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PDCC E-Light Newsletter

February 19, 2026

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Last Week's E-Light

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Listening for God's (Christ's) Voice

2 Kings 2:1-12 and Mark 9:2-9

Join us this Sunday as we observe Transfiguration Sunday – a Sunday early – and ask what it means for us now that Christ was revealed as God's beloved Son.

As we begin Lent, here are some words from the Rev. Darrell L. Goodwin, Executive Conference Minister and President, of our UCC conference:

Lent arrives not as escape, but as invitation.

An invitation to go deeper.

An invitation to remember who we are.

An invitation to strengthen *the ties that bind*.

Lent does not call us away from the world. It calls us into it, more rooted, more disciplined, more clear.

Jesus' forty days in the wilderness were not passive. They were formative. The wilderness clarified his identity and strengthened his resolve for the ministry ahead. Before he overturned tables, before he challenged empire, before he carried a cross, he was grounded in prayer, fasting, and community.

So too for us.

Worship Flowers



The Sanctuary flowers of February 22 are given to the glory of God by Paula Campbell in thanks and in honor of the many helping, generous hands of our church members who give so much to enrich our community.

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 March, please contact Lynn McCall.**



Eggstravaganza's Coming!

Save the Date!
March 28 @ 11 am – 2 pm



Plan Ahead – Spring Sale

Save the Date!
May 2

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On the Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 22 @
10am Contemporary Worship

Sunday, March 1 @
10am Traditional Worship with Communion

Sunday, March 8 @
10am Contemporary Worship

Sunday, March 8 @
2pm Musica Dolce Concert (Sanctuary)

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

Got Unwanted Greeting Cards?

Outside the office is a cardboard box for you to put greeting cards or note cards in – it is next to the spinning display of cards.

We collect and make cards available in hopes that people who need free cards may use them. And keep them out of the landfill.
Submitted by Gabby Klensch

Painting Class – 2/28

This event has been **rescheduled** to February 28. 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.

February 28 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall
Cost: \$55, please pay in advance
Class Limit: 12

Proceeds to purchase art supplies for Youth Connect.

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

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT
Sunday, March 8 – 2 pm
Peace Dale Congregational Church

Suggested
Donation \$20

Children &
Students Free

Robert Hayden *clarinet*
Ann-Frances Rokosa *violin*
Gillian Gallagher *viola*
Megan Koch *cello*
Paul Rosenbloom *piano*

Violin Sonata in E Minor, K. 304
Clarinet Quartet in B Flat, K. 358
transcription by Rosenbloom
Piano Quartet in G Minor, K. 478

For more information, please call 401-294-6520
or visit musicadolce.org





A Conversation with Senator Sheldon Whitehouse

Moderated by
Editor of The Westerly Sun
Alex Nunes
followed by audience questions.

Sunday
March 8, 2026
2 PM

South Kingstown
High School
Auditorium



Scan for PRESS RELEASE at
<https://bit.ly/Whitehouse3-8-26>

The Big Soup Party Blockbuster

Soup: 25 donations of 15 varieties.....SOLD OUT!
Attendance-Over 100 participantsSOLD OUT!
Muffin Tin Samplers-big Hit.....SOLD OUT!
Community engagementAwesome and over the top

Food and ambience ratingA+

In addition to the delicious soups and fellowship, participants donated over \$3000 to the Peace Dale Dinner Table community meal program!

A big thank you to all the cooks, bakers of amazing desserts, students, servers, helpers, Set up and take down volunteers, those who could not attend but contributed and all of those from PDCC who contributed and participated. Our church is truly a community blessing.

Wally Young



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 401 789-7313

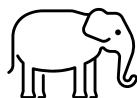


Once-a-Month Singers – 3/22



Do you want to express yourself through singing? Please join us for next month's **family service on Sun. 3/22**. 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 for music videos, lyrics and info.

White Elephants



Thank you for all you bring. We do want your toys, games, puzzles, electrical items, kitchen stuff, dinnerware, decoratives and tchotchke, pet items, crafts, desk/school items, etc. – but no books, CD's, mirrors, art work or furniture. Nothing large – we don't have a way to store it!

TURN LEFT NOW New collection area is to the left as you reach the bottom of the stairs. We've switched with Tabitha's.

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



COME! 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. 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.

CANCER COMFORT – The I Care Shawl Project is working with Brown Health Cancer Center in East Greenwich to comfort those going through chemotherapy. Some of the cancer comfort packs produced and given to patients are shown at right.

