



February 23, 2023

CHURCH SERVICE 10:00 AM

Loaves and Fishes, Dreams and Wishes Family Service 2/26

Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-1pm
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You know the loaves and fishes story. Now experience it with bread made by our youth; scripture that comes to life in an interactive activity (no you don't have to get out of your seats), and music that echoes the theme.

You just might want to listen to these 2 songs.

1. The first, a spiritual piece, is stuck in my head. Enjoy! [Two Little Fishes And Five Loaves Of Bread](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGuEH-0_nH0) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGuEH-0_nH0)
2. Then we have a piece with Celtic flavor as we move toward St. Patrick's Day. [With My Life \(Loaves and Fishes\) - David Willersdorf](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i79LYUtkYvo) (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i79LYUtkYvo)

Come ready to be enlightened and energized no matter what your age.

Birthdays

Thomas Heald	2/22
Charles Donilon	2/22
Lilly Dufault	2/24
June McDermott	2/25
Amy Davis	2/27
Nate Davis	2/27
Ann Northrup	3/1
Jeffrey Carlson	3/2

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Last Week's E-Light

Worship Flowers



The flowers of Sunday, February 26 are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Patti's parents, Bob and Barbara Moore, by Patti and Barry Gross.

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. Opportunities are available for March 26, and April, May, and June flower donations.



On the Calendar

Family Service

Sunday, February 26 @ 10 am

Installation of A. Fred Evenson

Sunday, March 19 @ 2 pm



Weekly WORSHIP at 10 AM

1st Sunday – Traditional service
 2nd & 3rd Sunday – Contemporary services
 4th Sunday – Family service

CHRCH – the only thing missing is U



Celebrating the Spirit of South Kingstown!

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

SK 300th Anniversary Incorporation Day Bonfire

Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Saugatucket Park, High Street, Wakefield
Rain Date: Feb. 26th.

Sponsored by Modine Manufacturing Co. 

Gather with family and friends as we honor our tricentennial. Enjoy the celebration that will include a brief speaking program, music and food trucks.
Restrooms will be available.

Special thanks to Arnold Lumber and Moondance Productions



For more information, please visit:
www.southkingstownri.com/sk300

Great Stewards for 2022

On Sunday, February 19, 2023 the Deacons recognized four great stewards of our congregation. They are:

Carol Vetter
Greg Blasdell
Joanne Haynes
Joe Fink

Thank you all for being Great Stewards, and for your service to Peace Dale Congregational Church and God!

Carol, Greg, Joanne, and Joe join the list of Great Stewards through the years. The plaque recognizing our Great Stewards is on the wall next to the elevator.



Membership Notes

- ❖ Bruce Reynolds passed away February 17, 2023. A memorial service at PDCC is being planned, but a date has not been set at this time.

Stewardship in Action!

At our annual meeting we were presented with a larger deficit budget than in the past few years, nearly \$10,000. Increases in utility costs, general maintenance of our church building and parsonage and additional expenses to create excellent Traditional and Contemporary Worship services contributed to this increase. Historically, the endowment fund has been used to off-set the deficit. But with recent down-turns in the stock market, the endowment fund is not growing at the rates we enjoyed during the past several years. We rely on contributions from our congregants to provide nearly 70% of our \$472,000 budget.

A member at our annual meeting pointed out that if each of our members were to give an extra \$7 per month, our deficit would be gone. I like solid guidance as to how to make a difference in this world with so many needs. Our church is a mission in action: feeding, clothing, and building strong relationships that are so vital to spiritual and mental health; all of the things that Christ Jesus asked of us. Stewardship in action!

At this time please consider how you can help us sustain our mission to our neighbors and congregants. Could you trade a few cups of coffee, another streaming subscription, or the cost of a movie and popcorn to help sustain our mission and ministry at Peace Dale Congregational Church? Stewardship in action; let's fix this right now! And we at all times are so grateful for your time and treasure and talent to sustain our amazing congregation.

The Stewardship Board

The Christian Education Committee Has a Good Problem!

We are thrilled that we are having more families attending our church, and some of these families need Toddler care! Hooray!

So, we are looking for a person who would be willing to work in the Toddler room, and we are looking for an assistant. Please contact Claudia Swain at (401) 265-8226 for more information.

PDCC is UCC

As a United Church of Christ (UCC) congregation, Peace Dale Congregational Church is Part of the Southern New England UCC Conference – Southeast Region (<https://www.sneucc.org/rhode-island>)

The mission of the United Church of Christ (<https://www.ucc.org/>) is "United in Christ's Love, we seek Justice for All". The UCC has many regional offices and PDCC is part of the SNEUCC Conference.

SNEUCC (<https://www.sneucc.org/>) has FOUR Missions:

- Make Disciples for Jesus – <https://www.sneucc.org/disciples>
- Make God's Love and Justice Real – <https://www.sneucc.org/justice>
- Bring New Life as Agent of Change – <https://www.sneucc.org/changeagents>
- Form Covenant Partnerships – <https://www.sneucc.org/partnerships>

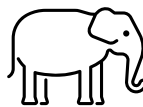
Our Area Conference Minister for the Southeast Region is Rev. Patty Kogut (kogutp@sneucc.org – 508-244-4416)

Rev. Kogut accompanies clergy, congregations, and committees to live the love and justice of Jesus. She does so with over 30 years of parish experience, training in church vitality and conflict transformation, and as a PCC level coach.

