



**Peace Dale**  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# PDCC E-Light Newsletter

261 Columbia Street  
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May 9, 2024

## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

### Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

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## Birthdays This Week

Kathy Carlson  
Bob Gamache  
Michael Gross  
JoEllen Magers-Golberg  
Deb Shaw  
Sophia Arnone  
Joan Dugas  
Renée Lamontagne  
Mary Bannister  
Robert Carlson  
Andrew Hays  
Ed Holt

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

### Follow us on Facebook!

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

### Last Week's E-Light

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

## Picturing and Honoring Your Mother

Join us for worship on Sunday where we will not only worship God, build community and specifically remember Lydia, but we will also honor our mothers.

You Are Invited – to bring a picture of your mother and put it on a table in the sanctuary before worship on Sunday (even if you are a little late, please feel free to bring your picture up and put it on the table). And/or if there is someone who played a nurturing/hospitable role in your life, especially someone who nurtured your faith, you can bring a picture of them too.

Something to ponder - who was it in your family who said things like - "...as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord?" (Joshua 24:15b)

I look forward to worshipping with you, our faith family, on this special day!

Blessings, Brother Fred

## Worship Flowers



**The flowers of May 12 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of their mother, June Koussa, by Carl, Harold, and Steven Koussa.**

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 or June please contact Roberta Norman at 401 226-7123.

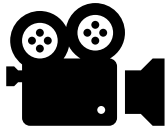
The Church office will be closed  
Monday, May 13

Reopen Wednesday 5/15

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## Church Service Streaming



The Deacons are looking to bring about on-line streaming of our worship services. However, we need a few folks to step up as volunteers to make it happen.

We have the technology available, thanks to Don Richer, an active member of our church, and David Bergerson, member at Kingston Congregational Church, who have worked hard to identify and determine the technology to carry out this mission.

**Now we need people to operate the equipment during services.**

Please contact Darlene Hermes at dhermes44@gmail.com if you would be willing to help in bringing this to fruition. Thank you so much.

Submitted on behalf of Deacons,

Darlene Hermes



## On the Calendar

**Friday, May 10 @ 6:30pm**  
Screening of “Common Ground” film. See below.

**Sunday, May 12 @ 10am**  
– Contemporary Worship

**Wednesday, May 15 @ 5:30pm** – Having it My Way (see page 5)

**Sunday, May 19 @ 10am**  
– Family Worship Service

**Sunday, May 26 @ 10am**  
– Contemporary Worship.  
No Fellowship Hour

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am  
Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
Bell Choir rehearsal

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
AA Meeting

Thursdays @ 6pm  
Contemporary Singers  
rehearse *ALL welcome*

Thursdays @ 7:30pm  
Traditional Choir  
rehearsal

## Screening of “Common Ground”



**Common Ground** is the highly anticipated sequel to the juggernaut success documentary, **Kiss the Ground**, which touched over 1 billion people globally and inspired the USDA to put \$20 billion toward soil health.

Peace Dale Congregational Church, in collaboration with UUCSC and St. Augustine, will be hosting a screening of a “Common Ground”, with discussion to follow.

Join the solution-driven movement of regenerative leaders as they make a case for soil health across North America and beyond. We can all find our ‘common ground’ to heal the soil, our health, and the planet. No action is too small.

Light refreshments will be served.



May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30  
Peace Dale Congregational  
Church  
261 Columbia Street  
Peace Dale, RI



## Break bread, Sip wine, Share some laughter!!

### It's Time For Dine with Nine Again!

This **May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>,**  
Church Family Life/Hospitality

would like to invite everyone to a **Dine with Nine** event.

This is a potluck dinner event for 9, (or 8 or 10) people from our church family to share dinner and friendly conversation at a host's home.

The host will coordinate the meal with everyone contributing their part.

This is a great way to spend time getting to know people you may have not interacted with, or new members that have just joined the church.

Our last Dine with Nine was a great success! A lot of fun was had by all!! Let your Light Shine!

**SIGN UP** in Fellowship Hall by **SUNDAY, MAY 26<sup>th</sup>** for your preferred date:

**FRIDAY MAY 31<sup>st</sup>, SATURDAY JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>,  
or SUNDAY JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**\*\*Please indicate if you would like to be a host.\*\*  
(Being a potluck dinner makes hosting so easy!)**

Submitted by Jane Stabile/ Christine Grevstad

### No Mow May – What's that about?

No Mow May is a catchy name for an environmental movement, started in the U.K., that begs us to reexamine the American lawn. No Mow May can help us understand how we share our lawn with many small creatures by suggesting that we pause lawn mowing for a period of time in May.

