



**Peace Dale**  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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April 24, 2025

## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

### Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

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### Birthdays This Week

Tanis Moore  
Vivian Skipper  
James Badger  
Mark Shovlin  
Marilyn Browning  
Susan Wallace  
Alan Santos  
Ira Hare  
Joy Rich  
Gretchen Macht  
Jim Moore

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peacedalechurch.org

### Follow us on Facebook!

Facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch

### Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

## Celebrate God's Earth

We hope you can join us to celebrate Earth Day at a special Family Service and outdoor event on Sunday 4/27. Worship begins at 10 am. Click on the links below to preview the songs we will be singing on Sunday.



Kids are invited to come dressed as their favorite creation, to pick out a mask at church before the service, or to come just the way they are.

After the service, stay for Earth Day festivities and learning (see page 3) – fun for all ages, including food, recycling and composting, seed planting, and our first ever Trash Drop, Trash Relay, and Junk Art Challenge.

## Music for Family Worship 4/27

We invite you to preview videos of the music we will be using during the family service on 4/27. There is a good chance they will be familiar to you. If you find yourself singing along, the [lyrics are included on the church website](#). Enjoy!

### Check the [church website](#) for printable pages of lyrics:

- 1) All Creatures of Our God and King  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30s2fUrL59A>
- 2) What a Wonderful World (Louis Armstrong)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUfewgrtuKg>
- 3) Our God Is An Awesome God  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PP9BjKnDaFk>
- 4) Garden Song (Peter, Paul & Mary) Refrain only.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHhRyjwYnX0>
- 5) He's Got the Whole World  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8g5gSbrSiv>

## Worship Flowers

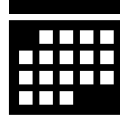


The flowers for Sunday, April 27 are given to the glory of God and in memory of my beloved wife, Bernice C. Durfee, by Wayne Durfee.

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 April, May, or June please contact Roberta Norman at (401) 226-7123.

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## On the Calendar

**Thursday, April 24 @ 6pm**  
Praise Team rehearsal

**Thursday, April 24 @ 7:30pm**  
Traditional Choir rehearsal

**Sunday, April 27 @ 10am**  
Family Worship

**Sunday, April 27 @ 11:15am – 1pm**  
Earth Day Celebration (see p. 3)

**Thursday, May 1 @ 6pm**  
Praise Team rehearsal

**Thursday, May 1 @ 7:30pm**  
Traditional Choir rehearsal

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

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

Tuesdays @ 4:30pm  
Bistro Dinner at Peace  
Dale Dinner Table

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
AA Meeting

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

## White Elephants

The sale is coming! Please save the date (5/17) and for the most fun join in helping (yes, you can shop too.) Contact Jane to sign up. [jane.stabile@outlook.com](mailto:jane.stabile@outlook.com) or 508 395-1172.



### WORK DAYS:

**Fridays** 5/2, 5/9 & 5/16 from 10 to 11:30 AM

**Tuesday** 5/13, from 10 to 11:30 AM

**Wednesday.** 5/14 from 10 to 11:30 AM

**Thursday** 5/15 from 10 to 11:30 AM



## Membership Notes

**Lenore Washburn** died suddenly of kidney failure on Easter Sunday. Her ashes will be interred in the Memorial Garden at PDCC, next to her parents, sometime this summer. Larry is returning to Florida to organize things there and thanks everyone for their support. Condolences may be mailed to the Rev. Dr. Washburn at 1841 Ashley Drive, Venice FL 34292-4333

# EARTH DAY

FREE - Come check out - FREE

Thanks to Green Team Member,

Kingston Congregational Church for hosting "Tasty Treats"

Tabitha's Closet will be open: an important Reuse!

