



September 14, 2023

## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

### Office Hours

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## Birthdays This Week

Keith Bruns  
Heather Totten  
Patrick McCarty  
Bill Silkes  
Darlene Hermes  
Amy Weinreich  
Eric Dugas  
Arwen McPhee

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[peacedalechurch.org](http://peacedalechurch.org)

### Follow us on Facebook!

[Facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch](https://Facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch)

### Last Week's E-Light

[peacedalechurch.org/e-li](http://peacedalechurch.org/e-li)

## Water, Water, Everywhere?

This Sunday we will hear from the prophet Jeremiah. We are challenged to consider how we are treating God (and God's creation). Of central meaning to this reading is the question of what is full of worth? What profits the faithful? Perhaps this should be the question of the day. We will also ponder the Living Water and what it means to wade into the ocean of God. If you would like to read ahead, just turn to Jeremiah 2:4-13.

Let's go wading together, during worship – where there is little risk of a rip tide (in the sanctuary).

See you soon!

Pastor Fred



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## Worship Flowers

The flowers of Sunday, September 17 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. Opportunities are available for flower donations for September and October. If you are interested in donating flowers during these months, please email Wendy Sisson ([wendyhighschool@gmail.com](mailto:wendyhighschool@gmail.com)) or call or text at (401) 932-2055. Thank you.

## Youth Connect is Back!

YOUTH CONNECT (what we used to call "Sunday School") is back!

Youth Connect will start on September 17.



**Family Sundays:** September 24 and October 22. There is no Youth Connect on FAMILY SUNDAYS, but ALL ages are welcome to join in the fun!

Check out [peacedalechurch.org/youth-events](http://peacedalechurch.org/youth-events) and the **Youth Corner** in the E-Light, which features info, thought prompts, and games especially for the youth in our midst!

Submitted by Claudia Swain



## Photo Etiquette

As we start a new and busy fall, please be mindful that parents/guardians may allow or prohibit our publishing or posting photos of their children in our congregation and at our activities. Youth Connect has forms available for parents/guardians. If you wish to use a photo, please check ahead with Meg so we can all do our best.



## On the Calendar

**Sunday, Sept. 17 @ 10am**  
Contemporary Worship &  
**Youth Connect**

**Sunday, Sept. 24 @ 10am**  
Family Worship Service

**Sunday, Oct. 1 @ 10am** –  
Traditional Worship Service

**Sunday, Oct. 1 @ 12:30pm**  
– Pumpkin Unloading!

**Saturday, Oct. 7** – 11am  
Pumpkin Palooza, White  
Elephant, Food & Games!

**Sunday, Oct. 8 @ 10am** –  
Contemporary Worship  
Service

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am  
Prayer Circle

Tuesday 9/6, 9/19 @  
6pm Traditional Choir  
rehearsal

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
Bell Choir rehearsal

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
AA Meeting

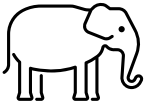
Tuesdays @ 7pm  
Contemporary Choir  
rehearsal



## Membership Notes

- ❖ Carolyn Traxler passed away September 5, 2023. A funeral service will be held in Westborough, MA. Interment is Friday, September 15 @ 2:00 PM at the RI Veterans' Cemetery, Exeter, RI.  
<https://www.westboroughfuneralhome.com/>
- ❖ Marjorie Sill passed away September 12, 2023. A service celebrating her life will be held at Peace Dale Congregational Church on Saturday, September 23 @ 1pm. An obituary is available at [averystortifuneralhome.com](http://averystortifuneralhome.com).

## White Elephants



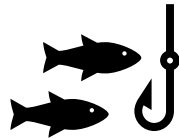
Thanks to the ladies' efforts in the "Down Under" (cellar) - we are ready for set up for our Pumpkin Palooza sale on 10/7.

**Care to help?** Set up will be Tues. 10/3 from 10:30 to noon. We also need staffing at the sale. Sat. 10/7 for either 1st shift - 10:45 AM to 12:45 PM or 2nd shift) 12:45 PM to 2:45 PM. Yes, we always have fun. See Jane to volunteer. jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172. Be patient for delayed response at the moment.

## Church Directory Funny Business

Beware of phishers and scammers looking for church directory information.

If you receive a request for directory information – or for “a copy of the directory” – please do nothing other than notify the church office. The church directory in Breeze is password protected and available only to church members and active participants, only for church activities.



## 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

Church Family Life invites you to



## Help Make Apple Crisp for the Pumpkin Palooza

Fun and fellowship in the kitchen!!!

We will be putting Apple Crisp together in the kitchen for The Pumpkin Palooza

Join in the fun on  
Friday Oct. 6th at 6 p.m.

