



Peace Dale  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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August 7, 2025

## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

### Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

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## Birthdays This Week

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Sandi Robinson  
Jim Thomson  
Patty Hare  
Earl Clarke, Jr.  
Kateri Wheeler-Clarke  
Catherine Beazley  
Lloyd Beckmann  
Mary Lou Northup

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### Last Week's E-Light

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

## Summer Sanctuary

Join us this Sunday, August 10 for Contemporary Worship, and a special historical presentation entitled **Summer Sanctuary: Celebrating Summers Past at Peace Dale Church**. We'll take a look at the goings-on at our church from 1857 to the present, during the hottest months of the year.

One of the many memories we'll explore is from an article published in the Providence Journal in 1979 regarding our Church's push for affordable housing. This piece comes from a small collection that Reverend Lawrence Washburn mailed us in June. This collection will also be available for viewing during Fellowship, before it enters permanent residence in the PDCC Archive Room. Come take a walk down Memory Lane with us...YOU may be the memory!

Our reading for Sunday is the following:

### In Deepest Wood, A Rondeau written in the summer of 1886

In deepest wood of summer green  
Sometimes one chances on a scene  
Of such repose, such peace, such love  
As makes one feel as heaven above  
Can hardly have more glowing sheen.  
So was it when I chanced to lean  
Against a tree of stately mien,  
In gazing saw some lilies move  
In deepest wood.

Ah! White bells with a joy so keen  
I listening find a thought to glean:  
Your gladful chimes God's love do prove,  
And Father, Son, and Holy Dove,  
Are hov'ring near, with smile serene,  
In deepest wood.



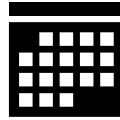
## Worship Flowers

The flowers of Sunday, August 10 are given to the **Glory of God in loving memory of Linda J. Arnold by her family Richard Arnold and Denise Tucker, Mary Bannister and Ellen A. Hefler.**

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 August, September, or October please contact Claudia Swain.

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## On the Calendar

**Sunday, August 10 @**  
 10am Contemporary  
 worship. Stephanie Healy  
 presenting "On this day  
 throughout PDCC's history"

**Sunday, August 17 @**  
 10am Contemporary  
 Worship Rev. Scott Spencer  
 preaching

**Sunday, August 24 @**  
 10am Traditional Service  
 with Rev. Colin Leitch  
 preaching

**Sunday, August 31 @**  
 10am Blended Service with  
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Mondays @ 6:30pm  
 NA Meeting – Learn to  
 Live

Tuesdays @ 9:30am  
 Prayer Warriors /  
 Prayer Circle ALL  
 WELCOME!

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
 AA Meeting

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
 Bell Choir rehearsals  
 ALL WELCOME!

## Welcome Back to Church Potluck Brunch – 9/7

To Welcome back Pastor Fred and those members that may have been away for awhile, the Missions committee in collaboration with Church Family Life/Hospitality will be sponsoring a

### WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH EVENT

Sunday, September 7 @ 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

an outdoor pot luck brunch event  
 after Service, outside in The Grove

- ❖ Beverages and dessert will be provided.
- ❖ Christian Education will provide entertainment for the kids.
- ❖ There will be a corn hole game for the adults!

### RSVP & QUESTIONS

- ❖ **If you plan to attend, please list the type of covered dish you will bring** for the food table on the **signup sheet in Fellowship Hall.** No hot dishes please.
- ❖ If you plan to attend but **can't get to the signup sheet or have other questions regarding the food:** Contact Christine Grevstad (christinegrevstad@ hotmail.com 401 284-6483)

All other inquires contact James McMonigle  
 (McMonscience@ hotmail.com 401-447-8757)





## What's the Bright Idea?

The lights in Fellowship Hall are all working again!

They have been converted to LED bulbs. Property Management arranged to have the internal wiring of the light fixtures modified to accommodate LEDs

which should have a much longer service life. This is also another improvement supporting PDCC's Green Church efforts. Here's a photo of the "guts" of the light without the globe attached.

## We Are Jammin' in the Kitchen!!

*With Church Family Life/Hospitality*



If you like making jam or want to learn how to make jam, join us for a session on Jam making.

