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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

Happy New Year!

On this first Sunday of the Year we will remember the story of Epiphany. What is that story you ask? Come and find out ☺

This is an important Sunday as we will also welcome new members into the fold! And of course, we will gather at the table - enjoying communion.

Come to celebrate Epiphany. Come to appreciate and realize our expanding family, as we break bread together. Come to practice your cross-country skiing! But do Come, for All are Welcome!

See you on Sunday.

Peace and Joy, Pastor Fred



Our podcasts can be found on the website under the News tab.

Worship Flowers



The flowers gracing the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents Russel & Marty Ernest and William & Molly Swain, by the Swain Family.

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 flowers for January or February, please contact Carol Anne Hayes (carolhayes44@gmail.com 401-487-9127).

Food Drive Thank You

On behalf of the Board of Missions, thanks to the congregation for the support of the food drive. We were able to deliver 308 pounds of food to the Jonnycake Center for Hope Market. Not only did we deliver food, we delivered the foods requested to support a healthy food supply being available for the community.



Membership Notes

- ❖ The Peace Dale Congregational church family is invited to a memorial service for John Hefler on Tuesday, January 9 @ 1pm in the Sanctuary.

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Recycle Christmas Overstocks

Yes, White Elephants will take your overstock toys, gifts, items that were replaced (e.g. small appliances), and the usual items all throughout the year. Also, consider recycling unused gift wrap items, Christmas decorations, the reusable items from the Greens Gang wreaths and arrangements, and those wrapped cookie cans. All donations can be placed by the rocking chair at the bottom of the stairs. Thank you for your ongoing support. Jane Stabile.

Contribution Envelopes

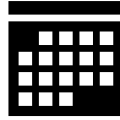


Contribution envelopes are available on the table in the hallway outside of Hoxie Lounge. If your envelopes are missing, there is a sign-up sheet there as well.

Submitted by David Nelson

Come Enjoy Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, January 11 @ 10am in the Community Room to begin to assemble School Kits & Hygiene Kits for Church World Service. (see p. 5). We hope to have lots of contributions from the lists provided We especially need hand towels, notebooks, pencils, band aids, crayons, and nail clippers. Thanks for the donations. Submitted by Judy Healy



On the Calendar

Sunday, January 7 @
10am – Traditional
Worship

Sunday, January 14 @
10am – Contemporary
Worship

Sunday, January 21 @
10am – Contemporary
Worship

Sunday, January 28 @
10am – Family 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

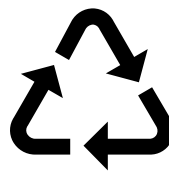
Tuesdays @ 7pm
Contemporary Singers
rehearse *ALL welcome*

Thursdays @ 7pm
Traditional Choir
rehearsal



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



Recycling Challenge – Saving Our Earth 1 Plastic Bag @ a Time

I am searching for my replacement as organizer of the TREX Recycling Challenge program at PDCC (you know, the white collection box outside the doors).

Collecting plastic bags & film keeps thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills and helps make eco-friendly outdoor products (like the benches outside the church). I will offer personal training so you can see the way I have done this, which is by no means the only way; you can develop what works for you. I am hoping to surrender my position by January 30, 2024. Thank you, Gabby Klensch (401) 932-8350



A Guide to Eco-friendly Choices After the Holidays

Once the festive glow of the holidays begins to fade, let's carry the spirit of celebration into the new year with a commitment to environmental stewardship. The choices we make in the aftermath of the holiday season can have a lasting impact on our planet. Here are some simple yet impactful ways to continue being environmentally conscious:

- 1. Recycle and Dispose Responsibly:** Ensure proper disposal of holiday decorations, wrapping paper, and packaging materials. Participate in electronic waste recycling programs to responsibly discard old devices. Donate or sell items you no longer need, contributing to a circular economy.
- 2. Responsible Tree Reuse or Disposal:** Often times at least one beach is looking to restore its dunes and Christmas trees catch and hold onto the sand aiding the effort. Another use could be for birds to shelter and stay warm within between their food foraging. If disposing of your tree, Rose Hill transfer station offers free tree/wreath recycling.
- 3. Upcycling and Repurposing:** Unleash your creativity by repurposing holiday decorations for future celebrations or crafts. Give gift wrap a second life through upcycling or finding alternative uses.
- 4. Energy-efficient Practices:** Keep the festive spirit alive with energy-efficient lighting in your home. Be mindful of energy consumption by turning off lights when not in use. Conserve fuel by letting the sun in during the daytime and closing drapes/shades in the evening.
- 5. Eco-friendly Resolutions:** Set resolutions that align with sustainability goals for the upcoming year. Explore ways to reduce your carbon footprint and live a more eco-friendly lifestyle.