Volunteers Needed!!!

Please bring aprons, peelers, and a 9x13 pan (metal or glass). All the ingredients will be provided.

There will be a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall following Sunday service.

Contact Christine Grevstad  
christinegrevstad@hotmail.com  
516 694-9154

## Free Seedlings



Three-month old Crown of Thorns (*Euphorbia milii*) house plants looking for good homes. Easy care, will flourish in any light. Cactus with thorns and small red flowers. Pick up in Fellowship Hall on the left window sill. I have included info with each plant. Thank you, J. Stabile

## September Mission of the Month: UCC Hawaii Wildfires Response

The Hawaii Conference and Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ have both issued appeals to support those impacted by wildfires across Hawaii, including the Maui fire which took more than 100 lives and is being called one of the deadliest US wildfires in the past 100 years.

“As we learn of the rising toll of the wildfires in Maui and see more and more of the extent of the destruction, we hold the people of Hawaii in our prayers, including UCC members and Hawaii Conference leadership,” Peter Makari, transitional executive for Wider Church Ministries, said in [this United Church News article](#).

Contributions made through the UCC Disaster Ministries network will focus on bridging the gaps between the assistance offered by first-time responders and community revitalization.

The Hawaii Conference used existing disaster relief funds to issue aid for gas, clothes, toiletries and other immediate aid, according to their website. The Conference has also established the Hawaii 2023 Wildfires Relief Fund, which will both continue to issue immediate aid and be used for long-term recovery.

For additional information, see the UCC website at [sneucc.org/newsdetail/how-to-help-in-hawaii-17539151](https://sneucc.org/newsdetail/how-to-help-in-hawaii-17539151)

Peace Dale Congregational Church supports the UCC Hawaii Wildfires Response as our Mission of the Month. You may donate funds by placing your gift in the Missions basket during Sunday service; sending a check to the church office; or clicking the Give now button below to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give). **Checks should be made out to PDCC with “UCC Hawaii” in the memo line.**

Thank you,  
The Missions Board

[Give now](#)

## Right Before Our Eyes: Alaska and Climate Change

Having taught geology of National Parks at URI, I have a soft spot for Alaska, It is BIG country with an abundance of beautiful mountains, valleys, volcanoes, glaciers, as well as diverse wildlife and human culture. Many lessons about planet Earth here. But it is rapidly changing as climate change advances. The following article, written by a UCC minister is further testimony to these changes. Click the link and read further about the observations of Rev. Warren.

The Rev. Thomas I. Warren is the Pastor of Peace United Church of Christ in Greensboro, North Carolina. He penned the following observations on a return trip to Alaska 30 years later. (taken from Books Berndt's THE POLLINATOR)

### Right Before Our Eyes: Alaska and Climate Change

The Rev. Thomas Warren recently traveled to Alaska and witnessed first hand the impacts that climate change is having on the state. From the massive dying of trees to the closure of roads, the signs of climate damage are evident. Warren raises awareness and calls upon people of faith to join in making a difference.

Check out the link below for his very captivating presentation:

[https://www.ucc.org/right-before-your-eyes-alaska-and-climate-change/?inf\\_contact\\_key=5b4a9db4022f39d945eec680578abaf17e470d92b8b75168d98a0b8cac0e9c09](https://www.ucc.org/right-before-your-eyes-alaska-and-climate-change/?inf_contact_key=5b4a9db4022f39d945eec680578abaf17e470d92b8b75168d98a0b8cac0e9c09)

Submitted by Don Hermes on behalf of the Green Team.

## Church Family Life Events – Ideas for Fun

Church Family Life (CFL) suggests ask someone at PDCC to join you! Why not ask during hospitality after church when we're all together? ***Please share events you find or are interested in with Jane Stabile.***

**Fri. 9/8 – Sun. 9/10 – PVDfest** – Providence's free outdoor signature arts festival at Innovation Park. Artisans, makers, food trucks, parade, music, Mavis Staples and Africa Nyaga Drum and Dance Festival.  
<https://pvdffest.com/>  
<https://www.southcountyart.org/trifecta-festival.html>

***New!* Sat. 9/16 – What Lives in the River and Salt Marsh Walk** from 9am to 11 am @ Middlebridge Preserve. A family science and exploration event. 10am at the same location go on a "Walk to Garrison House Acres Preserve" hosted by Narrow River Land Trust.  
<https://narrowriver.org/whatlivesinriver/>

**Thurs. 9/21 – Garden Club of America Judged Garden Show** at the Dunes Club, Narragansett. Luncheon noon - 3 PM, cash bar available. ***Our own Claudia Swain and her garden club will have an entry.*** Go team! \$45 PP includes lunch and a glass of Rose wine. Also be sure to enjoy the contestants' displays. Checks made out to the South County Garden Club & mail to 55 Briggs Rd., Saunderstown, RI 02874.

