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Last Week's E-Light

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You Make Me Brave

Amanda Cook

I stand before You now
The greatness of your renown
I have heard the majesty and wonder of you
King of Heaven, in humility, I bow

As Your love, in wave after wave
Crashes over me
For You are for us
You are not against us
Champion of Heaven
You made a way for all to enter in

I have heard You calling my name
I have heard the song of love that You sing
So I will let You draw me out beyond the shore
Into Your grace

As Your love, in wave after wave
Crashes over me
For You are for us
You are not against us
Champion of Heaven
You made a way for all to enter in

You make me brave
You call me out beyond the shore into the waves
You make me brave
No fear can hinder now the love that made a way

You make me brave
You call me out beyond the shore into the waves
You make me brave
No fear can hinder now the promises you made

Sunday's scripture is
Matthew 14:22-33
Jesus walks on water

Women's Fellowship – 10/9

Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, 10/9 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM in Hoxie Lounge for refreshments, a devotional and an overview of Jane (and Steve)'s trip to Ireland. **All church ladies are invited.** Come socialize and catch up!

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We Need You! Be a Pumpkin Purveyor

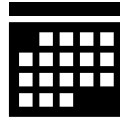
We need church members and friends to sign up to volunteer for two-hour or three-hour shifts in the Pumpkin Patch. [Click HERE or scan the QR code to sign up online](#) or email or call Wally (WYOUNG62@gmail.com or 401 258-2114).

No heavy lifting required, training will be given. Help greet people, answer

Volunteer Sign-Up Here:



questions, take payments and take the occasional photos of children and pets with the pumpkins.



On the Calendar

Thursday, October 9 @ 10am Women's Fellowship (Hoxie)

Sunday, October 12 @ 10am Contemporary Worship

Sunday, October 12 @ after worship, Christmas Bazaar Meeting

Sunday, October 19 @ 10am Contemporary Worship

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

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

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm AA Meeting

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

Thursdays @ 6pm Contemporary Choir rehearsal

Thursdays @ 7:30pm Traditional Choir rehearsal

Church Office Closed 2 Days

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, October 9 and Monday October 13. Reopening Wednesday, October 15

Worship Flowers – 10/12



The flowers of October 12 are given to the glory of God and in memory of Betty and Joe Congdon with love from their families.

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 October please contact Wendy Sisson 401 932 2055 or wendyhightschool@gmail.com).

Come Sing with Us!



Our singers welcome you! Rehearsals for Praise Team and Traditional Choir are Thursday evenings at 6pm and 7:30pm. Ask a choir member after worship about joining in.

Imagine Shalom & Justice for All

"Imagine Shalom and Justice for All" is the theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign. Lifted right from our mission statement, "Called by Christ to create Shalom and justice for all," our 2025 theme exemplifies all we are able to do when we give our time, talent and treasure to support Peace Dale Congregational Church. Without this congregation's continuing generosity, so many opportunities to fulfill our mission will be lost.

Our campaign will begin on October 5th with the Pastor's reflection. Around the same time, you will receive a letter informing you of the campaign and asking you to prayerfully consider what financial role you might play in contributing to our work of creating Shalom and justice for all. The commitment card will also be included. Other communications, including an invite to Celebration Sunday, will be sent via email. For those who do not use email, we will continue to send via regular mail delivery.

Testimonials offered on Sundays will highlight the impact of PDCC's work; work we are able to do because of generous supporters.

We look forward to this time of reflection on our financial responsibility to support the work of our church as we "Imagine Shalom and Justice for All."

Submitted by Sylvia Blanda, Stewardship Chair

Would You Like to Join PDCC?

We will hold a new members "class" after the **Sunday, October 19 worship service**. We would be happy to welcome you into the membership of Peace Dale Congregational Church!

Part of this joyful process is learning more about our church while also getting to know other new members. To that end, we will have a one-and-a-half hour "class" about PDCC, UCC, and you.

If you are interested in joining, or in talking about joining, please let us know! Talk to Fred or any church member after worship, fill out a green & purple pew card, or call or email the office.



Christmas Bazaar Meeting Sunday, October 12

After worship, in Hoxie Lounge

All who have helped in the past and those who are interested in joining us are invited to attend. This is an important meeting to ensure our bazaar is a continued success. If you are interested and cannot attend, please contact:

Carol Edwards (Bazaar Chair)

212-0419 or caedwards760@ gmail.com

White Elephants



Were you there? Did you hear the delighted exclamations? The 2025 Pumpkin Palooza is in the books and it was wonderful! **Thank you White**

Elephant team, this was totally a group effort. We made over \$500 for Welcome House! Plus, we recycled terrific items that made shoppers so happy.

We sure appreciate the quality, wonderful items you donate.

PLAN AHEAD FOR BAZAAR! Put Sat. 12/6 on your calendar NOW for the Christmas Bazaar! We need YOU!

Food Drive for Jonnycake



One of our young PDCC participants spoke at worship Sunday about collecting food for the Jonnycake Pantry in connection with the Mission of the Month. She says "This is a picture of the food drive box in the church hallway.

