



Peace Dale  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

### Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

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[peacedalechurch.org](http://peacedalechurch.org)

### Follow us on Facebook!

[Facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch](https://Facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch)

### Last Week's E-Light

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

## Welcome and a Baptism

Join us this Sunday for family worship service including a baptism. And sing: Shout to the Lord – for I Will Follow Him.



## Once-a-Month Singers – This Sunday



Start singing everyone! You know these favorites, so why not start humming and get into the spirit early with Shout to the Lord; Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord from Godspell; Living Water by Anne Wilson and I Will Follow Him made famous by Whoopie Goldberg in Sister Act. You can check them out through your music provider or You Tube. Are you looking to express yourself through singing? Please join us this month during the **family service on Sun. 1/25** for a baptism and 4 special celebratory songs. 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](mailto:jane.stabile@outlook.com) for music videos, lyrics and info.

## Worship Flowers



The Sanctuary flowers of January 25 are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 54th wedding anniversary of Rod and Barbara Gilbert.

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 February, please contact Claudia Swain.

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## On the Calendar

**Sunday, Jan. 25 @**  
 10am Family  
 Worship Service

**Sunday, Feb. 1 @**  
 10am Traditional  
 Worship with  
 Communion; after  
 worship Celebrate  
 Foundation Day with  
 cake

**Sunday Feb. 8 @**  
 10am Contemporary  
 Worship followed by  
 Potluck and Annual  
 Meeting of the  
 Congregation

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



**STOP&SHOP**  
 Bloomin' 4 Good Program

## January Flower Purchases Benefit Peace Dale Dinner Table

In January, purchases of specially marked flower bouquets at the **Narragansett Stop & Shop** will generate donations to the Peace Dale Dinner Table (\$1 per bouquet). The Narragansett Stop and Shop has again selected Dinner Table as the local hunger organization of the month for January. Thank you Stop & Shop!

## Knit and Crochet on Thursdays

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.



**CONTACT** Carol Edwards or  
 Marjorie Mahoney marjor4029@yahoo.com

## Painting Class with Susan Sward – 1/24

***Proceeds will benefit our Christian Ed program with art supplies.***

Join PDCC member and artist Susan Sward as we paint the beautiful Eastern Bluebird. No experience necessary. All materials will be provided.



Bring a light lunch or snack.

January 24 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
 Fellowship Hall  
 Cost: \$55, please pay in advance  
 Class Limit: 12

Signup in Fellowship Hall  
 or mail check to Susan Sward, 1 Spring  
 Street, Wakefield RI 02879

## Family Event @ SKHS

Thurs. **2/5 to Sun. 2/8** at 6: 30 PM except Sun at 1 PM. "Lights, camera, action! SKHS Rebel Theater Group is bringing the MAGIC of Broadway to South Kingstown with The Prom — a heartwarming musical about acceptance, kindness, and celebrating what makes each of us unique!" Come experience why the Rebel Theater productions always walk away with numerous top awards for HS musicals in RI. Enjoy talented performers, great costumes, amazing sets with loads of dancing and singing. This is just the sort of pick up we need mid-winter. Attendees are encouraged to really dress up on Sat. night and/or wear rainbow colors for pride night. Students created the clips on this Facebook page. It's quite possible you'll know some of them. For more info talk to the Stables.

<https://www.facebook.com/RebelTheaterGroup/>



## Celebrate Foundation Day – 2/1

Join us **February 1<sup>st</sup>** in Fellowship Hall to celebrate Peace Dale Congregational Church's Foundation Day, which is officially January 30<sup>th</sup>.

We'll raise the roof with cake, and a selection of items from our Archive Room for your viewing pleasure.

Then, join us **February 15<sup>th</sup>** for our first historical presentation of 2026, entitled "Winter Sanctuary." See you there!

Submitted by your Church Historian, Stephanie Healy

## A Pot Luck Event – 2/8



**PDCC Annual Meeting**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AFTER CHURCH SERVICE**  
**IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Our Annual Meeting is traditionally a potluck brunch provided by our members. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall with the dish you will bring. Finger foods are preferred if possible

**QUESTIONS?** Contact  
Christine Grevstad (in Breeze)



## 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](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org)

## 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





## Benefit for Peace Dale Dinner Table – 2/15



# BIG SOUP PARTY

**Sunday \* February 15, 2026**  
**4:30 – 6:30PM**

Homemade Soups, Bread and Desserts  
Donations Accepted

BENEFITS  
Peace Dale Dinner Table Weekly Community Dinners  
Bring A Friend - All are Welcome

**Peace Dale Congregational Church**  
261 Columbia St, Wakefield RI

[www.Peacedalechurch.org](http://www.Peacedalechurch.org)  
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### Calling all PDCC Soup Creators!

What is your favorite soup recipe?? Is it a secret family recipe passed from one generation to the next? Did you find this recipe when you were first on your own and have made it ever since.

Maybe an old friend gave it to you, or you concocted it yourself. It might be a favorite of one of your children or a special person. Then, there is the soup that requires no recipe, only the one in your head! Whatever it is... we would love to feature it at the Third Annual Soup Party to benefit the Peace Dale Dinner Table.

You are the key to the success of this fundraiser. **If you would like to donate a soup**, please email [sylviablanda@gmail.com](mailto:sylviablanda@gmail.com) or text 401-439-3541 with your name and the kind of soup. If you have a crockpot, great; if not just deliver it in a soup pot to the church by 4:15pm on February 15th.

