



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Birthdays This Week

Nathaniel Baker
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Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

Open My Eyes, That I May See

*Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth you have for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that will unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God your will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.*

*Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth that you send clear;
And while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God your will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine.*

Worship Flowers



The flowers of July 7 are given to the Glory of God by the Holley family in loving memory of Nancy and Philip Holley.

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 July, August, September, or October please contact Lynn McCall at 401-742-3949 or lynn.mccall16@gmail.com



Tabitha's Closet will be closed Saturday July 6. Please come to our "fill-a-bag for \$15" sale on July 13.



The Church Office will be closed Thursday, July 4 and reopen Monday, July 8.

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Worship Flowers



On the Calendar

Saturday, July 6 @ 10am
Nancy Holley Memorial,
collation following

Sunday, July 7 @ 10am –
Traditional Worship with
communion

**Saturday, July 13 @ 9am-
1pm.** Summer Sale.

Sunday, July 14 @ 10am –
Contemporary Worship

Sunday, July 21 @ 10am –
Contemporary Worship

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
AA Meeting

Choir rehearsals will
resume in the fall



Join Hospitality for Some Love & Laughter After Worship!

Each Sunday, after our service, the members of our coffee hour teams provide a welcoming atmosphere for Fellowship.

All are invited to enjoy coffee, tea, and an array of goodies. **It is a time for us to mingle, talk, laugh, and enjoy one another’s company.** Come help us welcome our visitors and members with true hospitality: A smile, kind words.....and food!

To further assist us in our endeavors please take note of our Coffee Hour Donation Basket that sits on the table. Donated money helps pay for the coffee, juice, sugar, paper goods, goodies, etc. We thank you so much for your generosity.

A special thank you to all who help to make our Fellowship Coffee Hour a true extension of our Sunday Worship

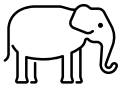
Christine Grevstad, Chair of CFL/Hospitality

Member News

- ❖ A memorial service for **Nancy Holley** will be held at PDCC on Saturday, July 6.
9 am viewing in the Sanctuary
10 am service with Collation following
1:30 pm Interment at New Fernwood Cemetery, all invited
Nancy’s obituary may be found on averystortifuneralhome.com
- ❖ Dr. John Baker, **Nathaniel Baker’s father**, passed away last week. A Celebration of Life will be held July 3 @ 11am at First Church of Christ UCC, Mansfield, CT. Flowers or cards may be sent to Mary Anne Baker at 32 Highland Rd, Mansfield CT 06250
- ❖ **Art Dawley** passed away Monday, June 24, 2024. His obituary may be found on averystortifuneralhome.com

SUMMER SALE – Sat. July 13th @ 9 AM to 1 PM, rain or shine!

We are one week away from the Summer Sale. Are you bringing plants, baked goods, working? **WE NEED YOU!** See each section to let the organizer know. **THANK YOU** to those who have signed up. **PLEASE**, still need YOU! Come have fun shopping, too.



White Elephants

WORK DATES AHEAD

- Tues. 7/910 to 11:30 AM down cellar
- Thurs. 7/112 to 4 PM down cellar
- Thurs. 7/114 PM **Mighty Members** to take down & set up tables in Fellowship Hall
- Fri. 7/124 PM **Transfer Specialists** to bring items up from down cellar
- Fri 7/125:30 to 8:30 PM **Presentation Producers** to lay out items

WORK SESSIONS on 7/13, day of sale. If you are feeling generous, try two sessions :~)

- 1st session - 8:45 to 11:30 AM Assist shoppers
- 2nd Session - 11:30 AM to 2 PM Sale ends at 1
- 3rd session – 1 PM to ? Take down and clean up

PLEASE VOLUNTEER and let me know that I can count on you. Contact Jane in church or jane.stabile@ outlook.com or 508 395-1172



Baked Goods

Share your baking talents with our church family and donate baked goods to the July Yard Sale! All proceeds will go to the Youth Activity fund which helps CE share God's love with all. **CONTACT** Vivian Skipper at vivian.skipper@ yahoo.com



Plants

Do you have some extra plants you could volunteer for the summer sale? Pot them up now so they look fabulous for July 13th! **CONTACT** Patty Hare at graybarn360@ gmail.com.



Your Yard Sale Table

Attention yard sale sellers. Are you looking to have a yard sale that is advertised and has great visibility?

Look no further! For only \$10 you can set up your own table on Saturday 7/13 from 9a-1p. **CONTACT** Mary Mason m: (717) 669-6440

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9 Am to 1 PM

Rain or Shine

White Elephants - photos are of actual items










BAKED GOODS

Plants & Gardening Items

Tabitha's Closet



July Mission of the Month: Galilee Mission



The Galilee Mission – Giving Life and Hope

Residential treatment, outpatient services, transitional living, sober living.

With offices located at 268 Kingstown Road, Galilee Mission, Inc., is a non-profit corporation with good standing in the State of Rhode Island operating in the towns of Narragansett and South Kingstown. Our company was founded in 1984 in Narragansett, RI. Since our inception in 1984 we have maintained an exceptional reputation as a quality treatment provider. Although we are one of the smallest providers in the state, we offer a well-rounded continuum of substance use treatment.

