



Peace Dale  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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### Birthdays This Week

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peacedalechurch.org

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### Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

## From the Stars Above to the Stars in Our Congregation



This is it! Family Worship Sunday is back and you could say we are beginning with the Genesis of it all. Celebrating our loving Creator we will begin with the beginning. We will consider the wonder and splendor of creation including this spinning blue marble, and the surrounding stars and constellations – the many manifestations of the love God that is poured into our lives.

We will also consider how God invites us to be partners, co-creators even, and ask ourselves, *What are we creating with the Love of God?* That would be a good question to ponder as you prepare for what we hope will be a creative, meaningful, effervescent worship experience (bubbling over with God's love).

See you on Sunday! Pastor Fred

## Once a Month Singers – This Sunday



Yahoo - it's time to celebrate the music again! We welcome enthusiastic singers (emphasis on joyful expression over singing quality) to join in for the once-a-month family services. **This month we sing on Sunday, September 22.**

I email you a video plus music/words for each piece. You listen and practice! Rehearsal is on Sunday at 9 AM before the 10 AM service. **CONTACT** Jane.Stabile@ outlook.com or 508 395-1172 to join in.

We Need Your Help ❤️



The Peace Dale  
Congregational Church  
Pumpkin Patch

Volunteers needed daily  
September 30 until Halloween 2024

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## On the Calendar

**Saturday, September 21 @** 9am – Jam Making  
**Saturday, September 21 @** 10am – Traditional Choir rehearsal ALL WELCOME!  
**Sunday, September 22 @** 10am – Family Worship. No Youth Connect  
**Sunday, September 29 @** 10am Traditional Worship. Youth Connect  
**Sunday, September 29 @** 12:30 Pumpkin Truck!

Mondays @ 6:30pm  
NA Meeting – Learn to Live  
Tuesdays @ 9:30am  
Prayer Warriors / Prayer Circle ALL WELCOME!  
Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
AA Meeting  
Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
Bell Choir rehearsals ALL WELCOME!

For you know that when your faith is tested,  
your endurance has a chance to grow.

James 1:3

## Worship Flowers



**The flowers of September 22 are given glory of God in celebration of the first day of Fall.**

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 September or October please contact Lynn McCall at 401-742-3949 or [lynn.mccall16@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.mccall16@gmail.com)

## The Power of Prayer

Continued prayers are requested for Sharon Lankford. Anyone wishing to visit should call her first.

## Collecting Unused Greeting Cards

Don't know what to do with those unused greeting cards from charitable organizations? Look no further! Inside the PDCC Narthex is a cardboard box for you to put them in.

Mary Louise and I have resurrected this collection in hopes that people who need free cards may use them. Cards will be organized into groups: holidays, sympathy, birthday, blank, etc. We continue to seek out organizations. And have previously put a box of these cards in Tabitha's Closet for guests to take and use.

Submitted by  
Gabby Klensch



## It's Pumpkin Time @ PDCC!



### Pumpkin Arrival – 9/29

**WE NEED YOU!** Sunday, Sept. 29. The pumpkin truck should arrive around 12:30pm so grab a coffee after worship and head outside to left and pass and laugh. We need many hands to assist. Thank you thank you to all!!

### Sign Up for the Pumpkin Patch

To volunteer to help at our Pumpkin Patch Monday 9/30 and any day in October, please click the signup link below – pick dates and times you would like to greet people, answer questions, and take payments. No heavy lifting required. Training provided. Come enjoy fresh air, and visit with new and old friends. Shifts are only 3 hours and go quickly if you bring a friend. Great experience for everyone from Middle School to Mature. **CONTACT** Wally Young. **CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45AFAE2AA0F49-51266117-pumpkin/17831129>

### Pumpkin Palooza

Saturday, October 5, 2024 @ 11am – 2pm! If you would like to volunteer, **CONTACT** Meg Kolodziej. See **POSTER** on page 8.

### Bake for Pumpkin Palooza Sale

Do you like to bake? What is your specialty? Bakers are needed to supply the baked goods table on Sat. 10/5. Cookies, cakes, pies, breads, etc. (sweet or savory)! A sign-up sheet will be available in Fellowship Hall. **CONTACT** Lynn McCall.

### Mac & Cheese for the Palooza!!!



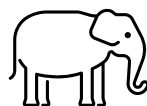
Christian Ed and Church Family Life/Hospitality are working together to make and sell Mac & Cheese at the PUMPKIN

**PALOOZA. WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We need chefs to cook up the mac and cheese at home and bring it to the Pumpkin Palooza Saturday Oct. 5th at 9 a.m. Kits (recipe and ingredients) will be made up and **ready for pick up** Friday night October 4th @ 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the kitchen.

