



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

July 8, 2022

CHURCH SERVICE
10:00 AM

NEW Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-1pm

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Birthdays

Nathaniel Baker	7/5
Caroline Bamford	7/7
Mary Jane Burgess	7/10
Maia Healy	7/12
Daniel Wheeler	7/12
Hannah McCoy	7/13
Patrick Shaughnessy	7/14
Jeffrey Healy	7/15
Betsy Cote	7/16
Elizabeth Morse	7/17

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Last Week's E-Light

Telling the Story, with Music!

Wow, Music Sunday, in case you missed it, was incredible! It was like no other Music Sunday I have ever experienced! Since that important day in the life of our church, I've heard people say that Nathaniel's creation of a music medley, interspersed with personal statements of faith, was both touching and powerful. I totally agree! Couched the way they were, within the music, the vocal choir not only told their own stories, but they did it within the music – demonstrating what they were saying by the way they were saying it; it was brilliant!

During one of their songs, the choir members also talked about the important role music plays in worship saying things like the following: singing is my prayer; music brings us joy in worship; congregational singing forms a sense of community, and mutual agreement as the songs reflect our faith; God is so good and uses music to open my heart and mind; music makes the worship experience and fellowship time more meaningful; and music helps the faithful to integrate and reinforce our beliefs. Such profound and heartfelt sentiments coming from our choir in the midst of the music was effective and impactful! Also adding to the joy of the day was the fact that many of the songs/hymns that were chosen, were favorites of our faith community (and were goose-bump inspiring).

Viewing the pictures of Nathaniel and his mentors when he was younger, we were all reminded of the importance of telling our own faith stories. Music Sunday was reminiscent of the Psalter, which by example calls us to remember the way God has moved in our lives in the past, as we can draw strength from that, especially when the seas get turbulent in the present.

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The new piano, and the piano cover, also helped us celebrate the role music plays in worship. Nathaniel reminded us that we are all invited to sign the cover (that was created by Carol Edwards). When we add our name to that cover, we are endorsing not just the key role music plays in worship, but we are also recognizing that God's Spirit continues to dance in our midst!

Music Sunday was a good reminder for all of us, to take a moment and tell others of ways God has moved in our lives – inviting our friends to experience the inclusive Love, forgiveness, and Shalom of Christ as we strive to usher in God's Kin'dom on Earth as it is in Heaven!

Thank You to all who helped make Music Sunday possible! May God bless our faith family, as we continue to tell the story "of Jesus and his love".

Shalom,
Pastor Fred

Recognizing Graduating High School Seniors

Congratulations to all the graduating high school seniors of the class of 2022! It was our privilege to recognize you during the June Family service. We give thanks for you! May God bless you and your future endeavors.

Dear PDCC Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely cord and generous scholarship. It will be put towards my schooling and future at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire. You all have supported me and watched me grow throughout my life. I always feel as though I have a place at church and in its amazing family.

Warmest regards, Taylor Hurley

Dear Peace Dale Congregational Church,

Thank you kindly for the 200-dollar check in celebration of my graduation from South Kingstown High School. I can assure the church community that the money will be put to good use and that it will be especially helpful for my future endeavors. I appreciate all of the help.

Warmly, Daniel McGovern





Worship Flowers

July 10th – Flowers are given to our parents, Matty and Russell Ernest, Molly and Bill Swain by Claudia and Peter Swain.

Anyone interested in donating flowers during the months of August, September and October, please contact Wendy Sisson at wendyhighschool@gmail.com or by text or phone at (401) 932-2055. Flowers are a beautiful way to remember loved ones, celebrate an occasion or simply give to the glory of God. I look forward to hearing from you! Thank you, Wendy

Crisis Fund Update

The Crisis Fund has continued to be very active throughout the first half of this year. Due to the generosity of our donors, we have been able to help more than forty less-fortunate families and individuals in our community.

Our payments cover needs such as car payments and car insurance, rent and down payments on housing, and the cost of storage units for people who have become homeless. Some of the most common needs are with utilities such as electric and fuel bills which are in danger of being turned off. We have also recently helped with a hearing aid for an elderly person and given out Scrip cards for food and gas. All payments are sent to the third party, such as the landlord or the electric company, to pay overdue bills.

We work closely with the Johnnycake Center for referrals and often share payments when requests are larger than we can handle. Unfortunately, it is often the case that the need is greater than we can support, especially when our fund is running low.

We continue to receive applications and try to offer as much financial support as possible. If you know someone in need, please refer them to office@peacedalechurch.org for an application.

Our fund balance at this time is not adequate to meet the needs of the community and we are actively fundraising to increase it. We sent out letters to many local businesses and organizations to make them aware of the outreach and financial support the Crisis Fund is providing to local families and individuals in need, and to encourage their donations.

