



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

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Last Week's E-Light

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Memorial Day Weekend, New Member Sunday, and a Jazzy Pentecost!

This is a big weekend – as we take time to remember the fallen heroes who fought and died in service of our country, and on Sunday, we will be extravagantly welcoming new members of our faith family! We will worship to the tune of jazz music while giving thanks for the gifts of God's Holy Spirit in our midst.

Come and offer the right hand of fellowship to our expanding family of God. I look forward to seeing you in worship!

Brother Fred

No Coffee Hour Memorial Day Sunday

There will not be a
Fellowship Coffee Hour
after worship on Sunday
May 26.



The church office will
be closed Monday, May
27 and will reopen
Wednesday, May 29.

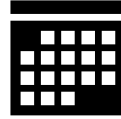


Membership Notes

- ❖ **John M. Gates** passed away on May 14, 2024. John's obituary may be found on the [Avery Storti website](#).
- ❖ **Lou Ruffolo**. The congregation is invited to a memorial service for Dr. Lou, our former director of Christian Education, that will be held at PDCC on Saturday, June 1 @ 11am.

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On the Calendar

Sunday, May 26 @ 10am
 – Contemporary Worship.
 New members welcomed.
No Fellowship Hour.

Wednesday, May 29 @ 5:30pm – Having It My Way: Planning Your Celebration of Life (p. 5)

Friday, May 31 @ 10am – Prayer Shawl group, Community Room

Saturday, June 1 @ 11am – Lou Ruffolo Memorial

Sunday, June 2 @ 10am – Traditional Worship

Sunday, June 9 @ 10am – Music Sunday.

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
 Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
 Bell Choir rehearsal

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
 AA Meeting

Thursdays @ 6pm
 Contemporary Singers
 rehearse *ALL welcome*

Thursdays @ 7:30pm
 Traditional Choir
 rehearsal

Worship Flowers



The flowers of May 26 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Gates by the Gates family.

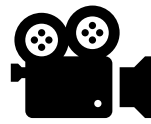
Flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or simply give to the glory of God. If you are interested in donating Sanctuary flowers for June please contact Roberta Norman at 401 226-7123.

Come to Prayer Shawl – 5/31



The Prayer Shawl Committee will be meeting Friday, May 31st at 10:00 in the Community Room. **All knitters, crocheters and quilters are invited.**

Church Service Streaming



The Deacons are looking to bring about on-line streaming of our worship services. However, we need a few folks to step up as volunteers to make it happen.

We have the technology, thanks to Don Richer, an active member of our church, and David Bergerson, member at Kingston Congregational Church, who have worked hard to identify and determine the technology to carry out this mission. **Now we need people to operate the equipment during services.** Please contact Darlene Hermes at dhermes44@ gmail.com if you would be willing to help in bringing this to fruition. Thank you so much, the Deacons



Break bread, Sip wine, Share some laughter!!

It's Time For Dine with Nine Again!



This **May 31st, June 1st and 2nd**, Church Family Life/Hospitality would like to invite everyone to a **Dine with Nine** event.

This is a potluck dinner event for 9, (or 8 or 10) people from our church family to share dinner and friendly conversation at a host's home.

The host will coordinate the meal with everyone contributing their part.

This is a great way to spend time getting to know people you may have not interacted with, or new members that have just joined the church.

Our last Dine with Nine was a great success! A lot of fun was had by all!! Let your Light Shine!

SIGN UP in Fellowship Hall by **SUNDAY, MAY 26th** for your preferred date:

**FRIDAY MAY 31st, SATURDAY JUNE 1st,
or SUNDAY JUNE 2nd.**

****Please indicate if you would like to be a host.**
(Being a potluck dinner makes hosting so easy!)**

Submitted by Jane Stabile/ Christine Grevstad

Having It My Way – Planning Your Celebration of Life – 5/29

The 7th and final session is on Wednesday, May 29th @ 5:30 PM. This discussion will feature Rev. Fred Evenson, Senior Minister PDCC; Claudia Swain, Prayer Circle Leader; Don Lowell, retired Organist and Choir Director; Captain Charles Donilon; Seth Jacobson, Photographer.

Evenson and Swain will lead a discussion about planning your funeral and graveside experiences. Lowell will showcase music choices. Donilon will explain ash burials at sea and Jacobson creating your obituary photo. Participants will be provided with guide sheets that will assist in planning your final celebration/funeral. Topics will include: options for what to include, who you want to participate, location of funeral and burial, and writing your obituary including the photo.

Church Family Life sponsors this 7-session series "Having It My Way – Making Life Decisions" to help us to prepare for our last two phases of life. Each session is about 1.5 hours long.