Galilee Mission offers a working residential, transitional living, recovery housing, sober living, peer recovery, intensive outpatient, and outpatient services. We stay in touch with our clients through the different phases of their lives to offer help in any way that we can. People who live in this community, tend to stay in this community and utilize its supports.

Who utilizes our services? People with substance use issues. We offer confidential counseling and assessment. We take many insurances as well as Medicaid recipients.

We utilize evidence-based therapy to help our clients achieve a substance-free lifestyle. This program is voluntary and geared towards those who show a willingness to stay substance free. We will offer individual counseling, group counseling & peer recovery support all while assisting the client to obtain employment, address legal entanglements, re-engage with family and pay open debts. We will employ licensed chemical dependency professionals, administrative staff, overnight workers and other positions as needed from the area to staff our homes.

We believe:

- Recovery is an active, ongoing individual process.
- Recovery is achievable despite previous relapse.
- Recovery is about focusing on a person as an individual, not an illness.
- Recovery happens with self-management, education and peer support.
- Recovery is built on self-awareness and wellness.

Therefore, we will do anything in our power to assure that our clients are given every opportunity to focus on themselves and explore what is needed to succeed.

Additional information about the organization, programs, and treatment housing is available on the Galilee Mission website at <http://www.galileemission.net/Thank you for your generosity>,

The Missions Board

www.peacedalechurch.org/missions

Peace Dale Congregational Church supports Galilee Mission 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). **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "Galilee Mission" in the memo line.**

Give now

Join us for a fun children's activity every Sunday this summer from 10 until 11

Bible stories, baking, gardening, art, drama, puppets, and a visit from Scout, our therapy dog friend

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All children are welcome!

July from the Green Team:

Working together to end plastic waste



The pervasive use of plastics today has brought convenience and functionality but at a significant environmental cost. The environmental and health impacts of plastic production, use, and disposal are becoming increasingly apparent. With the global plastic pollution crisis escalating, it is imperative to transition away from traditional plastic usage towards more sustainable alternatives. This shift is crucial not only to protect our ecosystems and biodiversity but also to safeguard human health and mitigate climate change. Adopting sustainable practices and materials can lead to a cleaner, healthier planet for future generations.

Production Issues: Producing plastics alone has the following impact on the environment:

- **Resource Consumption:** Plastic production relies heavily on petroleum, a non-renewable resource. Extracting and refining petroleum consumes significant energy and water.
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** The production process releases large quantities of greenhouse gases (GHGs), contributing to climate change.
- **Toxic Chemicals:** Production involves hazardous chemicals like phthalates and bisphenol A (BPA), which can leach into the environment, posing risks to human health and ecosystems.
- **Water Pollution:** Industrial discharge from plastic factories often contains pollutants that contaminate water sources, harming aquatic life.

Usage and Disposal Issues: The environment impact goes well beyond production:

- **Waste Management:** Plastics are durable and do not decompose easily, leading to significant waste management challenges. A large portion of plastic waste ends up in landfills.
- **Marine Pollution:** Plastics are a major pollutant in oceans, with millions of tons entering marine environments annually. This debris harms marine life through ingestion and entanglement.
- **Microplastics:** Over time, larger plastic items break down into microplastics, which can be

ingested by a wide range of organisms, entering the food chain

- **Chemical Leaching:** Plastics can leach harmful chemicals into food and beverages, posing health risks to consumers.

Alternatives to Conventional Plastics: What can we do?

1. **Our own choices:** Each of us can reduce our plastic use by adopting several alternatives and practices. Options include biodegradable plastics made from natural materials like corn starch, bioplastics derived from renewable sources such as vegetable fats and oils, and recycled plastics that repurpose post-consumer waste. Plant-based materials like hemp, jute, and bamboo, as well as paper and cardboard for packaging, offer renewable and biodegradable alternatives. Metal and glass are durable and recyclable, and using reusable items like metal straws, cloth bags, and glass containers helps cut down on single-use plastic consumption and waste.

Alternative Resources: -

- <https://www.goodstartpackaging.com/>,

- <https://greenpaperproducts.com>

- <https://www.grove.co/g/about/>;

2. **Local Establishments:** It's encouraging to see more restaurants adopting sustainable alternatives. However, many more have yet to make the transition. Let's patronize businesses that adopt eco-friendly practices, celebrating and supporting those that have embraced these changes and encouraging others to follow suit to help create a healthier environment.
3. **Public Policy:** Collaborate with or join environmental groups that lobby for sustainable policies. These organizations often have the resources and expertise to influence policy effectively. Support petitions calling for policy changes that favor sustainable practices:
 - [Break Free From Plastics Pollution Act](#)
 - [Oceana: Protecting the Worlds Oceans](#)
 - [Interfaith Power and Light](#)
4. **Holding Corporations Accountable:** Did you know that The Coca-Cola Company maintains its position as the #1 top global plastic polluter for the sixth consecutive year:
<https://www.breakfreefromplastic.org>. The top



global plastic polluters of 2023 are The Coca-Cola Company, Nestlé, Unilever, PepsiCo, Mondelez International, Mars, Inc., Procter & Gamble, Danone, Altria, and British American Tobacco.

