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Last Week's E-Light

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Can You Hear Me Now?

How is your reception? How many bars are showing on your I-Am phone? What is God calling you to do and be? Are you hitting the auto text reply, saying, can I call you later?

This Sunday we will remember the call of Samuel along with some others. We will also learn about this month's special mission offering – Doctors without Borders. And of course, we will give thanks for the prophetic voice of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It's a great Sunday to renew your voice/data plan with the Holy One!

Come see what God is doing; come and listen for the voice of God is calling – how are you responding?

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, my friends!

Peace and Joy, Brother Fred



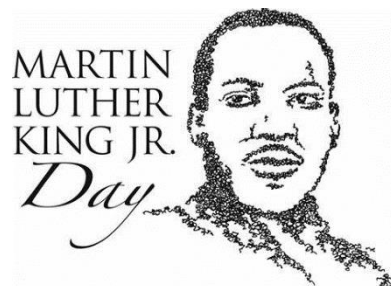
Our podcasts can be found on the [website](#) under the [News tab](#).

Worship Flowers



The flowers for Sunday, January 14 are given to the **Glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers, Lois Drummond Hayes and Dorothy Goff Spencer, by David and Carol Anne Hayes.**

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 flowers for January or February, please contact Carol Anne Hayes (carolhayes44@gmail.com 401-487-9127).



The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 15, 2024.

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FRIDAY January 12

The Green Team presents a free Film & Discussion

"NUCLEAR NOW: TIME TO LOOK AGAIN"

Friday, January 12, 2024

5pm video showing

7pm panel discussion

Join us at 5 pm to watch in the church sanctuary. After a break for snacks, we will have a **discussion of the video with participants exploring both pros and cons of nuclear power plants.**

Special guests include;

Dr. Peter Nightingale (URI Physics),

Dr. Hamouda Ghonem (URI Mechanical Engineering).

The discussion will focus on questions and comments from the audience.

You may also watch the video on your own (on PRIME, VUDU and some other outlets).

Video Summary: Nuclear Now is a 2022 documentary film, directed and co-written by Oliver Stone. The movie argues that nuclear energy is a solution needed to fight climate change because other renewable energies by themselves will not be sufficient in time for the planet to obtain carbon neutrality before climate change becomes irreversible.

Stone advocates modern nuclear power as a safe source of energy that can replace fossil fuels and thereby help to fight climate change. He predicts a doubling or quadrupling of demand for electricity worldwide in the coming 30 years. To ensure sufficient low-carbon electricity, Stone suggests a mass-production of nuclear power plants. The script writers accuse the anti-nuclear movement of erroneously equating nuclear power with nuclear weapons and creating a primal fear against this form of energy. The writers furthermore imply that the oil and gas industry has been funding these campaigns.



On the Calendar

Friday, January 12 @ 5pm
Film & Discussion of Nuclear Power

Sunday, January 14 @ 10am – Contemporary Worship

Sunday, January 21 @ 10am – Contemporary Worship

Sunday, January 28 @ 10am – Family Service

Sunday, February 4 @ 10am – Traditional Worship

Sunday, February 4 @ 4:30pm Big Soup Party fundraiser for Dinner Table

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
Bell Choir rehearsal

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
AA Meeting

Tuesdays @ 7pm
Contemporary Singers rehearse *ALL welcome*

Thursdays @ 7pm
Traditional Choir rehearsal



A Guide to Eco-friendly Choices After the Holidays

Once the festive glow of the holidays begins to fade, let's carry the spirit of celebration into the new year with a commitment to environmental stewardship. The choices we make in the aftermath of the holiday season can have a lasting impact on our planet. Here are some simple yet impactful ways to continue being environmentally conscious:

1. Recycle and Dispose Responsibly: Ensure proper disposal of holiday decorations, wrapping paper, and packaging materials. Participate in electronic waste recycling programs to responsibly discard old devices. Donate or sell items you no longer need, contributing to a circular economy.



2. Responsible Tree Reuse or Disposal: Often times at least one beach is looking to restore its dunes and Christmas trees catch and hold onto the sand aiding the effort. Another use could be for birds to shelter and stay warm within between their food foraging. If disposing of your tree, Rose Hill transfer station offers free tree/wreath recycling.

3. Upcycling and Repurposing: Unleash your creativity by repurposing holiday decorations for future celebrations or crafts. Give gift wrap a second life through upcycling or finding alternative uses.

4. Energy-efficient Practices: Keep the festive spirit alive with energy-efficient lighting in your home. Be mindful of energy consumption by turning off lights when not in use. Conserve fuel by letting the sun in during the daytime and closing drapes/shades in the evening.

