



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

261 Columbia Street
Peace Dale, RI 02879
(401) 789-7313

November 26, 2025

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

Contact Us

SENIOR MINISTER:

THE REV. A. FRED EVENSON
FRED.E@MAC.COM

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

MARYLOU McMILLAN
OFFICE@PEACEDALECHURCH.ORG

Birthdays

Laura McCarty
Galen McGovern
Mary Louise McMillan
Tim Rancourt
Jennifer Wahl

Visit Our Webpage!

peacedalechurch.org

Follow us on Facebook!

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

Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

Advent & Christmas Eve Services

Join us at PDCC to celebrate this Advent season. There is so much warmth in our congregation. Come share!



Sun. 11/30 @ 10am Traditional Worship **PEACE**

Sun. 12/7 @ 10am Traditional Worship with Communion: **HOPE**

Sun. 12/14 @ 10am Music Sunday Worship. **Joy**

Sun. 12/21 @ 10am Family Worship Service. **Love**

Christmas Eve @ 4pm Candlelight Contemporary

Christmas Eve @ 10pm Candlelight Traditional with Communion

Sun. 12/28 @ 10am Hymn Sing Worship Service

Worship Flowers



The flowers of November 30 are given to the glory of God by Claudia & Peter Swain in appreciation of all the support from the congregation this past year.

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, please contact Lynn McCall 401-742-3949.

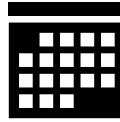


Membership Notes

- ❖ **Saturday, November 29 @ 1:00 pm** – a Celebration of Life for **Jim Badger** will be held at Peace Dale Congregational Church. Jim's obituary may be found on Fagan-Quinn's website on the [Fagan-Quinn website](http://patrickquinnfuneralsandcremations.com) (patrickquinnfuneralsandcremations.com)
- ❖ **Rebekah Lloyd** passed away early this week. A celebration of her life will be held at Peace Dale Congregational Church on **Monday, December 1 @ 11am**. Rebekah's obituary may be found on the [Avery-Storti website](http://avery-storti.com).

IN THIS ISSUE

5th Sunday Mission Collection: RI Community Food Bank
 62nd Annual Christmas Bazaar
 Bakers, Start Your Ovens
 Christmas Poinsettias Order Form
 Church World Service School & Hygiene Kits
 Come Sing or Ring with Us
 Congregational Care: Caring for Others
 Evergreens – Making workshops start 12/1
 Evergreens – Prune NOW
 Gift Cards with a Kick
 Gratitude Tree
 Join Green Team
 Local Events Listing
 Membership Notes
 November Mission of Month: Church World Service
 On the Calendar
 Please Lock Up When You Leave
 Social Justice in Action
 Soup Soup Soup! We Need Soup Makers
 Special Order RaiseRight Gift Cards
 Tabitha's Closet
 Volunteer for Tuesday Bistro
 White Elephants – Work Days to Prep for Bazaar
 Worship Flowers
 Would You Like to Serve @ PDCC?



On the Calendar

Saturday, Nov. 29
 @ 1pm Memorial
 Service for James
 Badger

Sunday, Nov. 30 @
 10am Traditional
 Worship

Monday, Nov. 1 @
 11am Memorial
 service for Rebekah
 Lloyd

Saturday, Dec. 6 @
 10-2 Christmas
 Bazaar

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 @ 6pm
 Contemporary Choir reh.

Thursdays @ 7:30pm
 Traditional Choir rehearsal



Thank You, Joy!

Thank you to Joy Rich for hanging the
 wreaths on the exterior church doors.
 Joy's business is Flowerthyme.com

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2025 ORDER FORM



If you wish to donate Christmas poinsettias to decorate our church sanctuary for the Advent season, please complete this order form and return it to the church (office or offering plate) with your payment by **December 7th**. The suggested donation is \$16 per plant. Following Christmas Services, poinsettias will be delivered to our members who are homebound, members who are over age 85, and those who recently suffered a loss. If you would enjoy delivering your plant yourself, please indicate below to whom you will be taking it.

Given by: _____

Given in: ____ Celebration of _____

____ Memory of _____

____ Honor of _____

What would you like to happen to your plants?

____ I want to take the plant home with me

____ I will deliver the plant (to whom? _____)

____ I want someone else to deliver it (to an elder, homebound, other)

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

The Christmas Bazaar 12/6! Now 1 week away

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR'S BAZAAR



We need your help! Making and/or selling baked goods, Making and/or selling soups. Selling jewelry. Making and/or selling cookies for the Cookie stroll.

