



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Last Week's E-Light

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It's Music Sunday!

This is it! Music Sunday is finally here – come one, come all, let's make a Joyful noise to God. Come and be part of the collective effervescence. Whether your appetite is for contemporary or traditional worship music, this service will be filled with a variety of musical morsels that will satisfy. And of course, the musical menu will also include the bell choir.

The Theme - "Sing to the Lord a New Song" is from Psalm 96. In recent weeks we celebrated Pentecost and we continue to celebrate the movement of God's life giving Spirit in our midst. God is doing a new thing at PDCC, come and be part of it 😊

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Peace and Joy,
Brother Fred



Congregational Meeting – 6/23

There will be a Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday June 23, 2024 to review and vote on the budget for (correction) July 2024 – June 30, 2025. All church members are encouraged to attend.



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On the Calendar

Thursday, June 6 @
5:30pm – Tunes and Tacos.
SKHS Fine Arts.

Sunday, June 9 @ 10am –
Music Sunday.

Sunday, June 16 @ 10am
– Contemporary Worship.

Sunday, June 23 @ after
worship. Congregational
Meeting.

Saturday, July 13 @ 9am-
1pm. Summer Sale. See
page 5.

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
Bell Choir rehearsal

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
AA Meeting

Thursdays @ 6pm
Contemporary Singers
rehearse *ALL welcome*

Thursdays @ 7:30pm
Traditional Choir
rehearsal



Worship Flowers

The flowers of June 9 are given to the glory of God and in memory of Frank by Joan Machata.

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 June please contact Roberta Norman at 401 226-7123.



Jam Jars Needed

Patty Hare asks for donations of half-pint (8 oz) glass canning jars to make 60 jars of jam for the Bazaar. She is planning ahead!

Collection box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Church Service Streaming



The Deacons are looking to begin on-line streaming of our worship services. We need a few volunteers to make it happen. We have the technology, now

we need people to operate the equipment during services. Please contact Darlene Hermes at dhermes44@ gmail.com if you would be willing to help in bringing this to fruition. Thank you so much, the Deacons.

Join Hospitality for Some Love & Laughter After Worship!



Each Sunday, after our service, the members of our coffee hour teams provide a welcoming atmosphere for Fellowship.

All are invited to enjoy coffee, tea, and an array of goodies. **It is a time for us to mingle, talk, laugh, and enjoy one another's company.**

Come help us welcome our visitors and new members with true hospitality: A smile, kind words.....and food!

To further assist us in our endeavors please take note of our Coffee Hour Donation Basket that sits on the table. Donated money helps pay for the coffee, juice, sugar, paper goods, goodies, etc. We thank you so much for your generosity.

A special thank you to all who help to make our Fellowship Coffee Hour a true extension of our Sunday Worship.

Submitted by Christine Grevstad,
Chair of CFL/Hospitality

Tabitha's Closet Needs Hangers & Summer Sorters

Tabitha's is in need donations of small hangers for children's clothes, and also hangers with clips for pants.

HELP SORT! We will be moving to a Friday-morning-only sorting schedule for the summer and we are seeking volunteers as our regulars will be taking vacations. Email Galen McGovern or Suzanne Faucher if you can help.



DONATE! We are now accepting donations of SPRING & SUMMER clothing. We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.

SHOP!
Open
Saturdays
9:30a-12:30p

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

We need you! Tabitha's Closet needs volunteers to help:

- 1) **sort and prep the clothing,**
- 2) **help in the shop** on Saturday mornings.

Please contact Galen McGovern, our volunteer coordinator at GalenMcGovern1@ gmail.com. For any questions or to learn more about the ministry, please contact Suzanne Faucher at gsfaucher@ gmail.com

Habitat Build 6/22

To everyone who has asked "When are we going to the Habitat Build again?" *and* everyone already involved in South County Habitat for Humanity *and* to anyone who would like to get involved in supporting this cause ... the following information is for you.

