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Last Week's E-Light

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The Rainbow Covenant

October is becoming a month of covenants for our church! First we entered into a covenant with new members and now we are celebrating the rainbow covenant during our Family Worship Service this coming Sunday. This will be a fun service that will rock and roll in various ways ;) The story will be told from the point of view of Noah's family.

I look forward to worshipping with you and All God's children in our faith family on Sunday.

Blessings,
Pastor Fred

THE
Rainbow
PROMISE

Noah's Ark Family Service
Sunday, October 22 at 10 AM
Peace Dale Congregational Church
Everyone is welcome

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Worship Flowers



The flowers of Sunday, October 22 are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Sherry B.

Herchenroether by George Herchenroether and Renée LaMontagne.

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 flowers for November/December, please contact Carol Anne Hayes (carolhayes44@gmail.com 401-487-9127). Thank you.

Volunteer at the Pumpkin Patch



The Pumpkin Patch is open! We need everyone's help greeting neighbors & customers and selling pumpkins to benefit Welcome House.

In addition to having fun in the fresh air, you will answer questions, measure pumpkins to determine price, make sales, and participate in our 8th annual community mission.

Please click the link below and pick dates and times that work for you. Bring a friend to make it more enjoyable. There is no limit on the number of volunteers at a time. The link will take you to the virtual signup form. There are generally 3 shifts per day of 3 hours with sign ups for 3 volunteers a shift except weekends when there is space for 4 volunteers.

If you have trouble signing up or have questions, please contact Wally Young 401-258-2114 or Wyoung62@gmail.com.

Sign up Link –

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45AFAE2AA0F49-44375515-volunteer>



On the Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 22 @ 10am –
Family Worship Service

Sunday, Oct. 29 @ 10am –
Traditional Worship Service

Sunday, Nov. 5 @ 10am –
Traditional Worship Service

Sunday, Nov. 12 @ 10am –
Contemporary Worship

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
Bell Choir rehearsal

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
AA Meeting

Tuesdays @ 7pm
Contemporary Choir rehearsal

Thurs 10/19 @ 7pm
Traditional Choir rehearsal

Dine with Nine



Sign up by Sunday, Oct. 29

We have our hosts!! Now come be part of our in-home socials where everyone contributes. **Choose a date: Fri. 11/3, Sat. 11/4, or Sun. 11/5.** You have two Sundays left to sign up in Fellowship Hall. Or contact jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172 soon, please.

Hosts will contact you before your evening with details. **WE WANT TO MEET AND HAVE FUN WITH YOU!**

Submitted by Jane Stabile and Christine Grevstad



Projecting Well\$

The projector in the Sanctuary recently decided to quit working, and we needed to buy a new one. This was an unexpected cost. If anyone would like to help by donating toward its cost, it would be appreciated and helpful as we continue to try to meet the needs of running the church.

Thank you! The Finance Committee

Meet Our New Members

Ira & Patty Hare – Ira and Patty moved permanently to Rhode Island from Massachusetts during the pandemic. Patty and Ira are both retired teachers from Enfield, CT – Patty in Math and Ira in Art. Ira says he went to work and played all day long!

Patty's interests include the Master Gardener program, reading, volunteering, and traveling. She excels at making jam, jellies, pickles, and beets. Ira's interests include *en plein air* painting, veterans' affairs, volunteering, traveling, and woodworking.

They were drawn to PDCC by Pastor Fred, the music, and the authenticity of the people. As teachers, they believe all people deserve respect; and are so happy with the way we accept ALL.

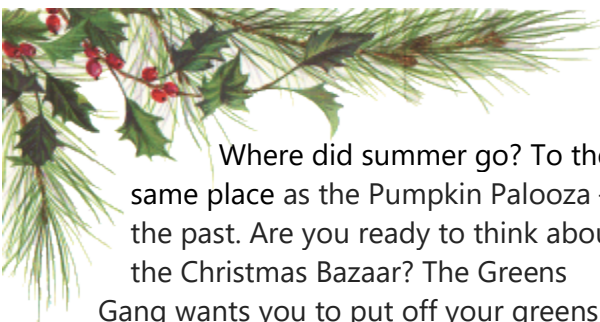
Ira and Patty are joining by transfer of membership.