Selling raffle tickets, Making and/or selling greens. There will be **sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall** after service on Sundays.

If you would like to help and cannot sign up on Sundays contact Carol Edwards @ caedwards760@ gmail.com or call 783-2713 – home 212-0419 – cell.

White Elephants



Thank you donors, so many great items have arrived. **It would be helpful if you could hold donations of any non-Christmas items now until 2026.** Fri. 11/21 (10

– 11:30 AM) is our last workday to prep items.

Please wear your work attire on **Sunday, 11/30** to help after church to set up tables and bring up the treasures. We need everybody!

FINAL WORKDAYS ARE:

- Mon. 12/1 @ 3 to 5 PM
- Tues. 12/2 @ 10 – 11:30 AM
- Wed. 12/3 @ 9:30 – 11 AM
- Thurs, 12/4 @ 10 AM– noon
- Fri. 12/5 @ 2:30 – 4 PM

BAZAAR DAY SAT. 12/6 Three Sessions or all day. Still need 3 more folks for clean up.

- 8:45 – 11:30 AM and/or
- 11:30 – 2:15 PM;
- Clean Up 1:30 – 3:45 PM.

Jane.stabile@ outlook.com to volunteer.

Bakers, Start Your Ovens

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.

DELIVER If possible please plan to deliver your baked goods to the church Friday 12/5 before 7pm and label "Bazaar". Also label if the item has nuts or is gluten-free.

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 MWORE COFFEE CANS.**

Lynn McCall (401-742-3949) and Priscilla Archambault

Soup! Soup! Soup!



Please help

us make the Christmas Bazaar a success.

MAKE SOUP: We love the yummy soups you make to sell at the Bazaar. Signup sheet in fellowship hall.

We also need volunteers to heat, serve and clean up on Saturday 12/6.

QUESTIONS? Christine Grevstad 516 694-9154

Prune This Weekend

This church's Bazaar has a reputation for selling the loveliest and *fresh*est



wreaths and arrangements *because* you are waiting until November 29-30 to prune your evergreens. Deliver your greens to the porch outside of Fellowship Hall from 11/29 on. Thank you!

Let's Make Greens – Workshops See next page for details →

Keep our tradition alive making beautiful arrangements and wreaths:

Monday, December 1 @ 9am-4pm

Tuesday, December 2 @ 9am-4pm

Wednesday, December 3 @ 9am-8pm

Thursday, December 4 @ 9am-2pm

Let's Make Greens – Workshops

Would you like to help make beautiful wreaths and centerpieces for the Christmas Bazaar? No experience necessary...we will guide you! Just join the **Greens Gang** in Fellowship Hall at one (or more) of our workshops:

Monday, December 1 @ 9am-4pm

Tuesday, December 2 @ 9am-4pm

Wednesday, December 3 @ 9am-8pm

Thursday, December 4 @ 9am-2pm



Bring clippers and wear warm clothes and sturdy shoes as our greens are outside. This is a wonderful fellowship opportunity. You can even bring a friend! Get your creative juices

flowing and get in the Christmas spirit! We hope to see you at the Greens Gang Workshops.

If you have any questions you can call/text Linda Redmond at 401-793-0522.

Blessings, Chairs Cindy Fish, Jeanette Gamache, Linda Redmond

Gratitude Tree



There is a wood Gratitude Tree outside the church office with tags for this partnership with **Jonnycake Center**, and a tree in the Narthex. Take a tag to purchase items to benefit the children of South County.

OR see Deb Shaw and crew at the

RAISE RIGHT table after Sunday service. They have a tree, too. Gift cards to Marshall's, Amazon, Visa/Mastercard, Walmart, CVS and Wakefield Mall Retailers.

You can bring gifts to church and hand to Gabby or leave items in the red box next to the church office. Gabby will collect items at least 4 times a week.

GIFT CARDS in an envelope labeled "Gratitude Tree" can be handed to Gabby or to MaryLou in the office, or put in the offering plate on Sunday.

If you are out of town during this time, please feel free to send a check made out to PDCC and in the memo section write "Gratitude Tree". We will make sure to purchase a gift from you with this money.

DEADLINE is no later than **December 11th**, when all the much-needed gift and gift cards will be brought to the Jonnycake Center for Hope.

QUESTIONS: call/text Gabby at 401 932-8350



Volunteer for Bistro Dinner Table on Tuesdays

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

At this time, 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).