Did you know that our lawns cover more than 40 million acres in the United States? It's true. Our lawns represent 2% of land in the United States, making our lawns the single largest irrigated crop we grow.

We mow our lawns, fertilize them, water them and treat them with chemicals that can be harmful to bees and other invertebrates. A lot of resources, including time and money, are dedicated to our lawns. Lawns contribute significantly to habitat loss and provide little benefit to wildlife.

Bee populations have been in decline in recent years due to loss of habitat, parasites and pesticides. This is tragic because bees are responsible for pollinating \$15 billion in agricultural products in the U.S. each year and 80% of our flowering plants.

The emergence of bees coincides with the beginning of the lawn mowing season. The bees are hungry at the same time that we are mowing down some of the flowering plants that could provide them with

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sustenance. When we resume mowing at the end of May, other sources of food usually appear.

It will be of tremendous benefit to the pollinators we depend on to ensure our own food supply if we cut back on mowing in May. Choices for participating in No Mow May include not mowing the entire yard for a month or not mowing the entire yard or a portion of the yard for a few weeks. Some people may want to keep a tidy mowed border around the unmowed portion with signage describing their intentions. Expect to see No Mow May signs (available online) sprouting in yards all over South County!

Every one of the choices we make about No Mow May will make a difference in the lives of the pollinators and in our lives as well.

**JOIN US!** For anyone, of all ages, interested in learning more about the "Green Team", please contact George Faucher at [gfaucher@gmail.com](mailto:gfaucher@gmail.com) and/or Don Hermes at [dhermes33@gmail.com](mailto:dhermes33@gmail.com)

## No Coffee Hour on Memorial Day Sunday

There will not be a Fellowship Coffee Hour after worship on Sunday May 26., which is Memorial Day weekend

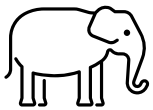


## Hospitality Needs Help!

To continue putting out great coffee hours after the service on Sundays.... Our coffee hour teams need reinforcements.

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday teams all need at least one additional person.

If you would like to join us please contact Christine Grevstad 401 284-6483 / christinegrevstad@hotmail.com



## White Elephants

Yes, we'll take your "reductions in inventory" – meaning all those items you don't use and are cleaning out.

We spiff them up, organize and appreciate them. Keep them coming and thank you! Info contact jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172



## We Need You for Worship

Deacons would love to have more folks available as **readers** (of scripture) and as **ushers** at worship services (especially for the traditional service).

If you are interested in helping out during the services, please contact Val Lowell, Sandi Robinson, or Jeff Healy.



## 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.

## Recumbent Tricycle (Adult-Size)

Someone has donated this treasure to White Elephants.



It appears to be in very good condition and comes with some options including fenders, air pump, rear view mirror, and a rear light. Two manuals included.

Sun EZ-3 USX HD Delta Trike

- Trike Weight 65lbs
- Total Weight Capacity 400lbs
- Wheelbase 59.5" (151cm)
- Total Length 78" (45cm)
- Total Width 32" (81cm)
- X-Seam Range 36-47"
- Seat Height 18" (145cm)
- List Price (less options) \$2349.99

If interested, you don't have to wait for the next fair to purchase this trike. Contact Jane Stabile at 508-395-1172 or jane.stabile@outlook.com to **MAKE AN OFFER.**

## Plant Sale – Sat. 5/11

8:30am – 1pm. Rain or shine. Cash, check.



### Church of the Ascension

Corner of Kenyon Ave & Main St

Assorted annuals, perennials, shrubs & trees from members' gardens. And a garden-themed table of gifts & garden accessories and tools. Proceeds to benefit Episcopal Relief & Development for al Ahli Hospital in Gaza.

## Jam Jars Needed



Patty Hare asks for donations of half-pint (8 oz) glass canning jars to make 60 jars of jam for the Bazaar. Yes, she is planning ahead! There is a collection box on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



## May Mission of the Month: South County Habitat for Humanity

This month, our mission collection will support Habitat for Humanity.

Founded in 1990, South County Habitat for Humanity (SCHH) has been dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide. SCHH serves all towns in Washington County, Rhode Island. Read more about South County Habitat for Humanity and SCHH's programs – expanding home ownership, building accessibility ramps, the ReStore resale store – at [southcountyhabitat.org/](http://southcountyhabitat.org/).

