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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Last Week's E-Light

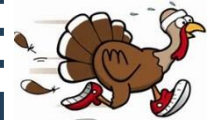
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Burning Bushes and Advent?

Last Sunday, as part of Moses' story, we spent some time gathered around the burning bush and the mountain of God. This Sunday we find ourselves in the wilderness once again, only this time it is the fire of John to which some people are drawn. He's acting as a messenger of God. In our denomination, there is a powerful sentiment that God is still speaking ~ so much so, that our logo is now in the shape of a comma. Given the state of our world, what do you hear God saying, today?

On this 1st Sunday of Advent, Let's stop and listen to the burning bush that is John the Baptist, on our way to the Communion table. It is a week of tables isn't it? We will go from the Thanksgiving table to the Lord's Table. As we pause, and perhaps take a moment to thank God for our many blessings, may the grace and peace of Christ be with you, your family, and our family of God!

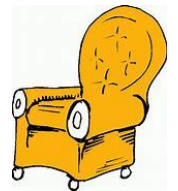
Grace and Peace, Brother Fred



The Church Office will be closed Wednesday
Thursday, and Friday for Thanksgiving.

You are Invited to Stop By

Throughout the season of Advent, you are invited to "pop-in" for a visit, especially during the hours of 11a-1p on Wednesdays (at the church office). No appointment necessary. Let's get together my siblings in Christ. I'll see you soon! Blessings, Brother Fred



Advent & Christmas Eve Services

Sun. 12/1 @ 10am Traditional Worship with Communion **PEACE**

Sun. 12/8 @ 10am Contemporary Worship: **HOPE**

Sun. 12/15 @ 10am Contemporary Worship. **Joy**

Sun. 12/22 @ 10am Family Christmas Pageant. **Love**

Christmas Eve @ 4pm Candlelight Contemporary

Christmas Eve @ 10pm Candlelight Traditional with Communion

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On the Calendar

Saturday, November 30 @ 9am Traditional Choir rehearsal	Mondays @ 6:30pm NA Meeting – Learn to Live
Saturday, November 30 @ 10am Praise Team rehearsal	Tuesdays @ 9:30am Prayer Warriors / Prayer Circle ALL WELCOME!
Sunday, December 1 @ 10am Traditional Worship with communion – First Sunday of Advent	Tuesdays @ 4:30pm Bistro at Peace Dale Dinner Table
Saturday, December 7 @ 9am – 2pm Christmas bazaar	Tuesdays @ 6:30pm AA Meeting
Sunday, December 8 @ 10am Contemporary Worship	Tuesdays @ 6:30pm Bell Choir rehearsals ALL WELCOME!
Sunday, December 8 Gratitude Tree gifts due	2 nd Thursdays @ 10am Women’s Fellowship ALL WELCOME

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2024



If you wish to donate Christmas poinsettias to decorate our church sanctuary for the Advent season, please complete this order form and return it to the church (office or offering plate) with your payment by **December 8th**. The suggested donation is \$12 per plant. Following Christmas Services, poinsettias will be delivered to our members who are homebound, members who are over age 85, and those who recently suffered a loss. If you would enjoy delivering your plant yourself, please indicate below to whom you will be taking it.

Given by: _____

Check one: In celebration of: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

What would you like to happen to your plants?

I want to take the plant home with me

I will deliver the plant (to whom? _____)

I want someone else to deliver it (to an elder, homebound, other)

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Donate Supplies for Church World Service Kits

Please help us collect supplies! This is an annual mission of PDCC and with the help of our congregation, we have increased the number of kits processed each year. These kits are sent to areas around the world where natural disasters have occurred. **Please add these items to your shopping lists and leave them in boxes provided in Fellowship Hall.** We have found these items in Job Lot, Wal-Mart and Dollar Tree. Thank you for your help in making another successful year providing kits for Church World Service's world-wide mission.

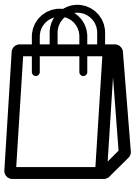
Supplies needed

HYGIENE KIT

- Wash cloth
- Wide-tooth comb
- Fingernail or toenail clipper
- Bath-size bar of soap in wrapper
- Toothbrush in original package
- Ten standard size band-aids

SCHOOL KIT

- Rounded tip scissors
- 70-count spiral notebooks
- 12-inch ruler
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- Large eraser
- Six pencils
- 24-pack crayons



We also need handmade cotton bags w/cloth handles for School Kits. Sally Bradley has the pattern.



