



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

We Gather Together

We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
To live in community seeking God's will.
We come now, as sisters and brothers, confessing
The sins that divide us and the wrong in us still.

Beside us, forgiving, enabling, sustaining,
You call us, O Savior, to life that is new.
You draw us away from self-centered complaining,
You lead us and guide us in ways that are true.

All praise to the Spirit provider, defender,
You offer us freedom, to follow or stray,
Empowering all by the hope you engender.
Grant wisdom and courage to follow your way.

The New Century Hymnal

Special Congregational Meeting, Sunday June 28 after Worship

We need to have 35 members in attendance to have a quorum, so please plan to attend.



There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 28 following 10 am worship **to approve the budget** for the next fiscal year 2026-2027 and **to vote on a contract** with Centerbrook architectural firm to create conceptual images of renovations to the kitchen and Fellowship Hall for marketing the Capital Campaign.

Worship Flowers

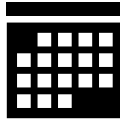
The flowers of June 28 are given to the glory of God.

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 July, please contact Claudia Swain or the church office.



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On the Calendar

Sunday, June 28 @
 10am Traditional
 Worship

Sunday, June 28 @
 after worship Brief
 Congregational
 Meeting

Sunday, July 5 @
 10am Traditional
 Worship with
 Communion

Sunday, July 12
 @10am
 Contemporary
 Worship

Sunday, July 12 @
 2pm Horn Recital,
 Cam McCarty

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

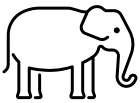
Tuesdays @ 9:30am Prayer
 Warriors / Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm AA
 Meeting

Bell Choir summer vacation

Thursdays @ 1-3pm Shawl
 Knit & Crochet

Choirs on summer vacation



White Elephants

NO PICTURES, FRAMED OR UNFRAMED.
 Please no CD's, DVD's or books. You are
 doing pretty well remembering

everything else. **Thank you for that and for your generosity.**

NEXT WORK DAY - Fri. 6/26 @ 10 to 11:30 AM.

We collect year 'round however we have space
 limitations both to store and to sell. The next sale is
 Oct. 3rd - with **fall as our theme**. Please no more
 summer items.

We do not take books, software, paint, clothing,
 mirrors, printers, liquids, furniture, big items. We love
 collectibles, kitchenware, decoratives, linens (only
 through Sept.), Christmas items, dishes, utensils,
 POTS & PANS, unwanted gifts, overstocks, items that
 deserve a home.

QUESTIONS? jane.stabile@ outlook.com

Thank You for Bread & Cookies



The Peace Dale Dinner Table meals
 every week include bread and
 baked goods donated by Panera
 Bread and Belmont Market. Our
 volunteer bakers keep us in cookies – of various
 yummy types and flavors – so that a sweet can be
 included with each meal! We are tremendously
 grateful to our donor partners for their ongoing
 contribution to our Dinner Table meals. We wouldn't
 be as good without them.

PDCC CPR Class a Success

A Church Family Life/Hospitality event

Our instructor, Captain Frank Capaldi
 from South Kingstown EMS, was
 supportive and overall fantastic! Thanks
 to him for getting 13 more people
 certified.



Thanks also to the 13 people who became certified in
 CPR and use of the AED, willing to help make our
 community just a bit safer.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Grevstad

Walking on Sunshine

A HORN RECITAL

Cameron McCarty, horn
Zooey Cheng, piano
Clayton Frank, tuba

**JULY 12TH
2PM**

Peace Dale
Congregational Church

261 Columbia St
Peace Dale, RI

Free admission
Suggested donation to
SK Fine Arts Boosters



Flower Children Welcome

Would you be interested in helping to ensure there are flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship services? We field phone calls or email from PDCC members/friends wanting to commemorate certain dates; we reach out to members and friends who have given flowers before. No physical labor required. **QUESTIONS** contact Lynn McCall 401 742-3949 or Claudia Swain.

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

Thursday Knit and Crochet



COME! Our Prayer Shawl makers and the I Care Shawl Project makers meet every Thursday from 1-3pm in the Community Room. All knitters and crocheters welcome! We can help you learn, too. Make prayer shawls, warmth for cancer patients, small teddy bears and kittens, etc. **CONTACT** (401) 580-1712

DONATE – Prayer Shawl/I Care Shawl Project will gladly accept donations of yarn, knitting needles, or crochet hooks.

MULTI-GENERATIONAL – We consistently have adults and high school students participate.

Tabitha's Closet

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm (Tuesdays will resume in the fall)

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.** Each week, we offer unique specials based on our inventory to keep shopping fun and affordable for our shoppers.

WE NEED: costume jewelry.

SPREAD THE WORD Each Saturday, ~35 people visit Tabitha's and find an item they need. We are working to spread the word about our ministry and the wonderful, large, inventory we have of clothing and shoes for the entire family. Email tabitha@peacedalechurch.org if you'd like an electronic poster or pamphlet to share, post or deliver to a local bulletin board.