Rev. Kogut will be joining us for Pastor Fred's Installation on March 19, 2023 at 2 p.m.

Submitted by Darlene Hermes

White Elephants Out of Season



Yes, we do collect all year 'round. Just deposit any items you wish to donate down the stairs across from the office (by the table and rocker).

If you have packaging material that may come with orders – wrapping paper, sheets of bubble wrap – we would love to have that, too. We package items carefully and need cushioning materials. Please also place by the rocker. Thank you!

Submitted by Jane Stabile



PDCC Crisis Fund Update

For the past two years the PDCC Crisis Fund has been actively receiving and reviewing applications from people in need due to the Corona Virus or other situations that have left them in financial need. The fund has been able to help over 50 families and individuals with such things as rent payments, utility bills, car insurance and payments, and food. We have even paid for storage units when families found themselves homeless. We always pay bills directly to the third party or use a Scrip card for food and gas needs.

We work cooperatively with the Jonnycake Center and other organizations for referrals, and often share payments when requests are larger than we can handle. Unfortunately, it is often the case that the need is greater than we can support, especially when our fund is running low. In order to continue the critical work we have been doing, we find it necessary to seek out further donors to keep this program sufficiently funded. It's heartbreaking when someone is homeless, and is just asking for us to cover the storage unit for their belongings, or just asking for assistance with food insecurity, and we have to say we can't help.

The Missions Board is extremely thankful for the generosity of individuals who have already given so much to make this fund possible. But now we are asking for your support to help our Local Crisis Fund continue to reach out to help those in financial need. Your contribution will make a significant impact and 100% of your tax-deductible charity dollars will go directly toward the support of local individuals and families. Please consider giving again to support our neighbors in need.

You can donate by sending a check to the following address and writing PDCC Local Crisis Fund in the memo section of your check, or by contacting the church to inquire about electronic giving options. Use the "Give now" button below to easily make a contribution from your computer or device.

PDCC Local Crisis Fund
261 Columbia Street
Peace Dale, RI 02879

[Give now](#)

Thank you,
The Missions Board

Submitted by Katherine Condon

Church Family Life Events

Saturday 2/25 – Come join us at the **Contemporary Theater** this Saturday (7 PM) for this performance after checking out the **Incorporation Bonfire** to celebrate **SK's 300th Anniversary** at *Saugatucket Park* (6:30 PM) all in downtown Kingstown. A great social event with your fellow PDCCers!



Whodunit? An Improvised Murder Mystery **Saturdays @ 7pm, February 4 through April 1**

Classic whodunits with a twist: it's all improvised! Our actors weave webs of secrets, deception, and mystery as we wind our way through a different murder each week.

This time, it's the French Revolution and the nobility are stabbing each other in the back...literally. Every week is different, so you never know what might happen, and neither do we!

For tickets: <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=161661>

Submitted by Jane Stabile



You Could Save a Life!!! CPR Course Coming Our Way

We will be setting up CPR/AED instruction classes at PDCC with the help of the South Kingstown Emergency Medical Services. If you are interested there will be a **sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall**. We need to approximate the number of attendees for the medical services department before setting up classes.

Dates and fees will announced next month.

Submitted by Christine Grevstad



Academy Award Party

Some of the Academy Award movie nominees are available on our TV's. Here is [a link](#) to info about where to access them.

Let us know if you are interested in the Academy Award Party coming up before the awards on March 12th. No, you do not have to have seen all the movies. A fun PDCC social! Contact jane.stabile@outlook.com or Sylvia Blanda 4014393541@vzwpix.com

OSCARS ON TV: (<https://www.rollingstone.com/tv-movies/tv-movie-news/how-to-watch-2023-oscar-nominees-movies-online-1296907/>)

OSCAR Movie Watch

South County Cinemas is showing many of the movies with a \$7 ticket for any time Wednesdays!

United Theatre in Westerly is celebrating the upcoming 95th Academy Awards with a special series featuring one-off screenings of 10+ nominated films!



Purchase tickets for each film individually or purchase a **Series Pass** to enjoy all 10 films and special screenings (pass is \$75; savings of \$62.50)

REMAINING FILMS IN THE SERIES INCLUDE:

- 2/23 – [Aftersun](#) (Best Actor)
- 2/26 – [Everything Everywhere All At Once](#) (Best Picture + 10 additional nominations)
- 2/28 – [Blonde](#) (Best Actress)
- 3/5 – [Tar](#) (Best Picture + 5 additional nominations)
- 3/7 – [Triangle of Sadness](#) (Best Picture + 2 additional nominations)

Submitted by Sylvia Blanda

Ecumenical Social Justice Group 2/26

The Missions Board at Peace Dale Congregational Church has scheduled a meeting on Sunday **February 26 @ 5pm** to explore forming a broad ecumenical group to work on social justice issues. We have invited about a dozen faith groups from the local area to join us. Our thinking is that many of these issues can be more effectively addressed by strength from a larger, more ecumenical group than by our church alone.

