



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

It's Music Sunday!

John 1:1-18

It's finally here! Whether you call it a "Springtime Extravaganza", (as it's not yet technically summer) or, as Gemini AI suggested, a "Blossoming Extravaganza", this Sunday, our worship service will be awash with various kinds of music.



And there will be a baptism! Just wait until you hear who it is – the connection between the family and this particular Sunday, whether intentional or not, is exquisite. I will explain more on Sunday.

We hope you will come and be part of this important day in the life of our faith family.

I'll see you soon, Brother Fred

Worship Flowers



The flowers of June 14 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of all those Rose Window Legacy Members on whose shoulders we stand, by Claudia and Peter Swain.

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 June 28 or July, please contact Claudia Swain.

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.**

The meeting should be brief as this is the only business to be conducted during the meeting.

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Communications/Publicity Group

Have you ever been sad that you missed a great PDCC event?

Imagine PDCC having a coordinated resource to publicize in-house and events open to the community such as bazaars, special services, community outreach, etc.

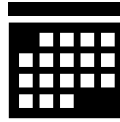
We are forming a task force to determine what this could look like and what it could do. The initial "planners" would not have to assume the possible roles, but we need some folks to help get things rolling! We need around 5 to 7 people to discuss and create this much needed *Info Interface Group* (the I.I.G).

See Scott San Antonio or Jane Stabile further info. Soon please!



Membership Notes

Dana Poulin passed away Sunday, May 31. Dana's obituary may be found through Patrick Quinn Funeral Home patrickquinnfuneralsandcremations.com/obituaries/Dana-A-Poulin?obId=48583217



On the Calendar

Sunday, June 14 @
10am Music Sunday
and a Baptism

Sunday, June 21 @
10am Contemporary
Worship

Sunday, June 28 @
10am Traditional
Worship

Sunday, June 28 @
after worship Brief
Congregational
Meeting

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

Thursdays @ 6pm
Contemporary Choir reh

Thursdays @ 7:30pm
Traditional Choir rehearsal



June not July! CPR/AED Course – Saturday 6/20

CHURCH FAMILY LIFE EVENT

You could save a life!!! CPR Course coming our way.

SATURDAY, **JUNE** 20TH @ 9 am in Fellowship Hall

We will be setting up CPR/AED instruction classes at PDCC with the help of the South Kingstown Emergency Medical Services. The class is usually 3 hours long. \$5 charge

SIGN UP! If you are interested there is a signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Contact Christine Grevstad 401 284-6483

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.

LAST PUSH: Brass Key Inventory & Stewardship



One last request to let MaryLou (in the office) or George (after worship) know if you have a brass key.

As part of our ongoing efforts to care for and responsibly manage our church facilities, we are taking a fresh look at how brass keys are distributed and tracked.

Over the years, keys have been shared as needed, but we no longer have a complete record of who currently holds them. To ensure the safety and security of our building—and to be good stewards of our shared space—we're asking for your help with a simple two-part request:

1. If you have a brass key and no longer need it, please return it to the church office at your earliest convenience.
2. If you still have a need for the brass key you have, kindly let us know that you have one (interior? exterior? a specific room? Is there a large number or letter on it?) and briefly describe your ongoing need.

Please note: This request applies only to traditional brass keys, not to key cards which are already tracked and managed separately.

Our goal is to ensure appropriate access while maintaining good oversight moving forward.

If you have a key or have questions, please contact MaryLou at office@peacedalechurch.org or George at glfaucher@gmail.com.

Thank you for your help in keeping our church safe, secure, and well-managed.

George Faucher
Property Committee

How Safe Is Your Password?

Time it would take a computer to crack a password with the following parameters

	Lowercase letters only	At least one uppercase letter	At least one uppercase letter +number	At least one uppercase letter +number+symbol
1	Instantly	Instantly	-	-
2	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	-
3	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
4	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
5	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
6	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly	Instantly
7	Instantly	Instantly	1 min	6 min
8	Instantly	22 min	1 hrs	8 hrs
9	2 min	19 hrs	3 days	3 wks
10	1 hrs	1 mths	7 mths	5 yrs
11	1 day	5 yrs	41 yrs	400 yrs
12	3 wks	300 yrs	2,000 yrs	34,000 yrs

Source: Security.org



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>

The May Mission of the Month has collected to date \$1,743.66 for Shower to Empower. Strengthen the Church raised \$251 on the 5th Sunday of May.

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

Tabitha's Closet

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm (Tuesdays 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 PANT HANGERS WITH CLIPS – we have plenty of shopping bags; thank you!

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. Please help us spread the word! **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

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 are looking for volunteers on 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.

BONUS POP UP EVENT

JUNE 13TH ONLY

SHORTS AND LEGGINGS

2 FOR 1

GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!

SHOP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Saturdays 9:30am- 12:30pm



Office Door from Parking Lot, downstairs
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June is Rainbow Month

at Tabitha's Closet!

Drop in for colorful savings each week

PLUS BONUS

POP-UP EVENTS!

June 13th- Express Yourself Event

\$1.00 OFF*

ALL PRINTED. PLAID OR STRIPED CLOTHING

*Suggested Donation
Excludes specially priced items

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



Help Our Gardens Thrive — Adopt a Bed at PDCC!

Our church grounds are one of the first things people notice when they arrive at Peace Dale Congregational Church—and those beautiful garden beds don't maintain themselves!

For many years, we've been grateful to Mary Roda for lovingly caring for the front beds. With Mary's recent move, we're looking for new volunteers to help keep our gardens vibrant and welcoming.

Would you consider "adopting" a garden bed? This simply means taking responsibility for light, ongoing care—things like weeding, watering, and occasional planting or tidying—on a schedule that works for you.

It's a wonderful way to:

- Spend time outdoors in a peaceful setting,
- Contribute to the beauty of our church home,
- Connect with nature and our community.

Whether you're an experienced gardener or just enjoy getting your hands in the soil, we'd love to have you involved!

Interested? Please contact George Faucher at glfaucher@gmail.com to learn more or to claim a garden bed. Thank you for helping PDCC continue to bloom!

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.

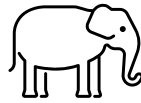


CONTACT (401) 580-1712

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.



White Elephants

With regard to the missing

table(s) – I think the taker thought the tables were free; the "Free" sign on the table was for giving away

extra white elephant items in the tub on top of the tables. Could the heavier table please come back?

Please no CD's, DVD's or books. You are doing pretty well remembering everything else. **Thank you for that and your generosity.**

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

We do 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



Plan Ahead Pumpkins

The truck arrives Sunday, September 27. (Yes, we know it is just barely almost summer...)

Singers and Ringers Summer Vacation



Our **singers** will be off for the summer after June 14. Our **bell ringers** are also



off for summer. Rehearsals will resume in the fall.

Come sing or ring with us! We welcome teenagers on up in age. Ability to read music is a plus. Ask a choir member after worship or send an email to office@peacedalechurch.org

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

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.



2026 PDCC Youth Calendar

Youth Connect is on break until fall.

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