Monday August 18 @  
9am in the PDCC Kitchen

Only two people can join per session  
Future sessions to be announced

The Jam will be up for sale at fellowship coffee hours And the Christmas Bazaar (Help us make this a success!)

**CONTACT:** Christine Grevstad  
(christinegrevstad@hotmail.com – 516-694-9154)  
or Patty Hare (graybarn360@gmail.com – 413-658-7328)

## White Elephants



Keep your clean outs and extra gifts coming. We collect year 'round. The next sale is October Pumpkin Palooza.

Please no books, CDs or videos. *We have also stopped collecting pillows for this year due to space limitations.* Costume jewelry can be donated to Tabitha's Closet.



## Got Frames?

If you have any of those clear Lucite/plastic frames laying around, we'd be happy to have them. The Pumpkin Faeries are thinking ahead to Pumpkin Patch, and would like to use the frames to display prices amidst the pumpkins. We'll take up to ten of each size: 3" x 5" and 4" x 6" acrylic frames. There will be a box near the office for collection.

## Summer Youth Connect 2025

Join us Sundays at 10 am to cook up some great memories. Each week we'll make something to remember one of the special meals Jesus shared with others. **All ages are welcome – high school through preschool.**

### Jesus' Special Meals

#### August 10 @ 10am – Breakfast with Jesus

Gather to read a story about Jesus preparing breakfast for the disciples on the beach and make breakfast for our church family.

## August Flower Purchases Benefit Peace Dale Dinner Table

In August, purchases of **specially-marked** flower bouquets at the **Narragansett Stop and Shop** will generate donations to the Peace Dale Dinner Table (\$1 per bouquet). The Narragansett Stop and Shop has again selected Dinner Table as the local hunger organization of the month for August.



The Peace Dale Dinner Table is currently providing 250 meals each Wednesday.

## Sale of Pianos, Digital Pianos, and Violins – Aug. 7-9



Providence College's Department of Music has partnered with the Rockley Family Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to supporting music education, to offer musical instruments for sale at a significant

discount, providing valuable resources for music students.

You are invited to a private-sale on Thurs, Fri, Sat August 7-9 to purchase with priority in selection and price. A large selection of grands, baby grands, digital player grands, vertical (upright) pianos, digital pianos, violins, violas and cellos will be available. For information and to secure a time call (401) 864-7329 or visit

[RockleyFamilyFoundation.org/Providence](http://RockleyFamilyFoundation.org/Providence).

The event will be held on the Providence College campus in Moore Hall 124. Enter through 212 Huxley Ave, Providence 02908 and park in the Anderson garage.

### Outdoor Christian Rock Concert



***Living Hope Band***

**August 30<sup>th</sup> 4:00 to 6:00 PM**  
**Rain or Shine**

**Free Admission - Hot Dogs & Bottled Water**

**First Baptist Church of Narragansett**  
**305 Kingstown Road**

## August Mission of the Month: Habitat for Humanity of South County

This month, our mission collection will support Habitat for Humanity. Founded in 1990, South County Habitat for



Humanity (SCHH) has been dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide. SCHH serves all towns in Washington County, Rhode Island. Read more about South County Habitat for Humanity and SCHH's programs – expanding home ownership, building accessibility ramps, the ReStore resale store – at [southcountyhabitat.org/](http://southcountyhabitat.org/).

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, community and hope. Programs include:

- The home construction, home ownership program provides a unique opportunity for those in need of an affordable place to call home to take an active role in the construction of and eventual purchase of their own home.
- Ramp Up RI serves low-income residents of Washington County, RI in need for a ramp for themselves or a household member.
- The Restore is a non-profit store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, building materials, appliances, and home accessories to the public at discounted prices

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

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support Habitat for Humanity with your Mission of the Month donations in August. You may 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 "Habitat for Humanity" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online ([peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give](http://peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give)).

**Give now**

# Summer Worship & Pastoral Care

Dear Members and Friends of Peace Dale Congregational Church,

## WORSHIP

Pastor Fred Evenson, our Senior Minister, is away for the summer on sabbatical. We would like to let you know about the services and guest ministers providing the message at each service.

We hope you will come and join us when you can.

