



**Peace Dale**  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# PDCC E-Light Newsletter

April 20, 2023

## CHURCH SERVICE 10:00 AM

### Office Hours

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### Birthdays

Deb Zepp	4/18
Stuart Beazley	4/20
Lucinda Ladd	4/20
Sarah Menard	4/20
John Bellantoni	4/22
Frederick Vetter	4/23
Jack Vetter	4/23
Vivian Skipper	4/24
James Badger	4/25
Mark Shovlin	4/25
Marilyn Browning	4/26
Susan Wallace	4/26
Alan Santos	4/27
Sandra Waterman	4/27

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<http://www.peacedalechurch.org>

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

### Last Week's E-Light

## Family Service

Join us in worship this Sunday, April 23 @ 10am

Join Jesus and the disciplines to celebrate with juice and bread



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## Worship Flowers

The flowers of Sunday, April 23 are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my beloved wife, Bernice C. Durfee, by Wayne Durfee. Flowers are a

beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion or simply give to the glory of God.

Anyone interested in donating flowers please contact Bea MacGregor: call or text (401) 741-7518, or email to [bmacgregor47@gmail.com](mailto:bmacgregor47@gmail.com). Opportunities are available for flower donations on May 7 and June 4, 11, and 25

## On the Calendar

Friday, April 21 @ 2:30pm  
Prayer Shawl

Sunday, April 23 @ 10am  
Family Service "The Last Supper"

Sunday, April 23 @ 6:30pm  
Ecumenical Social Justice Meeting

Thursday, April 27 @ 4pm  
Bible Study

Mondays @ 6:30pm  
NA – Learn to Live

Tuesdays @ 9:30 am  
Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
AA Meeting

Thursdays @ 5:30 Contemporary  
Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays @ 7pm Traditional  
Choir Rehearsal

### Social Justice Meeting 4/23

The South County Social Justice Group (full group) will be meeting on Sunday, April 23 at 6 pm at Peace Dale Congregational Church. Come hear the report from the "pre-steering" committee and help us decide the future of this coalition.

**Local Events:** We want to let you know what is happening so that you can participate if something strikes a note with you. The first group of events include events to address hate, racism, climate change, and many more. For a complete list check out the [Social Justice Committee info](#) on the Missions section of our PDCC website.

Submitted by Joanne Haynes



**Experience God's love  
with all your senses**

**Stories, art, music, puppets,  
sensory play, & snacks**

**May 6 & June 3 1-2 pm**

**Peace Dale Church**

**Inclusive, Interactive, and Fun**

### The Upper Room

There was an interruption in our subscription to the Upper Room devotional booklets. The May/June editions have arrived and are available on the informational table in the hallway outside the church offices.

### Playground Update

Good News! The tired and worn playground, at Fournier Estates, that was deemed too dangerous to use, is down! Thanks to the good work of the crew and many of you.

The newly formed non-profit, established for determining the future of Fournier Estates and Champagne Heights, has recently hired a firm that will be developing a site plan for both of these properties. It was suggested to me that we hold off on building the playgrounds until their plan is developed and reviewed. (The site of the old playground might be used for staging any new building.) This is welcome news to the folks at these sites and for us!

In the meantime, we hope that you will consider making a donation to the future playgrounds! To date we have raised ~\$18,000. We have a generous donor who will match our efforts up to \$30,000! And another generous donor who will supply the ground cover! But the total cost of two playgrounds is \$100,000, so we have our work cut out for us. Please consider a gift to the PDCC Playground Fund. These children need a safe place to play outside!

