



Peace Dale  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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June 4, 2026

## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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### Last Week's E-Light

[peacedalechurch.org/e-li](http://peacedalechurch.org/e-li)

## Welcome All to the Table

Galatians 2:15-21

Come Sunday @ 10am as we join together for a traditional worship service and the celebration of Holy Communion. Our scripture Sunday focuses on the question of Who are we in Christ? Who do we welcome to the table and how do we do that? Christ's life showed us how, and Christ lives in us!



Peace and Joy, Brother Fred

## Worship Flowers

The flowers of June 7 are given to the glory of God and in memory of Joyce Vertz.

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 June or July, please contact Lynn McCall 401 742-3949.



## Special Congregational Meeting, Sunday June 28 after Worship

**We need to have 35 members in attendance to have a quorum, so please plan to attend.**

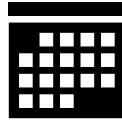


There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 28 following 10 am worship **to approve the budget for the next fiscal year 2026-2027.**

**The meeting should be brief** as this is the only business to be conducted during the meeting.

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## On the Calendar

**Thursday, June 4 @**  
5:30-8pm Tunes and  
Tacos

**Friday, June 5 @**  
10-11:30am White  
Elephant workday

**Sunday, June 7 @**  
10am Traditional  
Worship with  
Communion

**Sunday, June 14 @**  
10am Music Sunday

**Sunday, June 21 @**  
10am Contemporary  
Worship

**Sunday, June 28 @**  
10am Traditional  
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

Thursdays @ 6pm  
Contemporary Choir reh

Thursdays @ 7:30pm  
Traditional Choir rehearsal

## Communications/Publicity Group

**Have you ever been sad that you missed a great PDCC event?**

Imagine PDCC having a coordinated resource to publicize in-house and events open to the community such as bazaars, special services, community outreach, etc.

We are forming a task force to determine what this could look like and what it could do. The initial "planners" would not have to assume the possible roles, but we need some folks to help get things rolling! We need around 5 to 7 people to discuss and create this much needed *Info Interface Group* (the I.I.G).

See Scott San Antonio or Jane Stabile further info. Soon please!



## CPR/AED Course – 7/20

CHURCH FAMILY LIFE EVENT

You could save a life!!! CPR Course coming our way.

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH @ 9 am in Fellowship Hall

We will be setting up CPR/AED instruction classes at PDCC with the help of the South Kingstown Emergency Medical Services. The class is usually 3 hours long.

**SIGN UP!** If you are interested there is a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Contact Christine Grevstad

401 284-6483

## Church Budget Year Ends 6/30

In 2025, PDCC established a fiscal year of July 1 through June 30; the Congregational meeting on June 28 is to approve the 2026-2027 budget.

As we approach the halfway point of 2026, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your continued generosity and commitment to our church family. Your gifts truly bring our ministries and community outreach to life.

Having member contributions as up to date as possible by the end of June will help us know how we did in fiscal 2025-2026. Thank you for your faithful support and for everything you do to make our community a warm, welcoming place for all!

Submitted by Jim Crisafulli, Treasurer



### Brass Key Inventory & Stewardship

As part of our ongoing efforts to care for and responsibly manage our church facilities, we are taking a fresh look at how brass keys are distributed and tracked.

Over the years, keys have been shared as needed, but we no longer have a complete record of who currently holds them. To ensure the safety and security of our building—and to be good stewards of our shared space—we're asking for your help with a simple two-part request:

1. If you have a brass key and no longer need it, please return it to the church office at your earliest convenience.
2. If you still have a need for the brass key you have, kindly let us know that you have one (interior? exterior? a specific room? Is there a large number or letter on it?) and briefly describe your ongoing need.

**Please note: This request applies only to traditional brass keys, not to key cards which are already tracked and managed separately.**

Our goal is to ensure appropriate access while maintaining good oversight moving forward.

If you have a key or have questions please contact MaryLou at [office@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org) or George at [glfaucher@gmail.com](mailto:glfaucher@gmail.com).

