



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

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Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

What's the Connection?

Psalm 133 and Acts 4:32-35

Can you guess what specific connection I might be highlighting between these two readings?

This Sunday will be a full service! We'll gather for a Traditional Worship Service that will include communion, the bell choir, and the traditional choir.

See you soon! Peace and Joy, Brother Fred

Youth Connect Yay!

What an extraordinary year for Youth Connect! The photos here and continued on page 8 are from Bible stories come to life at PDCC! We talked about – and built – the Creation Story, Jonah and the Whale, Parting the Red Sea, and The Lost Sheep. Youth Connect = faith, family, and fun together! SEE MORE photos on page 8!



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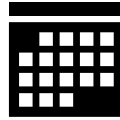
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 Youth Connect Yay! Bible Stories Come to Life

The **MAY** Mission-of-the-Month has collected \$1,999.48 to date in support of Shower to Empower.

South Kingstown High School Project Public Hearing – 5/29

PDCC is a property owner within the notice radius of this proposed land development project. A public hearing is scheduled for 6:30pm on Thursday May 29, 2025 in the Council Chambers at the South Kingstown Town Hall, 180 High Street, Wakefield.

An printed plan of the project is available on our copier room door, or online at southkingstownri.gov/1378/South-Kingstown-High-School



On the Calendar

Thursday, May 29 @ 6pm
 Praise Team rehearsal

Thursday, May 29@
 7:30pm Traditional Choir rehearsal

Sunday, June 1 @ 10am
 Traditional Worship

Thursday, June 5
 @4:30pm Tunes & Tacos,
 SK Fune Arts Booster event
 at PDCC

Saturday, May 24 Youth
 Group Homelessness
 Awareness Sleep-Out

Sunday, June 8 @ 10am
 Contemporary Worship

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
 Prayer Warriors /
 Prayer Circle ALL
 WELCOME!

Tuesdays @ 4:30pm
 Bistro Dinner at Peace
 Dale Dinner Table

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
 AA Meeting

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
 Bell Choir rehearsals
 ALL WELCOME!

Worship Flowers



The flowers for Sunday, June 1 are given to the glory of God.

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.

White Elephants



Yes, keep your clean outs and extra gifts coming. We collect year 'round. The next sale is the Pumpkin Palooza in October.

Please no books, CD's or video's. *We have also stopped collecting pillows for this year due to space limitations.*

Thanks for the boxes! We are all set for a while with them.

Next **WORK DAY** Fri. 6/6 from 10 to 11:30 AM

Church Family Life Events

PLEASE DO keep posting your flyers on the Event Bulletin Board. For more coverage send your details to jane.stabile@outlook.com ahead of time to appear in the E-Light.

NEW Fri. 5/30 (12-7:30 PM), Sat. 5/31 (10 AM–7:30PM) & Sun. 6/1 (10 AM – 5 PM, Atlantis Rising International Sand Sculpture Competition featuring 10 artists from all over the world. Ninigret Park will be transformed into creative masterpieces. Photo opps, food, vendors, live music, activities for the kids and more will make this an unforgettable family event. visitrhodeisland.com/event/atlantis-rising-international-sand-sculpture-competition/102971/

NEW Sat. 5/31, Full Lighting at Waterfire. Onshore programming and vendors open at 7:00 PM, 8:14 PM to midnight, , PVD. Besides the brazier fires along the river, enjoy artists and maker vendors, food fairs and 2 brewhouses. <https://waterfire.org/events/saturday-may-31/>

Sun. 6/1 @ 3-4:30pm Songs of Faith – Building Community, Building Hope. Local area churches and their choirs coming together to combine their voices in worship and praise. Free will offering to benefit South County Habitat for Humanity. Reception to follow. At Wakefield Baptist Church, 236 Main Street, Wakefield. facebook.com/story.php/?story_fbid=1105135081648152&id=100064550120061

Thurs. 6/5 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM right here in our own PDCC Sanctuary TUNES & TACOS. Enjoy the great acoustics as you listen to prize winning musical performances by the Splendid Strings, unbelievable harmonies by eSKape choir and wonderful upbeat music by the Jazz Band. Also, enjoy a taco dinner (meat & vegan) with Mexican salad and ice cream sundae bar. Events also include student art & raffles. These amazing teens swept the awards in Hershey, PA this April. \$25 adults; \$10 kids under 18 and free if under 3 yr. **See Jane Stabile for tickets or online** events.humanitix.com/tunes-and-tacos-2025

