



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

World Communion Sunday and Humility

Luke 14:1, 7-14

This Sunday we will share Holy Communion on World Communion Sunday! What a wonderful way for the wider Body of Christ to gather in a spirit of unity, and in the Spirit of Christ. We will consider the importance of a humble perspective. What might it mean for us, for all of us, to consider ourselves guests at the Lord's table? Hopefully I will see you in worship on Sunday!



And of course, there is the big party on Saturday for our community: the Pumpkin Palooza will happen from 11 am - 2 pm, with White Elephants and Tabitha's Closet open from 9:30 am - 2pm. While the patch will be available daily throughout October (10am - 6pm, until we run out!), the Palooza will be a great time to pick out your pumpkins. Your purchase of gourds directly supports our Pumpkins with a Purpose ministry.

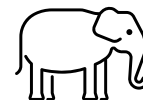
See you soon, my siblings in Christ. Blessings, Brother Fred

Worship Flowers

The flowers of October 4 are given to the Glory of God by Claudia and Peter Swain for the blessing of our children and their families: Bradley, Caitlin, Isaac and Theo. Dan, Michaela, Maia, and one on the way! 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 October, please contact Lynn McCall (401) 742-3949, Claudia Swain, or the [church office](#).

White Elephants

Come be dazzled by the wonderful fall items for sale at the Pumpkin Palooza and please do shop.



We could definitely use a couple more hands at 2 PM on Saurday 10/3 for packing and cleaning up. Thank you for the treasures and assistance. This is definitely not a one person happening.

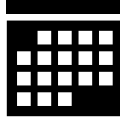
WORK DAYS: **Fri. 10/2** from 10:45 AM - 12:30 PM
Sat 10/3 First Shift 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM
2nd Shift 12:15 - 3:15 PM
At 3:30 pick up left over items

CONTACT jane.stabile@outlook.com

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUING DONATIONS. We love collectibles, kitchenware, decoratives, linens, Christmas items, dishes, utensils, POTS & PANS, unwanted gifts. We do not take books, software, computers/printers/ink, paint, mirrors, liquids, furniture, large items. **DONORS** please know that we appreciate your entrusting us with your over stocks. We do try to take care of them, and give them new life and a home.

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On the Calendar

Saturday, October 3
@ 9:30am-2pm

White Elephants and
Tabitha's Closet
11am-2pm Pumpkin
Palooza

Sunday, October 4

@ 10am Traditional
Worship with
Communion

Sunday, October 11

@ 10am
Contemporary
Worship

Sunday, October 18

@ 10am
Contemporary
Worship

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am Prayer
Warriors / Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm Bell
Choir rehearsals resume
Sept.1

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm AA
Meeting

Thursdays @ 1-3pm Shawl
Knit & Crochet

Thursdays @ 6pm
Contemporary Choir
rehearsal

Thursdays @ 7:30pm
traditional Choir rehearsals



CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!

SIGN UP TO HELP US HELP OTHERS

PLEASE HELP US FILL THE BAKE TABLE

AT THE PUMPKIN PALOOZA

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3rd

All proceeds go to support Welcome House

Friday 10/2 or Saturday morning 10/3

Please place baked goods on marked table in
The lobby near the sanctuary

Musica Dolce
**Autumn
Chamber Music
CONCERT**

Oct 4 at 2
St Paul's Church
Wickford, RI

Mozart: Quartet N° 23 in F, KV 590
Vaughan Williams: Quartet N° 1

Catherine LiVolsi &
Ann-Frances Rokosa *violins*
Ilana Revkin *viola*
Jessada Paeratakul *cello*

Suggested Donation

\$20

Children & Students

Free



For more information, please call 401-294-6520
or visit musicadolce.org



Peace Dale Congregational Church Capital Campaign

UPDATE 10/01/2026

Our Capital Campaign, Fulfilling the Promise, is now in full swing. Many of you will be receiving a mailing this coming week with our fabulous brochure and other information about the campaign. Be sure to look for an envelope with our campaign logo on the front.



Some of you had the opportunity to hear Jim Blackerby talk last Sunday about the campaign and Ways to Give. He did a great job in that presentation and we thank him for taking the time to make the presentation. Our webpage at peacedalechurch.org/capitalcampaign, is now available and contains information about our campaign. Check it out for updates about what's happening.

