

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

October 5, 2023

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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Last Week's E-Light

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New Member Sunday – What a Covenant!

Did you know, the chorus and the music to the song What a Covenant, (you may know it as What a Fellowship), was written to comfort two of the song writer's friends who had just lost their wives. It comes from the song of Moses in Dt. 33, which states, "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Abraham leaned on those arms; Jesus leaned on those arms, and invites us to lean on those arms too.

As we covenant on Sunday to be God's family, we think about what it means to lean on God's everlasting arms, and we think about our fellowship - what it means for God to work through our arms.

Let's ALL gather together and offer an extgravagant welcome to the newest members of our family of God!

See you on Sunday,

Brother Fred

Birdies & Berries & Bugs, Oh My! Buy Flowers, Benefit Dinner Table Church Family Life Events Coffee Cans Needed **Confirmation Class** Dine with Nine – sign up by 10/29 Donate Supplies to School/Hygiene Kits Family Worship Service – 10/22 Gift Cards with a Kick Got Any Old Stakes? Green Team "Green Life" NEW! Help Make Apple Crisp – 10/6

Help Wanted for Tabitha's Closet October Mission of the Month On the Calendar Prayer Matters Pumpkin Palooza – 10/7 Pumpkin Palooza – BAKERS Pumpkin Patch – Volunteer! Social Justice in Action White Elephants – 10/7 Witness Installation of UCC Pres Youth Corner – October Schedule



The Church Office will be closed Monday, October 9, 2023



Worship Flowers

The flowers of Sunday, October 8th are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Joe and Betty

Congdon by their family. And in celebration of all who volunteer in the Pumpkin Patch, the Navajos who grew the pumpkins, and the residents of Welcome House who will benefit from the community's generosity.

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 October. 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 email.

Sign up Link –

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45AFAE2A A0F49-44375515-volunteer

On the Calendar

Saturday, Oct. 7 – 11-2 Pumpkin Palooza, White Elephants, Food & Games! (rain date 10/14)

Sunday, Oct. 8 @ 10am – Contemporary Worship Service – Welcome new members

Sunday, Oct. 15 @ 10am – Contemporary Worship

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

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

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 10/5, Tues 10/10 @ 7pm Traditional Choir rehearsal

Flowers Bought in October will Benefit Dinner Table

Each month, Stop & Shop stores select a hunger organization to benefit. **Peace Dale Dinner Table** has been selected by the Narragansett Stop & Shop Store Leadership Team to receive \$1 from every **\$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet** sold during the month of **October 2023** at:

Stop & Shop 91 Point Judith Road, Narragansett RI

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



We'll receive \$1 when you purchase this \$10.99
Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet at our designated Stop & Shop during the entire month of *October*.

Pumpkin Palooza Bake Sale

Please drop off your baked goods for the Pumpkin Palooza bake sale on Friday afternoon between 2 and 6. Tables for the baked goods will be set up in Hoxie Lounge. Thank you!



White Elephants

Come check out our fall and Halloween themed white elephants at the Pumpkin Palooza! The entire

event benefits Welcome House and your donations make a difference. Thanks so much!

We'd love to have your assistance on Sat. at either shift: 10:45 AM to 12:45 PM or 12:45 to 2:45 PM. jane.stabile@outlook.com.



Dine with Nine

Sign up by Sunday, Oct. 29th

This November 3rd, 4th, and 5th, Church Family Life (CFL) would like to invite everyone to a Dine with Nine. The idea is to share a potluck meal and friendly conversation with 8 (or 6 or 9) other people from the church family – make new friends and see old ones, welcome newer members, talk with people you might not have engaged with, put names to faces you see at Sunday Service or one of our programs.

Our event in August was a great success.

A lot of fun was had by all!!

Let your Light Shine!

Sign up in Fellowship Hall by Sunday October 29th for your preferred date:

Friday Nov.3rd, Saturday Nov. 4th, or Sunday Nov. 5th.

***Please indicate if you would also like to host a Dine with Nine *** (Being a potluck it's so easy!

Submitted by Jane Stabile/ Christine Grevstad

Church Family Life invites you to



Help Make
Apple Crisp
for the
Pumpkin
Palooza

Fun and fellowship in the kitchen!!!

