



**Peace Dale**  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

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### Last Week's E-Light

[peacedalechurch.org/e-li](http://peacedalechurch.org/e-li)

## Love Songs

This will be a unique Sunday. The Song of Solomon is a special book in the Bible. First of all, God is not overtly mentioned anywhere in all 8 chapters of the book. Esther is the only other book like it in that regard, but Esther can be seen as having a more religious tone mentioning fasting and prayer. Song of Solomon, (or Song of Songs, as it is sometimes called) has a more secular tone. It appears to be a collection of love poems told primarily from the female point of view. Song of Songs gives us something of a sneak peak into the Hebrew woman's special viewpoints and private sentiments. It's kind of like reading a journal of a woman living in another time and place – another era. This is a woman who seems impatient with traditional wisdom. There is some drama portrayed through this book. She hears the voice of her beloved – will she go? I invite you to read it before Sunday (it's only 8 chapters).

We might ask is Love really worth it? What other questions do you bring? Come to worship on this traditional Sunday and listen for what our "still speaking God" might have to say to you.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Peace and Love, Brother Fred

## Worship Flowers



**The flowers of August 25 are given to the Glory of God in memory of Harold and Janet Smith and William and Margaret Smith by Rod and Barbara Gilbert.**

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 September or October please contact Lynn McCall at 401-742-3949 or [lynn.mccall16@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.mccall16@gmail.com)

The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, August 28 and Thursday, August 29; also Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day holiday.

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## Free Circus Tickets

PDCC was given a number of tickets for admission to the **Garden Bros Nuclear Circus**, August 29-31 and Sept 1-2 in Waterford, Connecticut.

[www.gardenbroscircus.com](http://www.gardenbroscircus.com)

It seems that these are free children's (age 3-13) tickets for admission with a paid adult. If you wish to make use of the free tickets, pick up several from the table in Fellowship Hall.



## On the Calendar

**Sunday, August 25 @**  
10am – Traditional Worship

**Sunday, September 1 @**  
10am – Traditional Worship  
with communion

**Sunday, September 8 @**  
10am – Contemporary  
Worship; **YOUTH  
CONNECT BEGINS  
AGAIN**

**Sunday, September 15 @**  
Contemporary Worship

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am  
Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
AA Meeting

Choir rehearsals will  
resume in the fall



## Why YOU should consider joining PDCC Prayer Warriors (aka Prayer Circle)

Each and every Tuesday morning at 9:30, our Prayer Circle meets upstairs in the Community Room. We gather in friendship with the purpose of praying for those in need. Starting with a bit of "chit-chat" (as one member calls it), we, then, get serious and have a devotional with group sharing. We continue with praying for those who are in need of healing, encouragement, and spiritual support. We keep our lists confidential.

Come, join us. You will gain a sense of camaraderie and spiritual growth as we share both hope and faith in prayer for those in need. There is no signing up. Just come. Feel a new sense of connection. We're in the Community Lounge, Tuesdays at 9:30am. Hope to see YOU.

Sharing with Love, Your PDCC Prayer Warriors

## Thank You from a Senior



Dear PDCC,  
I just want to extend my appreciation, not only for the graduation gift you've given me, but also for all of the support you've shown me all these years. I'll never forget

how you all showed up for all my performances and I sincerely thank you.

Love, Aimee Clarke 😊❤️

## Buy Flowers in August to Benefit Dinner Table

**FLOWER POWER** at its finest

**STOP&SHOP**

This August, swing by our selected Stop & Shop and grab a Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet for just \$10.99!

For every bouquet sold, \$1 goes towards our great cause!

**Buy specific Bloomin' 4 Good bouquets @ the Narragansett Stop & Shop to benefit Peace Dale Dinner Table.**

## The Pumpkins Are Coming!

Save the Date: **PUMPKIN ARRIVAL** is set for Sunday, September 29 as we gear up for another October of Pumpkins for a Purpose.