Jim & Tanis Moore – Jim and Tanis began attending PDCC a year ago, having moved to RI (where they'd been coming in summer for 30 years) from New York. Married 50+ years, they are thrilled to be grandparents to two young granddaughters. Originally from New Brunswick, Canada, Tanis is a retired science teacher whose hobbies include cooking, reading, and travel. Originally from Long Island, NY, Jim's hobbies include reading, golf, and biking.

Jim and Tanis were drawn to PDCC by our reputation for social activism, the outreach they read about in the paper, and our welcoming attitude. They say they are lifted up by the sermons and appreciate the way we relate the Scripture to everyday living. They are already plugged in, cooking and delivering meals with the Dinner Table, and Tanis is helping with Tabitha's Closet. Jim and Tanis are joining by transfer of membership.

Jean Simpson – We welcomed Jean to our midst in June but neglected to introduce her in the pages of the E-Light. You may know Jean as a professional horn player, as she has graced us with her music; or as an ordained UCC minister – you may have heard her preach or lead Bible Study. You may also know her as the dog-mom of Gracie, her sweet Cairn Terrier. In addition to music, Jean's hobbies include biking and hiking, tennis and pickleball. She also loves the beach, so RI is a good place to be! Jean was attracted to PDCC as a vibrant Open & Affirming Congregation and is joining us as an Associate Member.

Don't Trim Those Greens Yet



Where did summer go? To the same place as the Pumpkin Palooza – the past. Are you ready to think about the Christmas Bazaar? The Greens

Gang wants you to put off your greens trimming until the weekend after Thanksgiving. We need all varieties of greens to create wreaths, etc. for the Christmas Bazaar. Thank you! Submitted by Jeanette Gamache

Flowers Bought in October will Benefit Dinner Table

Each month, Stop & Shop store teams select a local hunger organization to benefit. Peace Dale Dinner Table has been selected to receive \$1 from every **\$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet** sold during **October 2023** at **Stop & Shop 91 Point**

Judith Rd, Narragansett



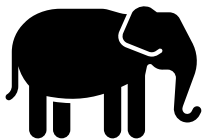
Look for the sleeve marked "Bloomin' 4 Good."

Pumpkin Palooza Roundup

Thanks to all our Pumpkin Palooza volunteers of all ages - the weather came through for us, and so did YOU! It was quite the fun-filled event designed and executed by Meg and Tom K. and Ed H. that spreads our love in the community with kid activities, pumpkin smashing, music, food, baked goods, white elephants (\$300+), Haiti table (\$500 ish) and of course, pumpkins. Thanks team!

Apple Crisp Extraordinaire

Thanks to the 11 above-average apple peelers: Wendy, Kathleen, Cynthia, Jim, James, Tanis, Herk, Jane and Steve and the cooks: Vivian and Renee we made about 11 pans of delicious apple crisp with the free apples picked by Patti G. and Laurie M. Hope you got to enjoy some. It was delicious!



White Elephants

Thanks for providing great items for our fall sale at the Pumpkin

Palooza. Now, let's prepare for

the **Christmas Bazaar Sat. 12/2**, the week after Thanksgiving. Please keep your overstocks and goodies coming. We love 'em!

Up-coming workdays:

Tuesdays - 10/24, 10/31, 11/7 and 11/14 from 10:30 AM to 12 PM in the Down Under (cellar).

We may add more times if needed in November. No skills required. Yes, you get to shop, but workers pay a premium price for first choice. We socialize while organizing, pricing and boxing items up. Info. jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this year's Pumpkin Palooza possible. The palooza, which started as a small event to support the Pumpkins with a Purpose Patch, has grown faster than a giant pumpkin. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, including many very enthusiastic youth volunteers, the palooza has become an event that families look forward to coming to every year. Popcorn, hot dogs, French fries, warm apple crisp, baked goods, white elephants, crafts, pumpkin smashing, extreme pumpkin bowling, face painting, fall scented playdough, a scavenger hunt and more made for a smashing good time this year. If success is measured in smiles, Pumpkin Palooza 2023 was a blue ribbon winner! If you have photos that we can share on our website, please send them to office@peacedalechurch.org. Thank you!



Coffee Cans Needed!



