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PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Last Week's E-Light

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Being Open to the "Inescapable Love of God"

Last Sunday I posed the question – is love worth it? This Sunday, through a traditional worship service that will include communion, we will continue thinking about Love in terms of Jesus ministry as we remember and explore his interaction with a Syrophenician woman. Through the process, we are reminded of the importance of being OPEN to new learnings. How open are you, to new learnings, (learnings that can sometimes come from surprising places) and what does it mean to be Open to a God who is still speaking, still teaching, still Loving, still healing? What does it mean for you to be open – to the inescapable love of God?

Let's gather at the Lord's table on Sunday - giving thanks for the ways God pursues us with goodness and steadfast love!

Shalom, Brother Fred

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day holiday.

Through August 31, Buy Flowers to Benefit Peace Dale Dinner Table

FLOWER POWER at its finest

STOP&SHOP

This August, swing by our selected Stop & Shop and grab a Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet for just \$10.99!

For every bouquet sold, \$1 goes towards our great cause!

Buy specific **Bloomin' 4 Good** bouquets @ the Narragansett Stop & Shop to benefit Peace Dale Dinner Table.

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On the Calendar

Sunday, September 1 @
10am – Traditional Worship
with communion

Saturday, September 7 @
10:00am – Memorial Service
for Linda Arnold

Sunday, September 8 @
10am – Contemporary
Worship; **YOUTH
CONNECT BEGINS
AGAIN**

Sunday, September 15 @
Contemporary Worship

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
AA Meeting

Choir rehearsals will
resume in the fall

Worship Flowers



**The flowers of September 1 are
given to the Glory of God.**

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 September or October please
contact Lynn McCall at 401-742-3949 or
lynn.mccall16@ gmail.com

Save Coffee Cans



The very popular Cookie Trail returns for
the **Christmas Bazaar!** Yes, we are
thinking about December already. In the
past we have sold as many as 100 cans
of homemade cookies. We need as many 1 lb
coffee cans (with lids) as possible. So, drink up and
bring us your empties! Empty cans with lids may be
left on a counter in the kitchen.

Member News

A memorial service celebrating the life of Linda
Arnold will be held Saturday, September 7, 2024
@10:00 am in the Sanctuary.

Church Family Life/Hospitality



We Are Jammin' in the Kitchen!!

If you like making jam or
want to learn how to
make jam, join us for a
session on Jam making

Saturday Sept. 21st @ 9am in the PDCC Kitchen

Only two people can join per session.
Leave your name on the list in Fellowship Hall.
We will contact you for the next session (TBD)

The Jam will be up for sale at the Pumpkin Palooza
and the Christmas Bazaar (Help us make this a
success!)

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Tabitha's Closet Summer Blowout

Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's clothing ministry, offers new and gently used clothing for affordable suggested donations.

PAUSE DONATIONS

We will begin accepting FALL & WINTER clothing on **September 15**. We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.



**GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!
SHOP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

Open Saturdays 9:30am- 12:30pm

***Suggested Donation**



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Pumpkins Are Coming!

Organizing Meeting – Thursday, September 5th at 6:30pm in the Hoxie Lounge. You are invited to a short meeting to organize and plan for our 9th Annual PDCC Pumpkin Patch to benefit Welcome House.



Ideas, suggestions and task assignments will be solicited. No pumpkins will need to be moved or lifted. Wally Young 401-258-2114

Pumpkin Arrival – Sunday, September 29. The truck should be arriving around 12:30 pm so grab a coffee after worship and head outside to heft and pass and laugh. We need many hands to assist.

Pumpkin Pallooza – Saturday, October 5, 2024 @ 11am – 2pm! If you would like to volunteer, contact Meg Kolodziej.



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

Free Circus Tickets



PDCC was given a number of tickets for admission to the **Garden Bros Nuclear Circus**, August 29-31 and Sept 1-2 in Waterford, Connecticut.

www.gardenbroscircus.com It seems that these are free children's (age 3-13) tickets for admission with a paid adult. Please pick up several from the table in Fellowship Hall.