Thank you for your help in keeping our church safe, secure, and well-managed

## Youth Connect Thanks You!

What an unforgettable year! Together, we attended the Jacob and Esau family reunion, invited the community to a great Pumpkin Palooza, visited a lions' den, followed a star to Bethlehem, created a magical Children's Christmas Village, and traveled to the River Jordan.

We were inspired to be a good neighbor by "The Good Samaritan," welcomed young families and youth volunteers to our Eggstravaganza, planted seeds of faith, celebrated Earth Day, and had a blast at our *Phineas and Ferb*-inspired last family service before summer vacation.

**And we did all of this and so much more—thanks to all of you!**



## June Mission of the Month: Supporting the LGBTQ Community –Camp Lilac / the LGBT Asylum Task Force Ministry

In support of Pride Celebration this month, and in recognition of the struggles of gender diverse youth, the Missions Board has chosen to support Camp Lilac and the LGBT Asylum Task Force with your donations in June.

**The LGBT Asylum Task Force** is a ministry of the Hadwen Park Congregational Church in Worcester, MA, formed in 2008. LGBTQ people of all faith traditions are welcomed and provided with shared housing, food, and connection to legal, medical, and mental health resources at other local agencies.

Asylum seekers are a class of refugees who seek protection from torture and abuse in their home countries. They must have faced persecution or have a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. "Particular social group" has been interpreted to include the LGBTQ community. A petition for asylum may be submitted at a port of entry or at a US Citizenship and Immigration Service's service center.

Asylum seekers have not been allowed to work for up to 2 years after arriving in the US. The LGBT Asylum Task Force ministry provides comprehensive support for the entire duration of that 2-year period in which it is needed. They are given housing, food, and a small monthly stipend to cover their most basic of needs. The task force also provides connections to existing pro bono legal services. Studies have shown asylum seekers who have an attorney stand a much greater chance of being granted asylum than those who do not.

In the past year however, new laws have been imposed to significantly target the LGBTQ+ immigrant and asylum seeker communities. And during the same time that the Task Force has experienced a doubling of LGBTQ+ asylum seekers contacting them for help, there has been a reduction in the total number of individual donors and donations. Despite strained finances, they are working to connect each asylum seeker to needed resources and maintain 100% asylum grant, stable housing, and employment rates. Much more is needed in order to have the capacity to support the continued increase in requests for support.

For additional information, see <https://www.lgbtasylum.org/> or the UCC website at <https://www.sneucc.org/postdetail/12393143>

The May Mission of the Month has collected to date \$1,743.66 for Shower to Empower. Strengthen the Church raised \$251 on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of May.

**Camp Lilac** is a weeklong summer camp in Ohio for 13 to 17year old trans and gender diverse youth. Campers come from 22 different states, including Rhode Island. Your donations help fund scholarships to help campers that travel from a distance.

Trans youth often face stressful, unwelcoming, and even hostile environments in their day to day lives, and experience higher rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide. Since 2017, Camp Lilac has been creating a safe, welcoming, and confidential space in which gender diversity is the norm. Their program is designed so that campers emerge with an increased sense of confidence in their identities and a strong community of peers and supporters.

As a small nonprofit, Camp Lilac relies on camper tuition and individual donations to fund every aspect of camp, from space rental to food, supplies, and activities. In addition to building a general scholarship fund for low-income campers, they're also fundraising to be able to purchase a larger permanent space to provide a unique camp experience all summer and programming all year for trans and gender diverse teens.

The mission of Camp Lilac is to provide a safe, welcoming space for transgender and gender diverse youth to be themselves in a positive, supportive, youth-focused environment. "We believe our camp fills a crucial gap in their lives, setting them on a path to success." More information can be found at [campililac.org](http://campililac.org).

Thank you for your generosity,  
The Missions Board  
[www.peacedalechurch.org/missions](http://www.peacedalechurch.org/missions)

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support Camp Lilac and the LGBT Asylum Task Force 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 "Camp Lilac/LGBT Asylum" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the Give now button here to donate online ([peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give](http://peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give)).

