



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

261 Columbia Street
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May 7, 2026

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:00 AM

The Rev. Enid Watson is Preaching!

Luke 13:6-9

This Sunday, we will welcome a guest preacher – our own beloved Rev. Enid Watson – into our pulpit. (Check out the lyrics of Wick in this E-Light – it is one of Sunday’s songs) Come and help us make this a special day in the life of our church. I’ll see you on Sunday. :) Pastor Fred

Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

A Great Big Thank You

Thanks so much to all who helped to make our Spring Sale such a success. The community turned out in good numbers – with our Vendors, White Elephant, Antiques, Food and Baked goodies giving them an array of things to choose from. Tabithas’ Closet was open and ready to assist those wanting clothing, shoes, and accessories.

Contact Us

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THE REV. A. FRED EVENSON
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MARYLOU McMILLAN
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All of this would not have been possible without all of the volunteers putting in time and great effort to see it through. All sale proceeds are being donated to our church.

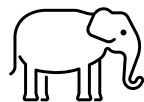
Thank you all for being there to support our church and community.

Christine Grevstad
Committee Chair, CFL-Hospitality

Birthdays

Mary Bannister
Robert Carlson
Kathy Carlson
Joan Dugas
Bob Gamache
Michael Gross
John Hobgood
Renee Lamontagne
JoEllen Magers-Golberg
Betty Prescott
Deb Shaw

White Elephants Thank You



Oh yes! The Spring Sale with plants and our contributions, the bake table with our glassware displaying the goodies and of course, the 13 tables loaded with white elephant treasures were the highlight of the sale for me. Thanks to your generous donations!! Oh and we made \$ too. Plus workers have fun and seeing old friends and assisting the shoppers. It's one fantastic day.

All made possible by the WE team - thank you fellow workers, you made this event successful!

Why not consider joining the WE team as we prepare for the Oct. 3rd Pumpkin Palooza sale. Contact jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172

We will sell linens at the fall sale but may not in December.

Jane Stabile
Chief White Elephant

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peacedalechurch.org

Follow us on Facebook!

Facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch

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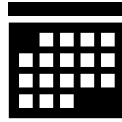


The flowers of May 10 are given to the glory of God by Marlene Williams in honor of her three grandchildren Brody, Bella, and Luke.

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 May or June, please contact Lynn McCall 401 742-3949.

What are you doing May 17th?

You're invited to join us for "Breakfast with Jesus," an amazing, technicolor family service inspired by the show "Phineas and Ferb!" Come for an inspiring worship service for all ages at 10 AM, followed by a delicious breakfast. It's going to be the best family service day ever!



On the Calendar

Sunday, May 10 @
 10am Contemporary
 Worship. No Youth
 Connect.

Friday, May 15 @ 5-
 7pm Ed Holt's
 Birthday Party in
 Fellowship Hall. All
 welcome!

Sunday, May 17 @
 10am Family
 Worship & Youth
 Connect Celebration,
 Breakfast with Jesus

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



Help Our Gardens Thrive — Adopt a Bed at PDCC!

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 Rhoda 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.

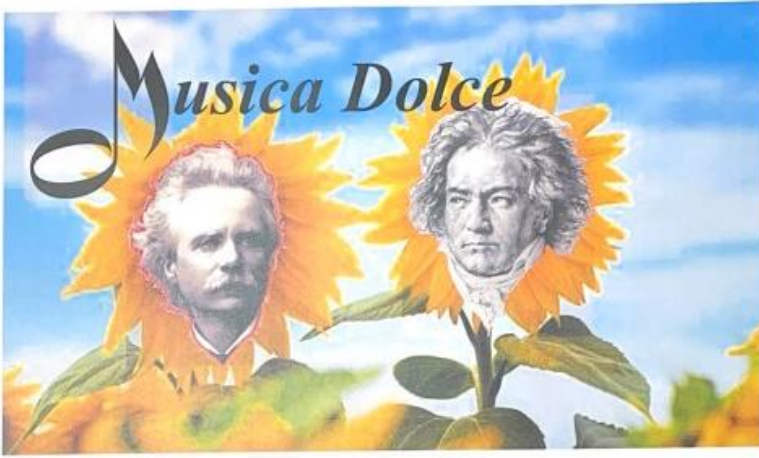
It's a wonderful way to:

- 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 reach out to George Faucher at gfaucher@gmail.com to learn more or to claim a garden bed.

Thank you for helping PDCC continue to bloom! 🌸



Mothers Day Chamber Music Concert

May 10 at 2

The Towers Narragansett, RI

Grieg: G Minor String Quartet
Beethoven: G Major String Quartet

Catherine LiVolsi &
Ann-Frances Rokosa violins
Ilana Revkin viola
Jessada Paeratakul cello

Suggested Donation \$20
Children & Students Free



For more information, please call 401-294-6520 or visit musicadolce.org

Master Key Inventory & Stewardship



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

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 Master (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 Master key you have, kindly let us know that you have one (interior? exterior? a specific room?) and briefly describe your ongoing need.

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

As we review responses, there may be situations where a key card can meet your needs just as effectively as a Master Key. 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.

you're invited

RI ASSOCIATION SPRING Gathering and the HISTORIC RHODE ISLAND CONFERENCE Annual Meeting



SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026 AT 3:00 PM
PEACE DALE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
261 COLUMBIA ST, PEACE DALE, RI

REGISTER



Tabitha's Closet

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 NEED BAGS – large plastic, paper, or reusable shopping bags that we can use for customers at Tabitha's.