We will be putting Apple Crisp together in the kitchen for The Pumpkin Palooza

Join in the fun on

Friday Oct. 6th at 6 p.m.

Volunteers Needed!!!

Please bring aprons, peelers, and a 9x13 pan (metal or glass). All the ingredients will be provided.

There will be a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall following Sunday service.

Contact Christine Grevstad christinegrevstad@hotmail. com

516 694-9154



Pumpkin Palooza

October 7 11-2

Rain date October 14 11-2

Pumpkins, White Elephants, Food, Baked Goods, and Children's Activities including a Halloween Obstacle Course with Inflatables, Extreme Pumpkin Bowling, Pumpkin Smashing at 12 and 1, and much more

Opening Day
Tabitha's Closet
new and gently used
clothing

Peace Dale Congregational Church 261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI

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 *probono 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

Story: My Name is Dr. Erick

I am Dr. Erick Edward Mbiriga, seeking asylum in the United States

In Uganda, I provided medical care to LGBT persons because there are no LGBT health centers. When I was discovered by the Ugandan authorities, I lost my practicing license, my boyfriend was killed, I was arrested, beaten, and had my skin removed from my ribs and my hand using clippers. All the money in my account was frozen.

I got to know about the LGBT Task Force through one of the members that I treated some time back, and so I contacted them while I was in Uganda. I was able to come to seek safety. The Task Force picked me up at the airport, and for once in my life, I felt safe.

I want to practice medicine again but will have to start my education all over again in the USA. In these difficult circumstances, I find joy in life and the new-found family that I have now in the Task Force. I love Hadwen Park Church because it is the only family that I have. I feel the holy spirit at Hadwen Park, where I am comfortable and welcomed. It is the best place to be ever.

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.*

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/

Fri. 10/13 – Sun. 10/15 – Ninigret Quilters biennial quilt show. 10 AM-4 PM daily at theWesterly Armory located at 41 Railroad Avenue in Westerly, Rhode Island. Over 200 quilts made by members, novice through professional level quilters, will be on display including featured guild challenges and group projects. \$5 admission ninigretquilters.blogspot.com/p/quilt-show-2023.html

Fri. 10/6 - Mon. 10/9 - Atlantis Rising, International Sand Sculpture Competition at Misquamicut State Beach, various times each day, \$5 - 15. Free parking. Columbus Day Weekend artists from around the world will once again compete for first place with their breathtaking sand sculptures. There will be food, vendors, live music and plenty of activities and entertainment for the whole family. Check out the pictures on the link. southcountyri.com/atlantis-rising/

Sat. 10/7 - Mon. 10/9 - Autumnfest 2023Featuring over 50 Handmade and Artisan Vendors, 20 Food Vendors, Rides, Games, Live Music, a 10-Division Parade, and so much more, at World War II Veterans Memorial Park, Woonsocket, RI. https://www.facebook.com/RIAutumnfest

Sat. 10/7 & Sun. 10/8 – Fall Visitors Weekend at West Place Animal Sanctuary, 3198 Main Road, Tiverton, RI from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Get up close and personal with the alpacas, horses, cows, pigs, donkeys, goats, and dozens of other rescued farm animals. Tours last between 60 and 90 minutes, and you'll learn all about West Place's lifesaving work and ways to get involved. Adults \$24, children \$15. Rain or shine.

https://www.westplace.org/visitors-weekends

Sat. 10/14 – Scientific Strolls: Bird Migration on Napatree Point Conservation Area, Fort Rd., Westerly, RI from 10 to 11:30 AM. **Free** Join The Watch Hill Conservancy for an educational program that celebrates a decade of stewardship in the area. Led by Napatree Science Advisor Dr. Peter Paton, this guided tour will take participants on a journey along the shore of Napatree to

discover the diverse bird species that call this area home.. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scientific-strolls-bird-migration-on-napatree-tickets-707837118877?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