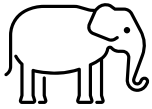


BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU ON 5/29

Please print out and start filling in this **HELPFUL QUESTIONNAIRE**. Bring it with you to the funeral planning session on Wed. 5/29 at 5:30 PM.

All programs are open to the public so bring relatives and friends. Each session will include a presentation, a questions & answer segment, and refreshments.

You may attend without signing up, but it would be helpful to be able to guestimate numbers. **Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Jane** jane.stabile@ outlook.com or 508 395-1172.



White Elephants

Thank you - we appreciate your generosity. Some amazing items have arrived. Keep them coming, but please NO BOOKS, HAZARDOUS ITEMS, FRAMES OR PICTURES. Note - We are considering a July Yard Sale. Contact jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172

Hospitality Needs Help!



To continue putting out great coffee hours after the service on Sundays.... Our coffee hour teams need reinforcements.

The 1st, 4th, and 5th Sunday teams all need at least one additional person.

If you would like to join us please contact Christine Grevstad 401 284-6483 / christinegrevstad@hotmail.com



Jam Jars Needed

Patty Hare asks for donations of half-pint (8 oz) glass canning jars to make 60 jars of jam for the Bazaar. Yes, she is planning ahead! There is a collection box on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



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.



We Need You for Worship

Deacons would love to have more folks available as **readers** (of scripture) and as **ushers** at worship services (especially for the traditional service).

If you are interested in helping out during the services, please contact Val Lowell, Sandi Robinson, or Jeff Healy.



No Mow May – What's that about?

No Mow May is a catchy name for an environmental movement, started in the U.K., that begs us to reexamine the American lawn. No Mow May can help us understand how we share our lawn with many small creatures by suggesting that we pause lawn mowing for a period of time in May.

Did you know that our lawns cover more than 40 million acres in the United States? It's true. Our lawns represent 2% of land in the United States, making our lawns the single largest irrigated crop we grow.

We mow our lawns, fertilize them, water them and treat them with chemicals that can be harmful to bees and other invertebrates. A lot of resources, including time and money, are dedicated to our lawns. Lawns contribute significantly to habitat loss and provide little benefit to wildlife.

Bee populations have been in decline in recent years due to loss of habitat, parasites and pesticides. This is tragic because bees are responsible for pollinating \$15 billion in agricultural products in the U.S. each year and 80% of our flowering plants.

The emergence of bees coincides with the beginning of the lawn mowing season. The bees are hungry at the same time that we are mowing down some of the flowering plants that could provide them with sustenance. When we resume mowing at the end of May, other sources of food usually appear.

It will be of tremendous benefit to the pollinators we depend on to ensure our own food supply if we cut back on mowing in May. Choices for participating in No Mow May include not mowing the entire yard for a month or not mowing the entire yard or a portion of the yard for a few weeks. Some people may want to keep a tidy mowed border around the unmowed portion with signage describing their intentions. Expect to see No Mow May signs (available online) sprouting in yards all over South County!

Every one of the choices we make about No Mow May will make a difference in the lives of the pollinators and in our lives as well.



JOIN US! 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

May Mission of the Month: South County Habitat for Humanity



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 home construction, home ownership, handicap ramps, The Restore

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

Peace Dale Congregational Church supports South County Habitat for Humanity as our Mission of the Month.

You may donate funds 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). **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "Habitat for Humanity" in the memo line.**

Give now

Habitat Build 6/22

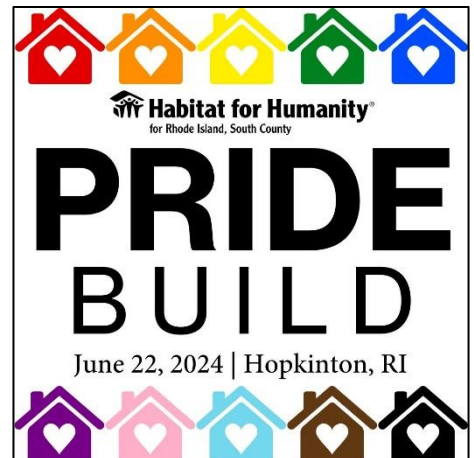
To everyone who has asked "When are we going to the Habitat Build again?" *and* everyone already involved in South County Habitat for Humanity *and* to anyone who would like to get involved in supporting this cause ... the following information is for you.

South County Habitat for Humanity completed 3 houses in Hope Valley this year and have already begun building the next 4 homes. Over the years Peacedale Church has established itself as a consistent supporter of Habitat. The build we will be joining is South County Habitat Pride Build 2024.

The build is located at
14 Cardinal Lane in Hope Valley RI 02832
and will take place on

June 22nd from 8:30AM-2:30PM. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Dave's Marketplace.