Let's make every day an opportunity to contribute to the well-being of our planet. Together, we can sustain the holiday spirit of giving and gratitude throughout the year.

Wishing you a green and vibrant new year!

The Green Team presents a Film & Discussion – 1/12/24

"NUCLEAR NOW: TIME TO LOOK AGAIN. THE CONTROVERSY OF HOW TO AVOID FOSSIL FUELS IN THE CLIMATE CHANGE SAGA"

Friday, January 12, 2024, video showing @ 5 pm, panel discussion @ 7 pm at PDCC

Attend our free showing of "Nuclear Now" and the discussion afterward; or watch the video on your own.

Join us at 5 pm to watch in the church sanctuary. After a break for snacks, we will have a **discussion of the video with participants exploring both pros and cons of nuclear power plants. Special guests include Dr. Peter Nightingale (URI Physics) and Dr. Hamouda Ghonem (URI Mechanical Engineering). The discussion will focus on questions and comments from the audience.** You may also watch the video on your own (on PRIME, VUDU and some other outlets).

Video Summary: Nuclear Now is a 2022 documentary film, directed and co-written by Oliver Stone. The movie argues that nuclear energy is a solution needed to fight climate change because other renewable energies by themselves will not be sufficient in time for the planet to obtain carbon neutrality before climate change becomes irreversible. Stone advocates modern nuclear power as a safe source of energy that can replace fossil fuels and thereby help to fight climate change. He predicts a doubling or quadrupling of demand for electricity worldwide in the coming 30 years. To ensure sufficient low-carbon electricity, Stone suggests a mass-production of nuclear power plants. The script writers accuse the anti-nuclear movement of erroneously equating nuclear power with nuclear weapons and creating a primal fear against this form of energy. The writers furthermore imply that the oil and gas industry has been funding these campaigns.

JOIN US! 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

Church Family Life Events – Ideas for Fun

Perhaps like me you thought that there is nothing to do now that all the Christmas special offerings are over. Thankfully, we are wrong. Many events are inside and warm. So instead of becoming a couch potato find a friend and put together an outing. Church Family Life also offers opportunities to have fun and socialize. Let's get going and make fun happen friends! ***Please share events you find or are interested in with Jane Stabile.***

NEW! – URI Basketball nights. with fellow congregants. **Sat. 1/27** Women's Game at 1 PM; **Wed. 2/21** Men's at 7 PM. **Sign up** in Fellowship Hall after church or contact Kathy Bamford (kbam33.play@gmail.com)

NEW! **Sat. 1/6 – Free Family Fun Day: Tracking Animals in the Winter**, 10 AM-3 PM At the Bristol Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium. Enjoy craft table, nature story, animal interview, bundle up to track winter animals outdoors. Free, all ages.
<https://asri.doubleknot.com/app/calendar/month/2741/2024-01-01/2741/0/>

NEW! **Sat. 1/13 – South County Winter Waterfowl Tour** An Audubon Nature Tour VAN Trip and search for winter waterfowl along the southern Rhode Island coast! Visit a variety of places to observe an abundance of birds and their habitats. Pack a lunch and snacks: multiple stops for light refreshments and restroom breaks will be made along the way. Departing from Powder Mill Ledges Wildlife Refuge, 12 Sanderson Rd., Smithfield, RI. 8 AM to 4 PM. Ages 18 and up. \$60 members, others \$75. Must register by 1/12 by 5 PM. At
asri.doubleknot.com/registration/register.aspx

NEW! **The Audubon Society** has many offerings throughout the winter in RI. Many sell out. Check regularly at
<https://asri.doubleknot.com/app/calendar/month/2741/2024-01-01/2741/0/>