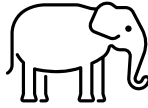
5. Eco-friendly Resolutions: Set resolutions that align with sustainability goals for the upcoming year. Explore ways to reduce your carbon footprint and live a more eco-friendly lifestyle.

Let's make every day an opportunity to contribute to the well-being of our planet. Together, we can sustain the holiday spirit of giving and gratitude throughout the year.

Wishing you a green and vibrant new year!

JOIN US! 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

White Elephants



Thank you for those lovely Christmas items. W. E. continue to collect year 'round. We do not want your books, furniture, computer hardware, frames, paintings, or clothing. We **LOVE** your kitchen items, small appliances, puzzles, nick-knacks, Christmas wrappings and decorations, sports equipment, toys, games, linens (but no more curtains, please) and pillows. Also, men's stuff like smaller tools, clocks and things that plug in. We will save jewelry and cookie cans for the bazaar. Please leave all items down in the lower hall by the rocking chair. Thank you!



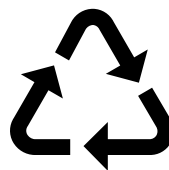
Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes are available on the table in the hallway outside of Hoxie Lounge. If your envelopes are missing, there is a sign-up sheet there as well. Submitted by David Nelson



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



Recycling Challenge – Saving Our Earth 1 Plastic Bag @ a Time

I am searching for my replacement as organizer of the TREX Recycling Challenge program at PDCC (you know, the white collection box outside the doors).

Collecting plastic bags & film keeps thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills and helps make eco-friendly outdoor products (like the benches outside the church). I will offer personal training so you can see the way I have done this, which is by no means the only way; you can develop what works for you. I am hoping to surrender my position by January 30, 2024. Thank you, Gabby Klensch (401) 932-8350.

Rescheduled to 2/4 Housing Discussion

South County Social Justice Coalition Quarterly Meeting



South County Social Justice Coalition Housing meeting has been rescheduled to **Sunday February 4th at 6:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Peace Dale** (27 North Road, Peace Dale, RI 02879).

Speaker: Christopher Little, SK Housing Authority
(No potluck, just the speaker)

Chris Little, Chair of the board of commissioners of the Housing Authority of South Kingstown and its tax-exempt affiliate, SKHA Services Development Corp, will address the following points and answer questions from the audience.

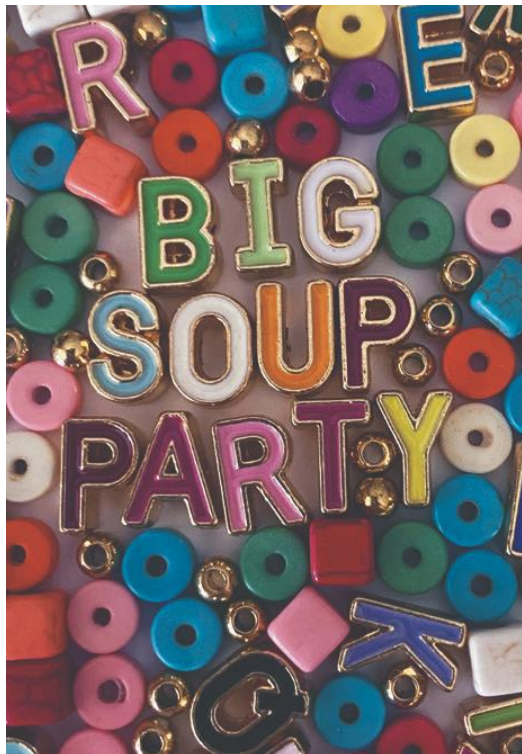
- The role of the South Kingstown Housing Authority.
- Hear of plans for the Redevelopment of Champagne Heights and Fournier Estates in South Kingstown.
- Details of what this project means for the SK and surrounding area.

- How this project fits into the new RI Housing laws passed in the last RI Assembly that is affecting how all RI towns traditionally operate.
- Status of the project with the Rhode Island Housing Authority.

Come learn about the changing landscape of the housing crisis and how South Kingstown is addressing it. Although each town is unique, there are lessons that can be learned by all of us. This presentation is a learning experience for all Southern Rhode Islanders, regardless of which town we live in and a social justice issue that seriously impacts the whole state.

South County Rhode Island Social Justice Coalition Leadership Team

Etta Zasloff
Joanne Haynes
Lesley Chouinard



Sunday * February 4, 2024
4:30 - 6:30 PM

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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Church Family Life Events – Ideas for Fun

Perhaps like me you thought that there is nothing to do now that all the Christmas special offerings are over. Thankfully, we are wrong. Many events are inside and warm. So instead of becoming a couch potato find a friend and put together an outing. Church Family Life also offers opportunities to have fun and socialize. Let's get going and make fun happen, friends!