The very popular Cookie Trail returns for the **Christmas Bazaar!** Yes, we are thinking about December already. In the past we have sold as many as 100 cans of homemade cookies. We need as many 1 lb coffee cans (with lids) as possible. So, drink up and bring us your empties! Empty cans with lids may be left on a counter in the kitchen.

Submitted by Sharon Lankford

Church Family Life Events – Ideas for Fun

Church Family Life (CFL) suggests ask someone at PDCC to join you! Why not ask during hospitality after church when we're all together? **Please share events you find or are interested in with Jane Stabile.**

NEW! Join Jane Stabile to see what Taylor Swift is all about in the Eras Tour at the South County Cinema at the Commons this **Fri. 10/20 at 1 PM.** It's a 3-hour movie which is a compilation of her performances. Eat lunch ahead and/or buy movie food. Cost for seniors/children \$13.13; adults \$19.89. **Call Jane NOW** 508 395-1172. There are no other weekday shows available.

<https://ticketing.useast.veezi.com/purchase/29220?siteToken=na7wtdt6y7qsr120d6sed9pfb4>

38 Things to Do in RI in October from RI Monthly magazine.

<https://www.rimonthly.com/38-fun-things-to-do-in-rhode-island-this-october/>

Now through 10/30 – Clark Farms Alien Invasion Corn Maze! @ 2984 Commodore Perry Hwy Matunuck, RI 02879 . (401) 783-8844 After you've made it through the maze, be sure to hop on a hayride touring the Matunuck countryside.

<https://clarkfarms.com/attractions/corn-maze/>

10/18 – 10/22 – URI Guitar Festival held at various venues presents seven concerts over five days, showcasing more than 20 internationally renowned artists playing an eclectic mix of music, from jazz and blues to classical and contemporary rock hits. [facebook.com/uriguitarfestival](https://www.uriguitarfestival.org/) OR <https://www.uriguitarfestival.org/>

Thu. 10/19 & Sat. 10/21 @ 7:30 PM; Sun. 10/22 @ 2 PM – Marie Antoinette at URI Theater. A contemporary take on the young queen of France, Marie is a diversion created by a society that values extravagance and artifice. But when things change ... Darkly funny and strikingly modern. Marie Antoinette. holds up a mirror to ourselves.

<https://web.uri.edu/theatre/current-season/>

Sat. 10/21 – RI Witches Guild Annual Parade @ 2PM of 500 dancing witches in downtown, Wickford, RI. **WATCH for Gabby Klensch!!** riwitchesguild.com

Sun. 10/22 – The Witches Paddle, noon – 2 PM, rain date 10/29 at the Public Access Beach next to Gardner's Wharf, Main St., No. Kingstown, RI. Witches, goblins and ghouls are invited to take art in the Kayak's Center annual costume contest and paddle. **WATCH for Kathy Bamford!!**

facebook.com/events/2982517818549200

Sat. 10/28 – Downtown Wakefield Oktoberfest, \$10 Biergarten admission, live music, shopping, food & drink.

<https://ci.ovationtix.com/36747/performance/11354881?performanceld=11354881>

Sun. 10/29 – Trunk or Treat at Kingston Congregational Church, 2610 Kingstown Rd., Kingston, RI from 5 to 6 PM. Potluck @ 6PM.

Thu. 11/2 – John Kostrzewa, Walking RI Author Event at Kingston Free Library, 6 PM. Launched in 2021, "Walking Rhode Island" is a column posted online and published each Sunday in the *Providence Journal*. Kostrzewa's new book of the same name is a guide to 40 of the most scenic, natural, and historic trails in the state. **Jane & Steve Stabile are attending, please join us!** Free but **must sign up** at eventbrite.com/e/john-kostrzewa-author-event-walking-rhode-island-tickets-728335399787?aff=oddtcreator

NEW! Join the Stabiles and Wally and Sylvia **Fri. 11/3 - the 4th Annual Pre-Holiday Bash** benefit for the Westerly Warming Center and Welcome House at the Windjammer Surf Bar, 321 Atlantic Ave., Westerly, RI from 6 to 10 PM. Get out your dancing shoes and get ready to boogie to the outstanding band Eight to the Bar. The food was filling, yummy and generous last year. Also enjoy a silent auction, giving tree and raffles.