Individuals can donate by sending a check to **PDCC Local Crisis Fund, 261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI 02879** and writing "PDCC LOCAL CRISIS FUND" in the memo section of the check, or by contacting the church to inquire about electronic giving options. The Mission Board is extremely thankful for the generosity of individuals who have already given so much to make this fund possible.

Submitted by Katherine Condon

July Mission

This month, our mission collection will support Neighbors in Need.

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S. In the past year, their "Unfailing Love" campaign focused on supporting organizations and projects that serve homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities.



One-third of the Neighbors in Need funds support the Council of American Indian Ministry; the rest of funds support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects through grants.

www.peacedalechurch.org/missions



From the Green Team

Great News! At last, the church solar system is operating at full capacity and generating much electricity. The bank of panels that was inoperative is now working, and the one broken panel has finally been replaced and is fully functional. Performance reviews will periodically be presented here.

DO YOU KNOW HOW FOSSIL FUELS WERE CREATED & ARE PRESENTLY USED?

Take a look at the short-animated video narrated by Jane Pauley of CBS Sunday Morning. Either of the links below will get you connected to it.

- (110) "Meet the Fossils": Ancient life that powers our world – YouTube [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNYxy2rY7fA>]
- Watch Sunday Morning: "Meet the Fossils": Ancient life that powers our world - Full show on CBS [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNYxy2rY7fA>]

Submitted by Don Hermes

What's happening at PDCC?

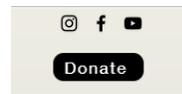
Find what you need on our website

<https://www.peacedalechurch.org/>



What time is worship?

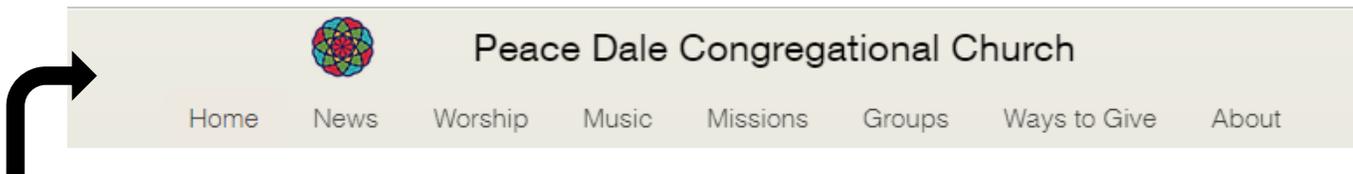
Top left of the home page.



Social media and Donate

Top right of the home page

- Connect to PDCC Instagram and Facebook
- How to contribute to the church and missions



This menu bar across the top is your navigator to our church world!

NEWS

Rollover the dropdown menu to get easily to:

- E-light – current and archived editions
- Event calendar
- Church directory (Breeze)

Click on the word “news” to get to the full news page (calendar, subscribe to e-light, missions, Green Team activities, etc.).

WORSHIP

Click on “worship” to read about worship services and music.

MUSIC

Currently describes the new Music Academy. Growth of the music page is in the works.

MISSIONS

Provides info about a few of our on-going missions.

WAYS TO GIVE

This page describes easy online giving, shopping on smile.amazon.com, purchasing gift cards through RaiseRight (formerly Scrip), and others.

GROUPS

Rollover the dropdown menu to get easily to:

- Youth – any recent activities
- Bible Study
- Requesting Support – our support groups

Click on the word “Groups” to read more about youth CE activities; three support groups and how to make a request for support; and Women’s Fellowship

ABOUT

Rollover the dropdown menu to get easily to Welcome, Who We Are, What to Expect, Church History, and the Church Staff

Click on the word “About” to find all of that information PLUS:

- Church Office hours
- Contact the pastor about joining the church
- A list of Church leaders

Submitted by Darlene Hermes

Ways to support PDCC



Generate donations to the church when you shop on smile.amazon.com and select Peace Dale Congregational Church as your benefit organization.



RaiseRight[™]

Formerly ShopWithScrip

Think of RaiseRight for purchasing and gift-giving throughout the year with hundreds of retailers available.

Formerly Scrip

Every retailer gives money back to the church for the money you spend.

Available each week after the 10:00am service.

In addition to grocery and pharmacy gift cards, the following cards are available in stock to treat yourself or thank someone else:

Brickley's Ice Cream (\$5; giving us a 20% rebate)	
Dunkin' (\$10 & \$25)	Panera (\$10 & \$25)
Starbucks (\$10 & \$25)	Amazon (\$25 & \$100)
Marshall's (\$25)	Walmart (\$25)
Applebee's (\$25)	Old Mountain Lanes (\$25)
Matunuck Oyster Bar (\$50)	

For a complete listing of participating retailers, click: [Retailer List](https://www.raiseright.com/brands).
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Questions? Contact Deb Shaw at dkshaw5@cox.net



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“CALLED BY CHRIST TO CREATE SHALOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL”

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