Our contributions to the campaign are starting to grow. As of this writing we have received 13% of our goal of 2 million dollars from generous donors. Please start considering how you can support our campaign. Every contribution counts!

Joanne Haynes

Campaign Administrator



Church Offering Envelopes Update

The Finance Committee has decided not to reorder our traditional Church Offering envelopes for the coming year, as the number of people regularly using them has declined significantly.

We understand that some members may still prefer to use an envelope for their weekly contributions to the Church's General Fund. **We are working on alternative envelope options** and will be happy to assist anyone who would like to continue giving in this manner.

If you currently use offering envelopes and would like to discuss an alternative option, please contact Jim Crisafulli at jimcrisafulli58@gmail.com.

Thank you for your understanding and, most importantly, for your continued generosity and support of Peace Dale Congregational Church.

Jim Crisafulli, Treasurer

**You're
Invited**



Pumpkin Palooza

October 3 11 AM-2 PM

Rain date October 10

**White Elephants
and Tabitha's Closet
9:30am-2pm**

**Pumpkins, Fall White Elephant Sale,
Food, Crafts, and Free Children's Activities
including a Halloween Obstacle Course with
Inflatables, Extreme Pumpkin Bowling,
Pumpkin Smashing at 12 and 1,
and much more!**

**Visit
Tabitha's
Closet
Gently used
clothing**

**Peace Dale Congregational Church
Event benefits Welcome House**

October Mission of the Month: Nepal Flood Relief

October's mission of the month is for Nepal flood relief through the organization **Direct Relief** – Direct Relief works in the US and internationally to expand access to medicine and health care by equipping doctors and nurses with lifesaving medical resources.

On Aug. 26, glacial rock and ice collapsed off a peak in the Himalayas located on the Nepal-China border. This caused extensive flooding that traveled 45 miles, leveling villages downstream with rocks and debris and taking out bridges and roads.

The health system in this part of the world was limited before the disaster, and what remains after the flood is very challenged to meet the needs of the community. The nearest "hospital" has 17 beds, and a larger facility is a long drive on roads that are in poor condition.

Direct Relief is the organization that Missions is supporting this month to provide aid to Nepal. Direct Relief supports the local medical response in two ways. One, they directly ship medical supplies such as IV fluids, diagnostic tests, and wound care supplies, to hospitals and mobile units. Secondly, they provide grants to partners who have personnel on the ground.

Direct Relief has been in operation for 78 years and has been involved in Nepal for 40 years. They have the highest rating from charity rating organizations.

Additional information available at directrelief.org/

Please give prayerful thought to contributing to this mission of the month.

Thank you, the Board of Missions

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support Nepal flood relief through Direct Relief with your Mission of the Month donations this month. 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 "Nepal flood relief" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the Give now button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

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

Give now

CAN YOU LEND A HAND? Help Us Care for Our Church Home

A little help from many people can make a big difference.

The Property Management Team is looking to broaden the group of people who help us care for our church buildings and property.

We have been fortunate to have a small group of dedicated volunteers who have generously given their time and talents over the years. As our property needs continue, we'd like to involve more members of our church community so that these responsibilities can be shared among a broader group of people.

You don't need to be a contractor or have special expertise—and you don't need to make a regular weekly commitment. There are many ways to participate depending on your interests, abilities, and availability.

You might enjoy helping with:

-  **Opening or closing the church** for occasional meetings, services or special events
-  **Building checks** and identifying maintenance needs or conditions requiring attention
-  **Minor repairs and maintenance** — simple fixes, adjustments or touch-ups
-  **Room and event support** — occasional setup of tables & chairs
-  **Contractor access** — meeting a service provider and providing building access
-  **Columbarium care** and helping keep this important area well cared for
-  **Exterior or seasonal projects**
-  **Other Property Management projects** that match your interests or skills

We're not looking for one person to do all of these things!! Perhaps there's just one area that interests you. We'd simply like to learn how you might enjoy participating in caring for the church home we all share.

Interested—or just curious about what's involved?

Please contact **George Faucher, Chair of Property Management**, at glfaucher@gmail.com. I'd be happy to talk with you, answer questions, or help find a way to participate that works for you.