Emily, the volunteer coordinator at Habitat states, "We understand the challenges faced by LGBTQIA+ individuals in accessing stable and safe housing due to discrimination and stigma. At South County Habitat for Humanity, we are dedicated to promoting equal housing opportunities and fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion. It is our firm belief that everyone deserves a decent place to live and with this build we hope to more openly advocate for members of our community." It is so easy to see how our missions align!



Tools and safety equipment will be provided and you do not need prior construction experience to participate! Find more information about signing up using our registration link: [SCHH Pride Build 2024](#).

If you have questions please text 401-447-9648 or email. Thanks so much, Deirdre Therrien

Church Family Life Events

Let's put together a Get Together Group for fun.

Do you ever want someone to go to the movies with, see a play, attend a concert, visit a museum with, or just sit and talk to? **SIGN UP** (of course) in Fellowship Hall after a service or contact Jane jane.stabile@outlook.com 508 395-1172. Let's put together a Get Together Group for fun. **Bring your ideas and maybe a better name?!**

Ongoing at Ninigret Park, Charlestown, RI – Two Giant Trolls have been created right here in So. County. They're the work of Danish artist Thomas Dambo. "You can drive to within a short walk to each. Ask any visitor for info. There was a regular stream of all ages on Mon. 5/20. The first one is near the observatory. <https://www.rimonthly.com/giant-trolls-ninigret/>

NEW! Ongoing – Stroll at Kinney Azalea Gardens, 2391 Kingstown Rd., Kingston, RI with parking behind the house or on the street. Expect to see blooming azaleas, native trees and wildflowers. We visited Sun. 5/19 and there is still plenty to see. \$5 donation suggested, \$15 per family. Can be muddy with mulch.

NEW! Mon. 5/27 at 10 AM South Kingstown Memorial Day Parade to honor veterans with a tribute ceremony following at 11 AM at Saugatucket Park. Parade starts behind Ocean State and runs down Main St. through the village. Let's show our support for those who have sacrificed for us. <https://vets.ri.gov/events/annual-south-kingstown-memorial-day-parade>

NEW! Mon. 5/27 from 3 – 4:30 PM Music on the Hill: We're Bach at First Baptist Church, 30 Peirce St., East Greenwich, RI playing Bach's Suite for Solo Cello No. 1 and his Violin Partita No. 2 plus selections for LOOP PEDAL VIOLIN! \$30 PP, free for students with school ID. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/music-on-the-hill-were-bach-tickets-861656045427?aff=oddtcreator>

Fri. 5/31 – Breaking the Waves of Hunger Gala at 5:30pm at the Dunes Club, Narragansett, RI Join Jane & Steve Stabile for the Johnny Cake Center's largest fundraising event of the year. Join in the fight against hunger and poverty. A night of live music, delicious food, a complimentary cocktail, and silent auction. \$150 PP at jonnycakecenter.org/fundraiser/ Please let us know if you want to be at our table. Jane.stabile@outlook.com

NEW Thurs. 6/6 at 6 PM – Adoption RI Gathering to Give Spring Gala at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston, RI with Hors d'oeuvres & food stations, auctions and program. \$125 PP at <https://givebutter.com/ARIGala2024>

NEW! Thurs. 6/6 – Tunes and Tacos presented by SK Fine Arts Boosters from 5:30 to 8:30 PM right here at Peace Dale Congregational Church!! An outstanding event that will showcase our talented SK students with performances from Splendid Strings, eSKape and Jazz Band. Includes dinner (meat and vegan options) and ice cream sundaes. \$25 PP adults; \$10 for kids 18 and under; 3 and under free. <https://www.skfaboosters.org/calendar.html>

NEW! Fri. 6/7 – Wakefield Books Grown-Up Book Fair from 5 to 8 PM at Sons of Liberty, 1425 Kingstown Rd., So. Kingstown, RI. Like the Scholastic Book Fairs of childhood but with grown up beverages. <https://www.wakefieldbooks.com/>

NEW! Sat. 6/8 – From Batman to Beethoven Pops Concert at 7 PM with the Sharon Concert Band and Ray Scott Big Band at the Sharon Middle School featuring movie sound tracks, popular songs, Broadway hits, Blues and Boogies and Beethoven's 5th. General Adm. - \$10; Children under 10 free. <https://sharon-bands.org/2024/05/07/pops2024/>

Unsung Hero (PG) Continuing at South County Cinema, **various dates and times.** Film based on a remarkable true story of David Smallbone who moved his family from Down Under to the States with 7 children, suitcases, and their love of music. David and his pregnant wife Helen set out to rebuild their lives. Their children go on to become two of the most successful acts in Inspirational Music history: five-time GRAMMY Award®-winning artists for KING + COUNTRY and Rebecca St. James. <https://ticketing.useast.veezi.com/sessions/?siteToken=na7wtdt6y7qsr120d6sed9pfb4>

Tabitha's Closet is Open

**We are now accepting donations of
SPRING clothing.**

**Open
Saturdays
9:30a-12:30p**

SHOP! Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's new clothing ministry offers **new and gently used clothing** for affordable suggested donations.

