not need your baked goods at the church until Friday 12/4. Please remember to label if the item has nuts or is gluten-free.

CONTACT Priscilla Archambault

White Elephants



We will continue to collect year 'round with some changes to what we will accept and sell. **Please no more books, art pictures nor linens unless they are for Christmas.**

This is a good time to donate puzzles, games, (not summer) toys, kitchen and decorative objects, winter sports equipment, sewing, pots & pans, small electrical appliances, pet and craft items, things for Christmas.

The next sale is Saturday 12/5 and we are loaded with Christmas decor.

Care to try out being a sorter (discoverer)?

CONTACT jane.stabile@ outlook.com

We (will) Need Your Evergreens



It's scarier than Hallowe'en to think of people pruning their evergreens *before* November 28-30! Why prune then? Because we will need the cuttings to create arrangements and wreaths (work begins Nov. 30 – Dec. 4). Please prune your evergreens November 28-30 and drop cuttings at church so we can make beauty. Thank you in advance.

Blessings, Chairs Cindy Fish, Jeanette Gamache, Linda Redmond

Gratitude Tree for Jonnycake



These gifts and gift cards will go to benefit local children and teens in South Kingstown through the Jonnycake Center for Hope.

For those who like to purchase an actual gift, those tags are now available on the large branches outside the copy room.

If you like to give gift cards, those tags are available on a small Christmas tree at the Raise Right table for: Amazon, Target, Walmart, Marshall's/T.J. Maxx, CVS, Visa and Old Mountain Lanes. See Deb Shaw and her team at the RAISE RIGHT table, they will assist you.

If you are out of town during the holiday season, please consider sending a check made out to PDCC and in the memo section write "Gratitude Tree". We can purchase a gift or gift card on your behalf.

Deadline is no later than 12/14/26 at noon, when all gifts and gift cards will be brought to the Jonnycake Center for Hope.

Peace Dale Congregational Church Capital Campaign

Update 10/28/2026

Our capital campaign, Fulfilling the Promise, is now entering into a more interactive phase.

Over the next three Sundays, we will hear inspiring personal testimonials from our own members regarding why they are supporting our campaign. As you listen, please prayerfully consider your own financial commitment to this vision. Following each testimonial, Letters of Intent (LOI's) will be distributed. Members of the Capital Campaign Team will be available after the services to answer any questions about the campaign or the form. **Every contribution counts toward our goal of $2 million.**

Many of you will also have an opportunity in mid-late November to attend group meetings to learn more about the projects to be funded by the campaign. Be alert for those invitations from your hosts and please participate. **If you are interested in attending or hosting a cottage meeting, please contact Claudia Swain, claudia.swain@gmail.com.**

When you have completed your letter of intent:

- **Submit Securely**: Place your signed copy into the envelope and seal it. Keep one copy for your records.
- **Return Options**: Place it in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or place it in the box at the Capital Campaign table in Fellowship Hall. Please return all forms by December 1 (and no later than December 6) so we can include them in our big announcement!
- **Note**: Even if you choose not to commit financially at this time, please return your form indicating your decision, so our volunteers do not need to follow up with you.

With your support and the help of God I know we can reach our financial goal and continue to preserve our physical space that is the foundation for worship, community outreach and Christian Service. Together let's Fulfill the Promise.

Check out the Capital Campaign webpage at peacedalechurch.org/capitalcampaign.

Joanne Haynes, Campaign Administrator

It's Time for Dine with Nine!

BREAK BREAD, HAVE FUN, SHARE SOME LAUGHTER



This November 13, 14, and 15, Church Family Life/ Hospitality would like to invite everyone to a Dine with Nine event.

This is a pot luck dinner event for 9, (or 8 or 10) people for our church family to share dinner and friendly conversation at a host's home.

The way it works:

A host volunteers to host dinner at their home on one particular night.

People sign up for dinner that night. The host coordinates with guests to bring something to support the meal.

This is a great way to spend time getting to know people you may have not interacted with, or new members that have just joined the church.

Our last Dine with Nine was a great success! Fun was had by all!! Let your Light Shine!

Sign up in Fellowship Hall by SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8 for

Your preferred Date:

FRIDAY NOV.13, SAT. NOV. 14, SUN. NOV. 15

****Please indicate if you would like to be a host.****

(we need 3-5 hosts)

(Being a pot luck dinner makes hosting so easy!)

Questions?? Call Christine Grevstad @ 401-284-6483 Submitted by Christine Grevstad (christinegrevstad@ hotmail.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 648120.** Submitted by Joanne Haynes

A Message from the Treasurer: Church Giving Updates

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support of Peace Dale Congregational Church. Your contributions make it possible for our church to carry out its ministries, missions, and service to our community.

A few updates regarding giving options.

Traditional Offering Envelopes

As previously announced, we are retiring traditional church offering envelopes due to declining usage. If you currently use these envelopes for your contributions and would like to discuss an alternative, please reach out to me, our bookkeeper, or any member of the Finance Committee. We will be happy to help you find an option that works best for you.

New Online Giving Option – Raisely

Raisely is our new online giving application! You can access the donation form by visiting our church website and clicking Ways to Give.