Why YOU should consider joining PDCC Prayer Warriors (aka Prayer Circle)

Each and every Tuesday morning at 9:30, our Prayer Circle meets upstairs in the Community Room. We gather in friendship with the purpose of praying

for those in need. Starting with a bit of "chit-chat" (as one member calls it), we, then, get serious and have a devotional with group sharing. We continue with praying for those who are in need of healing, encouragement, and spiritual support. We keep our lists confidential.

Come, join us. You will gain a sense of camaraderie and spiritual growth as we share both hope and faith in prayer for those in need. There is no signing up. Just come. Feel a new sense of connection. We're in the Community Lounge, Tuesdays at 9:30am. Hope to see YOU.

Sharing with Love, Your PDCC Prayer Warriors

Personal Finance Workshop with Instructor and Financial Coach, Ron Williams, hosted by South County Habitat for Humanity

Slots are limited so register today!

Must attend all 3 days: Tuesdays September 17th & 24, October 1st @ 6 - 7:45PM

LOCATION: Peace Dale Public Library | 1057 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

REGISTRATION: The course costs \$10 per attendee. The \$10 fee is refundable if participant attends all 3 weeks of the workshop. *Please note, advanced registration is required and your registration is not complete until we have received your registration fee.*

WAYS TO REGISTER:

- Click here...
<https://form.jotform.com/242043983144152>
- Call Aliyya at 401-213-6711 x305

MORE ABOUT THE WORKSHOP:

Instructor Ron William's passion lies in helping people understand and improve their relationship with personal finance, and has been helping his clients throughout RI as a financial and life coach since 2000. He has received the President's Volunteer Service award, a distinction given to people who help address the most pressing needs in their community and the country. Ron's unique approach will help students identify their specific financial goals and the motivation to work toward those goals by incorporating a realistic personal spending plan into their daily routines.

The following topics will be covered:

- Reducing or eliminating debt
- Saving and investing
- Building an emergency fund
- Ways to increase income
- Reviewing spending habits and patterns

Please note: Taking this course does not qualify attendees for acceptance into our homeownership program, nor does it fulfill the required HUD certified homebuyer education courses

RIPTA launching Flex on Demand pilot in South County on Aug. 26



PROVIDENCE BUSINESS NEWS Aug. 23, 2024 –

The R.I. Public Transit Authority next week will debut

Flex on Demand, a pilot program in South County that the agency says will bring the convenience of rideshare apps to public transportation, allowing passengers to book a trip from wherever they are within the service area.

Like rideshare options, passengers can request a ride using **RIPTA's Flex on Demand** smartphone app, which will provide an estimated pickup time, track the ride in real time, and send an alert upon arrival.

Starting Aug. 26, the pilot service will be available in 203 Flex Zone, which includes Narragansett, South Kingstown and the village of Kingstown in South Kingstown. Service will be available Monday through Friday from 7:50 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on weekends and holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost for a one-way trip will be \$2, the same as RIPTA's fixed-route bus service. All Flex Vans are equipped with wheelchair-accessible features to accommodate passengers with limited mobility.

This service is Americans with Disabilities Act compliant, offers curb-to-curb transportation and has no surge pricing.

"This new pilot program leverages the convenience of modern technology to make public transit more accessible, flexible and responsive to the needs of our communities in South County," said Christopher Durand, interim RIPTA CEO. "By integrating the benefits of rideshare with the reliability of public transportation, we're providing our riders with more choices and greater control over their travel experience."

The Flex on Demand app is available for download from both the Apple iOS App Store and Google Play Store. Passengers who do not have a smartphone can call a Flex reservationist on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 401-784-9500, Ext. 1220, to book their ride.

Church Family Life Events

A notable summer event is the Rhythm and Roots Festival. Lots of music, 3 stages with different genres of music including Emmy Lou Harris on Sat., food trucks, zydeco dancing and great atmosphere. All locally at Ninigret Park, Charlestown, RI. See listings below.