**Fri. 9/22 – RI Philharmonic Orchestra Open Rehearsal** at 5:30 PM; Sat. 9/23 TACO Classical at 8 PM – Robert Spano, conductor; Karen Gomyo, violin. Playlist – BRIAN RAPHAEL NABORS: Of Earth & Sky: Tales of the Motherland; BRUCH: Violin concerto #1; SOSHTAKOVICH: Symphony #5.  
<https://tickets.rphil.org/single-tickets>

***NEW!* Sun. 9/23 401 Local Artist Art Market** @ North Beach Club House 79 Boston Neck Rd. Narragansett – 11am – 2 pm. Discover stunning artworks from local artists and artisans!  
<https://www.facebook.com/Local401Artists/>

**Anytime RI Walks Challenge** – Search for 34 metal nature inspired designs on trees in special places on Land Trust Trails. Snap a selfie or photo and share it. See photos and get info at:  
<https://www.riwalks.org/challenge.php>

**Sat. 9/23 & Sun. 9/24 – Fall Visitors' Weekend at West Place Animal Sanctuary.** Meet the new farm animal rescues. Reconnect with familiar furry and feathered friends. Choose from 30 interactive and educational guided tours of the historic 8-acre farm. Get up close and personal with the inspirational farm animals rescued from cruelty, abuse, and neglect. Event held rain or shine. Tours last approximately 60-90 minutes. **Online registration recommended** at  
<https://www.westplace.org/visitors-weekends>. Dress for the weather; wear comfortable shoes or boots. Check out the video at the bottom of the home page. <https://www.westplace.org/>

**Sun. 9/24 – Cranston Fall Festival** at Itri Sq. Knightsville, Cranston. 10 AM to 5 PM. Sponsored by Cranston Police Dept. Vendors, entertainment, Touch a Truck, games, food trucks, demonstrations, beer garden, kids activities, more.  
[facebook.com/events/209617562035261/?active\\_tab=discussion](https://www.facebook.com/events/209617562035261/?active_tab=discussion)

**Now through 10/5 – "Umbrella Sky at Newport's Brick Market** enjoy a canopy of color created from more than 500 umbrellas magically suspended over Newport's Brick Marketplace." Rain or shine admire this extraordinary art installation while enjoying shops, art shows, craft fairs and vendors from 8 M to 11 PM. Free.  
<https://whatsupnewp.com/2023/06/umbrella-sky-newport-exhibit-opens-in-brick-market-place/>

**Now through 10/11 – Great Orchards** to visit in RI for apple picking and more, article in the Providence Journal by Katie Landeck.  
<https://www.providencejournal.com/lifestyle/>



## Clothing Donations and Volunteers Needed

Planned  
opening  
October 7

Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's new clothing ministry, is now accepting donations of **new and gently used fall and winter clothing**. We are asking that only

church members donate clothing at this time. We will say "no thank you" to items with bad odors or any torn, stained, worn and please no buggy items.

**Items we are NOT accepting are socks, underwear, bathing suits, and formal wear, including men's suits and ties.**

We are asking that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer. **Donations may be placed in the bin at the bottom of the side door stairwell on the first floor.**

**VOLUNTEER!** Tabitha's Closet will need individuals to volunteer regularly on a weekly or monthly basis to sort and prep the clothing, as well as run the shop on Saturday mornings.

Please contact Galen McGovern, our volunteer coordinator at [GalenMcGovern@cox.net](mailto:GalenMcGovern@cox.net). For any questions or to learn more about the ministry, please contact Suzanne Faucher at [gsfaucher@gmail.com](mailto:gsfaucher@gmail.com)

Thank you so much!

The Tabitha's Closet Team

## Help Wanted for Tabitha's Closet

**Clothing Records-Keeper** Tabitha's Closet has a need for a PDCC volunteer with interest or experience in basic recordkeeping to help us with tracking expenditures, keeping track of donations and connecting with our church finance committee. This is not a very time consuming role, and is a great way to volunteer if you are not available during daytime hours.

**Clothing Drive Coordinator** The committee is also looking for someone who likes to connect with people to serve as our clothing drive coordinator, to reach out to local churches and organizations and arrange clothing drives throughout the year.

If you would like to serve in either of these roles, please contact Galen McGovern at [GalenMcGovern@cox.net](mailto:GalenMcGovern@cox.net) or Suzanne Faucher at [gsfaucher@gmail.com](mailto:gsfaucher@gmail.com).



