



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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Last Week's E-Light

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The Hope of Our Prayer

Psalm 85; Luke 11:1-13

We will have the pleasure this Sunday of welcoming to our pulpit the Rev. Gina "Pastor T" Colorio. Her sermon "The Hope of Our Prayer" will reflect Psalm 85 and Luke 11: 1-13. Rev. Colorio prefers to be called *Pastor T* since T is for her middle name, Teresa, T is for the CROSS, and T is for Jesus' last words, **τετέλεσται**... it is finished!

Pastor T. has served First Congregational Church of Princeton, Massachusetts, has worked extensively with children and youth, and families affected by HIV/AIDS, as well as in parish ministry. She is involved at Gateways Academy in Worcester, Massachusetts as guidance counselor, and teacher of writing, history and critical thinking. Gina and her husband are parents to 10 children (7 adopted, three by birth). She is a baker, outdoors enthusiast, and "grace focused". Gina considers herself a teacher at heart and believes that the "keenest revelation into the soul of any society is manifested in the manner in which they treat their children" [Nelson Mandela].

Worship Flowers



The flowers of Sunday, July 27 are given to the Glory of God by Stacy Saxon in honor of the good people and good work of the Peace Dale Congregational Church!

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 August, please contact Claudia Swain; for September or October, please contact Wendy Sisson.



Next Week's E-Light on Wednesday

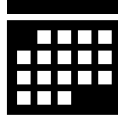
The church office will be closed Thursday, July 31, 2025.

Coming in August

During the month of August, purchases of specially marked flowers at the Narragansett Stop and Shop will benefit Peace Dale Dinner Table. More info when we get to August.

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On the Calendar

Sunday, July 27 @ 10am
Traditional Worship with
Rev. Gina Colorio preaching

Sunday, August 3 @ 10am
Traditional Worship with
Communion. Rev. Jean
Simpson preaching

Sunday, August 10 @
10am Contemporary
worship. Stephanie Healy
presenting "On this day
throughout PDCC's history"

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

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

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
AA Meeting

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

White Elephants



Yes, keep your clean outs and extra gifts coming. We collect year 'round. The next sale is the Pumpkin Palooza in October.

Please no books, CDs or videos. *We have also stopped collecting pillows for this year due to space limitations.* Costume jewelry can be donated to Tabitha's Closet.

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



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



Come Sing With Us!



Our singers and bell ringers welcome you!

Summer rehearsals for Praise Team, Traditional Choir, and Bell Choir are more relaxed (and less frequent). Ask a choir member after worship about making music in the summer! Singers practice Sunday @ 9am before 10am worship.



Be a Bell Ringer!

The ringers in our Bell Choir welcome you! Teenagers on up in age. Ability to read music is a plus.

Summer is a great time to try out bell ringing and see if you like it. Summer rehearsals for Bell Choir are more relaxed (and less frequent). We practice most (but not all) Tuesdays @ 6:30pm. Ask a choir member after worship about making music in the summer or send an email to office@peacedalechurch.org!

Summer Youth Connect 2025

I hope you're having a good summer. I would like to invite you to join us for the next four Sundays at 10 am to cook up some great memories. Each week we'll make something to remember one of the special meals that Jesus shared with others. Our first stop is a wedding in Cana.

All ages are welcome – high school through preschool.

Hope you can join us,

Meg

Jesus' Special Meals

July 20 @ 10am

Wedding in Cana

Join Jesus at a wedding in Cana and help make punch and decorate cupcakes to share during coffee hour.

July 27 @ 10am

Feeding the 5,000

Follow a "Loaves and Fish" trail to discover some of the ways members of our church family share their time and talents to help others, and then use the items found in a basket to create a picnic lunch to share.

August 3 @ 10am

The Last Supper

Learn how the bread and juice are prepared for Communion and join your family to celebrate Communion at the end of the worship service.

August 10 @ 10am

Breakfast with Jesus

Gather to read a story about Jesus preparing breakfast for the disciples on the beach and make breakfast for our church family.

Tabitha's Closet

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.**

NOW AVAILABLE: *We received a donation containing many infant girls outfits size 0-3 mos and 3-6 months*



PAUSE DONATIONS – August 1, we will pause summer donations and prepare to begin accepting fall/winter items.

DONATIONS. 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.

We happily accept current-season clothing: shirts, pants, skirts, dresses, shorts, sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves for children and adults, belts, purses, costume jewelry.

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

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Summer Worship & Pastoral Care

Dear Members and Friends of Peace Dale Congregational Church,

WORSHIP

Pastor Fred Evenson, our Senior Minister, is away for the summer on sabbatical. We would like to let you know about the services and guest ministers providing the message at each service.

We hope you will come and join us when you can.

Shalom,

The Board of Deacons

PASTORAL CARE

The Rev. Enid Watson is providing pastoral care coverage from now until September. Rev. Watson is an ordained UCC clergywoman and is a PDCC member and Deacon. She is available for whatever pastoral care concerns arise over the summer. Enid will continue meeting with the Prayer Circle. You may request pastoral care through the Church Office or reach out to Rev. Watson directly. While her contact info is in Breeze, it is also included here:

The Rev Enid Watson
617-680-5734
watsonenid@gmail.com

July 27	Traditional Worship	Rev. Gina Colorio will provide the message. Rev. Colorio served First Congregational Church of Princeton, United Church of Christ in Princeton, Massachusetts.
August 3	Traditional Worship with Communion	Rev. Dr. Jean Simpson will provide the message. Rev. Simpson is a member of PDCC, retired UCC pastor, and active musician who plays horn.
August 10	Contemporary Worship	Stephanie Healy , PDCC member and our congregational historian. If you've ever wondered what summers were like at our church in the late 1800s with Roland Hazard II at the helm, or during the late 1970's with Dr. Lawrence Washburn's ministry, this "Dog Days of Summer" service is for you. Join us August 10th for this unique Contemporary Service and explore what Summers at PDCC were like at different times spanning our multigenerational history.
August 17	Contemporary Worship	Rev. Scott Spencer will provide the message. Rev. Spencer served as pastor of the Woodridge Congregational Church in Cranston, Rhode Island.
August 24	Traditional Worship	Rev. Colin Leitch will provide the message. Rev. Leith served as Senior Pastor at Church on the Hill in Boston.
August 31	Blended Worship	Rev. Scott Spencer will provide the message. Rev. Spencer served as pastor of the Woodridge Congregational Church in Cranston, Rhode Island.

July Mission of the Month – Adoption Rhode Island

ADOPTION RHODE ISLAND is a private nonprofit organization whose mission is to create safety, belonging and permanency for adopted and foster children, vulnerable youth, and families through compassionate services, advocacy, and education.

"Celebrating 40 Years of Changing Lives for Children and Youth in Foster Care", Adoption Rhode Island delivers programs in four areas: **permanency services** (promoting and assisting families with foster care and adoption); **behavioral health and wellness** (services for foster and adopted children, adult adoptees, kinship caregivers, and adoptive parents); **youth and young adult services** (for ages 18-24, helping youth transition successfully and safely into adulthood), **advocacy, training and technical**

assistance (consultation services, student intern opportunities, specialized trainings).

You may learn more about Adoption Rhode Island at <https://adoptionri.org/>

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support Adoption Rhode Island with your Mission of the Month donations in July. 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 "Adoption RI" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Give now

DONATE A BAG! At our July 13th worship service we heard from Lise Iwon about Adoption Rhode Island and, especially, about the Duffle Bag Bash event. **If you would like to donate a new suitcase or duffle bag, you may bring it to the church office or to the Duffle Bag Bash 8/10.** →

Lise says "Ten years ago, the Office of the Child Advocate (a State agency), Adoption RI (a non-profit 501C3 agency) and I (a private citizen) got together to have a fundraiser for children in State care. Why? Because kids in State care have nothing and NEED everything. And because the DCYF budget has been cut by millions of dollars, and children are falling through the cracks. And because workers are underpaid, overworked and underappreciated. And...And...And!

"Kids on night-to-night placement often carry all of their belongings in trash bags, so we started this fundraiser to eliminate trash bags as suitcases. They need money for EVERYTHING: food, shelter, clothing, transportation, sheets for their bed, EVERYTHING. I'll explain more when we are together... "

If you wish to attend the 10th Annual Duffle Bag Bash at Matunuck Beach Club on August 10, 2025 (see and click poster here).

The 10th Annual DUFFLE BAG BASH

*Fostering Hope for
Children in State Care*

Far too often, children and youth that live in foster care or residential placements transport their belongings in a trash bag. Providing youth with duffle bags and luggage allow for them to safely transport their belongings with dignity.

WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025 12:00 PM- 3:00 PM RAIN DATE: 8/11/25	WHERE: MATUNUCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 619 MATUNUCK BEACH ROAD, SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI
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ADMISSION:
NEW DUFFLE BAG,
NEW ROLLING LUGGAGE,
or \$25 GIFT CARD (per adult)
NEW BACKPACK (per child)

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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 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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