Additional info

<https://www.peacedalechurch.org/missions>

Best, Claudia Swain



*Where there is hatred,*

## **LET US SOW LOVE**

*An Evening of Prayer & Conversation*

**Congregation Beth David**

**Friday, April 21, 2023**

**7:00 p.m.**

*As communities throughout the United States, including our own, face increased antisemitism, hate, and violence, we remain determined to sow love within our hearts and our community.*

**PLEASE JOIN US ON APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**FOR AN EVENING OF INTERFAITH PRAYER & CONVERSATION.**

**HOSTED BY RABBI ETHAN ADLER**

**Congregation Beth David**

**102 Kingstown Road**

**Narragansett, RI**

*Additional speakers to be announced.*

*Light refreshments will follow the service.*



*Register online today.*

For more information or to register for this free event, please contact St. Peter's by-the-Sea at 401-783-4623 or [parishadmin@stpetersbythesea.com](mailto:parishadmin@stpetersbythesea.com).

Registration is also available online.

**SPONSORED BY THE SOUTH COUNTY CLERGY ASSOCIATION:**

*Rabbi Ethan Adler, Congregation Beth David, Narragansett*

*The Rev. A. Fred Evenson, Peace Dale Congregational Church*

*The Rev. Dr. Jan Gregory-Charpentier, Kingston Congregational Church*

*The Rev. Mitch Lindemann, Church of the Ascension, Wakefield*

*The Rev. Angela Sagesse, Peace Dale First Church of God*

*The Rev. Beth Sherman, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Kingston*

*The Rev. Craig Swan, St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Narragansett*



## Church Family Life Events – Fun Event Ideas April/May

Church Family Life (CFL) highly suggests you ask someone at PDCC to join you. Why not ask during hospitality after church when we're all together?

### 4/1 – 4/30 Newport Daffodil Days

(<https://newportinbloom.org/our-activities/daffodil-days/>) See 4/23 "Driving Miss Daffodil" for a route around town, or just drive around and check them out on your own. We developed our own route for you to see the daffodils in Newport: even though not as many daffies as anticipated, the drive with that scenery was wonderful. ([link to route directions](#))

### Speakers & Events in South Kingstown's 300th Anniversary Celebration

- **Thurs. 4/20** "History of the Narragansett Pier Railroad: Impact of the Railroad on Tourism and Economy of South Kingstown with a presentation of Artifacts of the Narragansett Pier Railroad" @ 7pm SKHS Auditorium.
- **Sat., 4/22** Earth Day Spring Clean Up @ 9am-1pm, location TBD
- **Sat., 4/22** Moffitt Mural Unveiling @ time TBD Dennis Moffitt Painting. Sponsored by Liberty Spirits.

**Sundays through 5/7 - Providence Flea** a marketplace, for sure, and vendors are carefully selected, small- and micro-businesses, and their wares are hand-picked, homemade, hand crafted and small batch. <https://www.providenceflea.com/about.html>

**Thurs. 4/27 Chief Joseph Ole Tipanko** & his delegation from Kenya at Connecticut College (New London, CT), Shain Library, Charles Chu Rm., 7 PM speaking on Maasai culture with a performance of Maasai traditional dance and song. <https://us10.campaign-archive.com/?e=a54d6b6d77&u=aeb5fedf7dd5e441e3f61ef46&id=d6334e7adf>

**Fri. 4/28 Celtic Folk Musicians & Irish Dance** in honor of our veterans, at the Casino Theater, Newport, RI, 7 – 9 PM, \$30. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/honoring-our-veterans-award-winning-celtic-folk-musicians-and-irish-dance-tickets-563635437767>

**Thurs. 5/18 @ 6-10:30pm Domestic Violence Resource Center Gala**, Wakefield, RI is holding a major fund (and FUN) raiser at **Shepherd's Run**, off Rt. 1 in South Kingstown. Some PDCCers attended last year and loved it. Live (wedding type music) by **Hot Mess** with dancing, cocktail hour, 3 entree choices for seated dinner, incredible setting, raffles and silent auction. \$135 PP. Will sell out. Call for reservations. Feel free to ask to sit with or near Jane & Steve Stabile. Call 401 782-3995 - Carolyn or <https://dvrcsc.org/events/>

