



**Peace Dale**  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# PDCC E-Light Newsletter

261 Columbia Street  
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May 16, 2024

## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

### Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

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### Birthdays This Week

Gary Bower  
Priscilla Archambault  
Kerry McCarty  
Kelly Polhemus  
Aiden Hurley

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[peacedalechurch.org](http://peacedalechurch.org)

### Follow us on Facebook!

[Facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch](https://Facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch)

### Last Week's E-Light

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

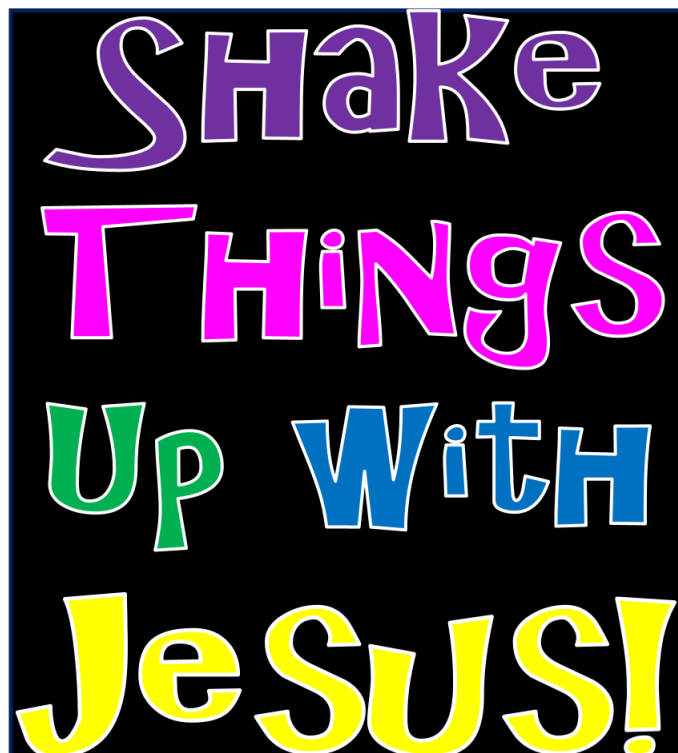
## Shake Things Up With Jesus

This coming Sunday we will travel back in time to see how Jesus shook things up and calls us to do the same. Jesus didn't do what was expected. In fact, he repeatedly did the UN-expected. He asked John to baptize him, he slept through a storm, he told the disciples to fish where there were no fish, he rode a humble donkey. He rose from the dead! UN-expected.

This is a Family Worship Sunday and our kids and youth will help us act out many of Jesus' unexpected acts, showing how he SHOOK things up! And we will sing sing sing.

Jesus calls all of us to follow him. You don't have to be perfect. You just have to open your heart to God's love and share that love with others. Let's go. Let's shake things up with Jesus.

Blessings, Brother Fred



Peace Dale Church Family Service

May 19 10 AM

Everyone is welcome!

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## On the Calendar

**Sunday, May 19 @ 10am**  
 – Family Worship Service

**Sunday, May 26 @ 10am**  
 – Contemporary Worship.  
 New members welcomed.  
*No Fellowship Hour.*

**Wednesday, May 29 @ 5:30pm** – Having It My Way: Planning Your Celebration of Life (p. 5)

**Sunday, June 2 @ 10am** – Traditional Worship

**Sunday, June 9 @ 10am** – Music Sunday. New members welcomed.

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am  
 Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
 Bell Choir rehearsal

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
 AA Meeting

Thursdays @ 6pm  
 Contemporary Singers  
 rehearse *ALL welcome*

Thursdays @ 7:30pm  
 Traditional Choir  
 rehearsal

## Worship Flowers



**The flowers of May 19 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents and of sister-in-law Cathy Romano by Bea and Bruce Macgregor.**

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 Roberta Norman at 401 226-7123.

## Church Service Streaming



The Deacons are looking to bring about on-line streaming of our worship services. However, we need a few folks to step up as volunteers to make it happen.

We have the technology available, thanks to Don Richer, an active member of our church, and David Bergerson, member at Kingston Congregational Church, who have worked hard to identify and determine the technology to carry out this mission. **Now we need people to operate the equipment during services.**

Please contact Darlene Hermes at dhermes44@gmail.com if you would be willing to help in bringing this to fruition. Thank you so much, the Deacons



## 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



## We Need You for Worship

Deacons would love to have more folks available as **readers** (of scripture) and as **ushers** at worship services (especially for the traditional service).