The truck should be arriving around 12:30 pm so grab a coffee after worship and head outside to left and pass and laugh. We need many hands to assist.

## Save the Date: Pumpkin Palooza



Make your plans for the Pumpkin Palooza – Saturday, October 5, 2024 @ 11am – 2pm!

If you would like to volunteer, **CONTACT** Meg Kolodziej.

## Save Coffee Cans



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.

## 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

## Tabitha's Closet – Pause Donations; Sorters Needed



Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's clothing ministry offers **new and gently used clothing** for affordable suggested donations.

### PAUSE DONATIONS

We will begin accepting FALL & WINTER clothing on September 15. Thank you for all you bring. We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.

**SHOP! Open Saturdays**  
9:30a-12:00p

**HELP SORT!** We have moved to a Friday-morning-only sorting schedule for the summer and we are seeking volunteers as our regulars will be taking vacations. Email Galen McGovern or Suzanne Faucher if you can help.

**HELP ON SATURDAYS!** Tabitha's Closet also needs volunteers to help **in 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

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## South County Habitat for Humanity is hosting a Personal Finance Workshop by Instructor and Financial Coach, Ron Williams

Slots are limited so register today!

**Attend all 3 days:** Tuesday September 17th & 24, October 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6 - 7:45PM

**LOCATION:** Peace Dale Public Library | 1057 Kingstown Road, Wakefield, RI 02879

**REGISTRATION:** The course costs \$10 per attendee. The \$10 fee is refundable if participant attends all 3 weeks of the workshop. \*Please note, advanced registration is required and your registration is not complete until we have received your registration fee.\*

### WAYS TO REGISTER:

- Click here...  
<https://form.jotform.com/242043983144152>
- Call Aliyya at 401-213-6711 x305

### MORE ABOUT THE WORKSHOP:

Instructor Ron William's passion lies in helping people understand and improve their relationship with personal finance, and has been helping his clients throughout RI as a financial and life coach since 2000. He has received the President's Volunteer Service award, a distinction given to people who help address the most pressing needs in their community and the country. Ron's unique approach will help students identify their specific financial goals and the motivation to work toward those goals by incorporating a realistic personal spending plan into their daily routines.

The following topics will be covered:

- Reducing or eliminating debt
- Saving and investing
- Building an emergency fund
- Ways to increase income
- Reviewing spending habits and patterns

\*Please note: Taking this course does not qualify attendees for acceptance into our homeownership program, nor does it fulfill the required HUD certified homebuyer education courses\*



## Church Family Life Events

A notable summer event occurring in 2 weeks is the Rhythm and Roots Festival. Lots of music, 3 stages with different genres of music including Emmy Lou Harris on Sat., food trucks, zydeco dancing and great atmosphere. All locally at Ninigret Park, Charlestown, RI. See listings below.

**Starting 7/19 – Twisters.** A summer thriller that should be seen at the theater. Remember the old Twister movie? This one is **JUST AS EXCITING**. Grab a friend & popcorn & make the most of a rainy day. [allsouthcountycinemas.com/nowshowing](https://allsouthcountycinemas.com/nowshowing)

**NEW** South County Cinemas are featuring classic movies – the first **Harold and the Purple Crayon** with a variety of days and times and **Rear Window** 70th Anniversary on Sun. 8/25 at 1 and 7 PM.. <https://allsouthcountycinemas.com/nowshowing>

**NEW Sat., Sun. & Mon. through 11/30 – Newport Black History Walking Tours: Lost Stories of Resistance & Freedom** presented by RI slave History Medallions. Meet near Bowen’s Wharf Pilot House. Tour Historic Hill to Wahington Square. \$11.63-\$22.13 <https://www.simplertix.com/e/newport-black-history-walking-tour-tickets-171177>

**8/31 – Waterfire Providence** with full lightings starting at sunset. Free and another fun family event. <https://waterfire.org/>

