



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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April 30, 2026

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

Godly Friends?

John 15:9-17

Do you feel like God is your friend? What does it mean to be a friend of God? What is a friend? Are there different kinds of friends? What kind of friends do you keep? This Sunday, during a worship service that will include Holy Communion and music from the bell choir, we will ponder love and friendship and think about what it might mean to be Christ's friend.

I invite you to spend some time considering the above Scripture reading, especially in preparation for our Sunday worship service. I'll see you soon!

Peace and Joy, Brother Fred

Worship Flowers



The flowers of May 3 are given to the glory of God by Lynn McCall "in loving memory of my mother Evelyn Smith Le Blanc on her birthday."

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 May, please contact Lynn McCall 401 742-3949.



Baked Goods Needed for Spring Sale

Will you share your baking talents to benefit the Spring Sale on 5/2? Breads, cakes, muffins, cookies, bars, pies, candy.

Baked goods should be labeled (indicate if they have nuts) and individually packed (yay ziplock baggies; small items multiple per baggie). We will sell whole pies & cakes.

Bring baked goods to **Fellowship Hall Friday, May 1 by 7pm.**

QUESTIONS? Contact Lynn McCall 401 742-3949.



Plants Needed for Spring Sale

Do you have some extra plants you could volunteer for the summer sale? Pot them up now so they look fabulous for the Spring Sale 5/2. Annuals, perennials, house plants ... we'll be glad to have them.

BRING PLANTS to church Friday 5/1, around back at the portico off of Fellowship Hall.

QUESTIONS? Contact Patty Hare

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Save the Date – 5/15

Please save the date for Ed Holt's birthday party! The celebration will take place on Friday, May 15 from 5 to 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

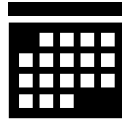


Flower Children Welcome



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.



On the Calendar

Saturday, May 2 @
10am Spring Sale

Sunday, May 3 @
10am Traditional
Worship with
Communion

Sunday, May 10 @
10am Contemporary
Worship

Sunday, May 17 @
10am Family
Worship & Youth
Connect Celebration

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am Prayer
Warriors / Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm AA
Meeting

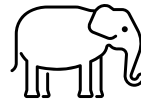
Tuesdays @ 6:30pm Bell
Choir rehearsals

Thursdays @ 1-3pm Shawl
Knit & Crochet

Thursdays @ 6pm
Contemporary Choir reh

Thursdays @ 7:30pm
Traditional Choir rehearsal

The May Mission of the Month will be Shower to Empower.



White Elephants Spring Sale 5/2

PLEASE SAVE Sat. 5/2 and join the White Elephant team in Fellowship Hall at our annual **Spring Sale**. **Workers needed for two shifts: 9:45 AM – 12:15 PM and/or 12:15 PM – 2:45 PM.** Or any time that works for you. Contact jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172.

Thank you for your donations. Some are even new, many a delight and all appreciated.

Donations after now will be for our Fall Sale and December Bazaar.

We will sell linens at the spring and fall sales, but may not in December.

PDCC

Spring Sale

Peace Dale Congregational Church

MAY 2, 2026 • 10am – 2pm

261 Columbia Street
South Kingstown, RI 02879

Featuring

Grandpa's Attic

Antiques and Collectables

Handmade Crafts

Outdoor Vendor Booths

Food

**Tabitha's
Closet**

White Elephant
Sale

Handmade
Crafts

For vendor info, contact

Carol Edwards

caedwards760@gmail.com

Tabitha's Closet Open for Spring Sale 5/2

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

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.**

WE NEED BAGS – large plastic or reusable shopping bags that we can use for customers at Tabitha's.

DONATE We are happy to accept spring and summer items 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. 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.

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).

LATEST UPDATES on Instagram

#shoptabithasclose

SPRING SALE SATURDAY MAY 2 @ 10am-2pm

Spring Sale Special

Fresh Spring Inventory

FILL-A-BAG

\$12.00*

*Suggested Donation

Excludes specially priced items and jewelry



Saturday May 2, 2026, ONLY

Special Event Hours 10am-2pm

Peace Dale Congregational Church

Office Door, downstairs

261 Columbia St.

Peace Dale RI 02879

tabitha@peacedalechurch.org

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

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 for a morning from 9-11 am. If we can recruit enough interest, we will establish a morning weekly session. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Lynne at tabitha@peacedalechurch.org

Youth Connect Sponsors Children's Book Drive – through 5/24

Our Youth Connect students ask for your help in collecting children's books for the annual [Books Are Wings](#) /United Way book drive.

New and gently used books for children — from babies to Grade 5 — are welcome.

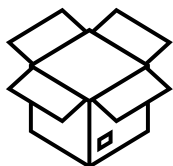
No books for adults, reference books, textbooks, workbooks, library books, or mildewed/damaged books.

Books Are Wings (Pawtucket, RI) works with students around the state of Rhode Island, with a focus on communities where children often do not have their own books at home. Books Are Wings works to engage students in their classrooms, at school functions, community events, and playgrounds.

"We believe that offering books to children in different environments instills a consistent message that reading is not just school work - it's a way of life!

"Research [shows](#) that access to books is one of the strongest predictors of interest in reading and academic success. Books Are Wings seeks to provide every child with regular access to books."

We invite you to drop off new and gently used books in the box outside the church office through Memorial Day. Our donations will be picked up that week.