<https://secure.givelively.org/event/westerly-area-rest-meals-warm-inc/4th-annual-pre-holiday-bash/4th-annual-pre-holiday-bash>

Choosing dates for the Newport Playhouse and Cabaret Restaurant outing(s)? Let's try a 11am show and an evening performance. **Contact Jane.Stabile@outlook.com** or 508 395-1172 to pick a date and time or sign up in church. We had fun together last year!

New play, same format – first dinner, followed by the stage play and finishing off with the delightful cabaret and dessert. 11/8 – 12/31, Fri. & Sat at 6 PM and Sun. – Thurs. 11 AM.

"Miracle on South Division St." – an entire family's faith is shaken to the very core when a confession causes a family Christmas legend to be questioned. \$20 – 70PP.

<https://www.newportplayhouse.com/>



“Green Life” from the Green Team

Welcome to our new monthly
“Green Life” informational feature!

We are excited to embark on this eco-conscious journey together as a church community. In these segments, we will share valuable information, tips, and inspiring stories that promote environmental stewardship. Our goal is to empower each and every one of us to make small, yet impactful changes in our daily lives that contribute to a healthier planet. Together, we can become faithful stewards of the Earth and honor our commitment to caring for God's creation.

For this **initial feature**, the Green Team recommends the following resources:

- “10 Things You Can Do to Fight Climate Change”, promoted by the Southern New England Conference Environmental Ministries Team: <https://www.sneucc.org/10-things-you-can-do-to-fight-climate-change>
- **FIXED LINK** - A link urging Amazon to eliminate the use of unnecessary plastic packaging to help end the waste crisis. <https://environmentamerica.org/take-action/tell-amazon-its-time-to-move-beyond-wasteful-single-use-plastic-packaging/>

So, let's get started on this exciting green adventure and work towards a more sustainable future for our church and our world!"

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

Donate Supplies for Church World Service Kit Projects

Please help us collect supplies! The Women's Fellowship is again asking the assistance of the congregation as we continue to gather items for Church World Service Hygiene Kits and School Kits. These kits are provided to families in refugee camps, impoverished communities, and those in need after natural disasters.

Thank you for your help in making another successful year providing kits for Church World Service's world-wide mission.

Supplies needed

- Round-tip scissors
- Spiral bound notebooks – 3 x 70-count totaling 200-210 pages in a notebook
- 12-inch rulers
- Large erasers (no pencil cap erasers)
- Unsharpened pencils with erasers
- Boxes with 24 crayons

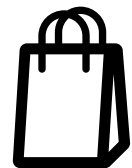


- Hand towels
- Wide-tooth combs
- Fingernail or toenail clipper
- Bath-sized bars of soap in wrappers
- Toothbrushes in package
- Band-aids



We have found Walmart, Job Lot, and the Dollar Store in Narragansett to be good sources.

We also need handmade cotton bags w/cloth handles for School Kits. See Sally Bradley for the pattern.



Submitted by Judy Healy

KCC Welcomes Singer/songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine 10/25

Kingston Congregational Church is proud to welcome singer/songwriter Bobby Jo Valentine for an evening of soul-satisfying music. Valentine will perform in the KCC Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, October 25 at 7pm. The KCC Choir will join Valentine for one of his original songs. Suggested donation of \$20 for general admission,

suggested donation \$10 for seniors and students. <https://kingcongchurch.org/kcc-welcomes-bobby-jo-valentine-wednesday-oct-25-at-7pm/>

Tickets are available at the door, and online through Eventbrite

Tabitha's Closet Now Open

Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's new clothing ministry, is accepting donations of **new and gently used fall and winter clothing**. We will say "no thank you" to items with bad odors or any torn, stained, worn and please no buggy items. **Items we are NOT accepting are socks, underwear, bathing suits, and formal wear,**

Currently, we especially need clothes for school-age boys and girls and for men.

including men's suits and ties.

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

Donations may be brought in when the Closet is open (Sat 9:30-12:30, when the church office is open (M, W, Th 10-2) or Sunday when you are here for Worship. Donations should be placed in the bin at the bottom of the side door stairwell on the first floor.

VOLUNTEER! Tabitha's Closet needs individuals to volunteer regularly on a weekly or monthly basis to 1) sort and prep the clothing, as well as 2) run the shop on Saturday mornings. Please contact Galen McGovern, our volunteer coordinator at GalenMcGovern1@gmail. com.