If you are interested in helping out during the services, please contact Val Lowell, Sandi Robinson, or Jeff Healy.



## Break bread, Sip wine, Share some laughter!!

### It's Time For Dine with Nine Again!

This **May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>,**  
Church Family Life/Hospitality

would like to invite everyone to a **Dine with Nine** event.

This is a potluck dinner event for 9, (or 8 or 10) people from our church family to share dinner and friendly conversation at a host's home.

The host will coordinate the meal with everyone contributing their part.

This is a great way to spend time getting to know people you may have not interacted with, or new members that have just joined the church.

Our last Dine with Nine was a great success! A lot of fun was had by all!! Let your Light Shine!

**SIGN UP** in Fellowship Hall by **SUNDAY, MAY 26<sup>th</sup>** for your preferred date:

**FRIDAY MAY 31<sup>st</sup>, SATURDAY JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>,  
or SUNDAY JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**\*\*Please indicate if you would like to be a host.\*\*  
(Being a potluck dinner makes hosting so easy!)**

Submitted by Jane Stabile/ Christine Grevstad

### No Mow May – What's that about?

No Mow May is a catchy name for an environmental movement, started in the U.K., that begs us to reexamine the American lawn. No Mow May can help us understand how we share our lawn with many small creatures by suggesting that we pause lawn mowing for a period of time in May.

Did you know that our lawns cover more than 40 million acres in the United States? It's true. Our lawns represent 2% of land in the United States, making our lawns the single largest irrigated crop we grow.

We mow our lawns, fertilize them, water them and treat them with chemicals that can be harmful to bees and other invertebrates. A lot of resources, including time and money, are dedicated to our lawns. Lawns contribute significantly to habitat loss and provide little benefit to wildlife.

Bee populations have been in decline in recent years due to loss of habitat, parasites and pesticides. This is tragic because bees are responsible for pollinating \$15 billion in agricultural products in the U.S. each year and 80% of our flowering plants.

The emergence of bees coincides with the beginning of the lawn mowing season. The bees are hungry at the same time that we are mowing down some of the flowering plants that could provide them with

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sustenance. When we resume mowing at the end of May, other sources of food usually appear.

It will be of tremendous benefit to the pollinators we depend on to ensure our own food supply if we cut back on mowing in May. Choices for participating in No Mow May include not mowing the entire yard for a month or not mowing the entire yard or a portion of the yard for a few weeks. Some people may want to keep a tidy mowed border around the unmowed portion with signage describing their intentions. Expect to see No Mow May signs (available online) sprouting in yards all over South County!

Every one of the choices we make about No Mow May will make a difference in the lives of the pollinators and in our lives as well.

**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)

## No Coffee Hour on Memorial Day Sunday

There will not be a Fellowship Coffee Hour after worship on Sunday May 26., which is Memorial Day weekend .



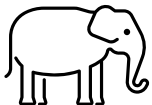
### Hospitality Needs Help!

To continue putting out great coffee hours after the service on Sundays....

Our coffee hour teams need reinforcements.

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday teams all need at least one additional person.

If you would like to join us please contact Christine Grevstad 401 284-6483 / christinegrevstad@hotmail.com



### White Elephants

Yes, we'll take your "reductions in inventory" – meaning all those items you don't use and are cleaning out.

We spiff them up, organize and appreciate them. **NO BOOKS PLEASE.** Keep items coming and thank you!

Contact jane.stabile@ outlook.com or

508 395-1172



### Jam Jars Needed

Patty Hare asks for donations of half-pint (8 oz) glass canning jars to make 60 jars of jam for the Bazaar. Yes, she is planning ahead! There is a collection box on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

## Recumbent Tricycle (Adult-Size)

Someone has donated this treasure to White Elephants.



It appears to be in very good condition and comes with some options including fenders, air pump, rear view mirror, and a rear light. Two manuals included.

Sun EZ-3 USX HD Delta Trike

- Trike Weight 65lbs
- Total Weight Capacity 400lbs
- Wheelbase 59.5" (151cm)
- Total Length 78" (45cm)
- Total Width 32" (81cm)
- X-Seam Range 36-47"
- Seat Height 18" (145cm)
- List Price (less options) \$2349.99

If interested, you don't have to wait for the next fair to purchase this trike. Contact Jane Stabile at 508-395-1172 or jane.stabile@ outlook.com to **MAKE AN OFFER.**



# PRIDE BUILD

June 22, 2024 | Hopkinton, RI



South County Habitat for Humanity completed 3 houses in Hope Valley this year and have already begun building the next 4 homes. Over the years Peacedale Church has established itself as a consistent supporter of Habitat. The build we will be joining is South County Habitat Pride Build 2024.