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, community and hope. Programs include home construction, home ownership, handicap ramps, The Restore

Thank you for your generosity,  
The Missions Board  
[www.peacedalechurch.org/missions](http://www.peacedalechurch.org/missions)



Peace Dale Congregational Church supports South County Habitat for Humanity as our Mission of the Month.

You may donate funds 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, or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online ([peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give](http://peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give)). **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "Habitat for Humanity" in the memo line.**



## Having It My Way – Making Life Decisions

**The 6<sup>th</sup> session, Wednesday, May 15th @ 5:30 PM** will be Lisa Wasson, Nurse Educator from Hope Health, and Veronica Houston, Funeral Director at Avery-Storti Funeral Home and Crematory, discussing "End of Life Decisions—Hospice and Funeral Planning."

Wasson and Houston will lead a discussion about facing the factual aspect of the end-of-life finality and actions that need to be taken. Topics will include Working with family and friends; embracing the situation; decisions to be made regarding burial or cremation, types of funerals and costs.

Church Family Life sponsors this 7-session series "Having It My Way – Making Life Decisions" to help us to prepare for our last two phases of life. Each session is about 1.5 hours long.

All programs are open to the public so bring relatives and friends. Each session will include a presentation, a questions & answer segment, and refreshments.

You may attend without signing up, but it would be helpful to be able to guesstimate numbers. **Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Jane** [jane.stabile@outlook.com](mailto:jane.stabile@outlook.com) or 508 395-1172.

6.	.5/15, 5:30 PM	End of Life Decisions – Hospice & Funeral	Lisa Wasson, Nurse Educator from Hope Health Veronica Houston, Funeral Director
7.	5/29, 5:30 PM	Planning Your Celebration of Life	Rev. Fred Evenson Claudia Swain

Workshop dates and times have been confirmed. However, there could be last-minute changes. Please make sure you have signed up with your contact info.

## Church Family Life Events

### Let's put together a Get Together Group for fun.

Do you ever want someone to go to the movies with, see a play, attend a concert, visit a museum with, or just sit and talk to? **SIGN UP** (of course) in Fellowship Hall after a service or contact Jane jane.stabile@outlook.com 508 395-1172. Let's put together a Get Together Group for fun. **Bring your ideas and maybe a better name?!**

**Sun. 5/12, 2 to 5 PM – Mother's Day Stroll at Kinney Azalea Gardens**, 2391 Kingstown Rd., Kingstown, RI with a garden hat contest, ribbon cutting ceremony for the new garden pavilion and potted plants for purchase. Expect to see blooming azaleas, native trees and wildflowers. \$5 donation suggested, \$15 per family, free parking at the Christ United Methodist Church 2291 Kingstown Rd. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064310904595>

**Thurs. 5/16 – The Domestic Violence Resource Center Annual Fundraiser** at Shepherd's Run, 4780 Tower Hill Rd., South Kingstown, RI called "An Evening Under the Stars Gala" from 6 to 10:30 PM. Featuring a cocktail hour, seated dinner, live dance music with the band Hot Mess, silent auction. A special company has been hired to ensure that we will be warm under the big tent. Tickets are \$150 PP at <https://dvrcsc.org/2024-annual-fundraiser/> Please let Jane stabile know if you are joining us. We have two seats left at our table. Jane.stabile@outlook.com

**May** happening at Ninigret Park, Charlestown, RI – Check out **Two Giant Trolls** that have been created right here in So. County. They're the work of Danish artist Thomas Dambo. "These trolls are gentle giants, hulking creatures crafted from scrap wood and old wooden pallets who lure visitors with their magical presence and playful poses." <https://www.rimonthly.com/giant-trolls-ninigret/>

**Sat. 5/18 @ 2 PM & more dates available – Into the Woods**, at Choate Rosemary Hall, Paul Mellon Arts Center Stage at 332 Christian St., Wallingford, CT. "Into the Woods is a 1987 musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine. The musical intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests." **Musical Director, Nathaniel Baker** speaks highly of these talented students. Why not put a group together to support Nathaniel? Free, but tickets must be reserved in advance. 4 shows at [pmac.ludus.com/index.php?show\\_id=200430773](http://pmac.ludus.com/index.php?show_id=200430773)

**Fri. 5/31 – Breaking the Waves of Hunger Gala** at 5:30pm at the Dunes Club, Narragansett, RI Join Jane & Steve Stabile for the Johnny Cake Center's largest fundraising event of the year. Join in the fight against hunger and poverty. A night of live music, delicious food, a complimentary cocktail, and silent auction. \$150 PP at [jonnycakecenter.org/fundraiser/](http://jonnycakecenter.org/fundraiser/) Please let us know if you want to be at our table. Jane.stabile@outlook.com