NEW! Thursdays 1/11 through 3/28 – Wakefield Idol at the Contemporary Theater, 327 Main St., Wakefield. \$1,500 grand prize. See live at Phil's (with the All-You-Can-Eat-Taco-Bar) or livestream. More: contemporarytheatercompany.com/

NEW! Opening Fri. 1/12 (5-7 PM), Show through 2/4 Give Us Your Best, A Wickford Members Art Show, 36 Beech St., North Kingstown. <https://www.facebook.com/wickfordartassociation>

NEW! Sat. 1/13 – The 24-Hour Play Festival at the Contemporary Theater, 327 Main St., Wakefield. "Six short plays are written, rehearsed, and performed within 24 hours. Come enjoy this incredible feat of creativity! Always new & exciting. This comes only once a year, so don't miss it!" <https://ci.ovationtix.com/36747/performance/11395553?performanceId=11395553>

Sat. 1/13 – South County Winter Waterfowl Tour An Audubon Nature Tour VAN Trip and search for winter waterfowl along the southern Rhode Island coast! Visit a variety of places to observe an abundance of birds and their habitats. Pack a lunch and snacks: multiple stops for light refreshments and restroom breaks will be made along the way. Departing from Powder Mill Ledges Wildlife Refuge, 12 Sanderson Rd., Smithfield, RI. 8 AM to 4 PM. Ages 18 and up. \$60 members, others \$75. Must register by 1/12 by 5 PM at (**NEW LINK**) <https://asri.doubleknot.com/event/calendar/2741> This link will also show you their other events.

NEW! Thurs. 1/18, 6 – 8 PM – Unearth Rhody's Rocky's Mysteries offered by the SK Land Trust. Join URI Professor of Geoscience Dawn Cardace to learn about the diversity of rock types in modern day RI and dig into their fascinating formation. Representative rocks from around the state will be on hand to explore and discuss! Free, \$10 suggested donation per attendee. Potluck begins at 6PM and presentation at 6:45PM. SKLT Barn, 17 Matunuck Beach Road, Wakefield, RI. Sign up at: <https://sklt.org/event-tickets/potluck-lectures/>

NEW! Fri. 1/19 at the Peace Dale Library, Reel Explorers Film Club with "The Cove" (documentary, 2009, 91 min.) part of the Sundance Doc & Drama theme. No registration needed. Part of the watch a movie and a documentary on a theme each month. https://content.booksite.com/skpl_Jan24_7619.pdf

Fri. 1/19 @ 6:30 PM, Sat. 1/20 @ 8 PM – Romeo & Juliet at The VETS, Providence. Ruth Reinhardt, conductor. Zlatomir Fung making his RI Philharmonic Orchestra debut performing Haydn's Cello Concerto No. 1. <https://tickets.rphil.org/single-tickets>

NEW! Fri. 1/19 – 2/20 – Lumina, PVD Light Festival in the heart of Providence transforming it with light, art, community spirit inspired by NYC & Montreal festivals, connecting the PVD Rink to 195 District Park. Special activities throughout the month. Details at: <https://downtownpvdpark.life/lumina>

SOLD OUT Sat. 1/20 at 3 PM – "Picking Up Stones: An American Jew Wakes to a Nightmare" at UUC of South County.:

Sat. 1/27 – URI Basketball nights. with fellow congregants. **Sat. 1/27 Women's Game** at 1 PM (\$10); **Wed. 2/21 Men's** at 7 PM (\$15). **Sign up** in Fellowship Hall after church or contact Kathy Bamford at kbam33.play@gmail.com \$5 from each ticket supports Tabitha's Closet and our Dinner Tables.

Mon. – Fri. 8:30AM-3 PM – The Conservatory. A warm, relaxing get away close to home on College Hill at Brown University, 85 Waterman St., Providence. Take elevator to 4th floor. Come find a tropical paradise filled with hundreds of tropical plants - flowers, vines & fruits from Southeast Asia & the Amazon. See great photos at brown.edu/news/2023-08-02/conservatory

Have you perused South Kingstown Parks & Rec Brochures for enrichment or health-oriented events? Of course, they have many offerings for children, but there are also events for all ages and info about the Senior Center. Check it out: <https://www.southkingstownri.com/DocumentCenter/View/6532/Seasonal-Program-Offerings>

NEW! Thurs. 2/8 – Sun. 2/11 – "Nine to Five" at SK High School, 215 Columbia St., Wakefield. **Featuring Aimee & Brady Clarke, Eloise Stabile with Daniel Wheeler, technician** – all youth you have seen at PDCC. Come support their hard work. <https://www.onthestage.tickets/rebel-theater-group/individual-tickets> Promos at <https://www.facebook.com/RebelTheaterGroup/>

QPR Suicide Prevention Workshop

Sat. 2/10 @ 1pm @ PDCC

Ask a Question, Save a Life

Many of us know CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and the Heimlich maneuver. Now we have an opportunity to learn QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) which also may save a life.