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).

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

PROM SUCCESS!

Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful congregation and the wider community, Tabitha's prom clothing drive collected 50 dresses and 12 suits! They have been given to Hollys Closet, a RI non profit with closets at Pilgrim, TollGate, Exeter-West Greenwich and Coventry High Schools, for distribution to help students feel confident and ready for their big night

MOMS, you deserve a break!!!



May 9th Only

All infant, toddler and children's clothes

3 for \$5.00.

Get what you need, pay what you can!

Open Saturdays 9:30-12:30pm

Third Tuesdays 4-7pm (Sept.-May)

Peace Dale Congregational Church

Office Door, downstairs

261 Columbia St. Peace Dale RI 02879

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

Youth Connect Sponsors Children's Book Drive – through 5/24

Our Youth Connect students ask for your help in collecting children's books for the annual [Books Are Wings](#) /United Way book drive.

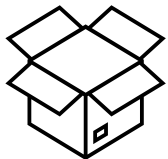
New and gently used books for children — babies to Grade 5 — are welcome.

No books for adults, reference books, textbooks, workbooks, library books, or mildewed/damaged books.

Books Are Wings (Pawtucket, RI) works with students around the state, with a focus on communities where children often do not have their own books at home. Books Are Wings works to engage students in their classrooms, at school functions, community events, and playgrounds.

"We believe that offering books to children in different environments instills a consistent message that reading is not just school work, it's a way of life!"

"Research [shows](#) that access to books is one of the strongest predictors of interest in reading and academic success. Books Are Wings seeks to provide every child with regular access to books."



We invite you to drop off new and gently used books in the box outside the church office through Memorial Day. Our donations will be picked up that week.

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.

2026 PDCC Youth Calendar

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

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)

Save the Date – 5/15

Please save the date for Ed Holt's birthday party! The celebration will take place on Friday, May 15 from 5 to 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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.

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.



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

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

Wick

Lyrics by Marsha Norman
Music by Lucy Simon, Arr. Michael Kosarin

When a thing is wick it has a life about it.
Maybe not a life like you and me.
But somewhere there's a secret streak of green inside it,
Now come and let me show you what I mean.
When a thing is wick it has a light around it.
Maybe not a light that you can see.
But hiding down below a spark's asleep inside it,
Just waiting for the right time to be seen.
You clear away the dead parts
So the tender buds can form.
Loosen up the earth and
Let the roots get warm.
Let the roots get warm.

When a thing is wick, it has a way of knowing
When it's safe to grow again, you will see.
When there's sun and water sweet enough to feed it,
It will climb up through the earth a pale new green.

You clear away the dead parts
So the tender buds can form.
Loosen up the earth and
Let the roots get warm.
Let the roots get warm.

Come a mild day.
Come a warm rain.
Come a snowdrop a comin' up.
Come a lily, come a lilac.
Come to call, callin' all of us to come and see.

When a thing is wick and someone cares about it,
And comes each day to work the earth below,
It will live – it will – and you must never doubt it.
For all through the darkest nighttime
It's waiting for the right time.
When a thing is wick it will grow.

May Mission of the Month: Shower to Empower



*Restoring Dignity. Building Trust.
Creating Pathways Forward.*

Imagine going days—or weeks—without a shower. No clean clothes. No place to shave, wash your hair, or simply feel human. For those living unsheltered in Rhode Island, this is daily life.

But dignity can arrive on wheels.

Launched in 2018 by House of Hope CDC in partnership with Team Williams and the City of Providence, Shower to Empower is a one-of-a-kind mobile outreach program that brings compassion, care, and connection to people experiencing homelessness—right where they are.

Our 20-foot mobile unit travels five days a week to Providence, Woonsocket, Pawtucket, and West Warwick. At every stop, it offers more than just hot showers. It offers hope - haircuts that renew confidence, medical navigation that restores health, basic necessities that remind people they are not forgotten, and case management and street outreach that open doors to shelter, treatment, and housing.

For someone sleeping in a tent, car, or under an overpass, a warm shower can mean the world—a moment to feel clean, seen, and cared for. But Shower to Empower is about more than hygiene. It's about trust. It's about connection. And it's about change.

Through daily interactions with our team, we meet people in their most vulnerable moments—with no judgment and no conditions. It's this consistent, compassionate presence that helps guide individuals from crisis to stability, from the streets to housing, from surviving to truly living.

Since its launch, Shower to Empower has delivered over 11.9K showers, 2.1K haircuts, 2.7K medical services, and 2K unique users—but the true impact goes far beyond the numbers. Each act of care is a seed planted—seeds that grow into new beginnings.

The first Shower to Empower unit has been in service for eight years. This year, House of Hope and Team Williams LLC have partnered up to introduce a brand new unit into service. The unit is a customized 20'x8' trailer that includes showers (including one that is handicap accessible), heated floors, an area for case management, area for haircuts, and an enclosed private medical space.

Help us continue this work.

Help us empower change—one shower, one haircut, one conversation at a time.

Your support can restore dignity. It can rebuild trust. It can help change a life.

Thank you for your generosity,
The Missions Board

www.peacedalechurch.org/missions

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support Shower to Empower 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 "Shower to Empower" in the memo**

line or 3) clicking the

Give now

Give now button here to

donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).



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

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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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