8/29 from 7 to 10 PM Steve Riley and the Cajun 4 Band at the Towers, 35 Ocean Rd., Narragansett, RI. The middle of the long main floor will be taken up by dancers, there are seats nearer the band in the rotunda. Previously bottled water has been available. \$20 <https://www.thetowersri.com/events/>

8/30, 31 & 9/1 – The Rhythm & Roots Festival a weekend of incredible music, dance, & culture at the Rhythm & Roots Festival. See Emmylou Harris, Old Crow Medicine Show, Drive-By Truckers, Larkin Poe & so many more. Pricey. <https://rhythmandroots.com/artist-lineup/>

8/31 – Waterfire Providence with full lightings starting at sunset. Free and another fun family event. <https://waterfire.org/>

Sat., Sun. & Mon. through 11/30 – Newport Black History Walking Tours: Lost Stories of Resistance & Freedom presented by RI slave History Medallions. Meet near Bowen's Wharf Pilot House. Tour Historic Hill to Wahington Square. \$11.63-\$22.13 <https://www.simplertix.com/e/newport-black-history-walking-tour-tickets-171177>

Sundays from 1 to 4 PM through 10/13 Sunday Music Series at Newport Vineyard, 909 East Main Rd., (Rte. 138) Middletown, RI. Various bands. Seating 1st come & limited on the tank patio. No pets or outside food or beverages. Yes, you may bring blankets & chairs. Inclement weather – music indoors. Optional RSVP at 401 848-5151. <https://www.newportvineyards.com/event/sunday-music-series-2024/2024-08-25/>

Tuesdays. through 9/10 @ 4 to 8 PM– Oakland Beach Cruise Nights in Warwick with classic cars and oldies music on the waterfront. Free, \$3 to display a car. At Oaklands Beach Commons and Gazebo, Warwick. Website has cancelation info facebook.com/obcruznight

NEW 9/6 & 9/7 – PVD Fest the signature Arts Festival of PVD at 25 Dorrance St. with international and local performances, art installations, parades, artisan markets and food. Family oriented and FREE. Lots of walking with lots to experience <https://pvdifest.com/>

NEW 9/7 & 9/8 – Falls Visitors Day at West Place Animal Sanctuary, 3198 Main Rd., Tiverton RI is show casing new friends and old success stories with over 300 animals most of whom have been rescued. On line tickets \$26 adults, \$15 children. <https://www.westplace.org/>

9/14 – Tour of Wild Harmony Farm, in Exeter @ 10-11:30am. Walking tour guided by Farmer Ben, who shares his knowledge and experiences about regenerative farming and how it supports the land and maintains a healthy, balanced ecosystem. All welcome! Bring family and friends or just yourself. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather! To register for the free tour: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walking-farm-tour-with-farmer-ben-tickets-944987863137>

Ongoing – Twisters. A summer thriller that should be seen at the theater. Remember the old Twister movie? This one is **JUST AS EXCITING**. Grab a friend & popcorn & make the most of a rainy day. allsouthcountycinemas.com/nowshowing

Drive In movies. The Misquamicut Drive In, Westerly <https://mbadrivein.com/>. The Rustic Drive-In, Rt/ 146 in No. Smithfield <https://www.facebook.com/RusticDriveIn/> with 3 showings. Plus, Newport Film which highlights award winning documentaries, indies & more. <https://newportfilm.com/>

August Mission of the Month: Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Rhode Island (NHNRI) provides home repairs at no cost to low-income qualifying homeowners in South County, RI, enabling families to safely remain in their homes. Established in 2012, NHNRI is a 100% volunteer organization without paid staff, administrators, or physical office space, so they operate with an absolute minimum of overhead costs. Funds raised are predominantly applied to the cost of building materials, necessary liability insurance for their volunteers and Board of Directors, and hiring licensed contractors when required.

The work has had to change over time from mostly volunteer labor to professional contractor labor. This was driven in part by the COVID pandemic, but also to satisfy requirements of the towns in which they work to use licensed contractors and obtain building permits.