In this session, Robert Harrison, MD will offer guidance to learn the basis of Suicide Prevention. "The QPR method was developed specifically to detect and respond to anyone showing suicide warning signs ... QPR is widely applied as a universal intervention for anyone experiencing emotional distress... Early intervention may well prevent the development of suicidal thoughts and feelings downstream from a current situation."

Join us on Saturday, February 10th, 1- 2:30 pm, to learn how you can make a difference offering hope through positive action. You will come to recognize the warning signs, clues, and suicidal communications of people in trouble and gain skills to prevent a possible tragedy.

Ages 17 and beyond are invited.

Saturday, February 10th at 1pm at PDCC

Learn QPR; you may save a life

Submitted by Linda Jeans

January Mission of the Month: Doctors Without Borders

Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (DWB/MSF) cares for people affected by conflict, disease outbreaks, natural and human-made disasters, and exclusion from health care in more than 70 countries. It's not hard to think of places with conflict (think Middle East, Ukraine), disease outbreaks (think Ebola), disasters (think immigrants in transit), and systemic exclusion from healthcare.

Doctors Without Borders deals with all kinds of medical needs including maternal health, nutrition, medicine access, mental health, vaccines, and of course, wounds of violence.

Various organizations that monitor non-profits rate DWB/MSF highly. These include Charity Navigator and Charity Watch. Roughly 85 cents of every dollar donated directly supports their programs.

Peace Dale Congregational Church supports Doctors Without Borders as our Mission of the Month. You may donate funds 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, or 3) clicking the **Give now** button below to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give). **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "Doctors Without Borders" in the memo line.**

Thank you for your generosity,
The Missions Board

Give now

Afghan Family Receives Asylum!

Two years ago, several local churches helped an Afghan family immigrate to the US. Last month, Tariq and Nafisa were granted their asylum status after nearly two years. So many volunteers helped this family with their plight to integrate here in the United States. Tariq and his family are now residing in Alexandria, VA.

Tabitha's Closet is Open

**We are currently accepting donations of winter clothing.
We especially need clothes for school-age boys and girls.**

**Open
Saturdays
9:30a-12:30p**

Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's new clothing ministry offers **new and gently used clothing.**

DONATE! We are currently accepting donations of winter clothing. We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.

VOLUNTEER! We need you! Tabitha's Closet needs volunteers to help:

- 1) **sort and prep the clothing,**
- 2) **help in the shop** on Saturday mornings.

Please contact Galen McGovern, our volunteer coordinator at GalenMcGovern1@gmail. com.

For any questions or to learn more about the ministry, please contact Suzanne Faucher at gsfaucher@gmail. com



Donate Supplies for Church World Service Kit Projects

THANK YOU from Women's Fellowship for your contributions of many items for Hygiene Kits and School Kits. These kits are provided to families in refugee camps, impoverished communities, and those in need after natural disasters.

We had a very successful morning on 1/10 beginning to assemble kits we will send to the Church World Service.

Supplies still needed:

- Spiral bound notebooks – 3 x 70-count totaling 200-210 pages in a notebook
- Hand towels
- Wide-tooth combs
- Fingernail or toenail clipper

We have found Walmart, Job Lot, and the Dollar Store in Narragansett to be good sources.



We also need handmade cotton bags w/cloth handles for School Kits. See Sally Bradley for the pattern.



Submitted by Judy Healy

Youth Corner



PDCC Youth Connect Winter Calendar

January

- 7 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
- 14 Sunday Martin Luther King Weekend--No Youth Connect
- 21 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
- 28 Sunday Family Service 10 am

February

- 4 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
- 11 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
- 18 Sunday School Vacation—No Youth Connect
- 25 Sunday Family Service 10 am

March

- 3 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
- 10 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
- 17 Sunday Youth Connect 10 am
- 23 Saturday Eggstravaganza 11 am-2 pm
- 24 Sunday Family Service 10 am—Palm Sunday Parade
- 31 Sunday Easter Sunday



If you would like to help plan this year's Eggstravaganza, contact Miss Meg.

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 published **Prayer Matters** in the weekly E-Light, 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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