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

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

Together Women Rise

[Together Women Rise](#), Peace Dale Chapter, will hold their Tuesday, Nov. 7 @ 6pm potluck at PDCC. You are invited to bring a dish to share and ears ready to learn of the work that is being done in Vietnam investing in girls' total wellbeing with a far-reaching impact. Guest speaker Wakefield's Sara Stevens Nerone who started Rock-Paper-Scissors Children's Fund in Vietnam many years ago.

www.togetherwomenrise.org

Caring for Family Caregivers

The Family Caregiver Alliance of Rhode Island's 5th Annual Caring for Family Caregivers Conference

**Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023
from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Registration required for in-person or virtual attendance. For more information, please contact maryam.attarpour@unitedwayri.org.

Join us for a day of connection and learning **[REGISTER HERE](#)**.

This project was supported in part by grant number 90LRL10026, from the U.S. Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 20201.



Consider Making Charitable Contributions from Your IRA for the Tax Advantage

We make our contributions to the church and other charities with the intent of helping those organizations that meet our social, environmental, or spiritual objectives. So, the tax consideration is not the foremost consideration for taking that action. But there are tax benefits for making the contribution. Historically we have been able to deduct the amount of those contributions from our taxable income. However, recent tax law changes have created a standard deduction that virtually eliminated the charitable deduction for over 80% of taxpayers. That becomes an important reason for making a charitable contribution from your IRA. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

How QCDs work. You must be 70½ or older to make QCDs. You direct your IRA trustee to make a distribution directly from your IRA to a qualified charity. The distribution must be one that would otherwise be taxable to you. You can exclude up to \$100,000 of QCDs from your gross income each year, thereby avoiding taxation on those amounts. If you file a joint return, your spouse can exclude an additional \$100,000 of QCDs. Note: You don't get to deduct QCDs as a charitable contribution on your federal income tax return — that would be double-dipping. QCDs count toward satisfying any required minimum distributions (RMDs) that you would otherwise have to receive from your IRA, just as if

you had received an actual distribution from the plan.

The bottom line is if you are making charitable contributions, they should all come from your IRA if you are over age 70 ½ because you will avoid paying income tax on that withdrawal, which you would have had to pay if it is part of your required distribution. For example, if you would normally donate \$5,000 to the church and other charities, you probably would not be able to take a tax deduction. But if your required distribution from your IRA is \$5,000 and you make the charitable contribution from your IRA then you avoid federal and state income tax on your \$5,000 required distribution. You should consult a tax advisor regarding these matters.

Again, the priority for making a charitable contribution is to help those organizations that are important to you. Giving through an IRA provides a tax bonus. Regardless, we hope that you will Let Your Light Shine on Peace Dale Congregational Church through a thoughtful contribution to the church.

On behalf of Stewardship,
Jim Blackerby

Witness Installation of the UCC's 10th General Minister & President – 10/20



You are cordially invited to celebrate the historic installation of our 10th General Minister and President, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson!

The Installation ceremony and worship service will take place at Lakewood Congregational Church in Lakewood, Ohio.

Register now to celebrate virtually!
<https://www.ucc.org/gmp-installation/>

October Mission of the Month: LGBT Asylum Task Force

The LGBT Asylum Task Force is a ministry of the Hadwen Park Congregation Church in Worcester MA that was formed in 2008. We welcome LGBTQ people of all faith traditions as we provide shared housing, food, and connection to legal, medical, and mental health resources at other local agencies.

Asylum seekers are not allowed to work for up to two years after arriving in the US. Our vital ministry provides comprehensive support for the entire duration of that two-year period in which it is needed.

We seek to assist by providing housing, food, and a small monthly stipend to cover their most basic of needs. Also, we provide connections to existing *pro bono legal* services. Studies have shown that asylum seekers who have an attorney stand a much greater chance of being granted asylum than those who do not.

Finally, 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.