To keep a count of what we need - Please **CONTACT** Christine Grevstad (401 284-6483) or christinegrevstad@ hotmail.com

### White Elephants



We did it! My goodness you've been generous donors. It took hours and amazing volunteers to organize, price and box up items for the **10/5** sale at the **Pumpkin Palooza. SOMETHING NEW** - we will be giving away boxes of free items that we don't have room to store or to put out for sale. Please come and grab some items while you enjoy the Palooza!

Help greatly appreciated on:

**Fri. 9/20** from 10:15 to 11:45 AM

**Tues. 9/24** from 10 to 11:30 AM

**Sun. 9/29** after church to bring items up from cellar

**Sat. 10/5 1st Shift** - from 10:45 AM to 12:45 PM

**Sat. 10/5 2nd shift** - 12:45 to 2:45 PM

### Come Bake Crisp Together – 10/4



Yes, it's that time of the year: Fall & apple crisp season!

We are looking for volunteers to have a laughing, enjoyable time together preparing and baking delicious apple crisp for the

Pumpkin Palooza.

Join us in the kitchen **Friday, October 4 @ 6pm** for fun and fellowship. **CONTACT** Mary Mason (717) 669-6440 or myers3ma@gmail.com

We will provide the apples and ingredients, just bring a 9x13 baking dish. **OKAY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A DISH**, just let us know and one will be provided.

### Jammin' in the Kitchen – 9/21



If you like making jam or want to *learn how*, join Church Family Life/Hospitality for a session on Jam making.

**Saturday Sept. 21 @ 9am in the PDCC Kitchen**

Only two people can join per session. Leave your name on the list in Fellowship Hall. We will contact you for the next session (TBD)

Jam will be sold at the Pumpkin Palooza and the Christmas Bazaar (Help us make this a success!)

**CONTACT:** Christine Grevstad christinegrevstad@hotmail.com 516-694-9154, or Patty Hare graybarn360@gmail.com (413) 658-7328



# Church Family Life Events

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**NEW 9/19, 20, 27 & 28 – Anders Lustgarten’s Lampedusa** at 7 PM on the river front patio at The Contemporary Theater, 327 Main St., Wakefield. Lampedusa is an important play that brings to light the struggles of refugees immigrating to Europe. In this brave, bold, and moving play, a Sicilian fisherman who makes his living salvaging the bodies of migrants and a young woman working as a debt collector confront the dehumanizing aspects of their jobs while finding hope and connection across cultural divides.

<https://www.contemporarytheatercompany.com/>

**NEW 9/19 – 22 The Mystic Film Festival** will feature new short and feature-length documentary and narrative films screened at The United Theater in Westerly. Info about each of the 12 movies including running time and show date and time are listed at: <https://unitedtheatre.org/shows/mystic-film-festival-2024/>

**NEW Sat. 9/21 from 12 to 3 PM Plant Swap** at the Maury Loontjens Memorial Library in Narragansett. Do you have too many plants? Can you spare a cutting? Donate it to the library’s free event. Maybe you don’t have any plants to donate, please join us anyway as you can pick up a plant for your collection. Plants & cuttings can be dropped off between Sept.16-20 or the day of the swap.

<https://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/N/NARLIB/ekp.cfm?curOrg=NARLIB>

**Sat. 9/21 – Waterfire Providence** with full lightings starting at sunset. Free and another fun family event. <https://waterfire.org/>

**9/21 – The South Kingstown Land Trust Auto Show** from 10 AM to 3 PM at Weeden Farm, 17 Matunuck Beach Rd., So. Kingstown featuring an array of classic & antique cars, fire trucks, bicycles, tractors & farm vehicles from the 1920’s to the 1980’s. \$5 PP, \$20 max per family. Music by Saddle Up the Chicken plus johnnycakes & fun activities. [sklt.org/news/the-skl-t-auto-show-is-back-sept-21/](https://sklt.org/news/the-skl-t-auto-show-is-back-sept-21/)

**9/21 – The 7th Annual RI Calamari Festival and Cook Off** from 11 am to 4 pm at Veteran Park adjacent to The Towers in Narragansett. An entrance ticket for the event includes calamari sampling from competing restaurants, food trucks, music – Bruce Springsteen tribute band, libations in the “Beir Garden” and other fun stuff. \$20 online; \$25 at door. Children 12 & under free. Only service animals allowed.

