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Last Week's E-Light

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Our Annual Meeting: Passing the Baton & the Food!

Hello, my apron-wearing friends! This is another big Sunday you won't want to miss. I suppose you might even say it's a "Brobdingnagian" Sunday in the life of our church in terms of importance (multiple consequential events coming together at once), and hopefully, in terms of attendance. Not only are we celebrating Jesus' Transfiguration and preparing ourselves for Ash Wednesday (and Lent), but we are also celebrating our faith family and many of our accomplishments in 2023! It's a day of giving thanks and it's a day of looking towards the horizon of the future with hope as we welcome new members of boards and committees.

Of course there will be food! Just as we have brought our gifts to the table throughout 2023, on Sunday we will bring food to the community table and share a potluck brunch, building fellowship as we go.

Come and worship, come and offer a word of thanks both to those who are passing the baton on to other disciples, and to those who are receiving it. The mantle is being passed, come and see what the mantle looks like.

I look forward to seeing our whole faith family on this significant Sunday!

Shalom, Brother Fred

Annual Congregational Meeting – 2/11

The 166th Annual Meeting of Peace Dale Congregational Church will be Sunday, February 11, 2024, following 10 am worship and a pot-luck luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

The purpose of the meeting shall be to elect officers, board members and delegates, and to approve a 6-month budget for the congregation.



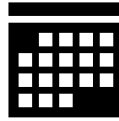
The **ANNUAL REPORT** and the **SLATE OF NOMINATIONS** are available on the church website at peacedalechurch.org/annual-meeting. The Annual Report was sent by email to the congregation.

If you want a paper copy of the Annual Report, please let the church office know.

There will be NO RAISERIGHT table THIS SUNDAY 2/11 after worship because of the Annual meeting.

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CANCELLED Saturday, February 10 @ 1pm – QPR Suicide Prevention Training (p. 6); Community Room

Saturday, February 10 @ 1pm – Memorial service for Keith Tucker; Sanctuary

Sunday, February 11 @ 10am – Contemporary Worship

Sunday, February 11 @ after worship – Annual Congregational Meeting and potluck

Wednesday, February 14 @ 6:30pm Ash Wednesday 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

Thursdays @ 6pm
 Contemporary Singers
 rehearse *ALL welcome*

Thursdays @ 7:30pm
 Traditional Choir
 rehearsal



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

We invite you to an evening of introspection and contemplation. Please come and join us in a sharing of quiet prayer, music and the sacramental ashes to begin our Lenten season. This experience will begin at 6:30pm and end at 7:30pm. Join us for all or a portion of this worship opportunity. The sharing of Ashes is a simple, vivid and tangible reminder of our humanness and our mortality. Through this tradition may we be reminded of God's grace and may it enhance our faith.



Prayer Shawl Meeting

The PDCC Prayer Shawl committee will meet on Friday, February 16 @ 10am in the Community Room (upstairs). We invite anyone who enjoys knitting, crocheting, or any other handwork to join us. We are a dedicated group providing shawls, blankets, and prayer squares to those in stressful situations. We also offer gifts of celebration. Don't be shy; we welcome newcomers.
 Linda Jeans LTJeans @verizon.net



Worship Flowers

The flowers for Sunday, February 11 are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their fathers, Dick Healy and Dick Iovino,

by Jeff and Stephanie Healy.

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 March or April, please contact Carol Anne Hayes (carolhayes44@ gmail.com 401-487-9127).



Membership Notes

The Peace Dale Congregational church family is invited to a memorial service for **Keith Tucker** on Saturday, February 11 @ 1pm in the Sanctuary. Keith's obituary may be found at dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/jacksonville-fl/keith-tucker-11608994

PDCC OSCAR Nominated Movie Watch

Walk the PDCC red carpet!!!

The Academy Awards takes place on March 10th. For those who like to watch movies, here's your chance to decide which movie, actress and actor should receive this year's Oscar.

For anyone who is interested in having a cohort of movie fans with whom to discuss this year's nominees, CFL offers this opportunity.