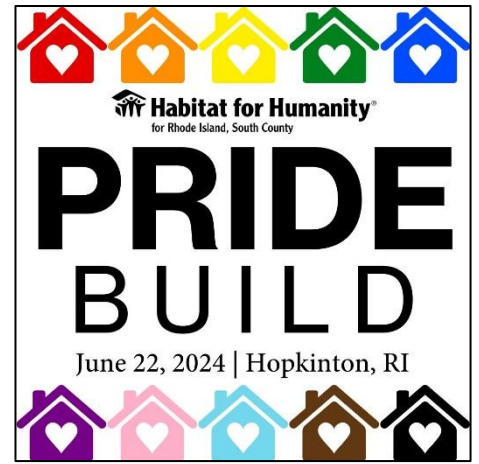
South County Habitat for Humanity completed 3 houses in Hope Valley this year and have already begun building the next 4 homes. Over the years Peacedale Church has established itself as a consistent supporter of Habitat. The build we will be joining is South County Habitat Pride Build 2024.

The build is located at
14 Cardinal Lane in Hope Valley RI 02832
and will take place on
June 22nd from 8:30AM-2:30PM. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Dave's Marketplace.

Emily, the volunteer coordinator at Habitat states, "We understand the challenges faced by LGBTQIA+ individuals in accessing stable and safe housing due to discrimination and stigma. At South County Habitat for Humanity, we are dedicated to promoting equal housing opportunities and fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion. It is our firm belief that everyone deserves a decent place to live and with this build we hope to more openly advocate for members of our community." It is so easy to see how our missions align!

Tools and safety equipment will be provided and you do not need prior construction experience to participate! Find more information about signing up using our registration link: [SCHH Pride Build 2024](#).

If you have questions please text 401-447-9648 or email. Thanks so much, Deirdre Therrien



Social Justice in Action

PDCC website.

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.



June Mission of the Month: Camp Lilac

In support of Pride Celebration this month, and in recognition of the struggles of gender diverse youth, the Missions Board has chosen Camp Lilac to support in June.

Camp Lilac is a week-long, overnight summer camp in Ohio specifically for trans and gender diverse youth ages 13-17. Campers come from many states, including Rhode Island. Trans youth often face stressful, unwelcoming, and even hostile environments in their day to day lives, and experience higher rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide. Since 2017, Camp Lilac has been creating a safe, welcoming, and confidential space in which gender diversity is the norm. Their program is designed so that campers emerge with an increased sense of confidence in their identities and a strong community of peers and supporters.

As a small nonprofit, Camp Lilac relies on camper tuition and donations to fund every aspect of camp, from space rental to food and activities. Camp Lilac provided \$38,000 in need-based scholarships to 67 campers in 2023, and hopes that finances will never be a barrier to attendance, thanks to supporters.

The mission of Camp Lilac is to provide a safe, welcoming space for transgender and gender diverse youth to be themselves in a positive, supportive, youth-focused environment. "We believe our camp fills a crucial gap in their lives, setting them on a path to success." Additional info on <https://www.camlilac.org/>

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

Peace Dale Congregational Church supports Camp Lilac as our 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).

Checks should be made out to PDCC with "Camp Lilac" in the memo line.



South County Habitat for Humanity's Quilt Raffle

South County Habitat for Humanity is raffling a quilt to raise funds for a large and costly piece of equipment. The Board of Missions will have raffle tickets available in Fellowship Hall after service on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20.

Don't need a quilt? Enter anyway and consider donating to the bazaar or a local organization that supports those in need in our community."

More info and photos of the quilt are at <https://www.southcountyhabitat.org/quilt>

Submitted by James McMonigle

SOUTH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S FAITH RELATIONS COMMITTEE IS HOSTING A:

QUILT RAFFLE

This beautiful quilt was handcrafted by the Ninigret Quilters and measures 82" x 91." Raffle proceeds will support the purchase of a telehandler to increase construction capacity and serve more families.

\$10 per ticket or 3 for \$20

Purchase tickets in person at South County Habitat for Humanity Monday - Friday 9AM - 4PM or online at southcountyhabitat.org/quilt

WINNER WILL BE DRAWN JUNE 27TH

South County Habitat for Humanity Rhode Island
1555 SHANNOCK RD | CHARLESTOWN, RI 0401.213.6711 | [SOUTHCOUNTYHABITAT.ORG](https://southcountyhabitat.org)

Mission of the Month Funds raised for South County Habitat for Humanity in May were \$1,446.21

👉 Help Wanted – 6/22 👈

Join a fun opportunity to staff the PDCC table at the South County Pride festivities on Saturday, June 22 from 10am until 7pm. We need 2 or 3 people for each three-hour shift at our table. We will distribute pronoun pens, water, and information about our Open and Affirming church.

