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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

Rev. Nolan Returns

The Rev. Bob Nolan will join us as guest preacher again this Sunday. His message, based in Matthew 14: 22-33, will be "The Courage to Step Out."

While Pastor Fred is on vacation, the Rev. Enid Watson is on call for emergency pastoral care.



White Elephant Inventory Reduction Sale

Saturday August 8 @ 9:30am-12:30pm

Overstocks, summer items, sports equipment, linens, housewares, artwork, lamps, and more...

Indoors on the main floor of
Peace Dale Congregational Church

Collecting Backpacks/Bags through 8/9

Through August 9, in connection with Adoption Rhode Island, our July Mission of the Month, we are collecting **new backpacks, duffel bags, and suitcases** for children in foster care. There is a collection bin in the main hallway outside Hoxie Lounge. Gift cards to Walmart are also welcome; gift cards may be purchased through RaiseRight on Sundays. Submitted by Gabby Klensch.

Worship Flowers

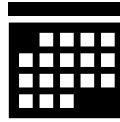


The flowers of August 9 are given to the glory of God.

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 August, please contact Claudia Swain or the church office.

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On the Calendar

Saturday, August 8
 @ 9:30am-12:30pm
 White Elephant
 Overstock Sale **and**
 Tabitha's Closet
 BOGO Sale

Sunday, August 9
 @ 10am
 Contemporary
 Worship

Sunday, August 16
 @ 10am
 Contemporary
 Worship

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am Prayer
 Warriors / Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm AA
 Meeting

Bell Choir summer vacation

Thursdays @ 1-3pm Shawl
 Knit & Crochet

Choirs on summer vacation

White Elephants

Huge thanks to the set and lug up crew who made quick work of Monday's sale preparation. You were a huge help! JS

Last pre-sale work day - Fri. 8/7: 2 – 4 PM

Also would love for you to join us
 on **Saturday 8/8:**
 1st shift 9:15 to 11:15 AM OR
 2nd shift 11:15AM to 1:30PM
 Would love to see YOU!



Contact jane.stabile@ outlook.com to assist

ONGOING DONATIONS: Thank you for your continued donations. We love collectibles, kitchenware, decoratives, linens, Fall items, Christmas items, dishes, utensils, POTS & PANS, unwanted gifts. We do not take books, software, computers/printers/ink, paint, clothing, mirrors, liquids, furniture, big items.

Next will be fall sale then the Christmas Bazaar. Contact jane.stabile@outlook.com if you have any questions or want to get involved. The white elephant team works year 'round as they are available. We socialize, have fun discovering treasures and get first pick of the items. Recycling is our goal and we have fun preparing for our sales.

QUESTIONS? jane.stabile@ outlook.com

Communications Task Force

A group of 9 has been working hard to determine what our current PDCC channels of communication in house and community wide are, evaluating them and determining how to be most effective. We are interviewing various contact people responsible for current channels for information and recommendations. Our goal is to have all communication channels to "Work smarter not harder."

If YOU have recommendations or comments please speak to: Gabrielle Briggs, Fred Evenson, Lynne Handanyan, Joanne Haynes, Darlene Hermes, Don Lowell, Jane Stabile, Susan Sward or Walter Young.

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

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

August Mission of the Month: Habitat for Humanity of South County

1990

Year Established

141

Families Served

586

Volunteers in 2025

65

Homes Built

South County Habitat for Humanity continues to build strength, stability, and hope through affordable homeownership in our community. We are excited to share that two newly completed homes in Westerly will soon be sold to deserving local families, marking another milestone in our mission.

Looking ahead, we will also celebrate the groundbreaking of three new homes on Broad Rock Road in South Kingstown, bringing more opportunities for hardworking families to achieve the dream of homeownership.

In addition to new home construction, we are committed to helping our neighbors remain safely in their homes. Over the past year, we have completed five accessibility ramps for older adults in our community, improving safety, independence, and quality of life.

Your prayers, volunteer support, and generosity make this work possible. Together, we are helping build not just houses, but stronger communities.