We cannot wait to try yours.

Gabby Klensch is recruiting folks to make dessert.

**We also will need some able-bodied folks to help set-up** after Fellowship on Sunday and for clean up when the event is done.

**Mostly we need you all to come**, enjoy some soup and have a great time.... See you on the 15<sup>th</sup>



### Big Soup Party Dessert Makers Needed

It's not too early to sign up to bake – or even shop for – a dessert for our Big Soup Party on 2/15/26.

Sign-up by:

- Talking to Gabby at church
- Write on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall
- Call or text 401-932-8350
- Email [gklensch1@gmail.com](mailto:gklensch1@gmail.com)

Thank you so much,

Gabby (The Big Soup Party Dessert Organizer)



# Tabitha's Closet

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm

At this time, we particularly need:

- Volunteers for Friday 3-5pm to sort
- Volunteers Saturday mornings 9:00am-1:00pm

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.**

**DONATIONS** We are taking winter items for men, women, and children, as well as costume jewelry. Please hold on any 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](http://peacedalechurch.org) for a list of what we do and do not accept.

**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)

**LATEST UPDATES** on Instagram  
#shoptabithascloset.

**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).



**GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!**

**SHOP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**  
**Open Saturdays 9:30am- 12:30pm**  
**Monthly Third Tuesday: 4-7pm**

Office Door from Parking Lot, downstairs  
Peace Dale Congregational Church  
261 Columbia St. Peace Dale RI 02879  
[tabitha@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:tabitha@peacedalechurch.org)





## Book Discussion Group: What If We Get It Right?



The Green Team is sponsoring a discussion group for the landmark environmental book **What If We Get It Right?** by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson.

This insightful book is about possibility and transformation. It's about what the world could be like if we charge ahead with the array of climate solutions we have at our fingertips, solutions at the intersection of science, policy, culture and justice. These pages conjure a thriving (and quite different) world, and show us that is worth the effort – the overhaul – to get there, together. This book is a quest to answer a question not asked often enough about the climate crisis: What if we get it right?

This publication is highly recommended for individuals interested in environmental issues and effective strategies to address climate change. Reading this will create a catalyst for in-depth discussion and hopefully result in action.

**SIGN UP TO JOIN IN!** There will be a sign up in Fellowship Hall after church service. You can also call or email George Faucher (glfaucher@gmail.com; 978-376-9769) or Jim Blackerby (jblackerby12@gmail.com; 401-533-7382)

Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson is a marine biologist, policy expert, writer and teacher working to help create the best possible climate future. She co-founded and leads Urban Ocean Lab, a think tank for the future of coastal cities, and the Roux Distinguished Scholar at Bowdoin College. In addition to being a writer and teacher she co-hosts the podcast How to Save a Planet, and co-authored the *Blue New Deal*.

## 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



## January Mission of the Month: Domestic Violence Resource Center

We begin the new year by supporting a critical organization in our community as our mission of the month. The Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County is a non-profit making an important difference in the lives and futures of many individuals and families here in South County.

From their webpage:

*"The Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County (DVRSC) is a nonprofit agency that works toward a future free of violence, and to build a community in which each individual shares the responsibility to create a culture of safety and personal dignity."*

*"We work collaboratively to offer safety, support, advocacy, education and a network of services to the residents of Washington County. The DVRSC is dedicated to both preventing and responding to domestic violence by working to change the social conditions, beliefs, and social actions that perpetuate abuse."*

DVRC provides a comprehensive range of services for victims of domestic violence and their children, including a confidential Safe Home, Transitional Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing units, a Helpline & Drop-In Center, Support Groups, One-on-One Counseling and Court Advocacy. All services – residential, counseling, court advocacy – are provided free of charge to all clients regardless of their financial situation. Gifts allow DVRC to continue this life-saving work by directly assisting clients and their children who are experiencing domestic violence.

More information about the DVRSC is available at <https://dvrcsc.org/>

Donate by putting your gift in the offering basket during worship, sending a check to the church, or clicking the Donate Now button on this page.

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 the Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County with your Mission of the Month donations in January. 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 "DVRC" 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**

## Donate Supplies for Church World Service Kits

→There are some changes to the supply list.

**Please help us collect supplies!** We have enough Hygiene Kits but continue to collect for the Kids' Kits.

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.

Submitted by Judy Healy

## 2026 Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes are available on the table in the hallway outside of Hoxie Lounge. If your envelopes are missing, there is a sign-up sheet there as well.



If you do not need your envelopes, you may recycle them or give them to the church office or leave them on the table. Submitted by David Nelson.

## Volunteer for Bistro Dinner Table on Tuesdays



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

At this time, 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](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org) 401 789-7313).

## 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

Linda Jeans (LTJeans@ verizon.net), Carol Edwards (caedwards760@ gmail.com), Joanne Haynes (joanne@ haynesrandj.com), Betsy Nelson (betsynelson10@ verizon.net), Paula Campbell (phedbat9@gmail.com), Norma Brooks, Darlene Hermes (dhermes44@ gmail.com), Christine Grevstad (christinegrevstad@ hotmail.com), Bea MacGregor (bmacgregor47@ gmail.com), Thomas Mather, Laura Lehrman (lauralehrmankelly@ gmail.com), Claudia Swain, Cindy Fish (cbfish0171@ gmail.com), Enid Watson (watsonenid@ gmail.com), and Pastor Fred (fred.e@ mac.com).

## 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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