Once a Month Singers

We have a somewhat animated group who sing with the family service the 4th week of each month (Next up is 12/22.) You do not need to read music, just enjoy singing together and show it. I email you videos and music/lyrics of all the pieces ahead of time so you can practice. We rehearse just once at 9 AM before the family service. **Feel free to try us out.** **CONTACT** jane.stabile@ outlook.com or 508 395-1172.

Well, Music Sunday has come and gone, we hope you were there and enjoyed the service. Our choir members really enjoyed preparing for and delivering the music portion of the morning. We were joined by four extra paid musicians for that service.

Now it's on to preparing for Advent and Christmas. It would be wonderful if we could have more volunteers from the congregation join one of the choirs or perhaps offer to play a musical instrument during the season. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

Don Lowell
Co-chair Music Board



**Traditional Choir
Contemporary Choir**

This is a great time to join in.

Speak with Nathaniel our illustrious director!

Or just pop in at our next rehearsal, see below.

Rehearsal Schedule:

Traditional Choir: Sat. 11/30 @ 9AM

Contemporary Choir: Sat 11/30 @ 10AM

Submitted by Judy Healy



Thank You, Joy!

Thank you to Joy Rich for hanging the wreaths on the exterior church doors. Joy's business is Flowerthyme.com

Worship Flowers



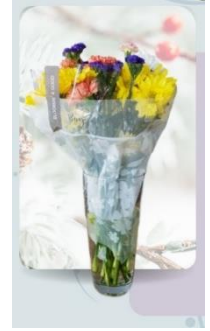
The flowers of December 1 are given to the glory of God.

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 January, please contact Carol Anne Hayes at 401-487-9127 or carolhayes44@gmail.com

December Flower Purchases Benefit Peace Dale Dinner Table

In December, purchases of **specialty marked** flower bouquets at the Narragansett Stop and Shop will generate donations to the Peace Dale Dinner Table (\$1 per bouquet). The Narragansett Stop and Shop has selected Dinner Table as the local hunger organization of the month for December.



Church Family Life Events

Please send any events that would appeal to PDCCers to jane.stabile@outlook.com for listing in the E-Light.

Thurs. 11/28 at 1 PM – 3rd Annual “Stray Dog” Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Peter’s by-the-Sea, 72 Central St., Narragansett is a fun, casual celebration for anyone w/o plans OR looking for an enjoyable alternative plan for the day. “Stray Dog” refers to those who are looking for a home cooked meal for the holiday and/or if you care to make a donation it will go to the Animal Rescue of RI. Please let them know you will be attending at this **THIS LINK**.

11/27 – 12/6 Newport Nutcracker at Rosecliff, at Rosecliff Mansion, Newport. During the first act of the ballet, the audience follows the characters from room to room. Limited seating is available. Act 2 takes place in the Grand Ballroom where all guests have reserved seating. \$145-240 PP.

<https://newportcontemporaryballet.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket#/events/a0UPD0000061H9q2AE>

11/29 – 1/4/25 Roger Williams Zoo Holiday Lights Spectacular with 40 acres of dazzling light displays featuring over 2 million lights! Purchase tickets on line \$12 – 14 at rwpzoo.org/holidaylights/

11/29 at 8 PM Trans-Siberian Orchestra Tribute. Stadium Theater, 28 Monument Sq., Woonsocket. Traditional holiday carols and songs set to rock, blues, and gospel music. This show tells a real Christmas story of Christmas wishes answered. \$23–38. <https://www.stadiumtheatre.com/events/trans-siberian-orchestra-tribute-ornament>

Sun. 12/8, 5:30 PM Singles 60+ Supper Club at the Coast Guard House. Reservations are a must at 401 789-0268.