**8/23 @ 6 to 9 PM** the League of Women Voters of So. Cty. Presents **Voices and Votes: A musical Cabaret Celebration of Women’s Equality Day** with Eden Casteel and Dot Reiser. \$40 held at The United Theater, Westerly, RI. [unitedtheatre.org/shows/voices-votes-a-musical-cabaret-celebration-of-womens-equality-day/](https://unitedtheatre.org/shows/voices-votes-a-musical-cabaret-celebration-of-womens-equality-day/)

**NEW 8/24 @ 10 AM to 4 PM, Fayerweather Craft Guild Outdoor Craft Fair** at 1850 Mooresfield Rd., So. Kingstown, RI. Watermelon & beverage for \$5. <https://www.fayerweathercraftguild.com/festivals-and-fairs>

**8/24** from 2 to 7 PM **Broadway Beach Bash** musical event (5:30 PM) with high school students performing alongside Broadway professionals at the Narragansett Casino, 11 Pier Marketplace, Narragansett, RI. \$12 Also: karaoke, pottery, painting, arcade games, piano bar, petting zoo, Exotic Animal show and artisan vendors (2 to 5 PM). Family fun! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rhode-to-broadways-beach-bash-general-admission-donors-tickets-951164668127>

**NEW 8/29 from 7 to 10 PM Steve Riley and the Cajun 4 Band at the Towers**, 35 Ocean Rd., Narragansett, RI. The middle of the long main floor will be taken up by dancers, there are seats nearer the band in the rotunda. Previously bottled water has been available. \$20 <https://www.thetowersri.com/events/>

**NEW Sundays from 1 to 4 PM through 10/13 Sunday Music Series at Newport Vineyard**, 909 East Main Rd., (Rte. 138) Middletown, RI. Various bands. Seating 1st come & limited on the tank patio. No pets or outside food or beverages. Yes, you may bring blankets & chairs. Inclement weather – music indoors. Optional RSVP at 401 848-5151. <https://www.newportvineyards.com/event/sunday-music-series-2024/2024-08-25/>

**8/30, 31 & 9/1 – The Rhythm & Roots Festival** a weekend of incredible music, dance, & culture at the Rhythm & Roots Festival. See Emmylou Harris, Old Crow Medicine Show, Drive-By Truckers, Larkin Poe & so many more. Pricy. <https://rhythmandroots.com/artist-lineup/>

**Tuesdays. through 9/10 @ 4 to 8 PM– Oakland Beach Cruise Nights** in Warwick with classic cars and oldies music on the waterfront. Free, \$3 to display a car. At Oaklands Beach Commons and Gazebo, Warwick. Website has cancelation info [facebook.com/obcruznight](https://facebook.com/obcruznight)

**9/14 – Tour of Wild Harmony Farm, in Exeter @ 10-11:30am.** Walking tour guided by Farmer Ben, who shares his knowledge and experiences about regenerative farming and how it supports the land and maintains a healthy, balanced ecosystem. All welcome! Bring family and friends or just yourself. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather! To register for the free tour: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walking-farm-tour-with-farmer-ben-tickets-944987863137>

**Drive In movies.** The Misquamicut Drive In, Westerly <https://mbadrivein.com/>. The Rustic Drive-In, Rt/ 146 in No. Smithfield <https://www.facebook.com/RusticDriveIn/> with 3 showings. Plus, Newport Film which highlights award winning documentaries, indies & more. <https://newportfilm.com/>

# August Mission of the Month: Neighbors Helping Neighbors



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. They are a 100% volunteer organization without paid staff, administrators, or physical office space of their own, so they work in the most cost-effective way possible, operating with an absolute minimum of overhead costs. Because they have low-overhead expenses, funds raised are predominantly applied to the cost of building materials, necessary liability insurance for their volunteers and Board of Directors, and hiring licensed contractors when required.