**Fri. 5/19 Swing into Spring** Benefit for the Westerly Warm Center and our own Welcome House 6:30 – 10 PM featuring Roomful of Blues at the Knickerbocker Music Center, Westerly, RI. \$50 PP, passed hors d'oeuvres, Weiner bar, desserts, cash bar, raffles & lots of dancing. Will sell out. See Jane for details. Reservations at <https://secure.givelively.org/event/westerly-area-rest-meals-warm-inc/swing-into-spring-2023/swing-into-spring-2023>

## Dine with Nine



### Sign up by SUNDAY MAY 7th

This MAY 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, Church Family Life (CFL) would like to invite everyone to a Dine

with Nine. The idea is to share a potluck meal and friendly conversation with 6 (or 8 or 9) other people from the church family – make new friends and see old ones, welcome newer members, talk with people you might not have engaged with, put names to faces you see at Sunday Service or one of our programs.

Our event in FEBRUARY was a great success. A lot of fun was had by all!!

Let your Light Shine!

**Sign up in Fellowship Hall by MAY 7** for your preferred date of Friday MAY 19, Saturday MAY 20, or Sunday MAY 21

\*\*\*Please indicate if you would also like to host a Dine with Nine \*\*\* Hosting is so easy – with a pot luck meal.

Submitted by Jane Stabile/ Christine Grevstad



## April Mission: Egg-a-Day Haiti

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.

Our mission for April is the Egg-a-Day Childhood Nutrition Program, formerly called the One Egg Haiti program. The Egg-a-Day Childhood Nutrition Program began in 2013 and has been providing 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 the 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.

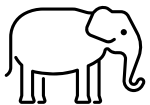
The program is funded by donations from churches and individuals throughout our Southern New England conference of the UCC. For several years, those donations were supplemented by additional financial support from OneEgg.org, a charitable organization that ran a similar program in Africa. In Haiti, One Egg's impact grew through its partnerships with schools, orphanages, and nonprofit organizations who cultivated relationships in various areas of the country to enable the delivery of more eggs to more children.

However, One Egg.org is no longer able to continue supporting the Egg-a-Day program in Haiti, so now they must rely solely on the donations from individuals and churches. Since many schools have resumed in Haiti the 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.

Thank you, The Missions Board

[Give now](#)

## White Elephants Spring Into Action



Time to spring into action! Thanks to you we have hand me overs to sell. CFL is hosting a summer combo sale currently scheduled for **Saturday June 24th** that will include W. E.'s! We have small furniture, art work, and some summer items to sell. We prefer not to have the larger items any longer and we need to clean them out. More on the event later. Right now we need workers in the down under (cellar) to price items.

Right now we need workers in the down under (cellar) to price items. Yes, workers you can buy early but pay a premium price. Contact jane.stabile@outlook.com 508 395-1172 Thank you!

Submitted by Jane Stabile

## Green Team Happenings

The Green Team met on April 3, 2023. Meeting notes are posted on the church web site ([peacedalechurch.org/green-team](http://peacedalechurch.org/green-team)), and some highlights are listed below.

Claudia Swain is emphasizing her involvement with many other activities so has resigned as co-chair. Thank you for your excellent input and service, Claudia. Fortunately, George Faucher has stepped forward to the co-chair position. Don Hermes will continue as cochair for the immediate future.

The team welcomed input from new attendees Greg Blasdell, James McMonigle, and David Breen. We always welcome new members from within the church and from the broader faith community. To set the stage for future brainstorming we reviewed some activities recently undertaken. These included monthly nature hikes, Earth Day events, a visit to the Johnson central landfill to observe recycling, a field trip to Sodco to discuss regenerative agriculture methods, installation and dedication of the solar panels on the church roof, special programs such as BENEATH THE SOLAR SUN, and more.

