



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:00 AM

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Last Week's E-Light

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Thomas

John 20:19-31

You've probably heard of a "doubting Thomas". This Sunday we will read the story from which that phrase arises. Could we insert a different descriptive word there? I wonder if you consider yourself a "doubting Thomas"? I invite you to read the story before Sunday and see what descriptive word you might place before Thomas' name. What if you placed a descriptive word before your own name, what might that be? These last two questions sound like they could be good questions for the question of the day, don't they?

How might this story inform our own discipleship, and/or the way we view ourselves?

May the Joy of Easter be yours as we enter this season of Eastertide!

See you soon, Brother Fred

New Member Class 4/12

Are you interested in Joining PDCC and being a part of our Faith Family? There will be a new member "class" after worship on **Sunday, April 12** (1.5 hours to meet others wishing to join and to discuss topics such as who are we at PDCC and what does it mean to be UCC).

If you would like to consider joining and *have not already told us*, come to the class on Sunday.



SPRINGTIME POTLUCK BRUNCH

Join us

SUNDAY APRIL 19th
after Church Service



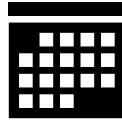
**Sign up sheet in Fellowship
Hall**

Questions? Contact Mary Mason or Carol Edwards

Submitted by Christine Grevstad

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Sunday, April 12 @
10am Contemporary
Worship

Sunday, April 12
new member class
after worship

Sunday, April 19 @
10am Contemporary
Worship

Sunday, April 19
potluck after worship

Saturday, April 25
@11am Celebration
of Life for Artie
Ramaker

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am Prayer
Warriors / Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm AA
Meeting

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm Bell
Choir rehearsals

Thursdays @ 1-3pm Shawl
Knit & Crochet

Thursdays @ 6pm
Contemporary Choir reh.

Thursdays @ 7:30pm
Traditional Choir rehearsal

Worship Flowers



The flowers of April 12 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 April, please contact Lynn McCall 401 742-3949.

Plant Sale – Sat. 5/2

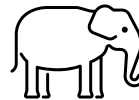


Do you have some extra plants you could volunteer for the summer sale? Pot them up now so they look fabulous for the Spring Sale 5/2.

Annuals, perennials, house plants ... we'll be glad to have them. Bring plants to church Friday 5/1, around back at the portico off of Fellowship Hall.

QUESTIONS? Contact Patty Hare.

White Elephants



PLEASE SAVE Sat. 5/2 and join the White Elephant team in Fellowship Hall at our annual **Spring Sale. Workers**

needed for two shifts: 9:45 AM – 12:15 PM and/or 12:15 PM – 2:45 PM. Or any time that works for you. Contact jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172.

Thank you for your donations. Some are even new, many a delight and all appreciated.

For the 5/2 **Spring Sale please concentrate on summer items**, i.e. water games, sports, picnic, camping, seaside themed. FYI - We will sell linens both at the spring and fall sales, but may not in December.

WORK DATES

Tues. 4/14 from 10 to 11:30 AM

Fri. 4/24 from 10 to 11:30 AM

Thurs. 4/30 from 10 AM to 12 PM

Fri. 5/1 from 10 AM to 12 PM

**Celebrating Earth Day Friday April 24,
2026 @ 7 PM**
at Peace Dale Congregational Church



Offshore Wind Energy is HERE

What Does It Mean for Our Ocean, Wildlife & Community?

Light refreshments will be served

Speaker: Dr. Barbara Sullivan-Watts – Senior Marine Research Scientist (Emerita), URI; Co-author, *RealOffshoreWind.com*

More than 100 offshore wind turbines are now generating power for Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts—but what are the broader impacts?

Join us for a **science-based discussion** exploring key questions:

- *How effective is offshore wind as a renewable energy source?*
- *What are the impacts on whales, fish, birds, and marine ecosystems?*
- *How might this development affect local communities and fisheries?*

Drawing on decades of research and the latest findings from the U.S. and Europe, Dr. Sullivan-Watts will offer a **clear, balanced perspective** on both the benefits and concerns of offshore wind development.

Sponsored by PDCC Green Team



PDCC
Spring Sale
Peace Dale Congregational Church
MAY 2, 2026 • 10am – 2pm
261 Columbia Street
South Kingstown, RI 02879
Featuring
Grandpa's Attic
Antiques and Collectables
Handmade Crafts
Outdoor Vendor Booths
Food
White Elephant Sale
Handmade Crafts
For vendor info, contact
Carol Edwards
caedwards760@gmail.com

Eggstravaganza Thank you

Thank you to the amazing team of volunteers who made this year's Eggstravaganza a tremendous success! The children had a hopping good time having their faces painted, hunting for eggs, painting with rolling eggs, playing games, decorating cupcakes, and protecting eggs for the egg drop, where we debuted the Egg Chute 2000. And to top it all off, there were delicious hot dogs and mac and cheese to enjoy.

Thank you for generously donating your time to make it all possible, and for extravagantly welcoming so many young families to our church. Let's do it all again next year! 🍷



Help Needed

HELP WITH 3rd Sunday Hospitality, PLEASE. Jane & Steve Stabile and Kim Picard invite you to join our team to provide food and beverages

on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

This would involve bringing at least one food item and helping to put out the food Sunday morning and clean up. S&J do the set up alone on Saturday.