The work has had to change over time from mostly 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 they work to use licensed contractors and obtain building permits.

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.

"The purpose of Neighbors Helping Neighbors is to serve as a charitable organization meeting community needs not being met by other organizations in a timely manner that improves the quality of life of residents."

To find out more about Neighbors Helping Neighbors and how you can help, you can go to their website at: [neighborshelpingneighborsri.org](http://neighborshelpingneighborsri.org)

Thank you for your generosity,  
The Missions Board  
[www.peacedalechurch.org/missions](http://www.peacedalechurch.org/missions)

Peace Dale Congregational Church supports Galilee Mission as our Mission of the Month. You may donate funds 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, or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online ([peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give](http://peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give)). **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "Neighbors" in the memo line.**

**Give now**



Join us for a fun children's activity every Sunday this summer from 10 until 11

Bible stories, baking, gardening, art, drama, puppets, and a visit from Scout, our therapy dog friend

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All children are welcome!

# Recycle Today for a Greener Tomorrow: Your Efforts Make a Difference

Recycling is crucial for preserving our environment and natural resources. By recycling, we reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators, conserve valuable raw materials, and save energy. This process also helps in cutting down pollution and mitigating climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Moreover, recycling supports the economy by creating jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries.

Below is a quick guideline for newcomers and a reminder for everyone on what can be recycled, while again noting plastics and films can be placed in the special bins as part of the Trex Recycling Challenge Program at PDCC.

For additional detail, please check out the following links:

- [Mixed Recycling Guideline](#)
- [Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation](#)
- [Recycle Across America](#)

To those who diligently recycle, your efforts are making a significant difference. Your commitment to recycling demonstrates a responsible and caring attitude towards our planet. Thank you for your dedication to this vital practice—you are contributing to a healthier, more sustainable future for everyone.



# mixed recycling





paper, cardboard (flattened) and cartons only



metal cans, lids and foil only



glass bottles and jars only



plastic containers only

empty at a minimum, rinsed whenever possible

NOT FOR USE AS A LABEL: Rhode Island's official mixed recycling container labels are copyright and trademark protected by Recycle Across America®. Public and private entities should contact Resource Recovery for labels.

These items do not belong in your recycling bin or cart



no plastic bags, bags of bags, or recycling inside of bags



no more than a trace of food or beverage residue



no fiber that isn't paper, cardboard or cartons (e.g. textiles or wood)



no paper shreds, napkins, tissues, or paper towels



no metal that isn't a cap, lid, or foil (e.g. pans)



no glass that isn't a bottle or jar (e.g. drinking glasses)



no plastic that isn't a container (e.g. hangers)



no foam containers



no containers from flammable materials or oily chemicals



Containers for mixed recycling in Rhode Island vary in color and size. If you're unsure of which container to use, ask your city or town's Department of Public Works, property owner, or property manager.

Follow these guidelines and you'll be a great recycler! If you want to be a SUPER recycler, get more details at [rirc.org/mixed-recycling](http://rirc.org/mixed-recycling)

For information on recycling, composting, or disposal of other items, visit [RIRRC.org](http://RIRRC.org).

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**JOIN US!** For anyone, of all ages, interested in learning more about the "Green Team", please contact George Faucher at [gfaucher@gmail.com](mailto:gfaucher@gmail.com) and/or Don Hermes at [dhermes33@gmail.com](mailto:dhermes33@gmail.com)





## 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 **gift cards** for teachers, service providers, and family.

Use RaiseRight to buy **cards for your own personal shopping** of groceries, etc. 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](mailto:dkshaw5@cox.net) or stop by the table on Sunday after worship.



## Sharing More Joy: PDCC Podcasts

Interviews with members of our church family about the joys of their faith – the "Sharing More Joy" series – can be found on the church website under the News tab (<https://www.peacedalechurch.org/podcasts>).

## 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 E-Light newsletter, send email to [office@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org) or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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