This month, our mission collection will support Habitat for Humanity. Founded in 1990, South County Habitat for Humanity (SCHH) has been dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide. SCHH serves all towns in Washington County, Rhode Island. Read more about South County Habitat for Humanity and SCHH's programs – expanding home ownership, building accessibility ramps, the ReStore resale store – at southcountyhabitat.org/.

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, community and hope. Programs include:

- The home construction, home ownership program provides a unique opportunity for those in need of an affordable place to call home to take an active role in the construction of and eventual purchase of their own home.
- Ramp Up RI serves low-income residents of Washington County, RI in need for a ramp for themselves or a household member.
- The Restore is a non-profit store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, building materials, appliances, and home accessories to the public at discounted prices

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support South County Habitat for Humanity with your Mission of the Month donations this month. 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 "Habitat" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the Give now button here to donate online

(peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Thank you for your generosity,
The Missions Board

www.peacedalechurch.org/missions

Give now





Flower Children Welcome

Would you be interested in helping to ensure there are flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship services? We field phone calls or email from PDCC members/friends wanting to commemorate certain dates; we reach out to members and friends who have given flowers before. No physical labor required.

QUESTIONS contact Lynn McCall 401 742-3949 or Claudia Swain.

Thursday Knit and Crochet and Quilt and...



COME! Our knitters, crocheters, quilters, crafters all kinds of makers meet every Thursday from 1-3pm in the Community Room.

Prayer Shawl makers and the I Care Shawl Project knitters and crocheters can help you learn, too. Make prayer shawls, warmth for cancer patients, small teddy bears and kittens, etc.

People are also bringing other crafts to do in community – it's good to be together.

CONTACT Carol Edwards, or Marjorie (401) 580-1712.

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

MULTI-GENERATIONAL – We consistently have adults and high school students participate.

Aug. Flower Purchases Benefit Dinner Table

Narragansett Stop and Shop has once again selected Dinner Table as the hunger organization to benefit from purchases of specially-marked bouquets.

Giving Back, One Bouquet at a Time!



When you purchase a specially marked \$11.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet at our designated Stop & Shop store during our selection month, \$1 will be donated to our organization to help us further our work.

stopandshop.2givelocal.com
Bloomin' 4 Good Program

**Benefits the Peace Dale Dinner Table
Bouquets purchased August 1-31
@ Narragansett Stop & Shop
91 Point Judith Rd**



Joanne is making Diamond Dot art



Ava is learning to crochet

Tabitha's Closet

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm (Tuesdays will resume in the fall)

Pause donations beginning August 15
We will begin accepting Fall/Winter donations on September 15

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.** Each week, we offer unique specials based on our inventory to keep shopping fun and affordable for our shoppers.

WE NEED: costume jewelry.

SPREAD THE WORD Each Saturday, ~35 people visit Tabitha's and find an item they need. We are working to spread the word about our ministry and the wonderful, large, inventory we have of clothing and shoes for the entire family. Email tabitha@peacedalechurch.org if you'd like an electronic poster or pamphlet to share, post or deliver to a local bulletin board.

DONATE We are happy to accept spring and summer items until August 1 for men, women, and children, as well as costume jewelry. **Please hold on any donations that are not spring/summer; our storage space is limited and already full.** 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.

LATEST UPDATES on Instagram
[#shoptabithasclose](https://www.instagram.com/shoptabithasclose)

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 We have an urgent need for additional Saturday morning shopkeepers



Summer Sale Celebration Weeks!

Everything BOGO*

Mix and Match
Buy One, Get one free!

August 8th Only
* Excludes specially priced items

TABITHA'S CLOSET
GENTLY USED CLOTHING

Get what you need, Pay what you can!
Shop for the Whole Family.
Open Saturdays 9:30-12:30pm
Peace Dale congregational Church
Office door, downstairs
261 Columbia St.
Peace Dale, RI 02879
tabitha@peacedalechurch.org

MORNING VOLUNTEERS?

Are you interested in volunteering at Tabitha's, but our afternoon time slots don't work with your schedule? Great news! We have sorting volunteers Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Lynne at tabitha@peacedalechurch.org

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 "donation price" or more for items, knowing that we reinvest the funds in the church and our missions, and to support community partners providing social services in our community.

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.



2026 PDCC Youth Calendar

Youth Connect is on break until fall.

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