1. Folks **JOIN** by committing to seeing at least half of the movies nominated for best picture, best actor, best actress. The attachment below has the list of movies.
2. Movies are available to see on the big screen and on various streaming services. There are 10 movies in each category, but there is overlap.
3. **CFL will support accessibility by sponsoring a movie visit to South County Commons.**
4. Participants have until March 1st to see half the movies nominated. Some may join with others to watch the movies ... some may curl up on the couch and stream a movie from the comfort of your own home. Some folks may organize a small group to go to the theater. Others may make this a date night! One could literally escape to the theater all alone. The possibilities are endless.
5. One week before the Awards are given, participants will receive a ballot by email and vote on their choices for best movie, actor and actress.
6. The votes will be tabulated and kept secret!
7. On **March 12th participants will attend an Academy Awards Party** and compare our winners with those who receive an Oscar. The location and festivities will be determined by the number of folks participating – no number is too small, nor too large. Details TBD.
8. **SIGN UP** if interested with sylviablanda@gmail.com
9. Click on the attachment to find your list of nominees!
https://www.reddit.com/r/movies/comments/19do4dd/2024_oscars_the_full_nominees_list/

Submitted by Sylvia Blanda

February Mission of the Month: Jonnycake Center for Hope

Founded in 1974, Jonnycake's mission is to provide basic needs, resources, and hope to our community members. Programs are based in four core values: respect and dignity, outstanding service, diversity, and community and collaboration.

Programs and services for residents of South Kingstown, Narragansett, Jamestown, and Block Island include:

- healthy food and summer food programs,
- WIC services,
- landlord incentives,
- emergency financial assistance,
- community health outreach,
- diapers and wipes for infants and toddlers,
- school supplies,
- children's enrichment referrals,
- volunteer income tax assistance,
- Peace Dale Leadership Council, and more.

Check out their website jonnycakecenter.org/

Jonnycake is proud to share a snapshot of services provided in 2022:

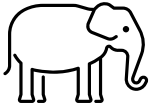
- 1,952 individuals assisted;
- 11,120 pantry visits (700 households);
- \$90,000 of funds dispersed to landlords, fuel companies, mechanics, childcare centers, health care providers and other local businesses to ensure our neighbors did not become homeless, heatless, or without transportation.

More service data on jonnycakecenter.org/about/. Thanks to generous support from the community, the Center continued to expand services to neighbors in need.

Peace Dale Congregational Church supports Jonnycake Center for Hope 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 "Jonnycake Center" in the memo line.**

Thank you for your generosity,
The Missions Board

Give now



White Elephants

Yes, we collect year 'round and appreciate your generosity! Keep them coming. Thanks for the Christmas items, cookie cans and reusable items for the Greens team. Recycling is the best!

After church this week, we will have some lovely **VALENTINE ITEMS** for sale. Please stop by and check them out.



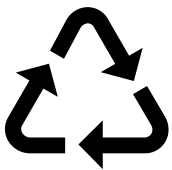
Social Justice in Action

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.

Contribution Envelopes



If you would like envelopes for contributions to PDCC, please contact the Church Office (401-789-7313, office@peacedalechurch.org) or David Nelson.



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

We are searching for a new organizer (or pair or group of organizers) of the TREX Recycling Challenge program at PDCC – you know, the white collection box for plastic bags 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). Gabby will offer personal training so you can see the way she has done this, which is by no means the only way; you can develop what works for you. Contact Gabby Klensch (401) 932-8350.

Dine With Nine



Check your calendars and come ready to sign up for our next in-home potluck socials on Fri. 3/1, Sat., 3/2 or Sun. 3/3.

Open to all who attend PDCC even if you're not a member. It is a marvelous way to get to know each other.

Are you ready to host? CFL provides the guest list and contact info. Hosts choose their menu, usually make the entree and then contact each guest to invite them and help them choose a dish to share. Details (e.g., time) are up to the hosts.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172. Get ready to eat and enjoy great fellowship!

Look What You Did!



Due to the Generosity of 21 soup chefs, providing 26 delicious soups, 20 desert chefs, baking platters of delicious treats, and all of you who spread the word and publicized our event we were able Chefs, baking platters of delicious treats, and all of you who spread the word and publicized our event (gasp) we were able to raise over **\$6,400** at our 2nd annual Big Soup Party to benefit the Peace Dale Dinner Table.

Over 150 community members joined PDCC members and friends for a fun social time at our Big Soup Party. Your generosity is amazing. Some of you even made more than one soup and also prepared a special dessert.

Thanks also to those who came early, helped serve, and stayed late to clean up.

Set your calendar now for the 3rd annual Big Soup Party on February 2, 2025.

Submitted by Wally Young



Dining In at the Dinner Table?

A group is working to expand the Dinner Table to include a dine-in opportunity on Tuesdays 4:30pm -6:00pm starting March 12. Dinner guests will be required to reserve ahead of time.

Our next meeting is February 2/14 at 1 PM here at church. Feel free to attend or contact Sylvia sylviablанда@gmail.com

Check out the longer article in [last week's E-Light](#).



Mitigating Climate Change through Healthy Soil

When we throw our food scraps into the trash, they end up getting buried at the landfill and undergo a process called anaerobic decomposition, which creates Methane gas. Landfills are the third largest source of human generated Methane emissions on the planet, and Methane is 80% more potent than CO₂ at trapping heat. Sending organic waste to the landfill also contributes to shortening the life of the landfill. Rhode Island has only one landfill and its projected life expectancy is less than 20 years.

