



August 10, 2023

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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Arthur Dawley	8/12
Mary Lou Northup	8/13
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Kim Salisbury-Keith	8/17
Heather Etter	8/17
Teagen Bannon	8/17
Joan Machata	8/18
Tom Ford	8/19

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Last Week's E-Light

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Hidden Talents and Whole Bodies

Last Sunday we were challenged by Paul to Be the Body! In the UCC we might say, Be the Church, but it really is the same thing. Last Sunday we asked the question, what part of the body are you?

This Sunday we will continue the story as Jesus asks us what we are doing with our gifts/talents. For those who came on Pride Sunday, you have an idea of what's next – another dialogue sermon is coming where some members of our congregation will come forward and share a bit about how they have put their gifts and talents to use and how you might do the same! It'll be a great chance to get to know these folks better and consider how you might more fully embrace your "member"ship at PDCC!

Thank God "we are members, one of another." (Romans 12:5b)

I am grateful to be a part of this body of Faith!

Let's re-member to gather on Sunday for worship!

Pastor Fred

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Worship Flowers



The flowers of Sunday, August 13 are given to the Glory of God by Christine Grevstad and John Hobgood in celebration of their first wedding anniversary.

Flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion or simply give to the glory of God. Opportunities are available for flower donations for August 27, September, and October. If you are interested in donating flowers during these months, please email Wendy Sisson (wendyhighschool@gmail.com) or call or text her at (401) 932-2055. Thank you.

Dine with Nine – Last Chance to Sign Up by Aug. 13

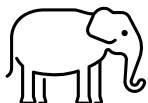


Guess who's coming to dinner? So far 20 folks have signed up for the Sat., Aug. 19th and Sun. Aug. 20th pot-luck suppers. No one signed up for Friday. Therefore, we will have 2 host homes for Saturday and one for Sunday. None on Friday.

Spots are still available for Saturday and Sunday. I know there are more of you waiting to check your schedules before you sign up. If you enjoyed or would like to get to know the Rev. Susan Maginn who gave the sermon 2 times in July and will return in August, she will be attending the Sunday Dine with Nine. It's always a great way to get to know each other and have super food. If you can't get to church to sign up, contact Jane at jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172 by 8/13. Get ready to parteeeee!

Submitted by Jane Stabile

White Elephants



Did you know that we are soooo appreciative of your hand me overs whether they are just an item or two or a lot of items from closing up a home. If you have a big load, we can even pick it up. We find folks who will appreciate your treasures. If you're not sure or need info: call Jane Stabile at 508 395-1172 or jane.stabile@outlook.com

Our next sales are Sat. 10/7 and 12/2.

From Church Family Life

White Elephant Jewelry

Currently we have tons of bracelets, necklaces, and clip earrings. Please hold off on donating those items for now. Thank you, Gabby Klensch

Free Circus Tickets

We received 30 free tickets to the Garden Bros Nuclear Circus shows in Waterford, CT August 17-20. They are on the CFL bulletin board in Fellowship Hall if you want any.

www.gardenbroscircus.com



On the Calendar

Sunday, Aug. 13 @ 10am – Contemporary Worship	Mondays @ 6:30pm NA Meeting – Learn to Live
Sunday, Sept. 24 @ 10am – Family Worship returns	Tuesdays @ 9:30am Prayer Circle
Sunday, Oct. 1 @ 12:30pm – Pumpkin Unloading!	Tuesdays @ 6:30pm AA Meeting

Social Justice in Action



For **THIS MONTH'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

Plastic Recycling Request

Spread the word: plastic in our special recycling bins should be **CLEAN** (please!) and must stretch (if you try to push your finger through it). No bottles, no containers, no frozen food bags. Yes Amazon shipping bags. Thank you!

From Gabby Klensch



Membership Notes

- ❖ Peter Swain's mother, Molly, passed away Wednesday, August 9. Peter and Claudia had recently moved Molly here to Rhode Island.



August Mission: Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Replacing or patching a roof, performing plumbing or electrical repairs,

building a wheelchair ramp, repairing a porch or steps, fixing a window - all of these can make a real difference to our neighbors in need. Necessary home repairs are often not addressed when homeowners are faced with stretching their paycheck, disability check, or Social Security income. In some cases, completing this work is the only way homeowners are able to stay in their homes and remain independent.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Rhode Island (NHNRI) provides home repairs at no cost to low-income qualifying homeowners in South County, RI, enabling families to safely remain in their homes.

NHNRI was established in 2012 as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. We are a 100% volunteer organization without paid staff, administrators, or physical office space of our own, so we work in the most cost-effective way possible, operating with an absolute minimum of overhead costs.

Because we have low-overhead expenses, funds raised are predominantly applied to the cost of building materials, necessary liability insurance for our volunteers and Board of Directors, and hiring licensed contractors when required.