Fri. 1/19 @ 6:30 PM, Sat. 1/20 @ 8 PM – Romeo & Juliet at The VETS, Providence. Ruth Reinhardt, conductor. Zlatomir Fung Making his RI Philharmonic Orchestra debut performing Haydn's Cello concerto No. 1.
<https://tickets.riphil.org/single-tickets>

NEW! **Sat. 1/20 at 3 PM – “Picking Up Stones”** at UUC of South County., 27 North Rd., Peace Dale, RI. Picking Up Stones: An American Jew Wakes to a Nightmare, is Sandra Laub's reaction to the Israel / Hamas war from Day 1 through Day 30. Sandra Laub commands the stage in this 115-minute one-woman staged reading. A talkback with the playwright/actor will take place immediately following the play. Tickets - \$20 adults; \$10 students – both limited.

<https://unitarianuniversalistcong.betterworld.org/events/picking-up-stones-american-jews>

Your choice of dates – “9 Outdoor Winter Activities in RI” by Kerri Tallman in RI Monthly.
<https://www.rimonthly.com/winter-activities-in-rhode-island/>

NEW! **Mon. – Fri. 8:30AM-3 PM – The Conservatory** provides a warm, relaxing get away close to home on College Hill at Brown University, 85 Waterman St., Providence, RI. Accessed via elevator to the 4th floor. Come find a tropical paradise which is filled with hundreds of tropical plants - flowers, vines & fruits from Southeast Asia & the Amazon. See great photos at
<https://www.brown.edu/news/2023-08-02/conservatory>

NEW! **Have you ever perused the South Kingstown Parks & Recreation Brochures** for some enrichment or health-oriented events? Of course, they have many offerings for children, but there are also events for all ages and info about the Senior Center. Check it out:
<https://www.southkingstownri.com/DocumentCenter/View/6532/Seasonal-Program-Offerings>

Tabitha's Closet is Open

We continue to need clothes for school-age boys and girls.

**Open
Saturdays
9:30a-12:30p**

Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's new clothing ministry offers **new and gently used fall and winter clothing.**

PAUSE DONATIONS You have been so generous that we

need to PAUSE donations of adult clothes until January 1, 2024 while we catch up on sorting. Please hold on to items until January; please check our page on the PDCC website for donation guidelines.

We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.

VOLUNTEER! We need you! Tabitha's Closet needs volunteers to help:

- 1) **sort and prep the clothing,**
- 2) **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



January Mission of the Month: Doctors Without Borders

Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (DWB/MSF) cares for people affected by conflict, disease outbreaks, natural and human-made disasters, and exclusion from health care in more than 70 countries. It's not hard to think of places with conflict (think Middle East, Ukraine), disease outbreaks (think ebola), disasters (think immigrants in transit), and systemic exclusion from healthcare.

Doctors Without Borders deals with all kinds of medical needs including maternal health, nutrition, medicine access, mental health, vaccines, and of course, wounds of violence.

Various organizations that monitor non-profits rate DWB/MSF highly. These include Charity Navigator and Charity Watch. Roughly 85 cents of every dollar donated directly supports their programs.

Peace Dale Congregational Church supports Doctors Without Borders 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 below to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give). **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "Doctors Without Borders" in the memo line.**

Thank you for your generosity,
The Missions Board

Give now

Donate Supplies for Church World Service Kit Projects

Please help us continue collect supplies! Thank you for donations already brought in. **Collection boxes are in Fellowship Hall**

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:

School Kit

- Round-tip scissors
- Spiral bound notebooks – 3 x 70-count totaling 200-210 pages in a notebook
- 12-inch rulers
- Large erasers (no pencil cap erasers)
- Unsharpened pencils with erasers
- Boxes with 24 crayons