So what can we do about this? Compost.

Many states, including Rhode Island, are now requiring restaurants with large amounts of food waste (more than 2 tons per week) to compost. Many homeowners are now composting too. Rather than throwing away your kitchen scraps, you can compost them along with dead grass, plants, and wood clippings from your yard. 'Composters' are readily available at stores and on line sources like Amazon to assist homeowners with the process. Composting these wastes will not only reduce methane emissions from landfills but will also improve the garden's soil and help it sequester carbon. Even if you are a renter or live in a Condominium, you can help mitigate this environmental hazard. Many cities and towns are offering curbside pickup of food scraps. "Garbage to Garden" picks up curbside food scraps from MA to ME. "Black Earth Compost" picks up food scraps in Rhode Island and delivers them to a local composting operation.

What is Carbon Sequestration?

Carbon dioxide is the most commonly produced greenhouse gas. Carbon sequestration is the process of capturing and storing carbon dioxide, thus reducing the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. While trees and forests are the best carbon capture systems, scientists are in agreement that improving soil health can be a crucial tool in mitigating climate change. The United Nations Climate Change Conference (Cop28) has proposed a Soil Health Resolution committing to the importance of healthy soil practices.

Want to learn more? Join us for this Upcoming Program at PDCC.

The Deep Impacts of Composting



Have you ever wondered what the big fuss is about composting? How does compost actually impact our ecosystem? Does it really make a difference?

Join lifelong composter, Jayne Merner, from Earth Care Farm as she paints a picture of the lasting effects compost has on our world.

Although there will be a little 'how to compost' peppered in, this is really a talk about **why**. You will walk away from this talk fully in awe of the power of compost.

March 5th at 6:30
Peace Dale Congregational Church
261 Columbia Street
Peace Dale, RI



Church Family Life Events – Ideas for Fun

Check out these February events with fellow PDCC folks. Many of us are headed to SK High School this Thurs. through Sunday for "9 to 5". It's a high-end show where our youth shine. Next weekend, help Afghan girls by attending the Sat. 2/17 Coffeehouse Fundraiser right here at PDCC! On Sun. 2/18 join Kathy Bamford for a fun afternoon at the URI Men's basketball game. It's fast paced and another good way to meet other PDCCers. WE LOVE to have fun together.

TODAY! Thurs. 2/8 from 6 to 9 PM Westerly Chocolate Stroll with 20 participating locations in downtown Westerly-Pawcatuck, \$25. [.oceanchamber.org/events/details/chocolate-stroll-2024-36856?calendarMonth=2024-02-01](https://oceanchamber.org/events/details/chocolate-stroll-2024-36856?calendarMonth=2024-02-01)

Thurs. 2/8 – Sun. 2/11 Nine to Five at SK High School, 215 Columbia St., Wakefield. Featuring Aimee & Brady Clarke, Eloise Stabile with Daniel Wheeler, technician and Lillian Stabile in the pit orchestra – all youth that have been at PDCC. Come support their hard work. onthestage.tickets/rebel-theater-group/individual-tickets

Sun. 2/18 – URI Men's Basketball with fellow congregants at 12 PM (\$15) sign up in Fellowship Hall after church or contact Kathy Bamford kbam33.play@gmail.com \$5 from each ticket supports Tabitha's Closet and our Dinner Tables.

Sat. 2/17 Coffeehouse Fundraiser 7 – 10 PM to Support Bale Parvaaz at PDCC featuring Eden Casteel, Narrow River Band, and the Grenadines to benefit Afghan female students. https://baleparvaaz.org/?mc_cid=6a35631615&mc_eid=44356b4e75

Fri. 2/9 and Sat. 2/10 at the Vets, 1 Ave. of the Arts, PVD, RI. Fri @ 6:30pm, Sat. @ 8pm, Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto #3 with Garrick Ohlsson, also V. Coleman's Umoja: Anthem of Unity; Respighi's Fountains of Rome (Sat. only) and Ravel's Rapsodie Espagnole. <https://www.riphil.org/events>

Thurs. 2/15 @ noon Lunch at the Historic Westerly Armory with Ron & Pete Cardi. Reale's grinders, McQuade's soup, Vesta Bakery's cakes, coffee. Cash bar. The brothers will answer questions, tell a few tales, and talk about their devotion to helping others. westerlyarmory.com/events-2/

NEW! Fri. 2/16 Westerly-born Billy Gilman, two-time Grammy-nominated Country music artist, and recent runner-up on NBC's *The Voice* will play his first ever headlining show at the UNITED. <https://www.facebook.com/TheUnitedTheatre/Sat>.