At this meeting, we can explore if such an endeavor is worthwhile. We also might identify several

important social justice issues to emphasize, and how we might approach the problems. So, if social justice is important to you, and if you think an ecumenical approach is worthwhile, please join us for a brainstorming session on February 26.

All welcome!

Submitted by Don Hermes,
on behalf of the PDCC Mission Board



Celebrating the Spirit of South Kingstown!

Town of South Kingstown 300th Anniversary Speaker Series January – December 2023 Monthly Lectures Revealing the Town's Rich History

Thursday, March 16 "Community Organizations and Caroline Hazard"

Betty J. Cotter, URI lecturer, former editor of Narragansett Times and South County Independent

Thursday, March 30 "The Rise and Fall of the South Kingstown Planters, 1660 to 1783"

Christian McBurney, Author of A History of Kingston, R.I., 1700-1900 and more

Thursday, April 20 "The History of the Narragansett Pier Railroad"

Brian Wallin, Author, historian, lecturer, Lighthouse Cruise narrator

Thursday, May 11 "Historic Buildings, Memorials, and Monuments"

Jessica Wilson, Local History Librarian, South Kingstown Public Library

Thursday, June 8 "History of the Narragansett Times in South Kingstown"

Jody Boucher, Regional Publisher, Rhode Island Suburban Newspapers

Thursday, July 20 "The Tavern Hall Preservation Society and Friends of the West Kingston Station"

Retired R.I. Supreme Court Justice **Gilbert Indeglia**

****This event takes place at Tavern Hall, 1800 South Road, in Kingston****

Sunday, August 6 "'Life, Time, and The Weaver' by Daniel Chester French"

Jessica Wilson, Local History Librarian, South Kingstown Public Library

****This event takes place on the Village Green, Peace Dale****



February Mission: Galilee Mission, Inc.

Galilee Mission – Giving Life and Hope

Residential treatment, outpatient services,

transitional living, sober living.

With offices located at 268 Kingstown Road, Galilee Mission, Inc., is a non-profit corporation with good standing in the State of Rhode Island operating in the towns of Narragansett and South Kingstown. Our company was founded in 1984 in Narragansett, RI. Since our inception in 1984 we have maintained an exceptional reputation as a quality treatment provider. Although we are one of the smallest providers in the state, we offer a well-rounded continuum of substance use treatment.

Galilee Mission offers a working residential, transitional living, recovery housing, sober living, peer recovery, intensive outpatient, and outpatient services. We stay in touch with our clients through the different phases of their lives to offer help in any way that we can. People who live in this community, tend to stay in this community and utilize its supports.

Who utilizes our services? People with substance use issues. We offer confidential counseling and assessment. We take many insurances as well as Medicaid recipients.

We utilize evidence-based therapy to help our clients achieve a substance free lifestyle. This program is voluntary and geared towards those who

show a willingness to stay substance free. We will offer individual counseling, group counseling & peer recovery support all while assisting the client to obtain employment, address legal entanglements, re-engage with family and pay open debts. We will employ licensed chemical dependency professionals, administrative staff, overnight workers and other positions as needed from the area to staff our homes.

We believe:

- Recovery is an active, ongoing individual process.
- Recovery is achievable despite previous relapse.
- Recovery is about focusing on a person as an individual, not an illness.
- Recovery happens with self-management, education and peer support.
- Recovery is built on self-awareness and wellness.

Therefore, we will do anything in our power to assure that our clients are given every opportunity to focus on themselves and explore what is needed to succeed.

Additional information about the organization, programs, and treatment housing is available on the Galilee Mission website at <http://www.galileemission.net/>

Thank you, The Missions Board
Submitted by Wally Young

Give now

Ways to Support PDCC

Gift Cards with a Kick



RaiseRight™
Formerly ShopWithScrip

You get a card for
the full amount *and*

every retailer gives money back to the church for the money you spend.

- RaiseRight (formerly SCRIP) table sales will be available on Sundays in Fellowship Hall after worship.
- **Every retailer gives money back to the church for the money you spend.**
- Cards available include Dave's Marketplace, Stop and Shop, Matunuk Oyster Bar
- The following cards are available and often in stock at the table to treat yourself or thank someone else:

Brickley's Ice Cream (\$5)
Dunkin' (\$10 & \$25)
Starbucks (\$10 & \$25)
Marshall's (\$25)
Applebee's (\$25)
Matunuck Oyster Bar (\$50)
Panera (\$10 & \$25)
Amazon (\$25 & \$100)
Walmart (\$25)
Old Mountain Lanes (\$25)

Thanks to all for your amazing support throughout 2022!!!

Here's a link to the full listing of cards available... <https://www.raiseright.com/shop>

Questions? Contact Deb Shaw at dkshaw5@cox.net



Prayer Matters...

Prayer Matters in the E-Light provides a way to share a request for prayer more broadly within the PDCC community.

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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