The work has changed over time from volunteer labor to professional contractor labor. This was driven in part by the COVID pandemic, but also to satisfy requirements of the towns in which we work to use licensed contractors and obtaining building permits.

The types of projects we accept vary, and the homeowners we serve are diverse. The common element is that these homeowners cannot afford to perform essential repairs that are necessary for them to be able to stay in their homes.

Our vision is to eradicate homelessness in South County, RI by repairing one home at a time. A home repaired also means lives repaired, possibly even saved.

Why? About 11.4% of Rhode Island's population lives in poverty according to the 2020 census. About 31% of Rhode Islanders experienced food insecurity in 2022. NHNRI exists to ensure that South County families have a roof over their heads and do not have to make the choice between eating this week or completing a necessary, and in some cases urgent, home repair.

How? When a homeowner submits an application, our volunteers first determine eligibility for assistance and then evaluate the need to determine the best course of action. When repairs are required to be provided by a licensed contractor, our volunteer project managers become the single point of contact between the homeowner and the contractor who is paid directly by NHNRI.

For additional information, check out the NHNRI website at neighborshelpingneighborsri.org

Peace Dale Congregational Church supports Neighbors Helping Neighbors RI 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 hitting the Give now button below to donate online. **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" in the memo line.**

Thank you,
The Missions Board

Give now

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.***

Sat. 8/12 (Rain date 8/13) – Loeff Arts Festival, 700 Bullocks Pt. Ave., Riverside, RI includes art, top notch bands, food, Big Nazo (puppet) and a mermaid, 12 – 6 PM. FREE.

<https://eastprovidenceartsri.org/the-loeff-east-providence-arts-festival/>

Tuesday 8/15 – Noank-Mystic Community Band

Summer Sounds Concert Series in Mystic River Park, Cottrell St., Mystic, RI at 7 PM. Different community music groups each week. FREE! Bring lawn chairs/blankets. Check great line up at

<https://thisismystic.com/event/summer-sounds-concert-series-2023/2023-06-13/>

***NEW* Sunday 8/13 – Adoption RI Duffle Bag Bash**,

12 – 3 PM, Matunuck Community Center, 619 Matunuck Beach Rd., South Kingstown, RI. An afternoon of fun, food & festivities with a lunch buffet, DJ, beer & wine, kids field games, face painting, Touch a Truck and more. Cost of admission is one brand new rolling duffle bag or suitcase and/or \$25 gift card per adult, and one brand new backpack per child.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/8th-annual-duffle-bag-bash-tickets-579409989877>

***NEW* Wed. 8/16 – Washington County Fair** at the W.C. Fairgrounds, 78 Townhouse Rd., rt. 112, Richmond, RI with live music, midway rides, so much fun food!! Livestock shows, 4H & FFA, games & contests and exhibitors. 8 – 11 PM not sure ending time on Sunday. Great event for all ages.

<https://www.washingtoncountyfair-ri.com/>

***NEW* Sat. 8/19 & Sun. 8/20 – SoCo Artists Annual Open Studio self-guided Tour** in Tiverton, Little Compton, Westport and Dartmouth. Free. Visit artists utilizing many mediums.

<https://www.mybackyardnews.com/2023/07/06/south-coast-artists-open-studio-tour/>

Sun. 8/20 – RI Assn. UCC SUMMER PICNIC 3 -5 PM Colt State Park, Bristol, RI, See poster page 5.

Sunday 8/20 & 8/27 – Nimfest at King Park, Newport, 3-6 PM

<https://www.cityofnewport.com/living-in-newport/recreation/concerts-in-king-park>

Tuesday 8/22 – Sunset Concert on the Green, Watch Hill, RI, free, 6 – 8 PM.

facebook.com/profile.php?id=100054459069748

Sat. 8/26 – Salute to Summer, Free Concert & Fireworks Show at the Newport Naval Station, open to general public at 4 PM. From 5 – 9 PM Navy Band NE Duo, Ceremonial Band & RI Sound. 9:15 Fireworks. Bring an ID and please read the instructions of what you can and can not bring at <https://www.navymwrnewport.com/activity/8814fe56-59e8-46bc-9030-8dd0f45072f1>

Various dates starting Sat. 7/8 – Salt Pond Safaris Ninigret Wildlife Refuge, 5 Park Ln., Charlestown, RI from there follow the signs to the Wildlife Refuge.