In pushing forward, the team thinks that we are most successful when we have a well-defined broad project that encourages widespread participation. We continue to search for this project, and are considering a joint effort with Property Management as they consider a green redo of the parsonage. The team hopes to conduct a survey to see which projects and issues are favored by the congregation.

We also plan to continue our educational component by bringing in more speakers and the use of video programs, along with sharing of resources that could be of interest to the congregation. We also intend to initiate an occasional Green Team spotlight at church services to alert people to new programs and activities.

If you have interest in getting involved in the Green Team, please contact [glfaucher@gmail.com](mailto:glfaucher@gmail.com).

Submitted by Don Hermes & George Faucher

## Opportunities to Build

Since last month my son, Francisco, and I have been volunteering at the South County Habitat for Humanity build in Hopkinton. I know many from our church have been involved with Habitat and/or addressing the need for affordable housing and homelessness in our community for many years.

Habitat for Humanity builds strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. Since 1990, SCHH has been dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide. Habitat is currently working on a new construction project in Hopkinton.

Three homes are in progress and four more will be built on this site. They welcome groups and would love to have our group build with them! Typically, groups are scheduled on a Saturday from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Volunteers do not need any prior experience, just a willingness to learn and have fun! Plus, it is a great opportunity to get out and try something new. Francisco and I are loving it!!! The maximum number for the group is only 12 people so don't wait if you want to participate.

Please email me at [deirdretherrien@gmail.com](mailto:deirdretherrien@gmail.com) or call/text 401-447-9648

Submitted by Deirdre Therrien

## Jonnycake Center Food Pantry

"During the pandemic, extra SNAP benefits were issued to households to improve nutrition security. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, those extra benefits were eliminated. During the first two months of this year we had an 80 percent increase in pantry visits compared to last year.

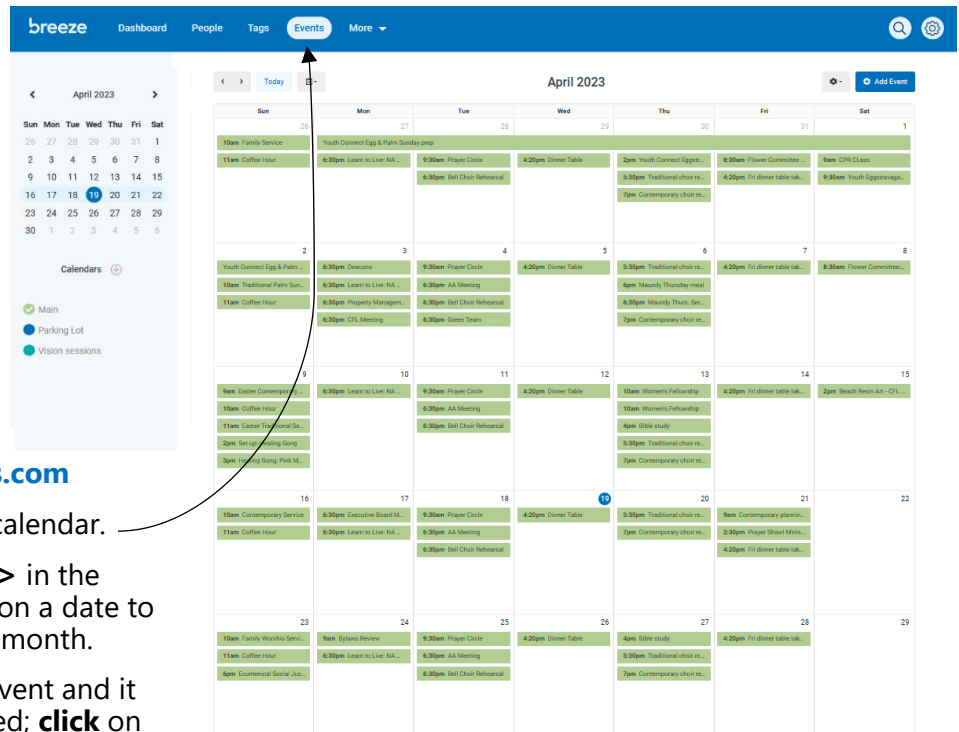
"Donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries are appreciated. Drop off hours are Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm on our front porch at 22 Kersey Road in Peace Dale. "