CORRECTED DATE 11/29 & 11/30 Warren Holiday Festival on Water. 7 Baker St., Warren RI. features magic shows, fire spinners, music, marching bands, vocal ensembles, trolley rides & more. <https://warrenholidayfestival.org/>

Sun. 12/1 at 4 PM, “How to Eat at Least 7 Fish in One Sitting” at the United Theater, 5 Canal St., Westerly, RI. Guest chefs include: Renee Toupance, Justin Curneal and Andrew Brooks. Learn the history and cultural significance followed by a tasting and raising a glass. \$42 PP. <https://unitedtheatre.org/shows/the-united-table-how-to-eat-at-least-seven-fish-in-one-sitting/>

Wed. 12/4, 5 -9 PM Holiday Stroll & Luminaria in Westerly/Pawcatuck with shopping, streets illumined with luminaria, hot chocolate & cookie. Rain or shine. <https://www.oceanchamber.org/events/details/27th-annual-holiday-stroll-luminaria-36933>

12/5 – 12/ 8 Festival of Lights Celebration in Wickford Village with tree lighting on Thurs., Santa arrives daily by boat, horse drawn hayrides w/Santa, Elf parade on Sat. See more at: <https://www.visitrhodeisland.com/event/39th-annual-wickford-festival-of-lights/101644/>

NEW 12/6 at 5:30 PM SK Annual Tree Lighting at the Village Green in Peace Dale features hot chocolate, caroling, and an open house at the Pottery Studio. Plus the magical arrival of Santa Claus and lighting of the holiday trees. FREE & FUN!

Christmas Bazaar Preparations

White Elephants

We will continue elf work in the cellar! We are nowhere near ready so have added additional work dates. Please come!

Sun. 12/1 - ALL ABLE BODIED PDCCers (yes, children too) are asked to help set up tables on the 2nd floor and bring up boxes as soon as possible after church.

Mon. 12/2 from 2 to 4 PM

Tues 12/3, Wed 12/4, Thurs 12/5 @ 10 AM to 12 PM.

Sat. 12/7 Workers to staff our 4 rooms.
1st session from 8:45 to 11:45 AM
2nd session 11:45 to 2:45 PM
3rd session from 1:30 to 4:30 PM to clean up.

Looking forward to your continued support in this huge endeavor. Don't forget - we also have lots of fun. Info & sign up with jane.stabile@outlook.com

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Raffle Baskets Thank You!!!!

Donations from our congregation have filled more than 20 baskets! We truly appreciate our church family. This has been a banner year for donations. Please join us at the Christmas Bazaar to purchase your raffle tickets. All proceeds from the raffle support the operations and missions of PDCC.



We want to extend our special thanks to PDCC Committees for sponsoring the following:

- Church Family Life - Sweet Delights
- Deacons - Holiday Cheer
- Christian Education - Play Time
- Stewardship - Happy New Year
- Missions - A Night at the Movies
- Music - Tea for Two
- Property Management - Tool Time
- The Prayer Team - Comfort

Thank you from Maria Cassaday and the basket makers.

Calling All Bakers & Soup Makers!

COOKIE TRAIL: We use dozens of cookies for the Cookie Stroll. Cookies need to fit in the decorated coffee cans, so your donation of 2 dozen or more of a favorite small holiday cookie is greatly appreciated. Please *note if contains NUTS * Contact Priscilla Archambault 401-595-9650 with questions.

BAKE SALE: Let's also fill the bake sale table with quick breads, yeast breads, cakes, muffins, coffee cakes, biscotti, candies, coated pretzels, granola or snack mixes. All homemade goodies are best sellers. The Jams and Jellies will also be for sale at this table.

*Please label all cookies or baked goods for "BAZAAR" and note *if contain NUTS*.*

DROP OFF Food items can be dropped off at the church in the hall outside fellowship hall on **Friday 12/6/24 between 11am and 7pm.** Contact Lynn McCall 401-742-3949 with questions.

SOUP: Our lunchtime hot homemade soup is another Bazaar favorite. Soup makers are needed to donate their specialty. Contact Christine Grevstad 401-284-6483 with any questions.

SIGN UP SHEETS for Cookie Trail, Bake Sale and Soup donations are available in fellowship hall. THANK YOU!!

Save Coffee Cans for Cookies



The very popular Cookie Stroll returns for the Christmas Bazaar!. In the past we have sold as many as 100 cans of homemade cookies. We need as many one-pound 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.