Preregister at 401 322-3068

visitrhodeisland.com/event/salt-pond-safaris/94842/

Various dates and times at The Courthouse Center for the Arts, 3481 Kingstown Rd., West Kingstown, RI. <https://courthousearts.org/event/events-list-view/>

2023 Waterfront Concerts at King Park, Newport, RI see line up, dates and times at <https://www.cityofnewport.com/living-in-newport/recreation/concerts-in-king-park>

Mondays through 8/28 – Concerts on the Narragansett Beach @ 6:30 PM. Also Movies on the Beach 3PM. Free! Bring everything! narragansettri.gov/546/Gazebo-SummerFall-Concerts

Tuesdays through 8/29 – North Kingstown Summer Concerts @ 6:30 PM, NK Town Beach nkartscouncil.org/summer-concert-series/

Wednesdays through 8/30 – Wildlife Wednesdays at Kettle Pond Visitors Center, 50 Bend Rd., Charlestown, RI, 7 PM friendsnwrofri.org/home-page/wildlife-wednesdays/

Thursdays through 8/24 – Summer Concert Series Village at South County Commons, 6-8 PM, FREE. southcountycommons.com/2023-summer-concert-series/

Fridays through 9/1 except 7/14 & 7/28 – Narragansett Summer Gazebo Concert Series @ 6 PM. Free! Bring everything! narragansettri.gov/546/Gazebo-SummerFall-Concerts

Saturdays through 10/7 – Shops at Long Wharf Free Summer Concert Series, 1-5 PM. <https://www.discovernewport.org/event/shops-at-long-wharf-free-summer-concert-series/79721/>

Submitted by Jane Stabile

Come enjoy fun and fellowship with RI UCC members from around the state on the afternoon of August 20th at Colt State Park in Bristol. Beverages and desert will be provided. Your attendance will make this a fun afternoon. **Contact Wally Young if you have any questions.**



Second Annual
**RHODE ISLAND
ASSOCIATION UCC**
SUMMER PICNIC



AUGUST 20TH, 2023
3:00 - 5:00 PM

Colt State Park - Picnic Site 24
Route 114, Bristol, RI 02809

[RSVP TINY.CC/RIUCCPICNIC](https://RSVP.TINY.CC/RIUCCPICNIC)

**WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BRING YOUR LUNCH OR SNACKS
RI ASSOCIATION WILL PROVIDE DESSERT, WATER + LEMONADE**

**THERE WILL BE PICNIC TABLES AVAILABLE
BRING A PICNIC BLANKET OR LAWN CHAIR
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



Clothing Donations and Volunteers Needed

PDCC's new clothing ministry, Tabitha's Closet, will need **individuals to volunteer** regularly on a weekly or monthly basis to sort and prep the clothing, as well as run the shop on Saturday mornings. The committee is also looking for folks with an interest in art or graphic arts to help with logos and signage, a sales/marketing person who can help us get the word out, anyone with interest or experience in fashion merchandising, and a financial liaison to help with managing the donations. If you can help in any of these areas, we would love for you to join us!

Also, Tabitha's Closet is now accepting donations of **new and gently used fall and winter clothing**. We are asking that only church members donate clothing at this time. 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, including men's suits and ties.**

**Planned opening
October 7**

We are asking that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer. Donations may be placed in the bin at the bottom of the side door stairwell on the first floor.

Please contact Galen McGovern, our volunteer coordinator at GalenMcGovern@cox.net. For any questions or to learn more about the ministry, please contact Suzanne Faucher at gsfaucher@gmail.com

Thank you so much!

The Tabitha's Closet Team





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Addressing Urban Violence and its Root Causes

SAVE THE DATE! Monday, September 18, from 6-7 PM followed by Q&A

Share    

	
Valleria Miranda-Ferrick Unity Circles	Tha Thia Roca Boston

Addressing Urban Violence and its Root Causes using the principles and values of restorative justice, will be the topic of the next webinar presented by the SNEUCC Restorative Justice Task Team.

Valleria Miranda-Ferrick, founder of Unity Circles, and Tha Thia, Assistant Director of Roca Boston, will be the program presenters. More information to come!

WHEN

Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Eastern Standard Time

[Add to my calendar](#)

[Register →](#)

Email

methodk@sneucc.org

Contact

Karen Method

Youth Corner

- Youth Activities – Sunday, September 10
- Youth Connect – Sunday, September 17
- Family Worship Service – Sunday, September 24



Save the date
PUMPKIN PALOOZA
Party at the Patch
Saturday, October 7
11 am-2 pm
Rain date October 14

Youth program coordinator Meg Kolodziej
megkolodziejri@gmail.com



A CONVERSATION WITH GOD

Why am I here?

You were created for a purpose.
Jeremiah 29:11

I can't do it.

You can do all things.
Phillipians 4:13

I can't forgive myself.

I forgive you.
Romans 8:1

Nobody loves me.

I love you.
John 3:16

I feel all alone.

I will never leave you.
Hebrews 13:5

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).



Brickley's is open for the season!! We have \$20 gift cards. Brickley's is giving us a 20% rebate.

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).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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