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

We're back and joining in for the next Family Service. Our emphasis is on enthusiasm. You do not have to read music. To practice ahead, we'll supply a video, lyrics and usually the music for each song. Only one optional rehearsal at 9 AM before the service. Come meet Dan Monte, our new music director and join us for a fun singing experience. **CONTACT** jane.stabile@outlook.com



62nd Annual Christmas Bazaar

Peace Dale Congregational Church

261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI

Saturday, December 6, 2025 9:00 to 2:00

White Elephant Sale 9:00 to 1:00

- *Our Famous White Elephant Sale!*
- *Fragrant Fresh Wreaths, Garland & Centerpieces*
- *Cookie Trail and Homemade Treats for Sale*
- *Delicious Homemade Soups and Desserts*
- *Craft Vendors will offer a variety of
items suitable for gift giving*
- *An Entire Room of Vintage and Used Jewelry*
- *Loads of Raffle Baskets*
- *Tabitha's Closet, selling upscale used clothing
at low low prices!*

Fifth Sunday Mission Collection

November 30 is a "fifth Sunday" in the month. This



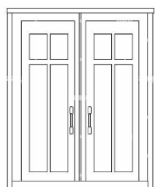
Fifth Sunday we will have a special mission collection for the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. The RI Community Food Bank is the central distribution hub for a statewide network of member

agencies. "Through donations, federal commodities and purchases, we distribute healthy, culturally relevant food to the pantries, meal sites, senior programs and school programs that put it in the hands of the Rhode Islanders who need it most."

- 137 Member agencies across the state receive food from the Food Bank to give to people needing assistance.
- 89,000 Rhode Islanders are served each month through our network of member agencies.
- 18.6 million pounds of food were distributed last year.

For more information, check out

<https://rifoodbank.org/>



Please Lock Up When You Leave

It is a blessing to have such a busy church building. However, we sometimes find exterior doors

unlocked and the building unsecured, even overnight.

If you are here with an event or meeting, please check all doors on your way out. **Please, please, please make sure to lock the house when you leave.**

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



Special Order RaiseRight Gift Cards



RaiseRight™

Formerly ShopWithScript

If there are gift cards you would like to give for Christmas or year-end that are not on our usual list, please let Deb Shaw know you would like to purchase a special order. Deadline December 14. Cards available are those on the RaiseRight list at <https://www.raiseright.com/brands>

SPECIAL ORDER DEADLINE — Sunday, December 14 is the last day for special orders to guarantee pickup on Dec 21st. Here's a link to the full listing of cards available...[Retailer List \(RaiseRight.com\)](#)

Gift Cards with a Kick ... Christmas is Coming

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, and family.
- **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.

QUESTIONS? Contact Deb Shaw or stop by the table on Sunday after worship.

Congregational Care: Caring for Others

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

Linda Jeans (LTJeans@ verizon.net), Carol Edwards (caedwards760@ gmail.com), Joanne Haynes (joanne@ haynesrandj.com), Betsy Nelson (betsynelson10@ verizon.net), Paula Campbell (phedbat9@gmail.com), Norma Brooks, Darlene Hermes (dhermes44@ gmail.com), Christine Grevstad (christinegrevstad@ hotmail.com), Bea MacGregor (bmacgregor47@ gmail.com), Thomas Mather, Laura Lehrman (lauralehrmankelly@ gmail.com), Claudia Swain, Cindy Fish (cbfish0171@ gmail.com), Enid Watson (watsonenid@ gmail.com), and Pastor Fred (fred.e@ mac.com).

Donate Supplies for Church World Service Kits

Please help us collect supplies! With the help of our congregation, Women's Fellowship has continued to increase the number of kits we make each year. Kits are sent to areas where natural disasters have occurred. Please add these items to your shopping lists and leave them in boxes provided in Fellowship Hall. We have found these items in Job Lot, Wal-Mart and Dollar Tree.

Thank you for your help in making another successful year supporting this world-wide mission.

Supplies needed

SCHOOL KIT

- Rounded tip scissors
- Three 70-count bound notebooks
- 12 inch ruler
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- Large eraser
- Six pencils
- 24 pack crayons



HYGIENE KIT

- Hand towel
- Wash cloth
- Wide-tooth comb
- Fingernail or toenail clipper
- Bath-size bar of soap in wrapper
- Toothbrush in original package
- Ten standard size band-aids



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

Submitted by Judy Healy



Local Events Listing

Please email any non-political event info/listings you would like included here to jane.stabile@outlook.com Flyers welcome