REPAIR FAIR

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Town of South Kingstown Public Library and Recycling Coordinator is hosting a "Repair Fair." Volunteers are needed that have skills in repairing electronics, jewelry, bikes, small appliances, furniture, clothing, and other items. Volunteers will help community members with simple repairs to give items new life, keep them out of the landfill, and share knowledge with neighbors. If interested, complete the form by scanning the QR code, visiting <https://tinyurl.com/yc6ctz5n> or calling 401.783.8254 x4303



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

KNOWLEDGE SHARING

REDUCING LANDFILL WASTE

05.09.2026

LOCATION:
SOUTH KINGSTOWN RECREATION CENTER
30 ST DOMINIC RD, SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Repair Fair Volunteer Sign-up:

<https://form.jotform.com/lmigliazza/repair-fair-volunteer-registration>

Thursday Knit and Crochet



Tabitha's Closet Preparing for Spring

Open Saturdays 9:30am-12:30pm and 3rd Tuesday of each month 4-7pm

PAUSE FEB 27

Please pause donations to Tabitha's on February 27 to allow us to transition the closet to our new seasonal offerings.

RESUME MARCH 9

We will be accepting donations of spring/summer gently used clothing and shoes for women, men and children as well as costume jewelry beginning March 9.

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 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

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).

THURSDAY 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 9-11 am. If we can recruit enough interest, we will establish it as another weekly session. First session is February 19th. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Lynne at tabitha@peacedalechurch.org

We ❤️ our community event!



February 21 Only
Winter
Fill-a-bag
for
\$10*

*Suggested donation

GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!

SHOP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Open Saturdays 9:30am- 12:30pm

Monthly Third Tuesdays 4-7pm



Office Door from Parking Lot, downstairs

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February Mission of the Month: Support for Afghan Girls' Education

We are pleased to share that Peace Dale Congregational Church has selected SAGE (Support for Afghan Girls' Education) as our Mission of the Month.

SAGE is a Rhode Island-based nonprofit that operates a secret school in Kabul and supports students with academic instruction, English tutoring, GED preparation, and pathways to higher education. Their work is carried out under extraordinary conditions and with deep commitment to justice, dignity, and hope.

On Sunday, February 8, we heard about Anne Sliney, a board member of SAGE, and Khadija Nazari, the organization's Founder and President. Khadija is an Afghan woman who fled her country after the Taliban takeover and now leads SAGE's courageous work to provide education for girls and young women in Afghanistan—many of whom are currently banned from attending school.

More information about SAGE is available at <https://www.sageafghanistan.org/>

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

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

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support SAGE with your Mission of the Month donations in February. 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 "SAGE" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the Give now button here to donate online (www.peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

[Give now](#)

Donate Supplies for Church World Service KIDS Kits

WE FINISH IN MARCH AND
KITS WILL SHIP OUT IN APRIL.

Please help us collect supplies! We continue to collect for the Kids' Kits.



There is a collection box on the stage in Fellowship Hall.

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

Looking for a Blue Bin

We would happily accept donation of a blue recycling bin that looks like this photo – to be used for cardboard from Tabitha's Closet. Thank you.





You are part of God's Story

2026 PDCC Youth Calendar

February: Everyone is Welcome

Sunday 1 Youth Connect 10 AM
Sunday 8 Family Service: Welcome to God's Family 10 AM
Sunday 15 Youth Connect Valentine's Day Fun 10 AM
Youth Group volunteers at the Big Soup Party to benefit the Dinner Table 4 PM
Sunday 22 Youth Connect Winter Games 10 AM
Youth Group Burgers & Bowling 5 PM

March: You Can Make a Difference

Sunday 1 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Join the scramble: Plan our biggest Eggstravaganza and Egg Drop yet!
Sunday 8 Youth Connect 10 AM
Sunday 15 Youth Connect 10 AM
Saturday 21 Youth Group Homelessness Awareness Sleepover 7 PM
Sunday 22 Family Service: The Good Samaritan 10 AM
Saturday 28 Eggstravaganza 11 AM
Sunday 29 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Join our Palm Sunday procession and
create a community sidewalk art gallery for Easter

April: You Were Created for a Purpose

Sunday 5 Easter Sunday
Sunday 12 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Take charge! Plan our 2026 Earth Day Celebration
Sunday 19 Spring Break: No Youth Connect
BIG Beach Cleanup Time TBD
Sunday 26 Family Service: The Sower of the Seed 10 AM
Earth Day Celebration 11 AM

May: Jesus Is Always With You

Sunday 3 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Create Flower Bouquets for Moms
Sunday 10 Happy Mother's Day: No Youth Connect
Sunday 17 Youth Connect End-of-the-Year Celebration: Breakfast with Jesus 10 AM

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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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 gfaucher@gmail.com and/or Don Hermes at dhermes33@gmail.com



Gift Cards with a Kick

Stop by the RaiseRight table in Fellowship Hall after service each Sunday



Formerly ShopWithScrip

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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