Our efforts to put forward a Green Amendment for RI

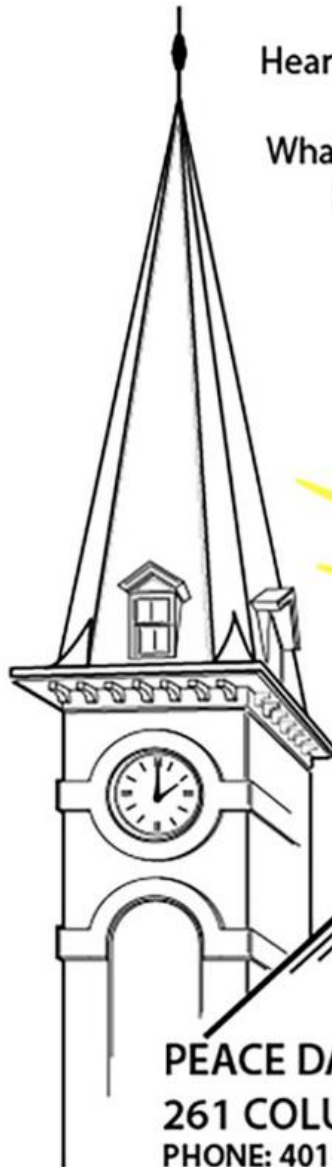
Updated recycling information

Hear about initiative to have composting in schools

What the SK Sustainability Committee is up to

Learn about Composting and more!

Solar Toys and a Plant Swop!



An Earth Day Celebration

Sunday  
April. 27th

11:15 - 1:00 p.m.



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Celebration will be a RAIN or SHINE event!

Poster Design by guycassaday.com

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GREEN  
TEAM

## PDCC Green Team

**JOIN US!** 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)

## Once-a-Month Singers



We have a somewhat animated group who sing with the family service the 4th week of each month (**next up is April 27**). You do not need to read music, just enjoy singing together and show it. I

email you videos and music/lyrics of all the pieces ahead of time so you can practice. We rehearse just once at 9 AM before the family service. **Feel free to try us out.** **CONTACT** jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172

## Come Make Music with Us!



Our Praise Team, Traditional Choir, and Bell Choir welcome you! Rehearsals are once a week, typically in the evening. Ask a choir member after worship about rehearsal dates,

check the Breeze EVENTS calendar, or check the On the Calendar feature on page 2.

## PDCC Seeks Worship Music Director

Peace Dale Congregational Church is seeking new worship music leadership. A search committee is being formed to search for persons to direct our traditional and contemporary choirs and an organist. We are searching for interim leadership as well as a director to lead our worship music in the future. If you know of anyone who may be qualified and interested, please contact Kurt Totten, Music Board Chair at [kurttotten34@gmail.com](mailto:kurttotten34@gmail.com).

## New Connect Card in Pews

There is a new connect card in each pew and extras that the Ushers will have.

If you would like to **learn more** about how you can become active in Peace Dale Congregational Church, please fill out the back of the card and place it in the offering plate.

On the front of the card you can make a **prayer request**. The Request will be given to the Prayer Circle and the prayer request will be said every Tuesday morning. If you include your contact information on the back, prayer circle members will follow up with you periodically on your request.

## April Flower Purchases Benefit Peace Dale Dinner Table

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



## 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

## United Way 13th Children's Book Drive – through 5/28

United Way of Rhode Island is once again partnering with [Books Are Wings](#) (Pawtucket, RI) to help Rhode Island children foster a love of learning and build their own libraries at home. Over the past 12 years, we've put 344,253 books into the hands of children statewide. Children who are not proficient in reading by the end of third grade are four times less likely to graduate from high school than proficient readers. Early access to books is critical to successful reading development and summer reading can help close the reading achievement gap.

**New and gently used books for children — from babies to Grade 5 — are welcome. No books for adults, reference books, textbooks, workbooks, cookbooks, or mildewed/damaged books.**

Rhode Islanders are invited to drop off new and gently used books at a community collection site. You may also buy and ship books.

Collection Sites in Rhode Island until May 28:

- [Centreville Bank](#) — all branches
- [Washington Trust](#) - all branches
- [Coastal1](#) - All Branches
- [Shaw's](#) - All RI stores
- [Westerly Community Credit Union](#) – all branches

**MORE INFO** <https://www.unitedwayri.org/press-release/united-way-hosts-13th-childrens-book-drive/>

### A Walk to Connect

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
(rain date of Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, same time).

The **Sachuest Point Wildlife Refuge** is located at 769 Sachuest Point Road, Middletown, RI.