About 11.4% of Rhode Island's population lives in poverty according to the 2020 census. About 31% of Rhode Islanders experienced food insecurity in 2022. NHNRI exists to ensure that South County families have a roof over their heads and do not have to make the choice between eating this week or completing a necessary, and in some cases urgent, home repair.

"The purpose of Neighbors Helping Neighbors is to serve as a charitable organization meeting community needs not being met by other organizations in a timely manner that improves the quality of life of residents." To find out more about Neighbors Helping Neighbors and how you can help, you can go to their website at: neighborshelpingneighborsri.org

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

Peace Dale Congregational Church supports Galilee Mission as our August Mission of the Month. You may donate funds 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, or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online

(peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give). **August checks should be made out to PDCC with "Neighbors" in the memo line.**

Give now

September Mission of the Month: NVOAD

September is National Preparedness month. In recognition of this, our Mission of the Month at PDCC will be **National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, or NVOAD**. The United Church of Christ participates in NVOAD through Church World Service (CWS). NVOAD is a coalition of 70+ of the nation's most reputable national organizations (faith-based, community-based and other non-profits) and 56 State/Territory VOADs, that represent Local/Regional VOADs and hundreds of member organizations throughout the country.

VOAD was founded 50+ years ago in response to the challenges many disaster organizations experienced following Hurricane Camille, a category 5 storm that hit the Gulf Coast in August, 1969. Up until that time, numerous governmental, private sector and nonprofit organizations served disaster survivors independently of one another. As a result, help came to survivors haphazardly. In 1970, seven national disaster response organizations convened for the first time to better coordinate responses and more effectively serve disaster survivors and their communities. As an outcome, National VOAD was formed as a forum for sharing knowledge and coordinating resources — money, materials and muscle – throughout the disaster cycle: preparation, response and recovery. Membership has exploded in the last 20 years and today there are 74 national members, with 45 joining since the year 2000.

Among many disaster responses recently, NVOAD has responded to communities in need following the devastating wildfires in Hawaii. National VOAD Members and Partners will continue to serve communities in need as long as necessary. More info can be found at nvoad.org. and UCC's disaster ministries webpage. Inquiries regarding volunteer training may be made through member organizations, such as UCC's Church World Service.

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(peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give). **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "NVOAD" in the memo line.** With gratitude, The Missions Board

Give now

Youth Corner

Dear Parents,

Please save the dates below and join us for all the fun this fall. I will send you a printable calendar and flyers so you can invite your friends.

September 7 – Youth Group Bake-a-thon 5-7:30 pm

All students in the 5th grade and up are invited. We will bake desserts for the Peace Dale Dinner Table and Kingston Congregational Church Community Meal, enjoy pizza, and cook up some fun plans for the year ahead!

September 8 – Youth Connect kicks off the year at 10 am

Preschool through high school students are welcome.

September 22 – Family Services return to the 4th Sunday of each month at 10 am

September 29 – Pumpkin Unloading Party 12:30 pm

Stay for refreshments after Youth Connect and then help unload the truck filled with pumpkins for our pumpkin patch.