The build is located at **14 Cardinal Lane in Hope Valley RI 02832** and will take place on **June 22nd** from **8:30AM-2:30PM**. Lunch will be provided courtesy of Dave's Marketplace

**MORE INFO IN NEXT WEEK'S E-LIGHT.** Registration link: [SCHH Pride Build 2024](#)

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

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 home construction, home ownership, handicap ramps, The Restore

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



Peace Dale Congregational Church supports South County Habitat for Humanity 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 "Habitat for Humanity" in the memo line.**

**Give now**

## Having It My Way – Planning Your Celebration of Life

**The 7th and final session is on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM.** This discussion will feature Rev. Fred Evenson, Senior Minister PDCC; Claudia Swain, Prayer Circle Leader; Don Lowell, retired Organist and Choir Director; Captain Charles Donilon; Seth Jacobson, Photographer.

Evenson and Swain will lead a discussion about planning your funeral and graveside experiences. Lowell will showcase music choices. Donilon will explain ash burials at sea and Jacobson creating your obituary photo. Participants will be provided with guide sheets that will assist in planning your final celebration/funeral. Topics will include: options for what to include, who you want to participate, location of funeral and burial, and writing your obituary including the photo.

Church Family Life sponsors this 7-session series "Having It My Way – Making Life Decisions" to help us to prepare for our last two phases of life. Each session is about 1.5 hours long.



**BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU ON 5/29**

Please print out and start filling in this **HELPFUL QUESTIONNAIRE**. Bring it with you to the funeral planning session on Wed. 5/29 at 5:30 PM.

All programs are open to the public so bring relatives and friends. Each session will include a presentation, a questions & answer segment, and refreshments.

You may attend without signing up, but it would be helpful to be able to guestimate numbers. **Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Jane** [jane.stabile@outlook.com](mailto:jane.stabile@outlook.com) or 508 395-1172.

# Church Family Life Events

## Let's put together a Get Together Group for fun.

Do you ever want someone to go to the movies with, see a play, attend a concert, visit a museum with, or just sit and talk to? **SIGN UP** (of course) in Fellowship Hall after a service or contact Jane jane.stabile@outlook.com 508 395-1172. Let's put together a Get Together Group for fun. **Bring your ideas and maybe a better name?!**

**Sun. 5/12, 2 to 5 PM – Mother's Day Stroll at Kinney Azalea Gardens**, 2391 Kingstown Rd., Kingstown, RI with a garden hat contest, ribbon cutting ceremony for the new garden pavilion and potted plants for purchase. Expect to see blooming azaleas, native trees and wildflowers. \$5 donation suggested, \$15 per family, free parking at the Christ United Methodist Church 2291 Kingstown Rd. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064310904595>

**May** happening at Ninigret Park, Charlestown, RI – Check out **Two Giant Trolls** that have been created right here in So. County. They're the work of Danish artist Thomas Dambo. "These trolls are gentle giants, hulking creatures crafted from scrap wood and old wooden pallets who lure visitors with their magical presence and playful poses." <https://www.rimonthly.com/giant-trolls-ninigret/>

**NEW Sat. 5/18 10 AM – 5 PM – Kingston Village Spring Fair**, check out the long list of activities. Yes, there is food too. Some walking, on flat surfaces. [https://www.kingstonvillagefair.org/uploads/1/2/9/1/129164154/spring\\_fair\\_2024\\_schedule.pdf](https://www.kingstonvillagefair.org/uploads/1/2/9/1/129164154/spring_fair_2024_schedule.pdf)

**Sat. 5/18 @ 2 PM & more dates available – Into the Woods**, at Choate Rosemary Hall, Paul Mellon Arts Center Stage at 332 Christian St., Wallingford, CT. "Into the Woods is a 1987 musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine. The musical intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests." **Musical Director, Nathaniel Baker** speaks highly of these talented students. Why not put a group together to support Nathaniel? Free, but tickets must be reserved in advance. 4 shows at [pmac.ludus.com/index.php?show\\_id=200430773](http://pmac.ludus.com/index.php?show_id=200430773)

**NEW - Sun. 5/19 from 11 AM to 4 PM – Children's Festival** offered by the Wakefield Rotary Club at Matunuck Community Field House, So. Kingstown, RI. \$10 – 30 family (4) with pony rides, balloon man, train ride, face painting, games, food raffle & more. <https://patch.com/rhode-island/narragansett/calendar/event/20240519/b4711865-d0fe-472e-916e-cb42d3337f79/childrens-festival>