**Unsung Hero** (PG) Continuing at South County Cinema, **various dates and times**. Film based on a remarkable true story of David Smallbone who moved his family from Down Under to the States with 7 children, suitcases, and their love of music. David and his pregnant wife Helen set out to rebuild their lives. Their children go on to become two of the most successful acts in Inspirational Music history: five-time GRAMMY Award®-winning artists for KING + COUNTRY and Rebecca St. James. <https://ticketing.useast.veezi.com/sessions/?siteToken=na7wtdt6y7qsr120d6sed9pfb4>

# Tabitha's Closet is Open

**We are now accepting donations of  
SPRING clothing.**

**Open  
Saturdays  
9:30a-12:30p**

**SHOP!** Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's new clothing ministry offers **new and gently used clothing** for affordable suggested

donations.

**DONATE!** We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.

**VOLUNTEER!** We need you! Tabitha's Closet needs volunteers to help:

- 1) **sort and prep the clothing,**
- 2) **help in the shop** on Saturday mornings.

Please contact Galen McGovern, our volunteer coordinator at GalenMcGovern1@gmail.com.

For any questions or to learn more about the ministry, please contact Suzanne Faucher at gsfaucher@gmail.com



**TABITHA'S CLOSET**  
GENTLY USED CLOTHING

**SPRING FLING  
SALE**

**BUY 3, FLING 1 IN  
FOR FREE**  
(equal or lesser value)  
Now thru May 30th

**GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!**  
**SHOP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**  
**Open Saturdays 9:30am- 12:30pm**  
\*Suggested Donation

Office Door from Parking Lot, downstairs  
Peace Dale Congregational Church  
261 Columbia St. Peace Dale RI 02879  
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## Plastic Recycling is Downsizing

The PDCC Trex Recycling program has downsized from 2 white receiving bins to 1. The bin in Fellowship Hall has been removed.

We do receive too much non-recyclable plastic; no freezer bags or hard plastic, please.

We welcome your shrink wrap, plastic shopping bags, bread bags, and other **stretchable** plastic in the bin outside the office door. "Plastics must be clean, dry, and free of food and organic residue." **SEE BELOW.** Thank you.

**RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG**

Recycle your household bags & wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!

**FROM THE STORE**

- ✓ Produce bags
- ✓ Store bags
- ✓ Ice bags

**FROM YOUR PANTRY**

- ✓ Ziploc® & other reclosable bags
- ✓ Cereal box liners
- ✓ Case overwrap
- ✓ Bread bags

**FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR**

- ✓ Newspaper sleeves
- ✓ Dry cleaning bags
- ✓ Bubble wrap
- ✓ Plastic e-commerce mailers

Plastics must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue

**RECYCLED IN AMERICA**

**NexTrex**

[trex.com/recycling](http://trex.com/recycling) 1-800-Buy-Trex

## Collecting Unused Greeting Cards

Don't know what to do with those unused greeting cards from charitable organizations? Don't look any further! Inside the PDCC Narthex is a cardboard box for you to put them in.



Mary Louise and I have resurrected this collection in hopes that people who need cards may use them and they are free. They will be organized into groups: holidays, sympathy, birthdays, blank cards, etc. Currently there is a box of these cards in Tabitha's Closet for guests to take and use.

**If you know of any organization/s that may benefit** from these cards, please contact Mary Louise or me, Gabby at 401-932-8350 text/call. (St. Jude's will take cards that do not list another charitable organization.)

Plus, this saves our environment by not throwing them away. Thank you.

Submitted by Gabby Klensch



## Recycling Challenge – Saving Our Earth 1 Plastic Bag @ a Time

We are searching for a new organizer (or pair or group of organizers) of the TREX Recycling Challenge program at PDCC – you know, the white collection box for plastic bags outside the doors.