It's a great way to make friends and foster fellowship at PDCC. Contact steve.stabile@outlook.com

Come Sing or Ring with Us!



Our **singers** welcome you! Rehearsals are Thursday 6pm for Praise Team and 7:30pm for Traditional Choir.

Our bell ringers

welcome you! Teenagers on up in age. Ability to read music is a plus. Practice Tuesdays @ 6:30pm.



Ask a choir member after worship or send an email to office@peacedalechurch.org

Once-a-Month Singers

Do you want to express yourself through singing? Please join us for **family service the fourth Sunday of each month**. Enthusiasm encouraged, super singers - not so much, we appreciate everyone. You don't have to read music. We know these tunes. **CONTACT** jane.stabile@outlook.com for music videos, lyrics and info.



DVRC Gala 5/29

You are invited to join

Jane & Steve Stabile and other PDCCers at the Dunes Club in Narragansett for the **Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County's Annual Gala** on Friday, May 29th from 6 to 10:30 PM. Tickets grant attendees one alcoholic beverage (cash bar available), passed hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, seated dinner, and dancing to live music by Clockwork Boston. Come join the fun and support an outstanding cause.

Tickets at <https://dvrcsc.org/events/> for \$150 pp. We have already filled one table, let's work on adding another. When you reserve, there is a place to note that you want to sit near us. Please also let us know. jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172. It has always been a wonderful night.



Thursday Knit and Crochet



COME! Our Prayer Shawl makers are meeting together with the I Care Shawl Project makers 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.

CANCER COMFORT – I Care Shawl Project is working with Brown Health Cancer Center to comfort those going through chemotherapy.

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

Got Unwanted Greeting Cards?



Outside the office is a cardboard box for you to put greeting cards or note cards in – it is next to the spinning display of cards. We collect and make cards available in hopes that people who need free cards may use them. And it keeps them out of the landfill. Submitted by Gabby Klensch

Tabitha's Closet Open for Spring

Open Saturdays 9:30am-12:30pm and
3rd Tuesday of each month 4-7pm

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.**

WE WELCOME prom dresses, men's suits, and costume jewelry to support Holly's Closet.



It's Prom Season!

Now through April 30th 2026,
we are accepting your gently used or new formal dresses or men's suits to support
Holly's Closet
So all students can afford Prom wear!

GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!
Open Saturdays 9:30am- 12:30pm
Join us Monthly for Third Tuesdays at
Tabitha's from 4-7pm
*Suggested Donation

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DONATE We are happy to accept spring and summer items 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. 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.

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 "ticket price" or more for items, knowing that we reinvest the funds in the church and our missions, and to support community partners.

We are reinvesting the money raised to support social services in our community – such as the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Church World Service Kits, Peace Dale Dinner Table, Gratitude Tree w Jonnycake Center, Tri County Community Action Agency, and Youth LGBTQ Closet (Youth Pride RI).

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

MORNING VOLUNTEERS?

Interested in volunteering at Tabitha's, but our afternoon time slots don't work with your schedule? Great news! We are looking for volunteers for a morning from 9-11 am. If we can recruit enough interest, we will establish a morning weekly session. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Lynne at tabitha@peacedalechurch.org

LATEST UPDATES on Instagram

#shoptabithasclose



Swing into Spring!

April 4th and 11th
With our Egg Hunt event!
Come find your instant savings! *

PDCC's Extravaganza
March 28th, 11am-2pm
Food, fun and games!

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April Mission of the Month: Egg-a-Day Child Nutrition Program



School children enjoy an egg a day

A small team traveled to Haiti in 2012 after Hurricane Sandy had ravaged a portion of the country. Shocked to see so many empty seats in the schools the team learned that much of the agricultural land had been destroyed and that food scarcity had become an issue. Many children were too hungry and weak to come to school. The schools had no funds to provide food for everyone in need. The team immediately arranged for some rice, beans, and pasta to be sent to the area. But a long-range solution was needed.

A chance meeting on the flight back from Haiti to New York led two women to discover a common concern: the hungry children they had seen during their visit. By the time the plane landed, the two had vowed not only to find a way to feed the children, but were determined to find a way to help the Haitians in the communities they serve become self-sufficient and produce their own food. That was the birth of the Egg-a-Day Nutrition Program (formerly known as OneEgg Haiti) which has, since 2013 provided high-quality animal protein in the form of a hard-boiled egg to over 2500 children throughout Haiti. The goal is to make the program sustainable by educating individuals, especially school children, about how to raise their own food and chickens.

The eggs are purchased from two poultry farms in Haiti with funds raised by various churches throughout the conference. The eggs are picked up every two weeks by our in-country program coordinator in a pick-up truck and delivered to the schools and orphanages that are part of the Egg-a-Day program. At one point, before the Covid-19 pandemic caused the closure of schools throughout

Haiti, there were 17 sites from Port-au-Prince, to Mirebalais to Miragoane receiving eggs. Currently the program continues providing eggs to the orphanages where children live full time.