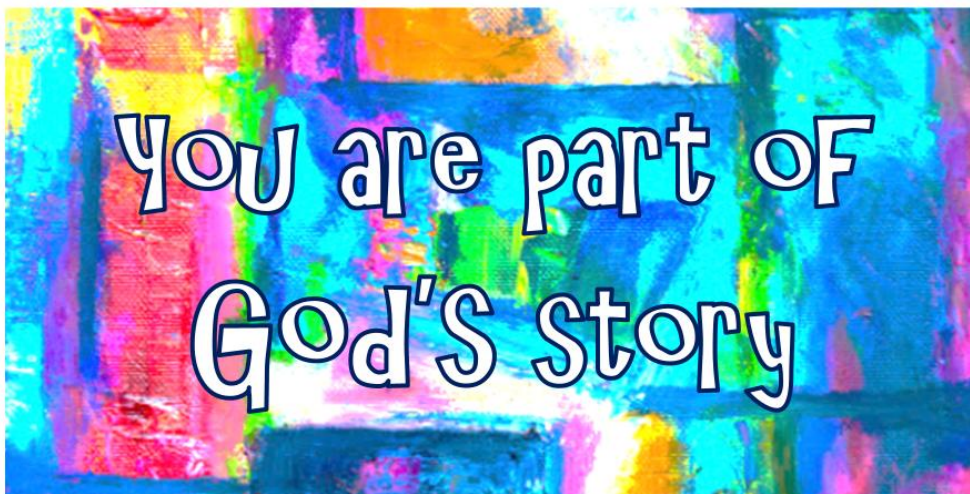


Got Unwanted Greeting Cards?



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 it keeps them out of the landfill. Submitted by Gabby Klensch



2026 PDCC Youth Calendar

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 to 12 PM

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

Volunteer for Bistro Dinner Table on Tuesdays



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

We have a need for additional volunteers for the Bistro. **You do not need to be here every-week.**

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 want more information, please contact Cynthia Cherney (or the Church Office at office@peacedalechurch.org 401 789-7313)

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

Once-a-Month Singers

Do you want to express yourself through singing? Please join us for **family service the fourth Sunday of each month.** 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.

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

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

DVRC Gala 5/29



You are invited to join Jane & Steve Stabile

and other PDCCers at the Dunes Club in Narragansett for the **Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County's Annual Gala** on Friday, May 29th from 6 to 10:30 PM. Tickets grant attendees one alcoholic beverage (cash bar available), passed hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, seated dinner, and dancing to live music by Clockwork Boston. Come join the fun and support an outstanding cause.

Tickets at <https://dvrcsc.org/events/> for \$150 pp. We have already filled one table, let's work on adding another. When you reserve, there is a place to note that you want to sit near us. Please also let us know. jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172. It has always been a wonderful night.

Thursday Knit and Crochet



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 – I Care Shawl Project is working with Brown Health Cancer Center to comfort those going through chemotherapy.

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

you're invited

RI ASSOCIATION SPRING Gathering and the **HISTORIC RHODE ISLAND CONFERENCE Annual Meeting**

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026 AT 3:00 PM
PEACE DALE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
261 COLUMBIA ST, PEACE DALE, RI

REGISTER

April Mission of the Month: Egg-a-Day Child Nutrition Program



School children enjoy an egg a day

A small team traveled to Haiti in 2012 after Hurricane Sandy had ravaged a portion of the country. Shocked to see so many empty seats in the schools the team learned that much of the agricultural land had been destroyed and that food scarcity had become an issue. Many children were too hungry and weak to come to school. The schools had no funds to provide food for everyone in need. The team immediately arranged for some rice, beans, and pasta to be sent to the area. But a long-range solution was needed.

A chance meeting on the flight back from Haiti to New York led two women to discover a common concern: the hungry children they had seen during their visit. By the time the plane landed, the two had vowed not only to find a way to feed the children, but were determined to find a way to help the Haitians in the communities they serve become self-sufficient and produce their own food. That was the birth of the Egg-a-Day Nutrition Program (formerly known as OneEgg Haiti) which has, since 2013 provided high-quality animal protein in the form of a hard-boiled egg to over 2500 children throughout Haiti. The goal is to make the program sustainable by educating individuals, especially school children, about how to raise their own food and chickens.

The eggs are purchased from two poultry farms in Haiti with funds raised by various churches throughout the conference. The eggs are picked up every two weeks by our in-country program coordinator in a pick-up truck and delivered to the schools and orphanages that are part of the Egg-a-Day program. At one point, before the Covid-19 pandemic caused the closure of schools throughout

Haiti, there were 17 sites from Port-au-Prince, to Mirebalais to Miragoane receiving eggs. Currently the program continues providing eggs to the orphanages where children live full time.

The eggs are delivered raw and unrefrigerated. (An unrefrigerated egg will keep for between 14 and 21 days – if not stored in the hot sunlight. Volunteers at the sites cook the eggs (mostly on open fires) and serve them to the children for breakfast, snack or lunch each day. It is hard to understand, unless you have traveled to Haiti, how difficult it is to move these eggs from the farms, to the sites, to the children over roads that are rough, clogged with traffic and sometimes not paved.

The program is funded by donations from churches and individuals throughout our conference. For several years, those donations were supplemented by additional financial support from OneEgg.org, a charitable organization that ran a similar program in Africa. However, that organization is no longer able to continue supporting our program. And, since churches throughout our conference are not meeting in person, our traditional forms of fund-raising are no longer viable. Now we rely solely on the donations from individuals and churches.

NOTE: School resumed in Haiti on August 17. Our need for financial support has taken on a new urgency. It does not take much - \$60 will feed a child an egg a day for one year.

The Haiti Task Force is a registered 501(c)(3).

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

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

Give now

The April Mission of the Month has collected to date \$1,990.41 for Egg-a-Day.

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.

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