<https://narragansettcoc.com/event-calendar/ri-calamari-fest/>

**NEW Tues. 9/24 – RI 39 Club: Your Passport & Guide to Exploring RI** from 6 to 7 PM at the Maury Loontjens Memorial Library in Narragansett. Info & register at

<https://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/N/NARLIB/ekp.cfm?curOrg=NARLIB>

**NEW Fri. 9/27 – DeSalvo & Romeo in Concert** at 7 PM at St. Peter’s by-the-Sea, Narragansett. Jodie DeSalvo and Tony Romeo will perform a concert of piano and organ music featuring selections from the classical and modern repertoire. The concert is free of charge, but there will be a freewill offering to support the music program of St. Peter’s.

**Sundays through 10/13 – Sunday Music Series at Newport Vineyard from 1 to 4 PM**, 909 East Main Rd., (Rte. 138) Middletown, RI. Various bands.

Seating 1st come & limited on the tank patio. No pets or outside food or beverages. Yes, you may bring blankets & chairs. Inclement weather – music indoors. Optional RSVP at 401 848-5151.

<https://www.newportvineyards.com/event/sunday-music-series-2024/2024-08-25/>

**10/18 Wickford Harbor Fire** with illumination by glowing lanterns on the water, food trucks, restaurant specials, shopping & more.

<https://wickfordvillage.org/pages/water-fire>

**Sat., Sun. Mon. through 11/30 – Newport Black History Walking Tours: Lost Stories of Resistance & Freedom** presented by RI slave History Medallions. Meet near Bowen’s Wharf Pilot House. Tour Historic Hill to Wahington Square. \$11.63-\$22.13

<https://www.simpletix.com/e/newport-black-history-walking-tour-tickets-171177>



Events are all online <https://iefworld.org/conf28>

### Sunday, 22 September @ 1pm EDT – Building Futures in Communities

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/IEF-BuildingFutures>  
 Panelists will reflect on Baha'i-inspired approaches to community building based on experiences with a reforestation project in Iceland, community gardening in Singapore and the United Arab Emirates, coral reef rescue in Samoa, agricultural and environmental education in Colombia, and relief work following recent flooding in Brazil.

### Saturday, 28 September @ 1pm EDT – Where Do We Go from Here? Deeds not Words

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/IEF-DeedsNotWords>  
 Panelists will reflect about the Summit of the Future and discuss how IEF and all of us can apply Baha'i principles to the Summit outcomes and support any projects or initiatives launched.

Submitted by PDCC Green Team



### 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

### Habitat for Humanity Needs Building Volunteers



As there are a number of homes being built in the South County area throughout the fall, Habitat

for Humanity continues to welcome volunteers for the weekday building crews – whether as individuals, pairs, or a group. **No experience necessary**, just a willingness to learn new skills. Sign up at [southcountyhabitat.org](https://southcountyhabitat.org) or call (401) 213-6711 to learn more.

### Tabitha's Closet Ready for Fall!

Open Saturdays 9:30am – 12:00 pm. Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's clothing ministry, offers new and gently-used clothing for affordable suggested donations. Most items priced below \$6.

**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](https://peacedalechurch.org) for a list of what we do and do not accept.

### Save Coffee Cans



The very popular Cookie Trail returns for the **Christmas Bazaar!** Yes, we are thinking about December already. In the past we have sold as many as 100 cans of homemade cookies. We need as many 1 lb 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.

### Volunteer Today

### READING PALS PROGRAM

### Reading PALS

Unlock the power of words and change a child's future! Join our afterschool literacy program as a volunteer and make a lasting impact on South Kingstown students. Reading PALS was developed to enhance students' literacy comprehension in a fun and interactive way. By dedicating just a few hours a week, you can help students improve their reading and boost their confidence. No teaching experience necessary— a love for reading and experience with elementary age children preferred. BCI check required.

September 16 through December 11. Mondays at Matunuck Elementary from 3:30-4:30PM -OR Wednesdays at West Kingston Elementary from 3:30-4:30PM

See the poster [HERE](#). Email [dkern@uri.edu](mailto:dkern@uri.edu) for more information

### Seeking Books

A church member is interested in acquiring some volumes of William Barclay's Bible Study books (to augment those they already have). Contact the church office if you have any you would like to pass along or share.

## September Mission of the Month: NVOAD

September is National Preparedness month. In recognition of this, our Mission of the Month at PDCC will be **National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, or NVOAD**. The United Church of Christ participates in NVOAD through Church World Service (CWS). NVOAD is a coalition of 70+ of the nation's most reputable national organizations (faith-based, community-based and other non-profits) and 56 State/Territory VOADs, that represent Local/Regional VOADs and hundreds of member organizations throughout the country.

