



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Last Week's E-Light

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"And Who Is My Neighbor?"

Luke 10:25-37

This Sunday, during our Family Worship service, we will ponder what it means to love our neighbor. But, you may ask, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29 NRSVUE). I would say, especially these days, such a question is of great importance. It can be a challenge to love our neighbor especially if we haven't really asked that question from Luke's Gospel. Together, let's explore that question on Sunday. And we might ask other questions as well, such as how have you acted like a good neighbor, how could you love your neighbor in the future, and how have you been on the receiving end of such love?

Let's gather on Sunday and consider God's call to love.

Peace and Joy, my siblings in Christ,

Brother Fred

Join Us for Easter Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 29

10 AM – Traditional Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 2

6 PM – Soup & Bread

6:30 PM – Worship Service

Easter Sunday, April 5

7 AM – Sunrise (outdoors)

9 AM – Contemporary Worship

11 AM – Traditional Worship

(no coffee hour Easter Sunday)



Worship Flowers

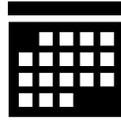
The Sanctuary flowers of March 15 were given to the glory of God by Don and Darlene Hermes for climate control solutions and world social justice.

The Sanctuary flowers of March 22 are given to the glory of God in celebration of Spring

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 March or April, please contact Lynn McCall.

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On the Calendar

Sunday, March 22
 @ 10am Family
 Worship

Saturday, March 28
 @ 11a-2p Children’s
 Eggstravaganza

Sunday, March 29 @
 10am Palm Sunday
 Traditional Worship

Sunday, April 5 @ 7,
 10 & 11 AM Easter

Sunday, April 12 @
 10am Contemporary
 Worship

Sunday, April 12
 new member class
 after worship

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am Prayer
 Warriors / Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm AA
 Meeting

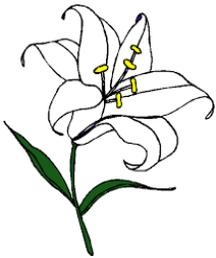
Tuesdays @ 6:30pm Bell
 Choir rehearsals

Thursdays @ 1-3pm Shawl
 Knit & Crochet

Thursdays @ 6pm
 Contemporary Choir reh.

Thursdays @ 7:30pm
 Traditional Choir rehearsal

EASTER LILIES



If you wish to donate lilies to decorate our church sanctuary for the Easter season, please complete the order form below and return it to the church office with your payment by **March 26, 2026**. The suggested donation is **\$15**. After Easter Services, deacons will deliver the plants to our members who are homebound, are over age 85, or who recently experienced a loss or illness. 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 to do with your lily after Easter Sunday worship?

I want to take the plant home with me.

I will deliver the plant to: _____

I want to leave the plant at church for someone else to deliver

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Once-a-Month Singers – 3/22

Do you want to express yourself through singing? Please join us for **family service on Sun. 3/22.**



Enthusiasm encouraged, super singers - not so much, we appreciate everyone. You don't have to read music. We know these tunes.

CONTACT jane.stabile@outlook.com for music videos, lyrics and info.

Help Deliver Easter Flowers

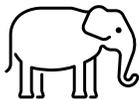


The Easter flowers from the Sanctuary will be delivered to members of our congregation who are experienced adults (over 85), have recently lost a loved one, or experienced illness or challenge. Deacons have a list and addresses.

If you are interested in

delivering a flower, please SIGN UP in Fellowship Hall or CALL Sue Blackerby at (401) 662-7035. Flowers may be taken after the 11am Easter service or any time in the following days.

White Elephants



The Spring Sale will be Sat. 5/2. If you have summer toys, beach items or decoratives to donate please send them along by Friday 4/24. Many thanks for your overstocks. We love them!

NEW WORK DAYS

Fri. 3/20 from 10 to 11:30 AM

Tues. 3/24 from 10 to 11:30 AM



Plan Ahead – Spring Sale

Save the Date!
May 2

Eggstravaganza

A HOPPING good time



March 28

11–2

Peace Dale Church

New Member Class – 4/12

Are you interested in Joining PDCC & our Faith Family There will be a new member “class” after worship on **Sunday, April 12** (1.5 hour to meet others wishing to join and to discuss topics such as who are PDCC and what does it mean to be UCC).