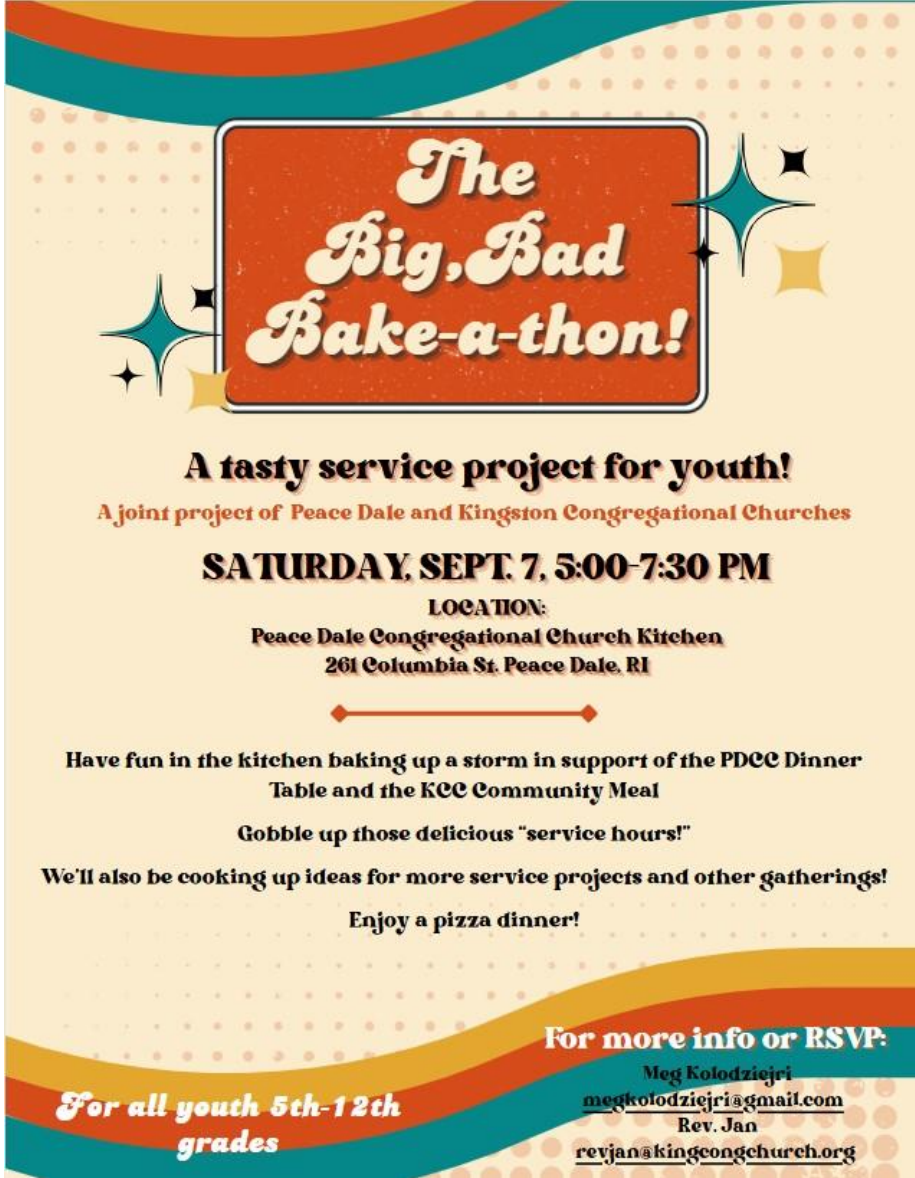
October 5 – Pumpkin Palooza 🍁 11 am-2 pm

Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Community service hours are available for this event and most of our activities. Let me know if you are interested.

Thanks to our wonderful church family, we have a beautiful CE wing with a Youth Connect classroom, music/theater room, teen space, and art studio. Susan Sward, who is a professional artist and member of our church family, has generously donated her time and talent to teach adult art classes at our church and use the proceeds to purchase art supplies for us. She will be joining us during Youth Connect to paint backdrops and create props for our family worship services, including a giant paper mâché whale.

Hope you can join us for a whale of a time this fall.

Meg



The Big, Bad Bake-a-thon!

A tasty service project for youth!
A joint project of Peace Dale and Kingston Congregational Churches

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, 5:00-7:30 PM

LOCATION:
Peace Dale Congregational Church Kitchen
261 Columbia St. Peace Dale, RI

Have fun in the kitchen baking up a storm in support of the PDCC Dinner Table and the KCC Community Meal

Gobble up those delicious "service hours!"

We'll also be cooking up ideas for more service projects and other gatherings!

Enjoy a pizza dinner!

For more info or RSVP:
Meg Kolodziejri
megkolodziejri@gmail.com
Rev. Jan
revjan@kingcongchurch.org

For all youth 5th-12th grades

Gift Cards with a Kick



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.

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 (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 (\$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.



Sharing More Joy: PDCC Podcasts

Interviews with members of our church family about the joys of their faith – the "Sharing More Joy" series – can be found on the church website under the News tab (<https://www.peacedalechurch.org/podcasts>).

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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