NEW! Wed. 2/14 Valentine's Day from 6 – 8 PM The Tish Adams Duo with An Evening of Love Songs with pianist Greg Wardson at the Blue Room, 2197

Broad St., Cranston, RI. theblueroom.com/event/tish-adams-duo-evening-of-love-songs/

2/17 Dinner with Zora, A Black Culinary Event by premier caterer, Russell Morin, 2:30 PM @ Central Congregational Church, 295 Angell St., PVD, \$95 limited seating. Benefits swimming lessons for black youth. form.jotform.com/92415857987173

NEW! Sun. 2/18 at 3 PM Chamber Orchestra of Barrington at St. John's Episcopal Church, a concert celebrating Black History Month. PLEASE check out the music. <https://www.cobsj.org/>

Thursdays through 3/28 – Wakefield Idol at the Contemporary Theater, 327 Main St., Wakefield, RI. \$1,500 grand prize. See live, at Phil's with the Thursday All You Can Eat Taco Bar or livestream. Our own PDCC member – **Our own Aimee Clarke** is a contestant! Details at: contemporarytheatercompany.com/

Through 2/20 Lumina, PVD Light Festival in the heart of Providence transforming it with light, art, community spirit inspired by NYC & Montreal festivals, connecting the PVD Rink to 195 District Park. Special activities throughout the month. Details at: <https://downtownpvdpark.life/lumina>

Through 3/23 at 7 pm Whodunit? An Improvised Murder Mystery at the Contemporary Theater, 327 Main St., Wakefield, RI. CTC improvisors weave webs of lies and deceptions with new murder mysteries each week so you nor the producers never know what is going to happen. contemporarytheatercompany.com/season

Through 4/13 at 7 pm Springboard: A Festival of new Works at the Contemporary Theater, 327 Main St., Wakefield. Each night features a different show proposed by local artists. It's a chance to see new work and exciting theater experiments. contemporarytheatercompany.com/season

As conditions permit Yawgoo Valley Ski Area, 160 Yawgoo Valley Rd., Exeter, RI. Have fun skiing, riding or snow tubing and winter events and more! Check conditions <https://yawgoo.com/>

Weather permitting. The Providence Rink, at 2 Kennedy Plaza, PVD, RI. Make reservations for ice skating, ice bumper cars, birthday parties, groups field trips and special events. <https://theprovidencerink.com/>

Tabitha's Closet is Open

We are accepting donations of winter clothing. We especially need winter gear for boys and girls toddler to 12 years.

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

CANCELLED, WILL RESCHEDULE **QPR Suicide Prevention** **Workshop**

~~Sat. 2/10 @ 1pm @ PDCC~~
Ask a Question, Save a Life

Many of us know CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and the Heimlich maneuver. Now we have an opportunity to learn QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) which also may save a life.

We will reschedule, Robert Harrison, MD to offer guidance to learn the basis of Suicide Prevention.

Submitted by Linda Jeans



Bakers Needed for Dinner Table

The Peace Dale Dinner Table is now serving as many as 210 guests each Wednesday. Extra desserts are needed, in addition to the current supply from our **DEDICATED REGULAR** bakers.

If you would like to help by baking brownies, bars, or cookies, please call Sharon Lankford at (401) 783-3896

Donate Supplies for Church World Service Kit Projects

THANK YOU from Women's Fellowship for your contributions of many items for Hygiene Kits and School Kits. These kits are provided to families in refugee camps, impoverished communities, and those in need after natural disasters. **We had a very successful morning** on 1/10 beginning to assemble kits we will send to the Church World Service.

Supplies still needed:

- Spiral bound notebooks – 70-count pages (3 go in each kit)
- Wide-tooth combs
- Fingernail or toenail clipper

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



February Youth Activities

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| 4 Sunday | Youth Connect 10 am
<i>Calling the Disciples</i> --Fun activities will remind us that we are all God's children and called to build a community where everyone is welcome. |
| 11 Sunday | Youth Connect 10 am
<i>Showing Love</i> —Decorate cookies and make cards to deliver to local nursing homes. |
| 18 Sunday | School Vacation—No Youth Connect |
| 24 Saturday | Youth Group Dinner & Game Night
PDCC Teen Space 5:30 pm |
| 25 Sunday | Family Service 10 am
Go fishing with Jesus and be amazed by the catch. |



If you would like to help plan this year's Eggstravaganza, contact Miss Meg.

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.

There will be NO RAISERIGHT table THIS SUNDAY 2/11 after worship because of the Annual meeting.

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 Light, send email to office@peacedalechurch.org or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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