**Fri. 5/31 – Breaking the Waves of Hunger Gala** at 5:30pm at the Dunes Club, Narragansett, RI Join Jane & Steve Stabile for the Johnny Cake Center's largest fundraising event of the year. Join in the fight against hunger and poverty. A night of live music, delicious food, a complimentary cocktail, and silent auction. \$150 PP at [jonnycakecenter.org/fundraiser/](http://jonnycakecenter.org/fundraiser/) Please let us know if you want to be at our table. Jane.stabile@outlook.com

**Unsung Hero** (PG) Continuing at South County Cinema, **various dates and times**. Film based on a remarkable true story of David Smallbone who moved his family from Down Under to the States with 7 children, suitcases, and their love of music. David and his pregnant wife Helen set out to rebuild their lives. Their children go on to become two of the most successful acts in Inspirational Music history: five-time GRAMMY Award®-winning artists for KING + COUNTRY and Rebecca St. James. <https://ticketing.useast.veezi.com/sessions/?siteToken=na7wtdt6y7qsr120d6sed9pfb4>

**NEW Thurs. 6/6 at 6 PM – Adoption RI Gathering to Give Spring Gala** at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston, RI with Hors d'oeuvres & food stations, auctions and program. \$125 PP at <https://givebutter.com/ARIGala2024>

## Tabitha's Closet is Open

We are now accepting donations of **SPRING clothing.**

Open  
Saturdays  
9:30a-12:30p

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

**DONATE!** 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

## South County Habitat for Humanity's Quilt Raffle

South County Habitat for Humanity is raffling a quilt to raise funds for a large and costly piece of equipment. The Board of Missions will have raffle tickets available in Fellowship Hall after service on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20.

Don't need a quilt? Enter anyway and consider donating to the bazaar or a local organization that supports those in need in our community."

More info and photos of the quilt are at <https://www.southcountyhabitat.org/quilt>

Submitted by James McMonigle

SOUTH COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S FAITH RELATIONS COMMITTEE IS HOSTING A:

# QUILT RAFFLE



This beautiful quilt was handcrafted by the Ninigret Quilters and measures 82" x 91." Raffle proceeds will support the purchase of a telehandler to increase construction capacity and serve more families.

**\$10 per ticket or 3 for \$20**

Purchase tickets in person at South County Habitat for Humanity Monday - Friday 9AM - 4PM or online at [southcountyhabitat.org/quilt](https://southcountyhabitat.org/quilt)

**WINNER WILL BE DRAWN JUNE 27TH**

 1555 SHANNOCK RD | CHARLESTOWN, RI 401.213.6711 | [SOUTHCOUNTYHABITAT.ORG](https://SOUTHCOUNTYHABITAT.ORG) 

TABITHA'S CLOSET  
GENTLY USED CLOTHING



## SPRING FLING SALE

**BUY 3, FLING 1 IN FOR FREE**  
(equal or lesser value)  
Now thru May 30th

**GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!**  
**SHOP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**  
Open Saturdays 9:30am- 12:30pm  
\*Suggested Donation

Office Door from Parking Lot, downstairs  
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[peacedalechurch.org](http://peacedalechurch.org)

# Youth Corner

**You're Invited!**  
**MAY 19 @ 10AM**

Join us for a special Family Service and end-of-the-year celebration on May 19 at 10 am.

You will help Pastor Fred tell the story of how Jesus shook things up as we look back on some of the best moments from this year with the help of our CE volunteers and the Family Service Choir.

There's no need for a rehearsal. Just **come and have fun** and enjoy mac and cheese and hot dogs following the service.



**SK FINE ARTS BOOSTERS PRESENT**

## **TUNES & TACOS**



**THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024**

**5:30 - 8:30PM • PEACE DALE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

A night to celebrate SKHS student musicians and artists. Events include musical performances, student art and raffle, 50/50 raffle, dinner & ice cream sundae bar. (meat and vegan options)

**PERFORMANCES:**  
Splendid Strings  
eSKape  
Jazz Band

**\$25: ADULTS**  
**\$10: KIDS 18 & Under**  
**FREE: KIDS 3 & Under**

All proceeds support fine arts education in SK Schools

Scan QR code for tickets or visit:  
[events.humanitix.com/tacos-and-tunes](https://events.humanitix.com/tacos-and-tunes)



  
**SK FAB**  
SOUTH KINGSTOWN FINE ARTS BOOSTERS  
[www.skfabboosters.org](http://www.skfabboosters.org)



## 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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