Thank you for considering lending a hand!

Youth Connect Has Started

Hi friends,

We are thinking of you as you head back to school. Remember that you are God's masterpiece, and God will be with you every day. Your church family is cheering you on and looking forward to seeing you.

Youth Connect has an exciting year planned! Here's a sneak peek at what's coming up:

- **September:** Create giant whimsical bugs at our Bug Builders Art Workshop
- **October:** Spend a night in the pumpkin patch
- **November:** Put together a fun musical with the help of our talented Music Director, Mr. Dan

See and print the complete fall calendar on the church [website](#)

Once-a-Month Singers



If you're on a tight schedule, get to church occasionally but love to sing - then we have an opportunity for you. The **Once a**

Month Singers accompany the family services each month. We have music related to the theme for this fun service.

We rehearse and sing on that one Sunday (this month, 10/25) with a **9AM rehearsal and 10 AM service**. That's it! You get the lyrics, videos of each piece and sometimes the music ahead of time to review. Easy peasy! Most importantly we have fun! **CONTACT** jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172 for info.

The September Mission of the Month has collected \$1,029.91 to date to benefit The Rhody Outpost (URI food pantry)..

Save the Date 10/29

Recycling Reform and Reducing Plastic



A Conversation with Jed Thorp
Director of Advocacy, Save the Bay

Thursday - October 29, 2026 • 7:00 PM
Location: *Peace Dale Congregational Church*
261 Columbia St, Peace Dale, RI

Bring your questions and join the conversation



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



Donating Sunday Flowers is Easy

So, you'd like to donate flowers for the sanctuary... That's wonderful!

Please call/text Claudia Swain (401) 265-8226 or Lynn McCall

(401) 742-3949 to let them know:

1. The date you'd like to have your flowers at the altar.
2. The wording you'd like to see in the bulletin and on the screen at church. Example: "Given in loving memory of my parents, Matty and Russell Ernest, by Claudia E. Swain"
3. You may use a lovely plant from your home (that you can take back home after worship), or flowers from your garden or any florist that you prefer. Two florists have keys to deliver flowers easily (Joy Rich at Flowerthyme 401-792-3440 and Kenyon Ave Florist 401-789-9381); other florists may need to deliver to your home and you bring the flowers in on Sunday morning.
4. Please be sure that the flowers are in place by 9:30 AM on Sunday morning.
5. Also, kindly let us know if you would like to take the flowers home after church – or let Claudia know if they can be used for a Called To Care visit.
6. THANK YOU!

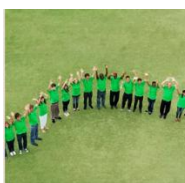
Flower Children Welcome



Would you be interested in helping to ensure there are flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship services? We field phone calls or email from

PDCC members/friends wanting to commemorate certain dates; we reach out to members and friends who have given flowers before. No physical labor required. **QUESTIONS** contact Lynn McCall 401 742-3949 or Claudia Swain.

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. **This week's passcode is 125075**

Submitted by Joanne Haynes

Gift Card Gratitude Tree is Coming 10/4/26

For those who like to begin holiday shopping early, then this write-up is for you. Get a jump on purchasing (1) or more gift tags from the Raise Right table. Tags will be found on a small Christmas tree on the table for: Amazon, Target, Walmart, Marshall's/T.J. Maxx, CVS, Visa and Old Mountain Lanes. These gift cards will go to benefit local children and teens in South Kingstown through the Jonnycake Center for Hope.



See Deb Shaw and her team at the RAISE RIGHT table, they will assist you.

For those who like to purchase an actual gift, those tags will be ready beginning 10/25/26 on the large branches outside the copy room.

If you are out of town during the holiday season, please consider sending a check made out to PDCC and in the memo section write "Gratitude Tree". We can purchase a gift or gift card on your behalf.

Deadline is no later than 12/14/26 at noon, when all gifts and gift cards will be brought to the Jonnycake Center for Hope.

Tabitha's Closet

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm

Now accepting Fall and Winter donations.

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.** Each week, we offer unique specials based on our inventory to keep shopping fun and affordable for our shoppers.