Sat. 11/29, 1 – 5 PM, Annual Lights in The Village on Main St. and Saugatucket Park, downtown Wakefield with a tree lighting, caroling, Santa, carriage rides, kids' crafts, live nativity with goats & donkeys, fire safety & Touch-A-Truck, hot chocolate & food drive.
<https://www.visitrhodeisland.com/event/annual-lights-in-the-village/107744/>

NEW Fri. 12/5 from 3 – 5 PM & Sat. 12/6 from 10 AM – 4 PM, Charlestown Holiday Ramble with music, treats, discounts, free raffles everywhere. Also with local crafters at St. James Church, lots of locations, lots happening. Use the QR code to get a map at
<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1297942042134486&set=pb.100057561064851.-2207520000>

Sat. 12/6 from 10 AM to 4 PM, Holiday Street Faire & Artisan Barn at 170 Clarke Rd., Narragansett featuring many talented artists, food makers, crafters, and small businesses.
<https://narragansettcoc.com/event-calendar/holiday-faire/>

Sat. 12/6 from 10 AM to 4 PM & Sun. 12/7 from 10 AM to 3 PM, Bosgraaf Stained Glass Studio's 10th Annual Holiday Sale, featuring original glass works from over 60 student artists. Attendees receive a complimentary hot chocolate and raffle prize entry. Gooseneck Vineyards is hosting a wine tasting on site from 1pm-3pm. A portion of proceeds go to benefit the Jonnycake Youth Center in Peace Dale.
<https://www.bosgraafstudio.com/10th-annual-art-sale-hot-chocolate-happening/>

NEW Tues. 12/9 at 7 PM, Rhody Basketball at the Ryan Center with South Kingstown High School's Ekspe Vocal Ensemble performing the national anthem kicking off a match between Rhode Island & McNeese State. 100 level seats each (regularly \$30) with \$5 going to SKHS Art Dept. Must purchase tickets by 12/5 by calling Tyler Foley at 401 874-4295 to avoid the online fees.

Tabitha's Closet

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm

At this time, we particularly need:

- Volunteers for Friday 3-5pm to sort
- Volunteers Saturday mornings 9:00am-1:00pm

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.**

DONATIONS We are taking fall and winter items for men, women, and children.

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.

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

LATEST UPDATES on Instagram
[#shoptabithascloset](https://www.instagram.com/shoptabithascloset).



Customer Appreciation Sale

All activewear BOGO

All Men's Shirts & Pants

BUY 3 FOR THE PRICE

OF 2!

NOVEMBER 29TH

ONLY

November Mission of the Month: Church World Service

Our mission offering in November will be directed to Church World Service (CWS), a faith-based organization supporting communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. CWS is active in more than 30 countries globally in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North and South America.

CWS's work began in 1946, in the devastating aftermath of the Second World War, when a combination of seventeen denominations came together to form an agency with a mission to "feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, comfort the aged, and shelter the homeless." CWS has worked ever since with a goal of building a world where there is enough for all. They have welcomed thousands of refugees into our communities, helped countless families put food on the table and lifted the voices of people who have been left out. Through their Immigration and Refugee Program CWS has helped to resettled over half a million refugees.

CWS builds long-term programs into their disaster response work to make sure that families would not just recover but thrive. Today their food security, water, sanitation, hygiene, health and livelihood programs focus on everything from crop diversification in Honduras to renewable energy in Bosnia to water access at health posts in Myanmar.

Examples of success stories abound. In Algeria, North Africa, volunteers worked for four years planting 20 million forest and fruit trees to anchor the soil against nature's persistent erosion. In India, CWS volunteers helped villages construct reservoirs, dig wells, and lay irrigations systems to combat drought and increase food production.

Blankets, Seeds, and Tools is an example of programs where CWS works in partnership to assist people in the world's poorest countries to find effective ways of tackling poverty and injustice. Seeds and tools are an investment in a food supply that the needy can count on.

In November 2020, hurricanes Eta and Iota hit Central America. One of the most affected countries was Honduras. Alongside their partners, CWS helped 102 families rebuild their lost homes through their Housing with Dignity program.

Whether it is a natural disaster, like the hurricane in Jamaica, or a humanitarian one like the situation in Haiti, CWS works with their partners around the world to meet the ever-present needs.

More information about Church World Service is available at their website
<https://cwsglobal.org/>

Give now

Thank you for your
generosity,
The Missions Board



www.peacedalechurch.org/missions

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support the Church World Service with your Mission of the Month donations in November. 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 "CWS" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Peace Dale Congregational Church

261 Columbia Street
Wakefield RI 02879

p: (401) 789-7313 f: (401) 789-6127
web: peacedalechurch.org
facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch