



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

May 4, 2023

CHURCH SERVICE 10:00 AM

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Bob Gamache	5/9
Michael Gross	5/9
JoEllen Magers-Golberg	5/9
Deb Shaw	5/9
Joan Dugas	5/11
Renée Lamontagne	5/11
Sandra Cutting	5/12

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Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

"Womb-love"

Hello PDCC Family! During this season of Eastertide, this time of new life/new birth, it's a good time to ask ourselves to what are we giving birth? What is bursting forth from the tomb in your life?

It is along these lines that you won't want to miss worship on Sunday as we ponder compassion and it's meaning in the Hebrew language. Following biblical scholar Phyllis Trible, we will consider the biblical concept of compassion as "womb-love".

It's in this spirit that I offer you a different version of the Lord's Prayer. I invite you to spend some time with it – pondering it, perhaps even praying it. I will pray it during worship on Sunday.

Until we meet again, may your heart be filled with compassion, as you love others, even as Christ has loved you.

Shalom, Pastor Fred

Poetic Rendition of the Aramaic Lord's Prayer

By Mark Hathaway

O Divine Womb,
birthing forth the river of blessing which runs through all,
Soften the ground of our being,
and hallow in us a space for the planting of thy presence.
In our depths,
sow thy seed with its greening-power
that we might be midwives to thy Reign.
Then, let each of our actions
bear fruit in accordance with thy desire.
Impart to us the wisdom to bring forth the gifts of the earth
and share them daily according to the needs of each being,
And restore that which has been usurped
by injustice to its rightful owners,
as we restore to others that which is not our own.
Do not let us be seduced
by that which would divert us from our purpose,
but make us sensitive to the moment at hand.
For from thy fertile soil is born the creativity,
the life-energy, and the dance,
from birthing to birthing. Ameyn.

Bible Study - Join Us 5/11
 Block Island Sound Brass Quintet – 6/4
 Church Family Life Events
 Dine with Nine – **Sign up by 5/7**
 Dinner Table Golf Tournament
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 Remembering Our Mothers – 5/11
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 White Elephants Work – 5/2 & 5/3
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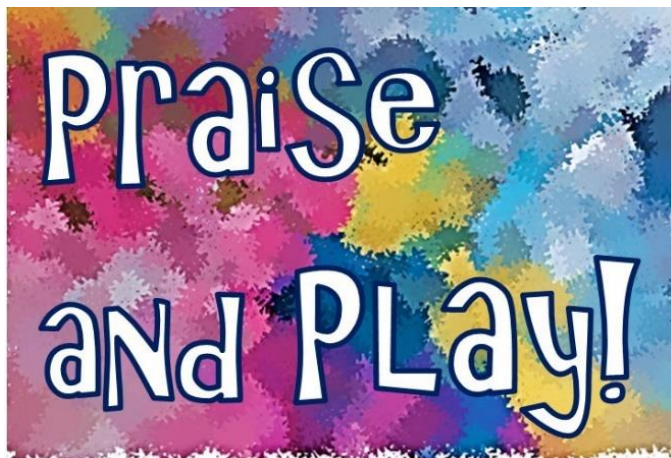


Worship Flowers

**The flowers of Sunday,
 May 7 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.

Anyone interested in donating flowers please contact Bea MacGregor: call or text (401) 741-7518, or email to bmaccgregor47@gmail.com. Opportunities are available for flower donations on May 7 and June 4, 11, and 25



**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

On the Calendar

Saturday, May 6 @ 1-2pm
 Praise and Play

Sunday, May 7 @ 10am
 Traditional Worship Service

Sunday, May 7 @ 3pm
 Healing Gong with Marion Hearn

Thursday, May 11 @ 10am
 Remembering Our Mothers/Women's Fellowship

Thursday, May 11 @ 4pm
 Bible Study

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
 Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
 AA Meeting

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
 Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays @ 5:30pm
 Contemporary Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays @ 7pm
 Traditional Choir Rehearsal

Remembering Our Mothers

Join Women's Fellowship **Thurs. 5/11 @ 10am** for Remembering our Mothers. Let's tell about something they did or made – like knitting or playing the drums!!! Refreshments, devotional, socializing and getting to know each other.

All PDCC women welcome!



Youth Connect – Sunday, May 7

Building Connections

This Sunday at Youth Connect, we are going to talk about the amazing story of the stone being rolled away and then welcome our special guest, Dr. Don Hermes, who will lead us in what is sure to be a fascinating discussion about rocks.

Earlier this year, Mr. Guy Cassady joined us for a very engaging conversation about designing toys. We hope to have more members of our faith family visit Youth Connect next year. Thank you all for your enthusiastic support of CE.



Bible Study Join us!

Our next gathering is
Thursday, May 11 @ 4pm
at PDCC.

No stress. No quizzes.
Great questions and
discussions.

Check out the reading we
have been doing this week
on the [Bible Study Weekly
Reading Plan](#) on the PDCC
website. We are on Weeks
9 & 10 in the plan.

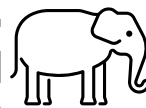
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Social Justice in Action

The ecumenical South County Social Justice group continues to meet and to share information about events organized by members of the larger faith groups and aligned organizations. We want to let you know what is happening locally so that you can participate if something strikes a note with you.

For **THIS MONTH'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



White Elephants Work Days – 5/2 & 5/3

We'd love your help in pricing and boxing up items.

Work days: Tues. 5/2 from 10:30 AM – 12 PM and Wed. 5/3 from 2:30 – 4 PM

Come join the comradery!

Jane.stabile@outlook.com 508 395-1172

Submitted by Jane Stabile

Church Family Life Events – Fun Event Ideas 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?

Please share events you find or are interested in with Jane Stabile.



Mother's Day Coffee Hour

On Mothers' Day May 14th, in fellowship hall after worship

CFL and Hospitality will be offering a
SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY WITH BUBBLY
BEVERAGES AND TREATS!!

Unfortunately, The Mother's Day Tea has been cancelled due to low sign-up.



Dine with Nine

Sign up by SUNDAY MAY 7th

This MAY 19th, 20th, and 21st, 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!

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

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

Submitted by Jane Stabile/ Christine Grevstad

Through mid -May – Wicked Tulips now in Preston, CT and Johnson, RI. wickedtulips.com/

5/12 – 5/14 Misquamicut Springfest with amusement rides, music, car show, food truck rodeo and vendors. misquamicutfestival.org/

2023 Theater by the Sea's season begins in May. This year's main performances are "My Way," a musical tribute to Frank Sinatra; "Beautiful," The Carole King Musical; "The Bodyguard" (Musical) and "Jersey Boys." There are additional offerings. <https://www.theatrebythesea.com>

Speakers & Events in [South Kingstown's 300th Anniversary Celebration](#)

- **Thurs. 5/11** "Memorials and Monuments of South Kingstown" Speaker: Jessica Wilson, South Kingstown Public Library Local History Librarian @ 7pm SKHS Auditorium.

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>

Various dates May & June - In June of 1772 brave colonists from Rhode Island burned the British revenue schooner, HMS Gaspee, during what has become recognized as the first bloodshed of the American Revolution. <http://www.gaspee.com/events>

May Mission: Earthquake Relief for Turkey & Syria



This month we are partnering with our United Church of Christ (UCC) brothers and sisters to support the relief effort in response to the devastating 7.8 earthquake that shook the border region of Syria and Turkey on February 6th 2023. Much money has been pledged by the international community, but aid money has been slow in coming, and survivors are in desperate need of basic human necessities. This area was already vulnerable due to a prolonged refugee crisis and stresses caused by the ongoing war in Syria.

The UCC 's humanitarian relief organizations, Global Ministries and Global H.O.P.E. (Humanitarian.

Opportunities. Progress. Empowerment.) are responding directly, as well as partnering with the ACT Alliance which is active in the region. They are currently providing food, blankets, medicine, clothing, and shelter in response to the immediate needs of those displaced. More information can be found at <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/wider-church-ministries/global-hope/>

Please support this effort by placing your donation in the mission basket during worship service; or donate directly by using the Donate Now button below or sending a check to the church office. All of our donations will be deposited into the International Emergency fund designated for "Turkey and Syria Earthquake Response". Your generous financial support will be used by our partners in the areas of greatest need, for relief and long-term recovery.

Thank you,

The Missions Board

Give now



Global H.O.P.E. - United Church of Christ

God Is Still Speaking,®: Global H.O.P.E. The Global H.O.P.E. team in United Church of Christ Wider Church Ministries brings together the UCC's refugee and migration ministries, volunteer engagement, disaster response and recovery, and sustainable development support. The acronym H.O.P.E. makes clear the team's vision: Humanitarian. Opportunities. Progress. Empowerment.

www.ucc.org

Experience Sound Healing 5/11



Healing Gong: Healing Moon

Sunday, May 11 @ 3-4:30pm
With Marion Hearn,
Fellowship Hall

Welcome All to sound healing vibrations with gongs and crystal bowls! Relax, refresh, and rejuvenate through sacred resonance with a Gong Bath.

No registration needed. Just show up!

Bring a mat or blanket and a pillow. Dress comfortably. This is all about self-care.



All Our PDCC Groups!

Get involved!

Check out the groups page on our PDCC website!

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

Adult Bible Study, Called to Care, Church Family Life, Green Team, Prayer Circle, Prayer Shawl, Social Justice, Women's Fellowship, Youth Connect.

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.

>> If your group has new information for your section on this page, send it to MaryLou.

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



community
meal

Join us at Kingston Congregational
Church
2610 Kingstown Road, Kingston, RI 02852

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

April 30th
May 28th
June 25th

We are looking forward to offering warm hospitality to anyone in the community that is in need of a free, fresh-cooked meal.

Hope to see you there!
Questions, call our office:
401-783-5330



United Against Hate Workshop

Identifying, Reporting and Preventing Acts of Hate

Federal and local officials working with community members to discuss effective strategies to prevent and respond to hate crimes and incidents.

MAY 31st, 2023

4:30pm – 7:30pm

The Prout School

4640 Tower Hill Road

Wakefield, RI

Program Overview

1. Learn how to identify hate crimes and incidents
2. Understand the importance of reporting
3. Discuss strategies to prevent acts of hate

In collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County, Tri-County Community Action Agency, South County Prevention Coalition, law enforcement and our community partners and friends.



Unitarian Universalist
Congregation of South County, RI



Tri-County
Community Action Agency



South County
Prevention Coalition
Member of Rhode Island Regional Coalitions

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/united-against-hate-tickets-615613916797>

To request interpreter services or reasonable accommodation, contact David Neill at david.neill@usdoj.gov or Wendy Fenner-Aubin at wfenner-aubin@tricountyri.org.

www.justice.gov/hatecrimes

BLOCK ISLAND SOUND BRASS QUINTET

in concert



JUNE 4, 2023 @ 4PM

Peace Dale Congregational Church
261 Columbia Street
Peace Dale, RI

Suggested Offering \$20

Students Free

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors 3rd Annual Golf Tournament To Benefit the Peace Dale Dinner Table

Saturday, July 15th, 2023

Pinecrest Golf Course, Richmond, RI
8:00am Shotgun Start
Red, White, and Blue Best Ball Team

\$100.00 per person, includes:
18 holes of golf with a cart
Donuts and coffee at registration
Full Italian Buffet Dinner with dessert
Prizes for 1st and 2nd place teams
Closets to pin and longest drive prizes
Silent/live auction Items
Raffle



\$20 add-on **BONUS** option per person: (1) mulligan, (1) drop from the woods into fairway, (1) tee off from Red Tees, (1) mystery string (3 ft -15 ft long to continue your shot towards the hole!) Entry into \$100.00 Cash putting contest!

The St. Francis of Assisi Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Peacedale Congregational Church will be sponsoring a Golf Tournament to help purchase food for the Peace Dale Dinner Table Program. Together, we have served more than 20,000 warm, nutritious meals this year! We need your support to be able to continue this much needed service throughout the winter. This program costs more than \$40,000 a year to run!

Registration fee:

___ \$100.00 per person. ___ Add on bonus, \$20.00 per person
___ Closest to Pin Sponsor: \$500.00. ___ Putting Contest Sponsor \$750.00
___ Longest drive Sponsor: \$ 250.00 ___ Tee Sponsor: \$150.00

For more information and to reserve your spot call:
Craig @ 401-477-6046 or email at doinggoodinc@icloud.com

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 at the same time. 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 cards 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 is open for the season!! We have \$5 gift cards. Brickley's is giving us a 20% rebate.

Questions? Contact Deb Shaw at 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 or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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