People of all ages are welcome. The trail we've chosen is wide and flat, is generally completed in less than an hour, and offers some of the best oceanfront views in Rhode Island. Because the reserve is home to many species of precious birds and other life, dogs are not allowed, even when leashed.

No RSVP is needed, and the event is free. As we walk, we'll have time available for participants who may wish to share spiritual insights and their knowledge about native plants and animals.

## Tabitha's Closet

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm.  
Open third Tuesday of each month 4-7pm during Bistro.

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.**

**DONATIONS.** Tabitha's Closet is accepting **spring & summer donations.** We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer. 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](#)

**Rhode Island Interfaith Power & Light**

**A Walk to Connect**  
with each other and nature

**Saturday, May 3, 2025**  
**2:00 to 4:00 pm**

**Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge**

769 Sachuest Point Rd,  
Middletown, RI 02842

Participants are invited to share spiritual insights and their knowledge about native plants and animals.

Rain Date - Sunday, May 4  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Check your email for updates  
Sorry, no dogs allowed

Hosted by RI Interfaith Power & Light

[fws.gov/refuge/sachuest-point](https://fws.gov/refuge/sachuest-point)  
[facebook.com/riinterfaith.powerlight](https://facebook.com/riinterfaith.powerlight)

## Church Family Life Events

PLEASE DO keep posting your flyers on the Event Bulletin Board. For more coverage send your details to jane.stabile@ outlook.com ahead of time to appear in the E-Light.

### **NEW** Here are some sites I use to find events.

Why not try them out when you are looking for something to do. I am going to start tapering off listing events in the e-light but will maintain the bulletin board.

- <https://heyrhodymediaco.com/hey-rhody-newsletter/>
- <https://patch.com/rhode-island/narragansett/calendar>
- <https://narlib.org/>
- <https://patch.com/rhode-island/narragansett/calendar>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ourtownsk/events>
- <https://www.facebook.com/skpubliclibrary>

**Through 5/31 Cemetery Preservation & Awareness Weeks.** Free programming that transforms forgotten headstones and historic landscapes into immersive classrooms, nature trails, and art exhibits. 60+ events. New events added weekly, and updated listings are available online, from moonlit tours of Revolutionary War sites to kid-friendly clean-up days with local historians. <https://rihistoriccemeteries.org/events.aspx>

**4/17 to 4/27 Guys & Dolls** at the Robert E. will Theatre, URI /fine Arts Center. Hailed as the perfect musical comedy, this award-winning classic gambles with luck and love under the bright lights of Broadway. <https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?actions=4&p=1>

**Thurs, 4/24 from 6 – 9 PM Hammer & Ales Fundraiser** at Tower Hill Brewing in South Kingstown! Celebrate 35 years of South County Habitat for Humanity. Includes drinks, food, raffles, and music by Gooseberry Road! Tower Hill Brewing - South County Commons - 25 Village Square, SK. \$25 PP in advance or at the door. [towerhillbrewing.com/live-events/hammer-ales-habitat-for-humanity](http://towerhillbrewing.com/live-events/hammer-ales-habitat-for-humanity)

**NEW Fri. 4/25 at 6 to 9PM Play It Forward Scholarship Fundraiser** for the Matthew Sheehan Memorial Foundation - An evening to honor Matthew's passion for music and support the mission of the Foundation. This special evening features performances by Ross MacAndrew and The Naticks, Paul Colombino, and Alex Godiksen. \$50 ticket includes light buffet, pizza, dessert and cash bar. <https://msmf28.org/events>

**NEW Tues. 4/29 from 6 to 7:30 PM Joel and Co.** the musical stylings of Joel Beauchaim and guests as they perform a mix of songs from various decades of the 20th century. Maury Loontjens Memorial Library, 25 Pier Marketplace Narragansett. Free but preregister <https://mauryloontjens-ri.whofi.com/calendar/event/1268124>