By adopting these alternatives and taking individual action, it is possible to mitigate the environmental impact associated with traditional plastics and move towards a more sustainable future. Meanwhile, PDCC will be looking closely at our own practices to further encourage and adopt more sustainable alternatives.

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

South County Social Justice Coalition Quarterly Meeting

"Crossing the Continental Divide"

Sunday, July 7, 2024 @ 6:30 PM
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County @ 27 North Road, Peace Dale, RI 02879



Mark your calendar! This meeting is a "don't miss" presentation about the newly formed Rhode Island Alliance of Braver Angels, who have just joined SCSJC as an ally. Light refreshments will be served. All are invited.

Americans on opposite sides of the political spectrum don't only disagree on issues — they increasingly dislike one another. This growing partisan animosity is the crisis of our time and threatens our nation. Braver Angels exists to address this challenge. Nancy Richman, Jet Vertz and Matt Grant will provide an interactive program with information, short videos and a group exercise on depolarizing, that Braver Angels does in their workshops.

"At Braver Angels, we are Republicans, Democrats, and Independents all along the political spectrum — and we come together to listen and learn from each other. The Rhode Island Braver Angels chapter is co-chaired by a Republican and a Democrat — a formula used across the country. Braver Angels is committed to maintaining a "red/blue" balance."

June Mission: Camp Lilac

As of June 27, PDCC collected \$4,576.06 for Camp Lilac, the June Mission 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.

Mow a Lawn?

One of our disabled senior members needs some kind person to mow her small lawn every two weeks or so. She does not have a lawnmower. Please call the church office at 401-789-7313 to volunteer to help.

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. She is planning ahead! Collection box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you

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

Church Family Life Events

7/11, 7/25 8/8/, 8/29, 9/26 – Singer/songwriters summer Concert Series held at Pettaquamscutt Lake Shores Club House, 50 Woodsia Rd., Narragansett, RI featuring John Fuzek & Joann Lurgio. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jun-27th-at-the-river-songwriters-summer-series-tickets-920546578597>

NEW Wed. 7/10 – RI’s Listings in the Negro Traveler’s Green Book by Catherine Zipf of the Narragansett Historical Society. The “Green Book” enabled African Americans to travel during the pre-Civil Rights era by offering information on safe places to eat, stay, and vacation.” At Maury Loontjens Memorial Library, Narragansett. Register: eventkeeper.com/code/ekform.cfm?curOrg=NARLI&curlID=704315

NEW Thurs. 7/11 – Pollinators - Know Them, Encourage Them, Protect Them Maury Loontjens Memorial Library, Narragansett. Find out how you can attract and keep pollinators in your yard and finally, how to protect them from harm. Presented by Master Gardener Carol Horta. Register at : eventkeeper.com/code/ekform.cfm?curOrg=NARLI&curlID=700368

Wed. 7/11 from 1 to 4 PM **Historic Hale House** Open for the Season, then @ 5:30 PM **Lecture: Rum & Slavery – The Evil Twins that Fueled the Rise of Rhode Island as a Colonial Maritime Power**, 2625 Commodore Perry Hwy., SK, RI. Open through Labor Day and by appointment.
<https://halehouser.org/>

Mondays – Mystic Blue Mondays Concerts – Mon. 7/1 to 7/15, 6 – 8 PM at Mystic River Park.
<https://thisismystic.com/to-do/music-scene/mystic-summer-concerts/>

Mondays & Wednesdays – Summer Concerts Tunes on the Dunes at Westerly Town Beach, Mon. 7/8 to 8/14; also Blues on the Beach, Wed. 7/10 to 8/14 from 6 to 8 PM, free. Need a beach sticker to arrive before 5 PM, other offsite parking is available.
<https://www.oceanchamber.org/events/details/tunes-on-the-dunes-at-westerly-town-beach-07-22-2024-38810>

Tuesdays – Watch Hill Summer Concert Series on the green on Bay St., Tues. at 6 PM to sunset, free. Rain date following Tuesday.
<https://www.visitrhodeisland.com/event/watch-hill-sunset-concerts/98823/>

Wednesdays – South Kingstown Wakefield Concert Band Summer 2024 , Wed. 6/24 -7/29, free.
<https://www.wakefieldconcertband.org/concert-schedule-springsummer.html>

Thursdays – South County Commons Movies & Concerts, Thurs. 6/23 – 8/25, FREE.
southcountyccommons.com/event/outdoor-concert-series/

Fridays – Narragansett Summer Concerts – Fri. at the Gazebo 6/7 to 7/30; Mon. 7/3 to 7/29 on the Beach, free. narragansetttri.gov/333/Upcoming-Events >> Scroll down.

Saturdays – Salt Pond Safaris 7/13, 7/27, 8/3, 8/17 at Ninigret Wildlife Refuge for a hands on experience for children & their families. Free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Capacity is limited, please preregister.
saltpondscoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Summer-Safari-Flyer-2024.pdf



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.



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 or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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