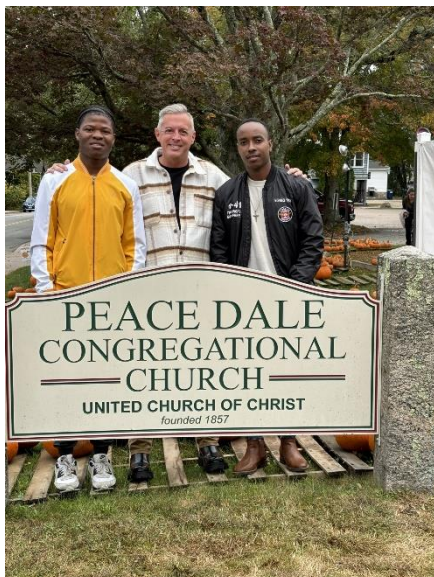
Since 2015, we have helped nearly 400 asylum seekers from more than 20 countries by giving them free housing and an almost-living stipend. No other such organization in the country provides housing! That is because it costs \$55,000 a month to take care of the 28 asylum seekers we have on average. With your donations, you have helped our church buy two three-decker houses in Worcester and they are both filled! As hate around the world and in our own country increases, we may need another house soon;

For additional information, see the UCC website at <https://www.sneucc.org/blogdetail/lgbt-asylum-17507911>

Peace Dale Congregational Church supports the LGBT Asylum Task Force as our Mission of the Month. You may donate funds by placing your gift in the Missions basket during Sunday service; sending a check to the church office; or clicking the Give now button below to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give). **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "LGBT Asylum" in the memo line.**

Thank you,
The Missions Board

Give now



Task Force Visits PDCC

On 10/15, we had three guests at PDCC from the LGBT refugee task force at the Hayden Park UC church in Worcester MA. We welcomed Sofias Vilakati from Swaziland, Ted Gruser, Assistant Task Force Director, and Justin Gakiza from Burundi. Ted talked about how their Task Force has over 30 refugees housed, clothed, fed and provided with immigration, legal and medical help. These refugees are here because they are threatened with beatings, torture, jail time and ultimately execution because of who they choose to love. The task force currently operates on a budget of \$55,000 per month and is our October Mission of the Month. Feel the spirit and donate what you can for this important mission.

Wally Young, Board of Missions

Youth Corner

10/22 Sun – Family Worship Service @ 10am

10/29 Sun – Youth Connect @ 10am

Download the full year calendar from
peacedalechurch.org/youth-events

Youth program coordinator Meg Kolodziej
megkolodziejri@gmail.com

Beginner's Bell Choir 11/7

We are very excited to let you know that our terrific Bell Choir director, Tricia Halloran, is welcoming our kids and their families to join The Beginner's Bell Choir! The first session will start on Tuesday November 7, at 5:00 PM. We know that this will be a wonderful family endeavor!

Courageous Conversations: Preventing Violent Extremism FREE



Tuesdays, October 24, November 7, and November 14
7:00-8:15 pm

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County
27 North Road, Peacedale, RI

Facilitated by Nancy Richman and Barbara (Bina) Holtzman

Registration required. For questions or to register please email
nrichman618@gmail.com.
Include your 1) name, 2) phone number, 3) dates you plan to attend.

October 24: Why Media Literacy Matters

Experience the practical power of strategies for critically analyzing media messages that shape public opinion. Consider the power of media literacy as a civic skill and examine how people can learn to spot disinformation and hoaxes.

November 7: Preventing Violent Extremism

Learn how to analyze media representations of mass shootings and build new knowledge about the growing problem of violent extremism.

November 14: Falling Down the Rabbit Hole

Learn to identify signs of radicalization and employ questioning and active listening strategies to disrupt the process. Be a guiding light towards a more positive pathway.

These sessions are replicated from the Courageous RI program, developed by the URI Media Education Lab, to prevent rising violence and extremism in Rhode Island with respectful conversation across different points of view.

*While these sessions build upon each other, it is not required to attend all three.
Come to one or all three!*

Stay Curious, Not Furious!

Gift Cards with a Kick



RaiseRight
Formerly ShopWithScrip

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 your Groceries and support PDCC at the same time. In support of Stewardship in Action, if you buy a \$100 grocery card on Sunday you will contribute \$4 - \$10 back to the church. No extra money out of your pocket – buy from us before you shop and help bridge the gap in the deficit.

RaiseRight is not *just* for gifts – **use cards for your own personal shopping** of groceries and prescriptions. 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 published **Prayer Matters** in the weekly E-Light, send email to office@peacedalechurch.org or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

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