TO VOLUNTEER, contact any Mission Board member (check Breeze for their phone numbers or call/email the church office):

Wally Young	James McMonigle
Gabby Klensch	Katherine Condon
Suzanne Faucher	Kathy Ruggiero

Bring a chair and friends to help with this PDCC ministry. Submitted by Wally Young

Poppy Painting Class – 6/29



Let's Paint Poppies!

On Saturday June 29 from 9 am-12 noon Susan Sward, local professional artist and member of PDCC, will be teaching a painting class for adults at Fellowship Hall.

Susan is a member of the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators and teaches a botanical style of painting. All materials will be provided: hot press watercolor paper, gouache paints (opaque water-based paints), pencils, erasers, brushes, palettes, brush water jars, and frames and mats.

The cost is \$45 per person. 100% of the profits will be used to buy supplies for Meg Kolodziej's art supply closet (soon to be a full-fledged art studio for the children of PDCC).

No art background is required. Registration is limited to 12 students. **Note**: You must prepay for this class. Susan will have a registration table after services for the next 3 weeks.

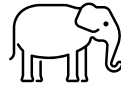
Email: sue.sward@ gmail.com

SUMMER SALE – Sat. July 13th @ 9 AM to 1 PM, rain or shine!

PDCC will feature White Elephants, baked goods, and plants.

Please put the date on your calendar now! We will need YOU! Hopefully to help, definitely to shop!

White Elephants



Please join the team preparing our treasures for 7/13. We need to clean, price, sort and pack items. Workers only may shop ahead of time, but we pay a premium price for 1st choice. Plus, we have a good time socializing!

Here are the pre-sale work dates down in the cellar:

Fri. 6/7 from 9 to 10:40 AM
Wed. 6/12 from 10 to 11:30 PM
Tues. 6/18 from 2:30 to 4 PM
Thurs. 6/27 from 10 AM to 12 PM

Work sessions on 7/13, day of sale:

1st session - 8:45 to 11:30 AM
2nd Session - 11:30 AM to 2 PM

PLEASE VOLUNTEER and let me know that I can count on you. Contact – jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172



Baked Goods

Share your baking talents with our church family and donate baked goods to the July Yard Sale! All proceeds will go to the Youth Activity fund which helps CE share God's love with all. **CONTACT** Vivian Skipper at vivian.skipper@ yahoo.com

Plants



Details coming...

June from the Green Team



Conservation in The Conversation

It would not be inaccurate to say that being green is ultimately about conservation.

From lessening our consumption of fossil fuels to improving the health of our soil, it's all about conserving our resources, and consequently, our planet.

In the recent movie "Common Ground", which was presented by the Green Team in our Sanctuary, one of the most poignant statements was by Gabe Brown, a regenerative farmer. To paraphrase, he spoke about how we could double up our efforts with going green. In his sphere of regenerative agriculture (where the soil is not tilled, has no commercial fertilizer inputs, but instead utilizes composting of cover crops) it results in higher production, with less energy usage and more profit.

This concept of less equals more is available to everyone in various spheres.

Thinking of the summer that is upon us, perhaps we could also reap multiple benefits with conservation in some of our spheres.

JOIN US! 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

Take food for instance, we could grow our own, compost our waste, and build a healthier soil. We could buy from Farmers Markets or stands, or from grocers utilizing the harvest of our own local growers. By being creative, we could make sure to use as much of what we buy as possible without wasting. There are endless recipes available on-line and in books.

Similarly, in the area of transportation, we could walk or bike more in this agreeable weather which would provide a double benefit of increasing health and reducing emissions. Use of public transportation would yield higher efficiency and even less emissions, as would driving within the speed limit. Some communities are certainly more or less conducive to public transportation depending on their size. Additional energy saving strategies for summer include laundering full loads on cold, and drying outside on clothes lines thus conserving water and energy usage.

Planting deciduous trees on the south or west exposures would help shade and cool our homes. Awnings and room darkening shades are also an option.

When we think of summer, many think of their lawns. Did you know that mowing on the highest setting shades out weeds and conserves moisture?