Collecting plastic bags & film keeps thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills and helps make eco-friendly outdoor products (like the benches outside the church). Gabby will offer personal training so you can see the way she has done this; you can develop a way that works for you. Contact Gabby Klensch (401) 932-8350



# Youth Corner

## You're Invited!

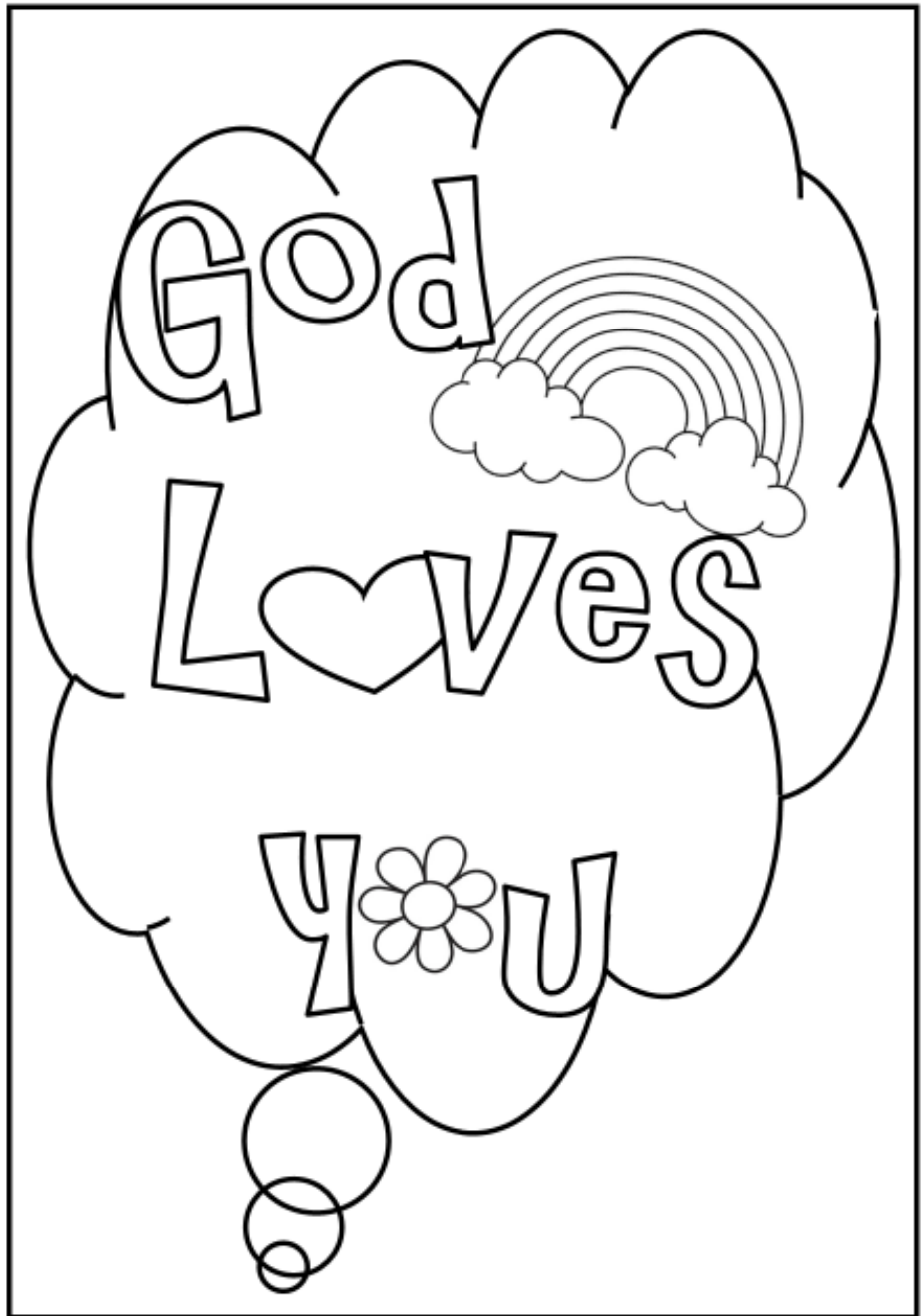
**MAY 19 @ 10AM**

Join us for a special Family Service and end-of-the-year celebration on May 19 at 10 am.

You will be invited to help Pastor Fred tell the story of how Jesus shook things up as we look back on some of the best moments from this year with the help of our CE volunteers and the Family Service Choir.

There's no need for a rehearsal. Just come and have fun and enjoy mac and cheese and hot dogs following the service.

## Color God's Love



## 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](mailto:dkshaw5@cox.net) or stop by the table on Sunday after worship.



## Sharing More Joy: PDCC Podcasts

Interviews with members of our church family about the joys of their faith – the “Sharing More Joy” series – can be found on the church website under the News tab (<https://www.peacedalechurch.org/podcasts>).

## 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](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org) or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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