Shalom,

The Board of Deacons

## PASTORAL CARE

The Rev. Enid Watson is providing pastoral care coverage from now until September. Rev. Watson is an ordained UCC clergywoman, PDCC member and Deacon. She is available for whatever pastoral care concerns arise over the summer. Enid will continue meeting with the Prayer Circle. You may request pastoral care through the Church Office or reach out to Rev. Watson directly. While her contact info is in Breeze, it is also included here:

The Rev Enid Watson  
617-680-5734  
watsonenid@gmail.com

### August 10 Contemporary Worship

**Stephanie Healy**, PDCC member and congregational historian. If you've ever wondered what summers were like at our church in the late 1800s with Roland Hazard II at the helm, or the late 1970's with Dr. Lawrence Washburn's ministry, this "Dog Days of Summer" service is for you. Join us to explore what Summers at PDCC were like at different times in our history.

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### August 17 Contemporary Worship

**Rev. Scott Spencer** will provide the message. Rev. Spencer served as pastor of the Woodridge Congregational Church in Cranston, Rhode Island.

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### August 24 Traditional Worship

**Rev. Colin Leitch** will provide the message. Rev. Leitch served as Senior Pastor at Church on the Hill in Boston.

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### August 31 Blended Worship

**Rev. Scott Spencer** will provide the message. Rev. Spencer served as pastor of the Woodridge Congregational Church in Cranston, Rhode Island.



## Come Sing With Us!

Our singers and bell ringers welcome you! Summer rehearsals for Praise Team, Traditional Choir, and Bell Choir are more relaxed (and less frequent). Ask a choir member after worship about making music in the summer! Singers practice Sunday @ 9am before 10am worship.



## Be a Bell Ringer!

The ringers in our Bell Choir welcome you! Teenagers on up in age. Ability to read music is a plus.

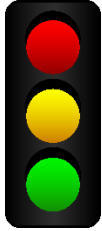
Summer is a great time to try out bell ringing and see if you like it. Summer rehearsals for Bell Choir are more relaxed (and less frequent). We practice most (but not all) Tuesdays @ 6:30pm. Ask a choir member after worship about making music in the summer or send an email to [office@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org)!



## Tabitha's Closet

**Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm.**

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.**



**PAUSE DONATIONS** – August 1, we will stop taking summer donations. **September 7**, we will begin taking fall-winter items. We are in special need of infant and childrens clothing.

**DONATIONS.** We ask that 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. See [peacedalechurch.org](http://peacedalechurch.org) for a list of what we do and do not accept.

**VOLUNTEER!!** We would love more volunteers! If you would like to help sort clothes, staff this effort, or do marketing, please contact [gsfaucher@gmail.com](mailto:gsfaucher@gmail.com) or [lynnehandayan@gmail.com](mailto:lynnehandayan@gmail.com)

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



**AUGUST 9 ONLY**  
**POP UP SALE**  
**ALL INFANTS**  
**TODDLER/KIDS**  
**2 FOR 1**



## 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](mailto:glfaucher@gmail.com) and/or  
Don Hermes at [dhermes33@gmail.com](mailto:dhermes33@gmail.com)



## **PDCC Youth Calendar Fall 2025**

### **September**

- Sunday 7 Youth Connect Kick-off Party followed by Church Picnic 10 AM
- Sunday 14 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Sunday 21 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Sunday 28 Family Service: The Bible and You--Meet special guests from God's Story 10 AM  
Followed by Community Pumpkin Unloading Party

### **October**

- Saturday 4 Pumpkin Palooza 11 AM-2 PM
- Sunday 5 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Saturday 11 Pumpkin Palooza rain date
- Sunday 12 No Youth Connect
- Sunday 19 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Saturday 25 Youth Group Spooky Sleepover and Mission Project PDCC 7 PM
- Sunday 26 Family Service: The Jacob and Esau Family Reunion 10 AM  
Followed by Chili Fundraiser and Children's Costume Party

### **November**

- Sunday 2 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Sunday 9 No Youth Connect
- Sunday 16 Youth Connect 10 AM
- Saturday 22 Youth Group Friendsgiving PDCC 5 PM
- Sunday 23 Family Service: Daniel in the Den of Lions 10 AM  
Followed by Youth Group Thanksgiving Pie Sale
- Sunday 30 No Youth Connect

## 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 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.



## 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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