These are just a few thoughts that you might consider in the lazy hazy season to slow down a bit and green our good earth.



Church Family Life Events

Last call for those looking to socialize with a group of PDCCers. If you are looking for another PDCC person to accompany you to an event or your calendar has a lonely day and one of these events looks appealing, this is a way for Church Family Life to help out. Contact jane.stabile@outlook.com 508 395-1172.

Ninigret Park, Charlestown, RI – Two Giant Trolls have been created right here in So. County. They're the work of Danish artist Thomas Dambo. You can drive to within a short walk to each. Ask any visitor for info. The first one is near the observatory.
<https://www.rimonthly.com/giant-trolls-ninigret/>

Fri. 6/7 – Wakefield Books Grown-Up Book Fair from 5 to 8 PM at Sons of Liberty, 1425 Kingstown Rd., So. Kingstown, RI. Like the Scholastic Book Fairs of childhood but with grown up beverages.
<https://www.wakefieldbooks.com/>

Sat. 6/8 – From Batman to Beethoven Pops Concert at 7 PM with the Sharon Concert Band and Ray Scott Big Band at the Sharon Middle School featuring movie sound tracks, popular songs, Broadway hits, Blues and Boogies and Beethoven's 5th. General Adm. - \$10; Children under 10 free.
<https://sharon-bands.org/2024/05/07/pops2024/>

NEW June 8 -9 Gaspee Days Parade, Colonial encampment, and the burning of the infamous Gaspee with other fun and historic activities for the whole family in Warwick. Details -
<https://www.gaspee.com/events>

NEW Sun. 6/9 Art Market with Alpacas at Lavender Waves Farm, 3814 Commodore Perry Hwy, Wakefield, RI, 9 AM – 2 PM. Shearing starts at 9 AM. \$5 PP. Wander the lavender fields, shop from talented artists, see camels, bring lunch & use the picnic tables.
<https://www.facebook.com/lavenderwavesfarm>

NEW Sun. 6/9 Singles 60+ Supper Club at 5:30 PM at Frankie's Restaurant & Pizzeria, 1051 Ten Rod Road, No. Kingstown, RI for Italian and American dishes. Info & reservations at 401 789-0268 ext. 2 (SK Sr. Ctr event.)

NEW Wed. 6/12 Native Plants in All Their Glory, 6:30 PM at Kingstown Free Library, 2605 Kingstown Rd., South Kingstown with URI Master Gardener Dave Vissoe where he will talk about gardening with native Rhode Island plants. This is a highly visual presentation with over 300 high resolution photos of 3 different native plant gardens at Kettle Pond Native Plant Garden in Charlestown. FREE
<https://skpl.libcal.com/event/12439474>

NEW Fri. 6/14 Flag Day Celebration at 10 AM with members of the SK VFW at the SK Senior Center, 25 St. Dominic Rd., Wakefield, RI to conduct a flag raising ceremony. Wear your red, white and blue.

NEW Wed. 6/19 From Free to Freedom : A Juneteenth Celebration at 7 PM at PPAC, part of the Wonders of the Wurlitzer series a play with music, dance and storytelling that celebrates Juneteenth with singers, musicians and the Wurlitzer organ! **Free – no tickets needed.** Providence Performing Arts Ctr., 220 Weybosset St., PVD. ppacri.org/events/detail/juneteenth-2024

NEW Sat. 6/22 Cross' Mills Public Library Garden Tour, 10 AM to 4 PM. Rain or Shine. Map provided. Benefits the library. Includes seaside gardens. \$25 predate; \$30 day of tour. Tickets at <https://www.crossmills.org/library/events/garden-tour-fundraiser/>

NEW Sat. 6/22 South County Pride on Wakefield's Main St., 11 AM to 6 PM with local queer art, food trucks, DJ music, car parade, drag show & more. <https://www.southcountypride.org/>

NEW Thurs. 6/27 Independence Day Celebration at noon with a delicious 4th of July lunch at the SK Senior Center, 25 St. Dominic Rd., Wakefield, RI. Wear your red, white and blue.



We Need You for Worship Deacons would love to have more folks available as **readers** (of scripture) and as **ushers** at worship services (especially for the traditional service). If you are interested in helping out during the services, please contact Val Lowell, Sandi Robinson, or Jeff Healy.

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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