Hygiene Kit

- 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

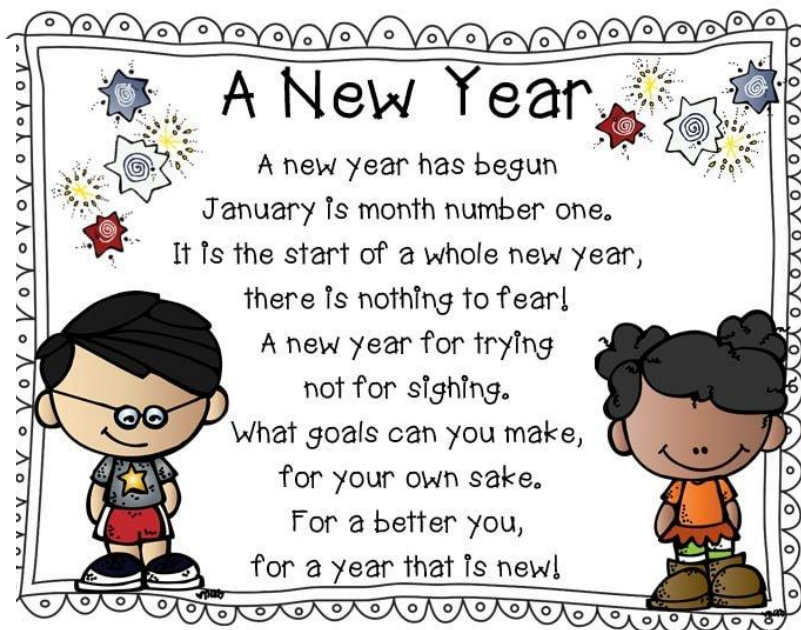
Youth Corner

1/7 – Youth Connect 10am

**1/14 – Martin Luther King
Weekend--No Youth
Connect**

**1/21 – Youth Connect
10am**

1/28 – Family Service 10am



Picking Up Stones: An American Jew Wakes to a Nightmare

Tickets Available NOW!

January 20, 2024 @ 3:00pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County (27 North Road, Wakefield)

"Picking Up Stones" dramatizes Sandra Laub's personal reaction to the Israel / Hamas war from Day 1 through Day 30. This is a play that invites the viewer to grapple with the complexities and nuances of this devastating war - a play that invites us to move beyond the one-dimensional identification with our own narrative, our own opinion, and to acknowledge, understand, even respect (without having to agree with) the narrative of the other. Is peace still possible after such trauma on both sides? A talkback with Sandra will take place immediately following the play.

Tickets are available now via this link:

<https://unitarianuniversalistcong.betterworld.org/events/picking-up-stones-american-jews>. Get your tickets before they sell out!

NOTE: The play is meant for adults as it contains some graphic descriptions of war

Housing: South County Social Justice Coalition Quarterly Meeting

Sunday, January 7, 2024 @ 6:30 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County at Lily Pads, 27 North Road, Peace Dale, RI 02879. (Note: Different location)

Christopher Little, Speaker
(No potluck, just the speaker)

Chris Little, Chair of the board of commissioners of the Housing Authority of South Kingstown and its tax-exempt affiliate, SKHA Services Development Corp, will address the following points and answer questions from the audience.

- The role of the South Kingstown Housing Authority.
- Hear of plans for the Redevelopment of Champagne Heights and Fournier Estates in South Kingstown.
- Details of what this project means for the SK and surrounding area.
- How this project fits into the new RI Housing laws passed in the last RI Assembly that is affecting how all RI towns traditionally operate.
- Status of the project with the Rhode Island Housing Authority.

Come learn about the changing landscape of the housing crisis and how South Kingstown is addressing it. Although each town is unique, there are lessons that can be learned by all of us. This presentation is a learning experience for all Southern Rhode Islanders, regardless of which town we live in and a social justice issue that seriously impacts the whole state.

South County Rhode Island Social Justice Coalition Leadership Team

Etta Zasloff
Joanne Haynes
Lesley Chouinard

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401-467-7013

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11 Emanuel Street, North Providence
401-351-2750

CAP of Providence
518 Hartford Avenue, Providence
401-273-2000

Eastbay Community Action
19 Broadway, Newport
401-847-7821

Tri-County Community Action Agency
415 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown
401-351-2750

Community Care Alliance
245 Main Street, Woonsocket
401-235-6056

Eastbay Community Action
100 Bullocks Point Avenue, Riverside
401-437-5102

Westbay Community Action Partnership
487 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick
401-732-4660

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 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 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).

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