Fri. 6/6 from 9 to 11 AM Guided Hike at DuVal Trail. Walk through tunnels of bursting pink and white Mountain Laurels on this roughly two-mile guided hike. You'll also be listening for birds and keeping an eye out for interesting plants, mushrooms, and wildflowers. All ages welcome. Binoculars and boots recommended. No dogs allowed. Map at this link - [Guided Hike at DuVal Trail – South Kingstown Land Trust](#)

NEW Sun. 6/8 from 11 AM to 4 PM, the Wakefield Rotary Club presents a Children's Festival at the South County YMCA featuring Greg Lato, award winning children's musician, pony rides, petting zoo, games and crafts, food, raffles, bounce house & more! \$30 per family, \$10 PP. <https://wakefieldrotary.org/events/children-s-festival-2025/>

NEW Sun. 6/8 at 5:30 PM 60+ Supper Club at Cap'n Jack's, 706 Succotash Rd., Wakefield. Enjoy local restaurant dining with friends new and old. Reserve through the Wakefield Senior Center, call 401 789-0268 ext.2.

NEW So much at the SK Senior Services!! 25 St. Dominic Rd., Wakefield. There is a \$10 yearly fee. Call or stop by for more info on any of these events, many are free! In addition to **daily lunches** there is **bus service, all sorts of clubs**, ie. Puzzle Masters; Billiards, Walking Aerobics, Knitting, Chair Yoga, Yoga, Investing, Mah Jongg, Veteran's Benefit Counseling, Bridge, Chair Exercises (Steve S. leads), Book Club, Crochet, SC Home Health & SC Health **Wellness Clinic**, Line Dancing, History **classes**, Tai Chi, Cooking for One and more. There are also **special events**, for example:

- Tues. 6/3 Personal Preparedness 101 @ 11 AM
- Wed. 6/4 BCBS Cooking Demo at 1 PM;
- Sun. 6/8 60+ Supper Club
- Fri. 6/13 Monthly Wellness Workshop from 10 to 11:30 AM
- Tues. 6/17 Swing into Summer Concert with ROMPS at 11 AM
- Wed. 6/18 Sound Bath at 1 PM
- Fri. 6/20 Thriving with Nature at 10 AM.
- Tues 6/24 resources from The RI Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing from 9 AM to 1 PM
- Fri. 6/27 Watercolor Painting from 9 to 10:30 AM (\$10)



SONGS OF FAITH

BUILDING COMMUNITY - BUILDING HOPE



Local area churches and their
choirs coming together to
combine their voices in worship
and praise.

Free will offering to
benefit South County
Habitat for Humanity on
their 35th Anniversary!

JUNE 1, 2025

3 PM – 4:30 PM

Reception Following

Join us at
Wakefield Baptist Church
236 Main Street
Wakefield RI 02879
401-783-2472

May Mission of the Month: Shower to Empower

Restoring Dignity. Building Trust. Creating Pathways Forward.



Imagine going days – or weeks – without a shower. No clean clothes. No place to shave, wash your hair, or simply feel human. For those living unsheltered in Rhode Island, this is daily life.

But dignity can arrive on wheels.

Launched in 2018 by House of Hope CDC in partnership with Team Williams and the City of Providence, Shower to Empower is a one-of-a-kind mobile outreach program that brings compassion, care, and connection to people experiencing homelessness—right where they are.

Our 20-foot mobile unit travels five days a week to Providence, Woonsocket, Pawtucket, and West Warwick. At every stop, it offers more than just hot showers. It offers hope - haircuts that renew confidence, medical navigation that restores health, basic necessities that remind people they are not forgotten, and case management and street outreach that open doors to shelter, treatment, and housing.

For someone sleeping in a tent, car, or under an overpass, a warm shower can mean the world—a moment to feel clean, seen, and cared for. But Shower to Empower is about more than hygiene. It's about trust. It's about connection, and it's about change.

Through daily interactions with our team, we meet people in their most vulnerable moments—with no judgment and no conditions. It's this consistent, compassionate presence that helps guide individuals from crisis to stability, from the streets to housing, from surviving to truly living.

Since its launch, Shower to Empower has delivered over 10,000 showers, 1,800 haircuts, and 2,300 medical services—but the true impact goes far

beyond the numbers. Each act of care is a seed planted – seeds that grow into new beginnings.