**Sat. 5/3 at 10 AM to 4 PM, Outdoor Craft Fair** at Fayerweather Craft Guild, 1859 Mooresfield Rd., Kingstown with a variety of local craft vendors on the beautiful grounds of Fayerweather House, plus items from our 40+ vendors inside the gift shop. [fayerweathercraftguild.com/festivals-and-fairs](http://fayerweathercraftguild.com/festivals-and-fairs)

**Tues. 5/6 from 5 to 9 PM, Wine Tasting to Benefit FARA (Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance)** at Gooseneck Vineyards, 1340 Tower Hill Rd., No. Kingstown. \$30 PP includes a glass of wine and appetizers. <https://give.curefa.org/event/raise-a-glass-to-fara/e674714>

**Sat. 5/31 @ 6 – 10:30 PM Light on the Water, A Night of Hope** for the Domestic Violence Resource Center. The Dune's Club, 137 Boston Neck Rd., Narragansett. The evening begins with cocktails and a silent auction followed by a seated dinner and dancing to the tunes of the Boston based band, Hot Mess! (Our favorite band.) Tickets <https://dvrccsc.org/events/> Order soon; if desired, ask to sit at Jane & Steve Stabile's table. For some of us this event is becoming a tradition.

**Your choice of date & time – the RIWalks Challenge** – The Rhode Island Land Trust Council has partnered with great local businesses to promote the #RIWalksChallenge. Hidden along 34 trails are unique steel-creature sculptures inspired by nature. Each creature has a QR code for you to scan and track your progress, and when you have found all 34 you will be a challenge winner and win some great prizes! There are many trails in a variety of towns. Fun for everyone! <https://www.riwalks.org/challenge.php>

## April Mission of the Month: Egg-a-Day Haiti

### A global partnership of the Southern New England Conference, United Church of Christ



A small team traveled to Haiti in 2012 after Hurricane Sandy had ravaged a portion of the country. Shocked to see so many empty seats in the schools the team learned

that much of the agricultural land had been destroyed and that food scarcity had become an issue. Many children were too hungry and weak to come to school. The schools had no funds to provide food for everyone in need. The team immediately arranged for some rice, beans, and pasta to be sent to the area. But a long-range solution was needed.

A chance meeting on the flight back from Haiti to New York led two women to discover a common concern: the hungry children they had seen during their visit. By the time the plane landed, the two had vowed not only to find a way to feed the children, but were determined to find a way to help the Haitians in the communities they serve become self-sufficient and produce their own food. That was the birth of the Egg-a-Day Nutrition Program (formerly known as OneEgg Haiti) which has, since 2013 provided high-quality animal protein in the form of a hard-boiled egg to over 2500 children throughout Haiti. The goal is to make the program sustainable by educating individuals, especially school children, about how to raise their own food and chickens.

The eggs are purchased from two poultry farms in Haiti with funds raised by various churches throughout the conference. The eggs are picked up every two weeks by our in-country program coordinator in a pick-up truck and delivered to the schools and orphanages that are part of the Egg-a-Day program. At one point, before the Covid-19

pandemic caused the closure of schools throughout Haiti, there were 17 sites from Port-au-Prince, to Mirebalais to Miragoane receiving eggs. Currently the program continues providing eggs to the orphanages where children live full time.

The eggs are delivered raw and unrefrigerated. An unrefrigerated egg will keep for between 14 and 21 days – if not stored in the hot sunlight. Volunteers at the sites cook the eggs (mostly on open fires) and serve them to the children for breakfast, snack or lunch each day. It is hard to understand, unless you have traveled to Haiti, how difficult it is to move these eggs from the farms to the sites to the children over roads that are rough, clogged with traffic and sometimes not paved.

The program is funded by donations from churches and individuals throughout our conference. For several years, those donations were supplemented by additional financial support from OneEgg.org, a charitable organization that ran a similar program in Africa. However, that organization is no longer able to continue supporting our program. Now we rely solely on donations from individuals and churches.

It does not take much - \$60 will feed a child an egg a day for one year. More information on [sneucc.org/egg-a-day](http://sneucc.org/egg-a-day).

Thank you for your generosity,  
The Missions Board

PDCC supports Egg-a-Day Haiti as our April Mission of the Month. 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 "Egg-a-Day" 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**

## 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.



## 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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