DONATE! We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.

VOLUNTEER! We need you! Tabitha's Closet needs volunteers to help:

- 1) **sort and prep the clothing,**
- 2) **help in the shop** on Saturday mornings.

Please contact Galen McGovern, our volunteer coordinator at GalenMcGovern1@gmail.com. For any questions or to learn more about the ministry, please contact Suzanne Faucher at gsfaucher@gmail.com

South County Habitat for Humanity's Quilt Raffle

South County Habitat for Humanity is raffling a quilt to raise funds for a large and costly piece of equipment. The Board of Missions will have raffle tickets available in Fellowship Hall after service on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20.

Don't need a quilt? Enter anyway and consider donating to the bazaar or a local organization that supports those in need in our community."

More info and photos of the quilt are at <https://www.southcountyhabitat.org/quilt>

Submitted by James McMonigle



**SPRING FLING
SALE**

**BUY 3, FLING 1 IN
FOR FREE**
(equal or lesser value)
Now thru May 30th

**GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!
SHOP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**
Open Saturdays 9:30am- 12:30pm
*Suggested Donation

Office Door from Parking Lot, downstairs
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SOUTH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S
FAITH RELATIONS COMMITTEE IS HOSTING A:

QUILT RAFFLE



This beautiful quilt was handcrafted by the Ninigret Quilters and measures 82" x 91." Raffle proceeds will support the purchase of a telehandler to increase construction capacity and serve more families.

**\$10 per ticket
or 3 for \$20**

Purchase tickets in person at South County Habitat for Humanity
Monday - Friday 9AM - 4PM or online at [southcountyhabitat.org/quilt](https://www.southcountyhabitat.org/quilt)



WINNER WILL BE DRAWN JUNE 27TH

1555 SHANNOCK RD | CHARLESTOWN, RI
401.213.6711 | [SOUTHCOUNTYHABITAT.ORG](https://www.southcountyhabitat.org)



PDCC CE ROCKS!

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THANK YOU YOUTH CONNECT VOLUNTEERS

We are so blessed to have Caroline Zedella teach our Youth Connect classes, Heather Hurley to lead us in song, and Vivian Skipper, Claudia Swain, Mark Zedella, and Beth Morse to help every step of the way. We couldn't ask for a better group of volunteers!

THANK YOU FAMILY SERVICE TEAM

Because of you, our Family Services are like a spectacular coat of many colors that wraps us in God's love. Thank you to our phenomenal team: Pastor Fred, Nathaniel Baker, Jane Stabile, Joanne Haynes, Don Lowell, Val Lowell, Vivian Skipper, Scott San Antonio, James McMonigle, Robert LaMunyon, Byron LaMunyon, Peter Swain, David Worthen, Claudia Swain, Aleda Skiffington, Patti Gross, Ed Holt, and Tom Kolodziej.



WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK everyone who was a part of one of our Family Service skits and our first-ever Family Service video. Thank you to Daniel Wheeler, Susan Sward, Guy Cassady, Olivia Weinreich, and Morgan Weinreich for helping us create amazing backdrops and props and to Katherine Condon for making our beautiful new angel costumes.

Thank you to our Audiovisual Team and Family Service Choir for so generously sharing your gifts, to Tricia Halloran for directing our first Youth Bell Choir, and to the Hospitality Team—PDCC coffee hours are the best!





A Special thank you to Pastor Fred, our CE Board, Youth Connect parents and awesome students, and to all of you for your enthusiastic support of our CE program!




SK FINE ARTS BOOSTERS PRESENT

TUNES & TACOS

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024

5:30 - 8:30PM • PEACE DALE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

A night to celebrate SKHS student musicians and artists. Events include musical performances, student art and raffle, 50/50 raffle, dinner & ice cream sundae bar. (meat and vegan options)

PERFORMANCES:
Splendid Strings
eSKape
Jazz Band

\$25: ADULTS
\$10: KIDS 18 & Under
FREE: KIDS 3 & Under

All proceeds support fine arts education in SK Schools

Scan QR code for tickets or visit:
events.humanitix.com/tacos-and-tunes



SK FAB
SOUTH KINGSTOWN FINE ARTS BOOSTERS
www.skfabboosters.org

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 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 or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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