Help us continue this work.

Help us empower change—one shower, one haircut, one conversation at a time. Your support can restore dignity. It can rebuild trust. It can help change a life.

More information on thehouseofhopecdc.org/shower-to-empower/.

Thank you for your generosity,
The Missions Board

PDCC supports Shower to Empower as our May Mission of the Month. You may 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 “Shower to Empower” in the memo line or 3) clicking the **Give now**

button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Give now



June Mission of the Month

Supporting the LGBTQ community with contributions to Camp Lilac and the LGBT Asylum Task Force Ministry



CAMP LILAC In support of the Pride Celebration this month, and in recognition of the struggles of gender diverse youth, the Missions Board has chosen to support Camp Lilac with your donations in June.

Camp Lilac is a week-long summer camp in Ohio for 13 to 17-year old trans and gender diverse youth. Campers come from 22 different states, including Rhode Island. Your donations help to make available scholarships to help campers that travel from a distance.

Trans youth often face stressful, unwelcoming, and even hostile environments in their day to day lives, and the rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide are much higher among them. Since 2017, Camp Lilac has been creating a safe, welcoming, and confidential space in which gender diversity is the norm. Their program is designed so that campers emerge with an increased sense of confidence in their identities and a strong community of peers and supporters.

As a small nonprofit, Camp Lilac has to rely on camper tuition and individual donations to fund every aspect of camp, from space rental to food, supplies, and activities. In addition to building a general scholarship fund for low-income campers, they're also fundraising to be able to purchase a larger permanent space to provide a unique camp experience all summer and programming all year for trans and gender diverse teens.

The mission of Camp Lilac is to provide a safe, welcoming space for transgender and gender diverse youth to be themselves in a positive, supportive, youth-focused environment. "We believe our camp fills a crucial gap in their lives, setting them on a path to success."

More information can be found at www.camlilac.org.



THE LGBT ASYLUM TASK FORCE, formed in 2008, is a ministry of the Hadwen Park Congregational Church in Worcester, MA. LGBTQ people of all faith traditions are welcomed and are provided with shared housing, food, and connection to legal, medical, and mental health resources at other local agencies.

Asylum seekers are a class of refugees who seek protection from torture and abuse in their home countries. They must have faced persecution or have a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. "Particular social group" has been interpreted to include the LGBTQ community. A petition for asylum may be submitted at a port of entry or at a US Citizenship and Immigration Service center.

Asylum seekers are not allowed to work for up to 2 years after arriving in the US. The LGBT Asylum Task Force ministry provides comprehensive support for the entire duration of that 2-year period in which it is needed. They are given housing, food, and a small monthly stipend to cover their most basic of needs. The task force also provides connections to existing *pro bono* legal services. Studies have shown asylum seekers who have an attorney stand a much greater chance of being granted asylum than those who do not.

"We provide a sense of community. As you might understand, fleeing persecution in your home country to come to a country where you know no one can be emotionally difficult. Our monthly community dinners and workshops aim to ease their transitions to life in the US."

For additional information, see <https://www.lgbtasylum.org/> or the UCC website at <https://www.ucc.org/lgbt-asylum-task-force-grant/>



Come Make Music with Us!



Our Praise Team, Traditional Choir, and Bell Choir welcome you!

Rehearsals are once a week.. Ask a choir member after worship about rehearsal dates, check the Breeze

EVENTS calendar, or check the On the Calendar feature on page 2.

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



PDCC Seeks Director of Music

Our open position for Director of Music and Organist has been posted on several websites. You may also view the posting on the church website. Please share the notice if you know someone who might be interested or who may know possible candidates.

Tabitha's Closet

Buy One Get One Free until May 31

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm.

Open third Tuesday of each month 4-7pm during Bistro.

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. Tabitha's Closet is accepting **spring & summer donations.** We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer. 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 gsfaucher@gmail.com or lynnehandayan@gmail.com

LATEST UPDATES on Instagram
[#shoptabithascloset](https://www.instagram.com/shoptabithascloset)



BUY ONE GET ONE FREE*
UNTIL MAY 31ST 2025

Open Saturdays 9:30-12:30pm
Third Tuesdays 4-7pm



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downstairs
Peace Dale Congregational Church
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peacedalechurch.org

*Suggested donation

YOUTH CONNECT YAY!

Bible Stories Come

@ PDCC
to Life



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.



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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