Raisely offers several convenient features:

- **Flexible Giving**: Choose how often to donate, including one-time or recurring contributions.
- **Multiple Funds**: Support more than one church fund, including our General Operating Fund and Missions Fund, all within a single donation form.
- **Optional Processing Fee**: You may contribute an additional 3% to help offset processing fees. This is entirely optional; you may choose not to.
- **Improved Efficiency**: Raisely automatically integrates with our new church accounting system, eliminating manual entry of online donor transactions and helping us maintain accurate financial records.

I encourage everyone to consider using Raisely for their church contributions. It's convenient, flexible, & helps simplify our church's financial administration.

Capital Campaign Donations

You can also make contributions to our Capital Campaign online! Simply visit the Capital Campaign page on our church website and click Give Now to make your donation.

Questions or Need Assistance?

If you have questions or would like assistance getting started with Raisely, please don't hesitate to contact me at jimcrisafulli58@gmail.com.

Jim Crisafulli, Treasurer

Important Update for PayPal Donors

As part of our transition to our new online giving platform, Raisely, Peace Dale Congregational Church is phasing out direct PayPal donations. Raisely integrates directly with our church accounting system, helping us streamline donation processing and recordkeeping.

If you currently donate through PayPal, we kindly ask that you make future contributions through the Raisely Donation Form, available on our church website under Ways to Give or Donate. **You can still use PayPal as your preferred payment method within the Raisely form.**

Thank you for helping us make this transition and for your continued generosity and support of PDCC! Please contact Treasurer Jim Crisafulli at jimcrisafulli58@ gmail.com if you have any questions or need assistance.

November Mission of the Jonnycake Center for Hope

November's mission of the month is the Jonnycake Center for Hope.

Jonnycake Market Food Pantry

The Jonnycake Center was founded as a food pantry, for neighbors by neighbors, more than fifty years ago. Since then, their roots have grown along with their belief that every member of our community deserves healthy food to nourish body, mind, and soul.

Members can come twice a month to the Jonnycake Market Food Pantry and choose food their family likes, including fruits and vegetables, frozen meats, eggs, milk, and much more. A delivery of groceries may be possible for anyone homebound,

During school vacation weeks, families with school-aged children can get items for breakfast and lunch such as fresh fruit, bread, cereal, milk, snacks, and more. For the summer months, members can come to the market weekly to pick up local, fresh produce. This year Jonnycake served 9870 summer school vacation meals.

Jonnycake Homes

Many of our South County neighbors are struggling to find affordable housing close to home. The Jonnycake Center works every day to help their members find stable, local housing and build a strong foundation for themselves and their families. Financial assistance, help with housing searches, and connections to organizations that help are available.

The Center owns and manages several housing units in Peace Dale and Shannock Villages. These are more than just places to live - they are safe, comfortable, and affordable homes right here in South County. The homes have two to five bedrooms. Priority is given to Jonnycake members with children in local schools who need better housing and have clear goals that they can help support.

Programs for the Whole Community

A whole-person approach guides everything done at the Jonnycake Center. Their services include pre-school scholarships and an after school program for early elementary students. The Jonnycake Youth Center for Middle and high school students provides a fun and welcome place for teens to make friends, learn new skills and build confidence. Students can get help with tutoring, enjoy sports, and get assistance with college and career planning.

Summer camp scholarships are available for children of all ages.

For adults Jonnycake offers financial assistance and services to help members become more financially stable. Help with applying for benefits like SNAP food assistance and Medicaid, as well as income tax filing is available. Food deliveries are available for seniors who are home bound or face transportation barriers.

The Thundermist Mobile Health Center visits the Jonnycake Center every Wednesday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. No appointment is needed, and anyone can be seen. Their services include checkups and sick visits, counseling and screenings and referrals and follow-up care.

You can learn more about the Jonnycake Center for Hope on their website at jonnycakecenter.org

Thank you, the Board of Missions

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support the Jonnycake Center 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 "Jonnycake" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the Give now button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Give now

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

Donating Sunday Flowers is Easy

If you'd like to donate flowers for the sanctuary, 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 a lovely plant from your home (that you can take back home after worship), or flowers from your garden or any florist that you prefer. Two florists have keys to deliver flowers easily (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!



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.

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

Volunteers Needed!

Peace Dale Dinner Table takes a village! Come be part of this village! You can volunteer one hour or four or six. You can volunteer one day a month or two, three or four.

Check on the church website to see the many opportunities where you can support the PDCC Wednesday DINNER TABLE or Tuesday BISTRO Missions that serve many in our community.

CONTACT Cynthia Cherney cherneycynthia5@ gmail.com



Thursday Knit and Crochet and Quilt and…

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

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.

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

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



Tabitha's Closet

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm

NO MORE HANGERS, thank you.

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.



Spread the Word Each Saturday, ~50 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.**

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

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.

Donate We are happy to accept FALL and WINTER items for men, women, and children, as well as costume jewelry. **Please hold on any donations that are not fall/winter until the spring as 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, sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves for children and adults, belts, purses, costume jewelry, and shoes/boots. We accept only new undergarments and new socks. See peacedalechurch.org for a list of what we do and do not accept.



Latest updates on Instagram #shoptabithascloset

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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

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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.

RaiseRight
Formerly ShopWithScrip

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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