*You are invited to...*

**“Coffee and...”** for an update  
about the work of the Jonnycake Center for Hope  
and the WARM/Welcome House.

**Saturday, September 23 at 9:00 am**

Wakefield Baptist Church

236 Main Street, Wakefield

Kate Brewster, *Executive Director*

**Jonnycake Center for Hope**

Russ Partridge, *Executive Director*

**WARM/Welcome House**

*Many are aware that changes have taken place in both agencies, and we want to “get up to speed” on new directions, program changes and how churches might partner with these community agencies.*

Enjoy coffee, juice, and some goodies as the directors tell us what is new and answer questions.



Sponsored by the Mission Ministries of Wakefield Baptist Church.

**You're  
Invited**



## **Pumpkin Palooza**

**October 7 11-2**

Rain date October 14 11-2

Pumpkins, White Elephants, Food,  
Baked Goods, and Children's Activities  
including a Halloween Obstacle Course with  
Inflatables, Extreme Pumpkin Bowling,  
Pumpkin Smashing at 12 and 1,  
and much more

**Opening Day**  
Tabitha's Closet  
new and gently used  
clothing

**Peace Dale Congregational Church**

261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI



## Do You Know the Symbols in the Rose Window?

Youth Connect put together this online tour of the meanings in our beautiful window. Interesting for *ALL* ages!

Click here and go to **YOUTH CORNER** to see the rest of the pictures and info!



### Church Tour

Join us as we go on a pictorial church tour of our amazing church in this and future issues of our newsletter. Our first stop is the beautiful rose window.

## PUMPKIN PALOOZA

Volunteers and Donations Needed

KIDS CAN HELP TOO

This year's Pumpkin Palooza will be on October 7 from 11 until 2. You can help us get ready by donating fall themed white elephants, Halloween candy, baked goods, and other handmade items (including items that children would enjoy, like fall scented playdough and slime). If you can donate some of your time to help on the day of the palooza, please contact Meg Kolodziej ([megkolodziejri@gmail.com](mailto:megkolodziejri@gmail.com)). We would love to have your help!

Your wonderful donations and warm hospitality make our events special. Thank you for your generous support!

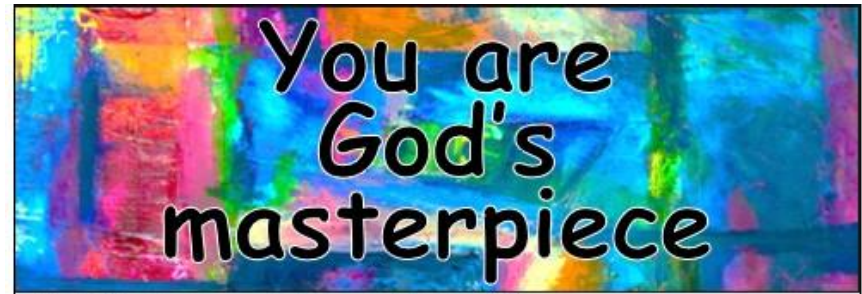




# Youth Corner



Youth program coordinator Meg Kolodziej  
megkolodziejri@gmail.com



## PDCC Youth Connect Calendar 2023-2024

### September

- 10 Sunday Youth Connect Opening Day 10 am
- 17 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
- 24 Sunday Family Service 10 am

### October

- 1 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
- 7 Saturday Pumpkin Palooza 11 am-2 pm
- 8 Sunday Holiday weekend--No Youth Connect
- 15 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
- 22 Sunday Family Service 10 am
- 29 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am

### November

- 5 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
- 12 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
- 19 Sunday Family Service 10 am
- 26 Sunday Special Thanksgiving Mission Project 10 am

### December

- 2 Saturday Children's Christmas Village and Christmas Bazaar
- 3 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
- 10 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
- 17 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
- 24 Sunday Special Christmas Eve Family Service
- 31 Sunday New Year's Eve—No Youth Connect

Download the full year calendar from  
[peacedalechurch.org/youth-events](https://peacedalechurch.org/youth-events)

## Gift Cards with a Kick

 **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 your Groceries and support PDCC at the same time. In support of Stewardship in Action, if you buy a \$100 grocery card on Sunday you will contribute \$4 - \$10 back to the church. No extra money out of your pocket – buy from us before you shop and help bridge the gap in the deficit.

RaiseRight is not *just* for gifts – **use cards for your own personal shopping** of groceries and prescriptions. 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).



Brickley's is open for the season!! We have \$20 gift cards. Brickley's is giving us a 20% rebate.

**Questions?** Contact Deb Shaw at [dkshaw5@cox.net](mailto: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 published **Prayer Matters** in the weekly E-Light, send email to [office@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org) or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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