VOAD was founded 50+ years ago in response to the challenges many disaster organizations experienced following Hurricane Camille, a category 5 storm that hit the Gulf Coast in August, 1969. Up until that time, numerous governmental, private sector and nonprofit organizations served disaster survivors independently of one another. As a result, help came to survivors haphazardly. In 1970, seven national disaster response organizations convened for the first time to better coordinate responses and more effectively serve disaster survivors and their communities. As an outcome, National VOAD was formed as a forum for sharing knowledge and coordinating resources — money, materials and muscle – throughout the disaster cycle: preparation, response and recovery. Membership has exploded in the last 20 years and today there are 74 national members, with 45 joining since the year 2000.

Among many disaster responses recently, NVOAD has responded to communities in need following the devastating wildfires in Hawaii. National VOAD Members and Partners will continue to serve communities in need as long as necessary. More info can be found at [nvoad.org](http://nvoad.org). and UCC's disaster ministries webpage. Inquiries regarding volunteer training may be made through member organizations, such as UCC's Church World Service.

PDCC supports NVOAD as our September 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, or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online

([peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give](http://peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give)). **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "NVOAD" in the memo line.**

With gratitude, The Missions Board

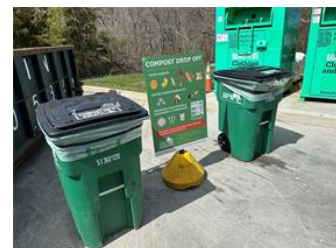
**Give now**

## Good News about composting for SK & Narragansett Residents!

The Town of South Kingstown is offering free collection of materials suitable for composting at the Rose Hill Regional Transfer Station located at 163 Rose Hill Road in Peace Dale.



Materials may be placed in designated compost bins Monday through Saturday from 7 am to 3 pm, except for holidays. The bins are emptied on Mondays. No additional materials will be accepted when the bins are full.



It is estimated that 38% of food in the United States is thrown away. When we send our household garbage to a landfill, methane gas is produced. Methane gas creates heat in the atmosphere. Composting does not produce methane gas, but helps to capture carbon, thus reducing carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere. This is beneficial because carbon dioxide causes the Earth's temperature to rise. Composting can be part of the solution to climate change by capturing carbon and by providing a byproduct that improves soil. Everyone can play a role in making a difference.

Some of the materials that will be accepted at no cost include: coffee grounds and filters, certain coffee pods, non-synthetic tea bags, eggs and egg shells, meat and seafood, lobster shells, fruits and veggies, dairy, specific pet waste, as well as pasta, grains and bread. Please remember to remove stickers from fruits and veggies.

For a more detailed list of items that will be accepted for composting, as well as those that will not be accepted, visit the Town website <https://www.southkingstownri.gov/1236/Composting-Options-for-Narragansett-Sout>, or What Can I Put in My Composting Bin at <https://blackearthcompost.com/media/uploads/2019/09/26/BlackEarthCompostGuide.pdf>

Leaves and garden waste can be composted with the purchase of stickers at either the Town Clerk's office or onsite at the Transfer Station

**JOIN US!** For anyone, of all ages, interested in learning more about the "Green Team", please contact George Faucher at [glfaucher@gmail.com](mailto:glfaucher@gmail.com) and/or Don Hermes at [dhermes33@gmail.com](mailto:dhermes33@gmail.com)



# Youth Corner

## Youth Connect is Back!

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.

We are excited that Caroline Zedella, Claudia Swain, and David Worthen will be teaching this fall and Susan Sward will be joining us in our art studio to paint. Things may get a little messy the next few weeks as we create backdrops and props for our family services, including stars that glitter, a soupy darkness for the beginning of the Creation Story, and a BIG whale. Dress accordingly.

**September 22 – Family Services** return to the 4th Sunday of each month at 10 am

**September 29 – Pumpkin Unloading Party 12:30 pm**

Stay for refreshments after Youth Connect and then help unload the truck filled with pumpkins for our pumpkin patch.

**October 5 – Pumpkin Palooza 🎃 11 am-2 pm**

Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Community service hours are available for this event and most of our activities. Let me know if you are interested.

Thanks to our wonderful church family, we have a beautiful CE wing with a Youth Connect classroom, music/theater room, teen space, and art studio. Susan Sward, who is a professional artist and member of our church family, has generously donated her time and talent to teach adult art classes at our church and use the proceeds to purchase art supplies for us. She will be joining us during Youth Connect to paint backdrops and create props for our family worship services, including a giant paper mâché whale.

Hope you can join us for a whale of a time this fall. Meg

You're  
Invited



## Pumpkin Palooza

October 5 11-2

Rain Date October 12

Pumpkins, Seasonal White Elephants,  
Warm Apple Crisp, Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese,  
Baked Goods, Halloween Obstacle Course  
with Inflatables, Scavenger Hunt, Pumpkin  
Bowling, Crafts, Pumpkin Smashing @ 12 & 1,  
and much more

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Tabitha's  
Closet  
gently used  
clothing

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org) or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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