If you would like to consider joining and *have not already filled out a pew card* telling us this, please talk with Pastor Fred, fill out a pew card, or contact the office@peacedalechurch.org

Help Needed

HELP WITH 3rd Sunday Hospitality, PLEASE. Jane & Steve Stabile and Kim Picard invite you to join our team to provide food and beverages on the 3rd Sunday of the month.



This would involve bringing at least one food item and helping to put out the food Sunday morning and clean up. S&J do the set up alone on Saturday.

It's a great way to make friends and foster fellowship at PDCC. Contact steve.stabile@outlook.com

Come Sing or Ring with Us!



Our **singers** welcome you! Rehearsals are Thursday 6pm for Praise Team and 7:30pm for Traditional Choir.

Our **bell ringers** welcome you! Teenagers on up in age. Ability to read music is a plus. Practice Tuesdays @ 6:30pm.



Ask a choir member after worship or send an email to office@peacedalechurch.org

Got Unwanted Greeting Cards?



Outside the office is a cardboard box for you to put greeting cards or note cards in – it is next to the spinning display of cards.

We collect and make cards available in hopes that people who need free cards may use them. And it keeps them out of the landfill. Submitted by Gabby Klensch

Join PDCC Green Team!

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



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.

An Invitation from Our Unitarian Universalist Congregation Friends

**Click poster to be
connected to the QR
link.**

Zydeco Spring Dance



Planet Zydeco

**March 29, 3 to 6 pm, doors open at 2:30
27 North Road, Peace Dale, RI
Tickets \$25**

Join Planet Zydeco to swing into spring and experience the authentic sounds and rhythms of Louisiana. With over two decades on the northeast festival and dance circuits, they will get you up and moving! The talented lineup includes Cannon Labrie on accordion, Gary Graeff on guitar, Michelle Kaminsky on fiddle, Alan Bradbury on bass, Jack Ezikovich on drums, and Bonita Weisman on rubboard. Michelle will be teaching the basic moves at 3 pm, so come and join the fun.

Tickets \$25, available through our QR Code, at the door, cash, or checks: payable to UUCSC-Zydeco in the memo line.



March Mission of the Month: Welcome House

The Welcome House of South County is a long-standing nonprofit homeless services organization in Peace Dale, Rhode Island. It was established in 1987 with the goal of addressing homelessness in Washington ("South") County. Serving the community for nearly four decades, the organization has operated an emergency shelter and expanded services to include a soup kitchen, transitional housing, and supportive services for individuals in need. Over the years, Welcome House has become a trusted local resource for those experiencing crisis, helping hundreds of people with shelter, meals, and pathways toward stable living situations.

In 2022, Welcome House became part of the broader WARM Center network (Westerly area) which helped strengthen its programs while keeping its core mission intact and continuing the compassionate services the community has relied on. (warmcenter.org/welcome-house/)

The mission of Welcome House is to end homelessness and support people in finding stability and dignity. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, it provides:

- Emergency shelter with safe, sober accommodations for adults in crisis.
- A soup kitchen that has served thousands of meals annually to those in need.
- Transitional housing and case management services designed to help individuals move toward permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

Through these services, Welcome House works to offer safety, support, and opportunities for long-term stability to people facing homelessness, treating each person with respect and dignity as they work toward rebuilding their lives.

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

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support Welcome House with your Mission of the Month donations in March. 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 "Welcome House" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the Give now button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Give now

Volunteer for Bistro Dinner Table on Tuesdays



Bistro sit-down community dinners in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 4:30pm!

We really have a **need for additional volunteers** for the Bistro. It **does not need to be an every-week commitment**.

The Bistro serves approximately 35 guests at tables, much like a restaurant. We need help to prepare and cook the meal, prepare salads, serve patrons (salad, dinner, dessert, coffee and tea), as well as cleanup and dishwashing. We also have a volunteer to make individual desserts. If you can help out, or are interested, but want more information, please contact Cynthia Cherney (or the Church Office at office@peacedalechurch.org 401 789-7313

Thursday Knit and Crochet

COME! Our Prayer Shawl makers are meeting together with the I Care Shawl Project makers every Thursday from 1-3pm in the Community Room. All knitters and crocheters welcome! We can help you learn, too. Make prayer shawls, warmth for cancer patients, small teddy bears and kittens, etc. **CONTACT** (401) 580-1712



DONATE – Prayer Shawl/I Care Shawl Project will gladly accept donations of yarn, knitting needles, or crochet hooks.