SPREAD THE WORD Each Saturday, ~35 people visit Tabitha's and find an item they need. We are working to spread the word about our ministry and the wonderful, large, inventory we have of clothing and shoes for the entire family. **Email tabitha@peacedalechurch.org if you'd like an electronic poster or pamphlet to share, post or deliver to a local bulletin board.**

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 *We have an urgent need for additional Saturday morning shopkeepers*

MORNING VOLUNTEERS?

Are you interested in volunteering at Tabitha's, but our afternoon time slots don't work with your schedule? Great news! We have sorting volunteers Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Lynne at tabitha@peacedalechurch.org

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

DONATE We are happy to accept fall and winter items for men, women, and children, as well as costume jewelry. **Please hold on any donations that are not fall/winter until the spring as our storage space is limited and already full.** 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, and shoes. We accept only new undergarments and socks. See peacedalechurch.org for a list of what we do and do not accept.

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

TABITHA'S CLOSET'S 3rd ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL!

**BUY A PUMPKIN,
GET A \$2.00 COUPON!**

Good when you spend \$10 at Tabitha's,



**Now until
Oct. 31st**

Get what you need, Pay what you can!

Shop for the Whole Family.

Open Saturdays 9:30-12:30pm
Peace Dale congregational Church
Office door, downstairs
261 Columbia St.
Peace Dale, RI 02879
tabitha@peacedalechurch.org





Volunteers Needed!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE! COME BE PART OF THIS VILLAGE!

YOU CAN VOLUNTEER ONCE A MONTH, TWO DAYS A MONTH, THREE, FOUR...See the many opportunities below where you can support the PDCC DINNER TABLE OR BISTRO Missions that serve many in our community.

TUESDAY BISTRO

Sit-down dinner for approximately 35 patrons in Fellowship Hall

Chef Team - Assist in preparing meals -11:00am

Set-Up - Set tables - prior to 4:00pm

Salad Mixers & Prep Dessert Cart - 3:00 - 4:00pm

Bakers - Bake desserts for approximately 35

Servers and Bussers- 4:15-6:00pm Serve salad, dinner, and dessert, coffee /tea and clear tables

Clean Up - 5:00-6:15pm Clearing tables, kitchen cleanup, Removing tablecloths, sweeping Fellowship Hall

Dishwashers - 4:45-6:15pm Clean pots, dishes, silverware, use dishwasher, return to cabinets

Laundry - Wash tablecloths at home and return for next use

WEDNESDAY DINNER TABLE

Chef Team - Assist in preparing meals - 10:00am

Bread Pick-Up - 10-10:30 on Wed. morning. Panera and Belmont have bread/rolls ready for pick-up. Bread is delivered to Fellowship Hall.

Bread Preparation and baggers - 2:30-3:30pm - slice bread and bag in individual bags.

Food Servers - place dinners in containers - 3:00 4:00pm

Food Packers - Label and bag dinners - 3:15-4:15pm

Runners - take bagged dinners from Fellowship Hall to delivery cars - 4:15-5:15pm

Drivers - deliver dinners to residences locally 4:15-5:15pm pick up from Fellowship Hall

Kitchen Cleanup - mostly pots, pans, utensils - 4:30-6:00 pm

DINNER TABLE COOKIES

Each dinner includes a cookie/brownie. 300 cookies are needed each week for the Dinner Table. Each baker is asked to bake 60 cookies (that's 5 bakers per week). You do not need to bake every week.

If you would like to learn more about these opportunities to volunteer, please contact Cynthia Cherney cherneycynthia5@gmail.com **PDCC's MISSIONS NEED YOU. COME JOIN THE TEAM!**

Thursday Knit and Crochet and Quilt and...

COME! Our knitters, crocheters, quilters, crafters all kinds of makers meet every Thursday from 1-3pm in the Community Room.



Prayer Shawl makers and the I Care Shawl Project knitters and crocheters can help you learn, too. Make prayer shawls, warmth for cancer patients, small teddy bears and kittens, etc.

People are also bringing other crafts to do in community – it's good to be together.

CONTACT Carol Edwards, or Marjorie (401) 580-1712.

MULTI-GENERATIONAL – We consistently have adults and high school students participate.

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

SEPTEMBER

FUNDRAISER – Our dragonfly fundraiser for the month of September is dragonflies. For more information, ask Carol Edwards.



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

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).

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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