



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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April 2, 2026

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Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

Happy Easter!

You are invited to come and gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm, today for our Maundy Thursday service with communion. We will recall not only Jesus' last supper, but also his crucifixion.

Easter Sunday we will offer three worship services – Sunrise, Contemporary, and Traditional.

May the joy of Jesus' Resurrection be yours as we celebrate the Risen Christ in our midst! See you soon.

Peace and Joy, Brother Fred

Join Us for Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, April 2

6 PM – Soup & Bread
6:30 PM – Worship Service
with Communion

Easter Sunday, April 5

7 AM – Sunrise (outdoors)
9 AM – Contemporary Worship
11 AM – Traditional Worship
no Communion Easter Sunday
no coffee hour Easter Sunday
no RaiseRight Easter Sunday



Help Deliver Easter Flowers

There are still a few names on the list that need a deliverer. The Easter flowers from the Sanctuary will be delivered to members of our congregation who are not able to get to church, have experienced illness or challenge, or are experienced adults (over 85).

If you are interested in delivering a flower, please SIGN UP in Fellowship Hall or CALL Sue Blackerby at (401) 662-7035. Flowers may be taken after the 11am Easter service or any time in the following days.

Online Good Friday Service from SNEUCC

The Council of Conference Ministers is hosting an online *Seven Last Words of Christ* Good Friday service.

The service will be streamed at **Noon on Friday, April 3** at www.sneucc.org/goodfriday and on the **SNEUCC Facebook page.**

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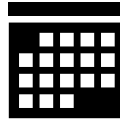
Are you interested in Joining PDCC & our Faith Family There will be a new member “class” after worship on **Sunday, April 12** (1.5 hour to meet others wishing to join and to discuss topics such as who are PDCC and what does it mean to be UCC).

If you would like to consider joining and *have not already filled out a pew card* telling us this, please talk with Pastor Fred, fill out a pew card, or contact the office@peacedalechurch.org

No RaiseRight 4/5

There will be no RaiseRight table after church on Easter Sunday. We will return next Sunday, April 12th

The March Mission of the Month has collected to date \$1,209.41 for Welcome House



On the Calendar

Thursday, April 2 @
6pm Maundy
Thursday

Sunday, April 5 @ 7,
9 & 11 AM Easter

Sunday, April 12 @
10am Contemporary
Worship

Sunday, April 12
new member class
after worship

Sunday, April 19 @
10am Contemporary
Worship

Sunday, April 19
potluck after worship

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

Thursdays @ 1-3pm Shawl
Knit & Crochet

Thursdays @ 6pm
Contemporary Choir reh.

Thursdays @ 7:30pm
Traditional Choir rehearsal

Palm Sunday Cross-Making



The flowers adorning the Sanctuary this Easter Sunday are given to the Glory of God by:

Sue & Jim Blackerby
In memory of Charles & Pauline Clark and Robert
& Beverly Blackerby

Carol Dawley, Bonnie and Bill
In memory of Arthur Dawley

Elizabeth Dupont
In memory of Robert Tiedemann

Cindy & Byron Fish and family
In memory of our parents, brother Brad, and
sister Barbara

Bonnie Fiske and family
In memory of Charles Fiske

Rod & Barbara Gilbert
In memory of Harold & Janet Smith and
William & Margaret Smith

Christine Grevstad & John Hobgood
In celebration of the Easter Season

Ira & Patty Hare
In memory of our brothers, Jimmy and Bill

Carol & David Hayes
In memory of our parents and grandparents

Darlene & Don Hermes
In honor of those who give of themselves for
others

Faith LaMunyon
In memory of Peter Bancroft

Roberta Norman
In memory of Jim Norman

Mary Beth Perry
In memory of Nancy & Larry Perry

Mary Lou Riley
In memory of my parents, Helen & Harold
Jennings

Sandi Robinson
In memory of my parents, Al & Nancy Benyi

The Senerchia Family
In memory of Joe & Betty Congdon
In memory of Doug, Jean & Glen Wright

Mary-Gail Smith
In memory of my beloved husband, Lester Smith,
and my son, Jim Ledbetter

Claudia & Peter Swain
In memory of Molly & Bill Swain and
Russell & Matty Ernest

The Szrom Family
In memory of Donald Szrom

Bob & Trish Van Cleef
In celebration of Trish's great aunt, Margaret
Stearns

The Rev. Dr. Larry Washburn
In memory of my wife Lenore who passed away
last Easter

Enid Watson
In memory of my parents, Nancy & John Malek,
and godparents, Margaret & Fred Hanst

Jim & Marlene Williams
In honor of our wonderful son and grandkids

The Worthen Family
In memory of loved ones

Christine Young
In memory of David Young

Worship Flowers



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 April, please contact Lynn McCall.

April Mission of the Month: Egg-a-Day Child Nutrition Program

A Global Partnership Program of the SNEUCC



School children enjoy an egg a day

A small team traveled to Haiti in 2012 after Hurricane Sandy had ravaged a portion of the country. Shocked to see so many empty seats in the schools the team learned that much of the agricultural land had been destroyed and that food scarcity had become an issue. Many children were too hungry and weak to come to school. The schools had no funds to provide food for everyone in need. The team immediately arranged for some rice, beans, and pasta to be sent to the area. But a long-range solution was needed.

A chance meeting on the flight back from Haiti to New York led two women to discover a common concern: the hungry children they had seen during their visit. By the time the plane landed, the two had vowed not only to find a way to feed the children, but were determined to find a way to help the Haitians in the communities they serve become self-sufficient and produce their own food. That was the birth of the Egg-a-Day Nutrition Program (formerly known as OneEgg Haiti) which has, since 2013 provided high-quality animal protein in the form of a hard-boiled egg to over 2500 children throughout Haiti. The goal is to make the program sustainable by educating individuals, especially school children, about how to raise their own food and chickens.

The eggs are purchased from two poultry farms in Haiti with funds raised by various churches throughout the conference. The eggs are picked up every two weeks by our in-country program coordinator in a pick-up truck and delivered to the schools and orphanages that are part of the Egg-a-

Day program. At one point, before the Covid-19 pandemic caused the closure of schools throughout Haiti, there were 17 sites from Port-au-Prince, to Mirebalais to Miragoane receiving eggs. Currently the program continues providing eggs to the orphanages where children live full time.

The eggs are delivered raw and unrefrigerated. (An unrefrigerated egg will keep for between 14 and 21 days – if not stored in the hot sunlight. Volunteers at the sites cook the eggs (mostly on open fires) and serve them to the children for breakfast, snack or lunch each day. It is hard to understand, unless you have traveled to Haiti, how difficult it is to move these eggs from the farms, to the sites, to the children over roads that are rough, clogged with traffic and sometimes not paved.

The program is funded by donations from churches and individuals throughout our conference. For several years, those donations were supplemented by additional financial support from OneEgg.org, a charitable organization that ran a similar program in Africa. However, that organization is no longer able to continue supporting our program. And, since churches throughout our conference are not meeting in person, our traditional forms of fund-raising are no longer viable. Now we rely solely on the donations from individuals and churches.

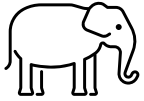
NOTE: School resumed in Haiti on August 17. Our need for financial support has taken on a new urgency. It does not take much - \$60 will feed a child an egg a day for one year.

Additional information on the Southern New England UCC web at sneucc.org/egg-a-day

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

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support Welcome House with your Mission of the Month donations in March. 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 "Egg-a-Day" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the Give now button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Give now



White Elephants

Thank you for your donations. Some are even new, many a delight and all appreciated. For the 5/2 **Spring**

Sale please concentrate on summer items, i.e. water games, sports, picnic, camping, seaside themed. FYI - We will sell linens both at the spring and fall sales, but may not in December.

NEW WORK DATES

Wed. 4/8 from 9:30 to 11 AM
Tues. 4/14 from 10 to 11:30 AM
Fri. 4/24 from 10 to 11:30 AM



Help Needed

HELP WITH 3rd Sunday Hospitality, PLEASE. Jane & Steve Stabile and Kim Picard invite you to join our

team to provide food and beverages on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

This would involve bringing at least one food item and helping to put out the food Sunday morning and clean up. S&J do the set up alone on Saturday.

It's a great way to make friends and foster fellowship at PDCC. Contact steve.stabile@outlook.com

Plan Ahead Pumpkins

The truck arrives Sunday, September 27. (Yes, we know it is not even summer, yet...)



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

Got Unwanted Greeting Cards?



Outside the office is a cardboard box for you to put greeting cards or note cards in – it is next to the spinning display of cards.

We collect and make cards available in hopes that people who need free cards may use them. And it keeps them out of the landfill. Submitted by Gabby Klensch

SPRINGTIME POTLUCK BRUNCH



Join us

SUNDAY APRIL 19th

After Church Service

Fellowship Hall



Sign up sheet in fellowship Hall

Questions? Contact Mary Mason or Carol Edwards

Submitted by Christine Grevstad

Come Sing or Ring with Us!



Our **singers** welcome you! Rehearsals are Thursday 6pm for Praise Team and 7:30pm for Traditional Choir.

Our **bell ringers** welcome you! Teenagers on up in age. Ability to read music is a plus. Practice Tuesdays @ 6:30pm.



Ask a choir member after worship or send an email to office@peacedalechurch.org

Once-a-Month Singers

Do you want to express yourself through singing? Please join us for **family service the fourth Sunday of each month**. Enthusiasm encouraged, super singers - not so much, we appreciate everyone. You don't have to read music. We know these tunes. **CONTACT** jane.stabile@outlook.com for music videos, lyrics and info.



Exciting Food Times in the Neighborhood

Peace Dale Dinner Table and others serve neighbors in need. With this week's opening of the Kitchen of Hope, located at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, a warm, nutritious meal will be available almost every day of the week to residents in this area. Kitchen of Hope (kitchenofhope.net) is adding a Monday meal.

Monday Call (401) 594-9304

4:30-5:15pm delivered or pick up at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, High St., Wakefield

Tuesday Call (401) 594-3031

Reserve by Sunday @ 7pm. Sit-down meal 4:30-6pm at Dinner Table Bistro, Peace Dale Congregational Church, Columbia St, Wakefield

Wednesday Call (401) 594-3812

4:30-5:15pm delivered or pick up at Peace Dale Congregational Church, Wakefield

Friday Call (401) 594-9304

4:30-5:15pm delivered or pick up at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, High St., Wakefield

Sunday

Last Sunday of each month, 6pm at Kingston Congregational Church, Kingston. All other Sundays, 5pm at Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Wakefield.



Volunteer for Bistro Dinner Table on Tuesdays

Bistro sit-down community dinners in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 4:30pm!

We really have a **need for additional volunteers** for the Bistro. It **does not need to be an every-week commitment**.

The Bistro serves approximately 35 guests at tables, much like a restaurant. We need help to prepare and cook the meal, prepare salads, serve patrons (salad, dinner, dessert, coffee and tea), as well as cleanup and dishwashing. We also have a volunteer to make individual desserts.

If you can help out, or are interested, but want more information, please contact Cynthia Cherney (or the Church Office at office@peacedalechurch.org 401 789-7313)

Tabitha's Closet Open for Spring

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm and 3rd Tuesday of each month 4-7pm

WE WELCOME... prom dresses, dress shoes, and costume jewelry.

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.**

DONATE We are happy to accept spring and summer items 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. 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.

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 "ticket price" or more for items, knowing that we reinvest the funds in the church and our missions, and to support community partners.

We are reinvesting the money raised to support social services in our community – such as the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Church World Service Kits, Peace Dale Dinner Table, Gratitude Tree w Jonnycake Center, Tri County Community Action Agency, and Youth LGBTQ Closet (Youth Pride RI).

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

MORNING VOLUNTEERS?

Interested in volunteering at Tabitha's, but our afternoon time slots don't work with your schedule? Great news! We are looking for volunteers for a morning from 9-11 am. If we can recruit enough interest, we will establish a morning weekly session. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Lynne at tabitha@peacedalechurch.org

LATEST UPDATES on Instagram
#shoptabithascloset.



Celebrating Earth Day Fri. 4/24, 2026

7 PM at Peace Dale Congregational Church



Answers you can trust to questions you may have

Offshore Wind Energy is HERE

What Does It Mean for Our Ocean, Wildlife & Community?

Light refreshments will be served

Speaker: Dr. Barbara Sullivan-Watts – Senior Marine Research Scientist (Emerita), URI; Co-author, *RealOffshoreWind.com*

More than 100 offshore wind turbines are now generating power for Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts—but what are the broader impacts?

Join us for a **science-based discussion** exploring key questions:

- *How effective is offshore wind as a renewable energy source?*
- *What are the impacts on whales, fish, birds, and marine ecosystems?*
- *How might this development affect local communities and fisheries?*

Drawing on decades of research and the latest findings from the U.S. and Europe, Dr. Sullivan-Watts will offer a **clear, balanced perspective** on both the benefits and concerns of offshore wind development.

Sponsored by PDCC Green Team



REPAIR FAIR

The Town of South Kingstown Public Library and Recycling Coordinator are hosting a “Repair Fair.” Give your broken or damaged items new life and keep them out of the landfill by bringing them to be fixed by skilled volunteers. Items can be electronics, jewelry, bikes, small appliances, furniture, clothing, and more. Sign up for a time slot by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/SKrepairfair>, scanning the QR code, or calling 401.783.8254 x4303.



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

KNOWLEDGE SHARING

REDUCING LANDFILL WASTE

05.09.2026

LOCATION:
SOUTH KINGSTOWN RECREATION CENTER
30 ST DOMINIC RD, SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



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

Thursday Knit and Crochet

COME! Our Prayer Shawl makers are meeting together with the I Care Shawl Project makers every Thursday from 1-3pm in the Community Room. All knitters and crocheters welcome! We can help you learn, too. Make prayer shawls, warmth for cancer patients, small teddy bears and kittens, etc. **CONTACT** (401) 580-1712



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

CANCER COMFORT – The I Care Shawl Project is working with Brown Health Cancer Center in East Greenwich to comfort those going through chemotherapy.

MULTI-GENERATIONAL – Last week we had 11 adults and 6 high school students.



2026 PDCC Youth Calendar

March: You Can Make a Difference

- Sunday 1 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Join the scramble: Plan our biggest Eggstravaganza and Egg Drop yet!
- Sunday 8 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Saturday 14 Youth Group Homelessness Awareness Sleepover 7 PM
- Sunday 15 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Sunday 22 Family Service: The Good Samaritan 10 AM
- Saturday 28 Eggstravaganza 11 AM to 2 PM
- Sunday 29 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Join our Palm Sunday procession and create a community sidewalk art gallery for Easter

April: You Were Created for a Purpose

- Sunday 5 Easter Sunday
- Sunday 12 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Take charge! Plan our 2026 Earth Day Celebration
- Sunday 19 Spring Break: No Youth Connect
BIG Beach Cleanup Time TBD
- Sunday 26 Family Service: The Sower of the Seed 10 AM
Earth Day Celebration 11 AM to 12 PM

May: Jesus Is Always With You

- Sunday 3 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Create Flower Bouquets for Moms
- Sunday 10 Happy Mother's Day: No Youth Connect
- Sunday 17 Youth Connect End-of-the-Year Celebration: Breakfast with Jesus 10 AM

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.



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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