CANCER COMFORT – The I Care Shawl Project is working with Brown Health Cancer Center in East Greenwich to comfort those going through chemotherapy.

MULTI-GENERATIONAL – Last week we had 11 adults and 5 high school students.



Tabitha's Closet Open for Spring

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm and 3rd Tuesday of each month 4-7pm

WE NEED... At this time, we particularly need spring and summer men's clothes and children's clothes. Thank you.

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.**

DONATE We are happy to accept spring and summer items for men, women, and children, as well as costume jewelry. Please hold on any not spring/summer clothing donations given our limited storage space. We ask that clothing donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.

We happily accept current-season clothing: shirts, pants, skirts, dresses, shorts, sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves for children and adults, belts, purses, costume jewelry. We accept shoes that are new or lightly-used. See peacedalechurch.org for a list of what we do and do not accept.

TABITHA SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY

We serve people every week whose need exceeds their ability to pay and who are happy to gain new-to-them clothing and shoes. We also have shoppers who contribute the full "ticket price" or more for items, knowing that we reinvest the funds in the church and our missions, and to support community partners.

We are reinvesting the money raised to support social services in our community – such as the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Church World Service Kits, Peace Dale Dinner Table, Gratitude Tree w Jonnycake Center, Tri County Community Action Agency, and Youth LGBTQ Closet (Youth Pride RI).

VOLUNTEER!! We would love more volunteers! If you would like to help sort clothes, staff this effort, or do marketing, please contact tabitha@peacedalechurch.org

MORNING VOLUNTEERS?

Interested in volunteering at Tabitha's, but our afternoon time slots don't work with your schedule? Great news! We are looking for volunteers for a morning from 9-11 am. If we can recruit enough interest, we will establish a morning weekly session. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Lynne at tabitha@peacedalechurch.org

LATEST UPDATES on Instagram
#shoptabithascloset.

IT IS OUR IRISH SPRING
EVENT!
TRY YOUR LUCK
WITH OUR
SELECT-A-SHAMROCK
SPECIAL!
MARCH 14, 21, 28

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GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!
SHOP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
OPEN SATURDAYS 9:30AM- 12:30PM,
3RD TUESDAYS 4-7PM
*SUGGESTED DONATION

TABITHA'S CLOSET
GENTLY USED CLOTHING

Donate Supplies for Church World Service KIDS Kits

**WE WILL FINISH KITS IN MARCH AND
THEY WILL BE SHIPPED OUT IN APRIL.**

Please help us collect supplies! We continue to collect for the Kids' Kits.

There is a collection box on stage in Fellowship Hall.

With the help of our congregation, Women's Fellowship has continued to increase the number of kits we make each year. Kits are sent to areas 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.



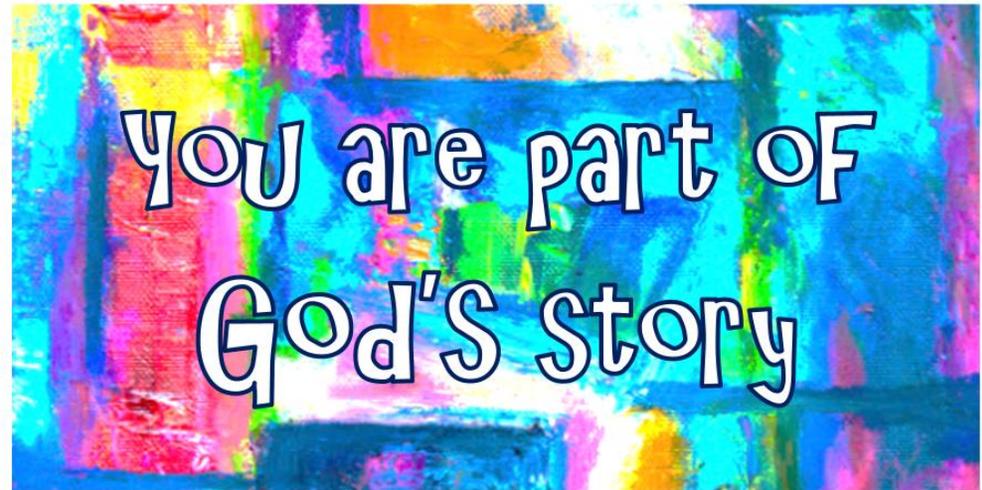
Thank you for helping to make another successful year supporting this world-wide mission. UPDATED supplies list:

KIDS KIT

- *Glue stick (new item)*
- *Box of 12 colored pencils (new item)*
- *2-pocket folder (new item)*
- Rounded tip scissors
- 70-count spiral bound notebooks
- 12 inch ruler
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- Large eraser
- Unsharpened pencils
- 24 pack crayons



We also need handmade cotton bags w/cloth handles for School Kits. Sally Bradley has the pattern or [DOWNLOAD IT HERE](#). Submitted by Judy Healy



2026 PDCC Youth Calendar

March: You Can Make a Difference

- Sunday 1 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Join the scramble: Plan our biggest Eggstravaganza and Egg Drop yet!
- Sunday 8 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Saturday 14 Youth Group Homelessness Awareness Sleepover 7 PM
- Sunday 15 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Sunday 22 Family Service: The Good Samaritan 10 AM
- Saturday 28 Eggstravaganza 11 AM to 2 PM
- Sunday 29 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Join our Palm Sunday procession and create a community sidewalk art gallery for Easter

April: You Were Created for a Purpose

- Sunday 5 Easter Sunday
- Sunday 12 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Take charge! Plan our 2026 Earth Day Celebration
- Sunday 19 Spring Break: No Youth Connect
BIG Beach Cleanup Time TBD
- Sunday 26 Family Service: The Sower of the Seed 10 AM
Earth Day Celebration 11 AM to 12 PM

May: Jesus Is Always With You

- Sunday 3 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Create Flower Bouquets for Moms
- Sunday 10 Happy Mother's Day: No Youth Connect
- Sunday 17 Youth Connect End-of-the-Year Celebration: Breakfast with Jesus 10 AM

Congregational Care: Caring for Each Other

WE NEED YOU! Congregational care has always been one of the most important missions of Peace Dale Congregational Church and we need you. There are three ways you can enhance this very important part of our church family's mission:

1. **JOIN.** Join the Prayer Circle (meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the church's community lounge on the third floor) or the Prayer Shawl Group that meets once a month (Carol Edwards is there to teach knitting and crocheting if you want to learn).
2. **DO.** If you can help with any of the following efforts to provide a special sense of support or just a caring thought, please let us know:
 - send cards,
 - make phone calls,
 - deliver flowers or prayer shawl,
 - visit someone.
3. **SHARE.** Let someone on Prayer Circle (listed below) know of anyone you think could use prayers, a prayer shawl, a card, a phone call, or a visit, so we can fulfill a thoughtful caring gesture. Prayers can also be requested in church during Joys and Concerns or using the colorful pew cards; or through the [online form](#) on our website.

LET US KNOW! Sometimes we do not hear about folks who could use a special extra touch of caring; please let us know if you need our caring.

Shalom with love, Prayer Circle

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Gift Cards with a Kick

Stop by the RaiseRight table in Fellowship Hall after service each Sunday and let us help you with your shopping.



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, family, birthdays, and special occasions.
- **cards for your own personal shopping** of groceries, etc.

IN STOCK CURRENTLY – Amazon, Applebee's, Dunkin, TJ Maxx/Marshalls, Matunuck Oyster Bar, Old Mountain Lanes, Panera, Starbucks, VISA, and Walmart as well as all the local grocery stores.

PLANNING TO TRAVEL? RaiseRight offers Airline gift cards, Gas gift cards, and Hotel gift cards. All of these cards can be *special ordered* ahead of time.

QUESTIONS? Contact Deb Shaw or stop by the table on Sunday after worship.

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