Could you bring food to the church before Halloween? There is a plastic bin in the hallway where you can leave your donations. We would like anything that is not expired, in cans, jars, bags, boxes. Some examples would be snacks, granola bars, cereals, rice, pasta. Thank you!"

Pumpkin Palooza Thank You!

Thank you for all the time and effort you invested in this year's Pumpkin Palooza! The first Palooza was held in the second year of the pumpkin patch. It was a small event that we hoped would help draw people to the patch and raise money for the Welcome House. The first year, it rained--no, it poured. We had more volunteers than guests. Since then, the Palooza has grown into a wonderful community party at the patch, and it wouldn't be possible without you!

Thank you for everything you did to help set up, clean up, and warmly welcome everyone! I heard they had a great fundraising day at the patch, and we will add to that with the money we raised selling white elephants, hot dogs, and baked goods.

In addition, the Palooza, along with all of its free children's activities, welcomes young families to PDCC. It was heartwarming to see the smiles on the kids' faces and to hear them laughing and having a good time.

I hope you had fun, too. We couldn't have done it without you! Please come back next year!



Volunteer for Bistro Dinner Table on Tuesdays

Bistro sit-down community dinners in Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 4:30pm!

At this time, we really have a **need for additional volunteers** for the Bistro. It **does not need to be an every-week commitment**.

The Bistro serves approximately 35 guests at set 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 are interested, but want more information, please contact Cynthia Cherney (or the Church Office at office@peacedalechurch.org 401 789-7313).

Youth Group Activity



Compostable Products: Part of the Solution—and Coming Soon!

At Peace Dale Congregational Church, caring for God's creation has long been part of who we are. From energy conservation to recycling and now composting, our congregation continues to take meaningful steps toward environmental stewardship.

Our Current Composting Effort



What you might not realize is that composting is already happening here at PDCC! Thanks to the efforts of our Bistro and Dinner Table teams, food scraps from weekly meal preparation are collected and added to the compost pile

maintained beside the church shed. These nutrient-rich materials—fruit peels, vegetable trimmings, and coffee grounds—break down naturally into compost that nourishes the soil, reduces waste, and closes the loop of God's creation.

Backyard vs. Commercial Composting

Not all composting, however, is created equal. **Backyard composting**—like what we do behind the shed—works wonderfully for food scraps, leaves, and garden waste. But it doesn't reach the high temperatures needed to break down many of the newer, plant-based "compostable" products such as cups, plates, napkins or paper towels.

That's where **commercial composting** comes in. Facilities like **Black Earth Compost** reach much higher temperatures, allowing them to process a broader range of compostable materials—items that would otherwise end up in the landfill. The result is a cleaner waste stream and rich, reusable compost that can be returned to the earth.

The Importance of Certification

It's important to note that not all items labeled "compostable" truly are. To ensure a product can safely and fully decompose in a commercial facility, it must carry one of the following certifications: **BPI**, **TÜV/OK Compost**, or **CMA**. Certified products meet rigorous standards, ensuring they break down completely without leaving harmful residues. For more information, refer to Black Earth Compost "[What's compostable](https://blackearthcompost.com/whats-compostable/)" (<https://blackearthcompost.com/whats-compostable/>)

Several everyday brands already offer such certified items—**Chinet**, for example, has a full line of **BPI-certified** plates and bowls available both online

and in local stores. On-line sources of certified compostable products can also be found on greenpaperproducts.com.

Disposal Options

For households interested in participating, certified compostable products can be handled in two easy ways:

- **Subscription Service:** Companies like **Black Earth Compost** offer curbside collection for homes.
- **Drop-Off Option:** Certified compostable waste can also be brought to the **Rose Hill Recycling Center**, where Black Earth bins are available for convenient drop-off.

Looking Ahead at PDCC

Peace Dale Congregational has already laid the groundwork for sustainable waste practices—and the next step is coming soon. In partnership with our **Green Team** and **Hospitality Team**, we plan to introduce certified compostable serving products during Fellowship and other gatherings. This transition will further reduce landfill waste, complement our recycling efforts, and model environmental responsibility for our broader community.

As more of us embrace composting—whether at home or through church initiatives—we contribute to something far greater: restoring balance to the earth and living out our call to be faithful stewards of creation.

Stay tuned for more updates as PDCC continues to expand its composting journey!



October Mission of the Month: Jonnycake Center for Hope

Jonnycake's mission is to provide basic needs, resources, and hope to our community members. Our vision is a community without hunger and poverty where everyone can reach their full potential and improve their quality of life. Our values are respect and dignity, outstanding service, diversity, and community and collaboration.

For 50 years, Jonnycake Center has consistently met the basic needs of our neighbors when they need it most. We distribute healthy food, provide safe housing, and engage and support young people so that everyone in our community has the opportunity to thrive. Our team delivers compassionate and confidential one-on-one support to every person who walks through our door to connect them with every available resource. In June of this year, we opened a youth center where our thrift store used to be.

We serve more than 2,200 people each year and the demand continues. Visits to our food pantry are up 80 percent since 2022.