The eggs are delivered raw and unrefrigerated. (An unrefrigerated egg will keep for between 14 and 21 days – if not stored in the hot sunlight. Volunteers at the sites cook the eggs (mostly on open fires) and serve them to the children for breakfast, snack or lunch each day. It is hard to understand, unless you have traveled to Haiti, how difficult it is to move these eggs from the farms, to the sites, to the children over roads that are rough, clogged with traffic and sometimes not paved.

The program is funded by donations from churches and individuals throughout our conference. For several years, those donations were supplemented by additional financial support from OneEgg.org, a charitable organization that ran a similar program in Africa. However, that organization is no longer able to continue supporting our program. And, since churches throughout our conference are not meeting in person, our traditional forms of fund-raising are no longer viable. Now we rely solely on the donations from individuals and churches.

NOTE: School resumed in Haiti on August 17. Our need for financial support has taken on a new urgency. It does not take much - \$60 will feed a child an egg a day for one year.

The Haiti Task Force is a registered 501(c)(3).

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

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support Welcome House with your Mission of the Month donations in March. 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 "Egg-a-Day" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the Give now button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Give now

The March Mission of the Month has collected to date \$1,209.41 for Welcome House

Exciting Food Times in the Neighborhood

Peace Dale Dinner Table and others serve neighbors in need. With this week's opening of the Kitchen of Hope, located at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, a warm, nutritious meal will be available almost every day of the week to residents in this area. Kitchen of Hope (kitchenofhope.net) is adding a Monday meal.

Monday **Call (401) 594-9304**

4:30-5:15pm delivered or pick up at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, High St., Wakefield

Tuesday **Call (401) 594-3031**

Reserve by Sunday @ 7pm.
Sit-down meal 4:30-6pm at Dinner Table Bistro, Peace Dale Congregational Church, Columbia St, Wakefield

Wednesday **Call (401) 594-3812**

4:30-5:15pm delivered or pick up at Peace Dale Congregational Church, Wakefield

Friday **Call (401) 594-9304**

4:30-5:15pm delivered or pick up at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, High St., Wakefield

Sunday

Last Sunday of each month, 6pm at Kingston Congregational Church, Kingston. All other Sundays, 5pm at Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Wakefield.

Volunteer for Bistro Dinner Table on Tuesdays

Bistro sit-down community dinners in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 4:30pm!

We have a need for additional volunteers for the Bistro. **You do not need to be here every-week.**



The Bistro serves approximately 35 guests at tables, much like a restaurant. We need help to prepare and cook the meal, prepare salads, serve patrons (salad, dinner, dessert, coffee and tea), as well as cleanup and dishwashing. We also have a volunteer to make individual desserts.

If you can help out, or want more information, please contact Cynthia Cherney (or the Church Office at office@peacedalechurch.org 401 789-7313)



2026 PDCC Youth Calendar

April: You Were Created for a Purpose

- Sunday 5 Easter Sunday
- Sunday 12 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Take charge! Plan our 2026 Earth Day Celebration
- Sunday 19 Spring Break: No Youth Connect
BIG Beach Cleanup Time TBD
- Sunday 26 Family Service: The Sower of the Seed 10 AM
Earth Day Celebration 11 AM to 12 PM

May: Jesus Is Always With You

- Sunday 3 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Create Flower Bouquets for Moms
- Sunday 10 Happy Mother's Day: No Youth Connect
- Sunday 17 Youth Connect End-of-the-Year Celebration: Breakfast with Jesus 10 AM

Ties That Bind

Tools for Weaving Stronger Churches

Join the Southeast Region Associations for a day of workshops, worship, and fellowship. Building stronger ties between our churches, deepening collaboration across our Associations, and equipping our congregations for the work ahead.

Barrington Congregational Church

Saturday, April 25, 2026

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

BARRINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BARRINGTON, RI

Click to register or for info

To see the list and descriptions of workshops, the schedule, and to register, go to

<https://riassociation.square.site/>



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

Immigration Observer Training

The Rhode Island State Council of Churches, in partnership with the Lawyers Committee for Rhode Island, is hosting an observer and legislative advocacy training afternoon.

Scan the QR Code for information and to register (REQUIRED):



Monday, April 27
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County

27 North Rd.
Peacedale, RI 02879



For more information: communications@councilofchurchesri.org

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

Linda Jeans (LTJeans@ verizon.net), Carol Edwards (caedwards760@ gmail.com), Joanne Haynes (joanne@ haynesrandj.com), Betsy Nelson (betsynelson10@ verizon.net), Paula Campbell (phedbat9@gmail.com), Norma Brooks, Darlene Hermes (dhermes44@ gmail.com), Christine Grevstad (christinegrevstad@ hotmail.com), Bea MacGregor (bmacgregor47@ gmail.com), Thomas Mather, Laura Lehrman (lauralehrmankelly@ gmail.com), Claudia Swain, Cindy Fish (cbfish0171@ gmail.com), Enid Watson (watsonenid@ gmail.com), and Pastor Fred (fred.e@ mac.com).

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.

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