**Give now**

# Tabitha's Closet

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

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 PANT HANGERS WITH CLIPS – we have plenty of shopping bags; thank you!**

**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. Please help us spread the word! **Email [tabitha@peacedalechurch.org](mailto: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](http://peacedalechurch.org) for a list of what we do and do not accept.

**LATEST UPDATES** on Instagram  
#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](mailto:tabitha@peacedalechurch.org) We have an urgent need for additional Saturday morning shopkeepers

## 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 on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Lynne at [tabitha@peacedalechurch.org](mailto: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.

We reinvest the money raised to support social services in our community – the Missions Board recently allocated funds to be sent to: RICAN (RI Center Assisting those in Need), St Peter's by the Sea (Community Food pantry), Rhody Outpost (Food Pantry at URI), and Peace Dale Dinner Table.

## BONUS POP UP EVENT

JUNE 6 ONLY

ALL ADULT PANTS

2 FOR 1

GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!

SHOP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Saturdays 9:30am- 12:30pm



Office Door from Parking Lot, downstairs  
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June is Rainbow Month

at Tabitha's Closet!

Drop in for colorful savings each week

PLUS BONUS

POP-UP EVENTS!

June 6- Sunrise Sale

\$1.00 OFF\*

ALL CLOTHING WITH ORANGE, PINK, OR YELLOW

\*Suggested Donation  
Excludes specially priced items

## 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



## Help Our Gardens Thrive — Adopt a Bed at PDCC!

Our church grounds are one of the first things people notice when they arrive at Peace Dale Congregational Church—and those beautiful garden beds don't maintain themselves!

For many years, we've been grateful to Mary Roda for lovingly caring for the front beds. With Mary's recent move, we're looking for new volunteers to help keep our gardens vibrant and welcoming.

Would you consider "adopting" a garden bed? This simply means taking responsibility for light, ongoing care—things like weeding, watering, and occasional planting or tidying—on a schedule that works for you.

It's a wonderful way to:

- Spend time outdoors in a peaceful setting,
- Contribute to the beauty of our church home,
- Connect with nature and our community.

Whether you're an experienced gardener or just enjoy getting your hands in the soil, we'd love to have you involved!

**Interested?** Please contact George Faucher at [glfaucher@gmail.com](mailto:glfaucher@gmail.com) to learn more or to claim a garden bed. Thank you for helping PDCC continue to bloom!

## Thursday Knit and Crochet

**COME!** Our Prayer Shawl makers and the I Care Shawl Project makers meet 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.

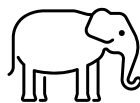


**CONTACT** (401) 580-1712

**DONATE** – Prayer Shawl/I Care Shawl Project will gladly accept donations of yarn, knitting needles,

or crochet hooks.

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



## White Elephants

We do collect year 'round however we have space limitations both to store and to sell. The next sale is Oct. 3rd - with **fall as our theme**.

Please no more summer items.

We do not take books, software, paint, clothing, mirrors, printers, liquids, furniture, big items. We love collectibles, kitchenware, decoratives, linens (only through Sept.), Christmas items, dishes, utensils, POTS & PANS, unwanted gifts, overstocks, items that deserve a home.

Come join the team and have some fun! Next work day **Fri. 6/5 from 10 to 11:30 AM**

**Still** missing 2 short tables from basement by the elevator.

[jane.stabile@outlook.com](mailto:jane.stabile@outlook.com)

## Singers and Ringers Summer Vacation



Our **singers** will be off for the summer after June 14. Our **bell ringers** are also



off for summer. Rehearsals will resume in the fall.

Come sing or ring with us! We welcome teenagers on up in age. Ability to read music is a plus. Ask a choir member after worship or send an email to [office@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org)

## 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.

## 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](mailto:glfaucher@gmail.com) and/or Don Hermes at [dhermes33@gmail.com](mailto:dhermes33@gmail.com)

## 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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