[Jonnycakecenter.org](http://Jonnycakecenter.org)

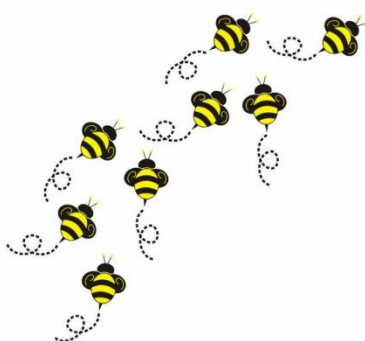
# Check the Church Calendar! What's Going On?

The Calendar for PDCC meetings and events is a feature in our church directory (Breeze). You can **look up** your own meetings (when is that meeting again?!) or **check** to see if something is in the space you want for a particular date and time.

The Events Calendar in **Breeze** (the online church directory) offers a great way to see what's going on at the church! Repeat gatherings, events, committee meetings, Youth Group, sacraments, use of the building to support community endeavors, etc.



- ❖ Bookmark Breeze on your desktop, tablet, or phone at [peacedalechurch.breezechms.com](http://peacedalechurch.breezechms.com)
- ❖ Select **Events** (top) to see the calendar.
- ❖ Change the month with the < > in the calendar on the left, then click on a date to get the right side to show that month.
- ❖ **Roll over** the green calendar event and it will show you the room assigned; **click** on the event for additional details.
- ❖ **Board/committee chairs** and event coordinators can post their meetings or email calendar events and details to MaryLou for posting.
- ❖ Want to use a room in the church for a meeting of your... garden club, non-profit board, local committee, Gong Healing yoga session, recital ...?? There is a **Facility Use Request form** on our website (linked from the [News, Events & Information](#) page). Fill it out, send or give it to the office, Property Committee will review it.
- ❖ You need to be listed in the Breeze PDCC directory as a **member or participant** with an email address to login and access the event calendar. If you do not already have a Breeze account, try the instructions on the PDCC website, or call the office for assistance.



## Check out the Groups page on our church website!

<https://www.peacedalechurch.org/groups>

If your board, committee, or group has new information, send it to MaryLou.

If you know someone curious about or interested in joining our community, the **Worship, Music, Missions, and Groups** pages describe what we do. The **About** pages describe who we are. The website continues to evolve.

Don Richer and Darlene Hermes have been our leaders in PDCC's web presence.

## Gift Cards with a Kick

 **RaiseRight** Formerly ShopWithScrp **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 your Groceries and support PDCC. In support of Stewardship in Action, if you buy a \$100 grocery card on Sunday you will contribute \$4 - \$10 back to the church. No extra money out of your pocket – buy from us before you shop and help bridge the gap in the deficit.

RaiseRight is not just for gifts – use for your own personal shopping of groceries and prescriptions. 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 (\$5), Dunkin' (\$10 & \$25), Marshall's (\$25), Matunuck Oyster Bar (\$50), Old Mountain Lanes (\$25), Panera (\$10 & \$25), Starbucks (\$10 & \$25), Walmart (\$25).



Brickley's opened for the season March 23rd!! We have \$5 gift cards. Brickley's is giving us a 20% rebate.

Questions? Contact Deb Shaw at [dkshaw5@cox.net](mailto:dkshaw5@cox.net) or stop by the table on Sunday after worship.



## Prayer Matters...

*The Congregation's prayers are requested for*

*Bruce Metivier (brother and brother-in-law of Herc Herchenroether and Renée Lamontagne) who is battling cancer, COPD, and lingering symptoms of RSV.*

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 contact Rene Lamontagne at her number found in Breeze. 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](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org) or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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