Bazaar Greens, next page





It's Prune Time!

Prune Nov 30-Dec 1. And bring us your evergreen boughs. The Greens Gang magically turns these into beautiful wreaths and arrangements. Drop greens off at the church side door (Church Street overhang near Fellowship Hall) on December 1.

Join the Greens Gang

Join the Greens Gang and help make beautiful wreaths and centerpieces for our Christmas Bazaar. Just stop in anytime during our WORKSHOP hours and let your creative juices flow! No experience necessary...just dress warm and bring clippers/gloves if you have them.

SET UP** **Sunday Dec 1st** after coffee hour
12:00 noon-1:00pm

WORKSHOP OPEN & WORKING

- Monday Dec 2nd 9am – 4pm
- Tuesday Dec 3rd 9am – 4pm and 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Wednesday Dec 4th 9am – 4pm and 6pm – 8pm
- Thursday Dec 5th 9am-2pm

CLEANUP** Thursday Dec 5th 2pm – 4pm

WORKSHOP CLOSED Friday Dec 6th as we complete Bazaar display

**note that we can use a few extra hands for SETUP/CLEANUP of floors, tables, and supplies

Hope to see old and new friends at the WORKSHOPS! It's a fun time together!

QUESTIONS: please reach out to Linda Redmond, Cindy Fish, or Jeanette Gamache

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

Ways to Show Thanks at Thanksgiving

St. Peter's by-the-Sea Community Market is hosting a food distribution on **Sun. 11/24** to provide all the food necessary for a family to prepare a Thanksgiving dinner. They need monetary donations to provide turkeys which cannot be donated. We can write checks (made out to St. Peter's by-the-Sea) with Community Market in the memo line and send it to 72 Central St., Narragansett, RI. Or donate online at https://giving.servantkeeper.com/stpetersbythesea?mc_cid=21d6615e2a&mc_eid=44356b4e75

The Johnny Cake Center for Hope reports that, thanks to generous donations, they have Thanksgiving covered but request donations of high demand items: cereal, seasonings, soups and snacks. **Drop off any day**, at any time, in the blue bins on their front porch at 22 Kersey Rd., Peace Dale.

Thanks for sharing your time, treasure and talents. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Gratitude Tree is Up

The tags are up and ready for picking!



If you weren't lucky enough to grab a tag or two last Sunday, please don't fret as there are many more tags on our Gratitude Tree to be had.

Please remember to bring your unwrapped gifts and gift cards back **before December 8th**. All to benefit our local children in need for the holiday.

Gift cards to: Marshall's, Amazon, Visa/MasterCard, Walmart, CVS and Wakefield Mall Retailer. See Deb Shaw at the **RAISERIGHT** table on Sundays, where she will have many of these gift cards.

You may bring unwrapped gifts to the church and hand them to Gabby or place them in the red box outside the church office.

If you wish, you may send a check made out to PDCC and in the memo section write: "Gratitude Tree". We will purchase a gift for you with this money.

QUESTIONS: call/text Gabby at: 401-932-8350

November Mission of the Month: UCC Hurricane 2024 Relief

The National Ministries of the United Church of Christ has a long history of supporting communities as they recover from disaster and their plight fades from the headlines. Your support of this appeal will ensure that communities are supported and accompanied for years as they rebuild.

On October 9th, 2024, Hurricane Milton landed on Florida's west coast, less than two weeks after Hurricane Helene devastated the region in Florida's Big Bend region, Georgia, western South Carolina, western North Carolina, and eastern Tennessee. Many people perished, roads were washed away, and several communities have been devastated by both tornados and flooding.

The Global HOPE team continues to be in communication with the Southeast, Southern, and Florida Conference staff, ecumenical partners in disaster recovery, and response coordination calls with the national network of voluntary organizations active in disasters (VOAD).

Several UCC churches throughout the affected region have suffered extensive damage to their church buildings and surrounding communities. As the full impact of both storms continues to become realized, the Global HOPE team is helping to connect victims of the storm's devastation with immediate resources as well as preparing to support long-term recovery efforts.

Thank you for your assistance in helping families and communities who are in great need in the aftermath of these hurricanes. Your heartfelt support will make a difference.