Various 10/12-14 at 7:30 PM or 10/15 & 10/22 at 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. 10/14 visit Frosty Drew Observatory to view the moon eclipse of the sun – leaving a small ring of sun around the moon. The eclipse begins at **12:15 PM and peaks at 1:26 PM** eclipsing 19% of the sun. \$5. frostydrew.org/events.dc/show/event-1024/

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

Sat. 10/21 – RI Witches Guild Annual Parade @ 2PM of 500 dancing witches in downtown, Wickford, RI. riwitchesguild.com/events--ball.html

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. facebook.com/events/2982517818549200

Ready for another group event for the holiday at the Newport Playhouse and Cabaret Restaurant? 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-youcan-do-to-fight-climate-change
- A link urging Amazon to eliminate the use of unnecessary plastic packaging to help end the waste crisis. https://environmentamerica.org/rhodeisland/t ake-action/tell-amazon-its-time-to-movebeyond-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

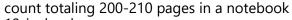
Donate Supplies for Church World Service Kit Projects

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-



- 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

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://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/8516942041571/WN_SwP7ZZcjQAubcJjuSl-Upw#/registration

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

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

Got Any Old Stakes?

Jackie Kanis would love to take off your hands flower supports you no longer want. Those green metal (even if rusted) garden stakes and hoops would be used to support the mountain mint and goldenrod in our pollinator gardens

Birdies & Berries & Bugs, Oh My!



Wondering if anyone has interest/time to help prune and weed the pollinator gardens lining the perimeter of the parking areas at the south and west

side of the Grove. You could even just grab and stack what others prune, offering moral support! Just let me know at bloomingwork@gmail. com or text 401 207-3138 Thanks, Jackie Kanis Property management support and Green Team

Tabitha's Closet Clothing Donations & Volunteers Needed

Opening
October 7

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, 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 placed in the bin at the bottom of the side door stairwell on the first floor.

VOLUNTEER! Tabitha's Closet will need 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.

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

Clothing Drive Coordinator The committee is also looking for someone who likes to connect with people to serve as our clothing drive coordinator, to reach out to local churches and organizations and arrange clothing drives throughout the year.

If you would like to serve in either of these roles, please contact Galen McGovern at GalenMcGovern1@gmail. com or Suzanne Faucher at qsfaucher@gmail. com.



Youth Corner

10/7 Sat – Pumpkin Palooza @ 11am-2pm (Rain Date 10/14 @ 11am-2pm)

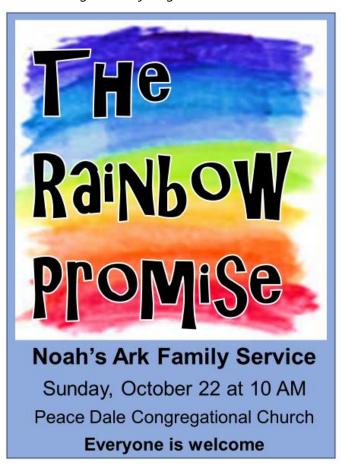
10/8 Sun - No Youth Connect (long weekend)

10/15 Sun - Youth Connect @ 10am

10/22 Sun - Family Worship Service @ 10am

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

Youth program coordinator Meg Kolodziej megkolodziejri@gmail. com



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Preparations Are Well Underway





If you are wondering why you have not seen our friends Mr. Bear and Hazard for a while, it is because they have been busy helping us get ready for the palooza. They have filled all of the trick-or-treat pails, made sample lanterns for the kid's craft table, and extravagantly welcomed the scarecrows. Now they are waiting to welcome you, so look for them in the Community Room window and say hello.



Confirmation Class

Please let us know if you are aware of high-school age youth who would like to participate in the next session of Confirmation classes. We expect we will not have a class this Fall, due to low numbers of available-aged participants at this time, pending responses here. We would like to have a class next Fall. Please contact Jeff Healy at healyjeff48@gmail.com

Thanks, Jeff Healy and the Deacons

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 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 <u>Prayer Circle</u> that gathers every Tuesday morning or of our <u>Called to Care</u> 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 <u>online form</u> 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 <u>Called to Care</u> ministry team, call the church office at (401) 789-7313 or submit the <u>online form</u>. 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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