DONATE We are happy to accept spring and summer items until August 1 for men, women, and children, as well as costume jewelry. **Please hold on any donations that are not spring/summer; our storage space is limited and already full.** We ask that clothing donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.

We happily accept current-season clothing: shirts, pants, skirts, dresses, shorts, sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves for children and adults, belts, purses, costume jewelry. We accept shoes that are new or lightly-used. See peacedalechurch.org for a list of what we do and do not accept.

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

VOLUNTEER!! We would love more volunteers! If you would like to help sort clothes, staff this effort, or do marketing, please contact tabitha@peacedalechurch.org We have an urgent need for additional Saturday morning shopkeepers

MORNING VOLUNTEERS?

Interested in volunteering at Tabitha's, but our afternoon time slots don't work with your schedule? Great news! We have sorting volunteers Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Lynne at tabitha@peacedalechurch.org

TABITHA SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY We serve people every week whose need exceeds their ability to pay and who are happy to gain new-to-them clothing and shoes. We also have shoppers who contribute the full "donation price" or more for items, knowing that we reinvest the funds in the church and our missions, and to support community partners providing social services in our community.

**June is Rainbow Month
at Tabitha's Closet!**

**Drop in for colorful savings each week
PLUS POP-UP EVENTS!**

JUNE 27TH ONLY

WE ARE ALL CREATED EQUAL EVENT

ALL BLACK, WHITE, BROWN AND BEIGE

2 FOR 1*

*Suggested Donation
Excludes specially priced items

GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!

SHOP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

OPEN SATURDAYS 9:30AM- 12:30PM.

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TABITHA'S CLOSET

GENTLY USED CLOTHING

BONUS POP UP EVENT

JUNE 27TH ONLY

**FREE SCARF WHEN YOU
SPEND \$5.00**

June Mission of the Month: Supporting the LGBTQ Community –Camp Lilac / the LGBT Asylum Task Force Ministry

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

The LGBT Asylum Task Force is a ministry of the Hadwen Park Congregational Church in Worcester, MA, formed in 2008. LGBTQ people of all faith traditions are welcomed and 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's service center.

Asylum seekers have not been 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.

In the past year however, new laws have been imposed to significantly target the LGBTQ+ immigrant and asylum seeker communities. And during the same time that the Task Force has experienced a doubling of LGBTQ+ asylum seekers contacting them for help, there has been a reduction in the total number of individual donors and donations. Despite strained finances, they are working to connect each asylum seeker to needed resources and maintain 100% asylum grant, stable housing, and employment rates. Much more is needed in order to have the capacity to support the continued increase in requests for support.

For additional information, see <https://www.lgbtasylum.org/> or the UCC website at <https://www.sneucc.org/postdetail/12393143>

Camp Lilac is a weeklong summer camp in Ohio for 13 to 17year old trans and gender diverse youth. Campers come from 22 different states, including Rhode Island. Your donations help fund 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 experience higher rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide. 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 relies 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 campililac.org.

Thank you for your generosity,
The Missions Board
www.peacedalechurch.org/missions

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support Camp Lilac and the LGBT Asylum Task Force with your Mission of the Month donations this month. 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 "Camp Lilac/LGBT Asylum" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the Give now button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Give now

Congregational Care: Caring for Each Other

WE NEED YOU! Congregational care has always been one of the most important missions of Peace Dale Congregational Church and we need you. There are three ways you can enhance this very important part of our church family's mission:

1. **JOIN.** Join the Prayer Circle (meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the church's community lounge on the third floor) or the Prayer Shawl Group that meets once a month (Carol Edwards is there to teach knitting and crocheting if you want to learn).
2. **DO.** If you can help with any of the following efforts to provide a special sense of support or just a caring thought, please let us know:
 - send cards,
 - make phone calls,
 - deliver flowers or prayer shawl,
 - visit someone.
3. **SHARE.** Let someone on Prayer Circle (listed below) know of anyone you think could use prayers, a prayer shawl, a card, a phone call, or a visit, so we can fulfill a thoughtful caring gesture. Prayers can also be requested in church during Joys and Concerns or using the colorful pew cards; or through the [online form](#) on our website.

LET US KNOW! Sometimes we do not hear about folks who could use a special extra touch of caring; please let us know if you need our caring.

Shalom with love, Prayer Circle

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Gift Cards with a Kick

Stop by the RaiseRight table in Fellowship Hall after service each Sunday and let us help you with your shopping.



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, family, birthdays, and special occasions.
- **cards for your own personal shopping** of groceries, etc.

IN STOCK CURRENTLY – Amazon, Applebee's, Dunkin, TJ Maxx/Marshalls, Matunuck Oyster Bar, Old Mountain Lanes, Panera, Starbucks, VISA, and Walmart as well as all the local grocery stores.

PLANNING TO TRAVEL? RaiseRight offers Airline gift cards, Gas gift cards, and Hotel gift cards. All of these cards can be *special ordered* ahead of time.

QUESTIONS? Contact Deb Shaw or stop by the table on Sunday after worship.



2026 PDCC Youth Calendar

Youth Connect is on break until fall.

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