For additional information, see the UCC website at <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/wider-church-ministries/global-hope/disaster/>

PDCC supports the UCC Hurricane Relief Fund as our November Mission of the Month. You may 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 "HURRICANE RELIEF" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Give now

The November Mission-of-the-Month collected \$1,391 to date in support of UCC Hurricane Relief.

December Mission of the Month: Peace Dale Dinner Table

With our numbers at the Dinner Table increasing, this is a perfect time for the Dinner Table to have been selected as the Mission of the Month. Our increase reflects a continued statewide trend of more people seeking food assistance. A recent report by the Rhode Island Community Food Bank states that 38% of all households within the state are considered food insecure – having difficulty affording adequate food – an increase of 11 percentage points over last year, due to rapid cost increases in rent, utilities, transportation, child care and health care, and basic annual expenses.

At the Dinner Table, we serve almost 500 meals per week to our neighbors in need, children and their families, those alone, and those hungry. That computes to over 24,000 meals per year.

In addition to Wednesday and Friday deliver/pick-up meals, we reintroduced the Tuesday sit-down meal and welcome 20-30 diners each Tuesday to "The Bistro" for food and community.

Our crew of incredible volunteers do the work that makes this mission possible! Thus, donors know that every cent they give, goes to the purchase of food and materials needed to prepare the meals we serve.

Thanks to all the volunteers who make this mission possible: the bakers, the drivers, the baggers, the runners, the servers, those who package and pick up the bread, the dishwashers, the chefs and cooking crews, the reservation takers, the driving coordinator and our volunteer organizer.

Without the generosity of all who donate financially to our church's premier mission, the Peace Dale Dinner Table would not exist. Thank you for your continued generous support.

For additional information see peacedalechurch.org/dinner-table

PDCC supports the Peace Dale Dinner Table as our December Mission of the Month. You may 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 "DINNER TABLE" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Give now

Music Academy

Peace Dale Congregational Church offers a Music Academy and Scholarship program to help students of all ages to begin, enhance, or fine-tune musical aspirations. We currently offer lessons in piano and voice with instructor Meera Mennillo.



Meera is an enthusiastic, lively teacher who instills the love of music in her students. Her lessons are fun, engaging and tailored to the specific needs of the student. She teaches both contemporary and

classical styles and advises in both performance and songwriting.

meeramennillo@ gmail.com
(401) 430-5336
Fee: \$40.00/hour



Tabitha's Closet in Swing for Winter

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm. 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.**

DONATIONS. We are accepting FALL & WINTER clothing. We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer. See peacedalechurch.org for a list of what we do and do not accept.

VOLUNTEER!! We would love more volunteers! If you would like to help sort clothes, staff this effort, or do marketing, please contact gsfaucher@gmail.com or lynnehandayan@gmail.com.

A graphic with a white background and a red border. On the left, there is a large red ribbon bow. To the right of the bow, the text "December Surprise Holiday Discounts" is written in a bold, green, serif font. Below the text, there are four small icons representing discounts: a white tag with "BOGO" in black, a green tag with "\$5 OFF" in white, a white tag with "25% OFF" in red, and a red tag with "FREE ITEM" in white.

Open Saturdays 9:30-12:30pm

visit us at the

PDCC Christmas Bazaar

DECEMBER 7TH, 9 AM-2 PM

Office Door from Parking Lot,
downstairs

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Youth Corner

No Confirmation Class 12/1

Confirmation will not be meeting this coming Sunday.
Our next meeting will be December 15.

Youth Connect on Sundays

All high school through preschool students are invited to join us for Youth Connect on Sunday mornings. We gather in the sanctuary with our families at 10 am for the beginning of the worship service and then head to Youth Connect.

Family Worship Service – 12/22

In December, we will explore a second big Bible story...

Join us this holiday season as we explore two of our favorite Bible stories and discover the depth of God's extravagant love for us!

GOD'S LOVE IS...



Journey with us for Moses's story including the parting of the Red Sea!

November 24, 2024 at 10 am

...STRONGER THAN THE OCEAN



GOD'S LOVE IS...

Rediscover the beginning of the Greatest Story ever told - The Christmas Story

December 22, 2024 at 10 am



...A GIFT TOO BIG TO HOLD!!!

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.



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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