When you volunteer your time, contribute food or goods, or make a donation of any size, you are making a direct and immediate impact on the strength and vibrance of our community. For more information, visit www.jonnycakecenter.org.

Thank you for your generosity,
The Missions Board
www.peacedalechurch.org/missions

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support Galilee Mission with your Mission of the Month donations in September. 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 "Jonnycake" in the memo

line or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online

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

Give now

The **SEPTEMBER** Mission of the Month has collected \$1,446 to date for the Galilee Mission.

Come Ring with Us!



Our bell ringers welcome you! Teenagers on up in age. Ability to read music is a plus. We practice Tuesdays @ 6:30pm. Ask a choir member after worship or send an email to office@peacedalechurch.org



Southern New England Conference
United Church of Christ
Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

Southern New England UCC Workshops

Our conference of the UCC hosts workshops all year long – a wide variety of topics for a wide variety of people, not just pastors. YOU (or your committee) might be interested in participating online or in person. Subscribe to the SNEUCC's emails to hear directly about events, resources, and updates; the most recent [newsletter is available online](#) and advertises a bunch of workshops, including these:

listening, understanding, and shared purpose.

Christian Nationalism Symposium

Oct. 10 – 12 Second Church in Newton, MA

Have you been asking, 'What on earth is going on in our country?' 'How did we get to this place?' 'What can we do to make things more compassionate and just for all people?' This weekend symposium will answer those questions and give you the guidance and tools to take action in your personal lives and in your churches.

Beyond the Pandemic: What 24,000 Attenders Reveal About the Future of Church Participation

Oct. 28, 6:00 to 8:00 PM • Online

What does congregational life look like in this unsettled, post-pandemic moment? Drawing on fresh data from 24,000 church attenders nationwide, this webinar will unpack shifting patterns of commitment, engagement, and belonging.

For workshops check out WHAT'S NEW at
<https://www.sneucc.org/whats-new>

Local Events Listing

Please submit event info to [Jane.stabile@ outlook.com](mailto:Jane.stabile@outlook.com) for inclusion. Flyers welcome.

NEW Sat. 10/11, 11 AM at Narragansett's Gazebo Park & at 12:30 PM in Wakefield at the Bike Path on Main St., Peace Pole Dedication by the Rotary Club of Wakefield to celebrate the global Peace Pole Project, which aims to promote peace and unity with monuments inscribed with the message, "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in multiple languages.

<https://www.facebook.com/WakefieldRotaryClubRI>

NEW Sat. 10/11, 7 PM; Sun. 10/12, 2 & 7 PM, In partnership with SK Rec. Rhode to Broadway presents Beetlejuice Jr. at South Kingstown High School, 215 Columbia St, Wakefield. Join in for a thrilling adventure as Beetlejuice, the mischievous ghost, and a lively cast bring this colorful story to life through memorable songs and dynamic performances. Ideal for audiences of all ages, this production showcases the talents of local youth. (Not a HS production.)

<https://www.rhodetobroadway.com/tickets/p/beetlejuice-jr-tickets>

Thurs. 10/16, 3 – 5 PM Device Drop in Tech Help at Peace Dale Library. "Not sure why your phone is doing that thing? Can't figure out how to get your tablet to do what you want?" No registration required. <https://skpl.libcal.com/event/15000437>

NEW Thurs., 10/16, 5 – 8 PM, Wakefield Books – Grown Up Book Fair at Whaler's Brewing. just like the Scholastic Book Fairs you loved as a kid, but with grown-up books and grown-up beverages. No preregistration.

<https://wakefieldbooks.com/event/2025-10-16/grown-book-fair-whalers-brewing>

NEW Thurs. 10/16, 5 PM, An intimate Evening with Don Winslow (an author and activist) Benefit for the Jonnycake Youth Center at Deepwell Manor, 571 Main St., Wakefield. Includes cocktails, presentation, light fare & entertainment. \$150 PP. Bio @ <https://www.donwinslow.com/bio> Tickets @ <https://www.jonnycakecenter.org/don-winslow/>

NEW Fri. 10/17– 19, 10 AM – 4 PM Daily, Ninigret Quilters Quilt Show 2025 at Westerly Armory, 41 Railroad Ave., Westerly will display over 200 quilts, created by our members from novice through professional level quilters. \$10 pp.

<https://ninigretquilters.blogspot.com/p/quilt-show-2025.html>

NEW Sat. 10/18 (rain date 10/25), 12 – 3 PM, Horse Play's Fall Festival of Fun, 143 Gilbert Stuart Rd., No. Kingstown, RI. Meet-n-greet the horses at Horse Play. Pony Rides! Games, Raffles, Prizes, Demos, food & beverages too. Free. <https://www.facebook.com/horseplayequinerescue/>

NEW Sun. 10/26, 10 AM – 4 PM, Trick or Treat Trails at Kinney Azalea Gardens, 2391 Kingstown Rd., Kingstown with fun for all ages – enjoy exploring our trails to discover tricks, treats, crafts/activities. \$15 PP, kids 2 & under free. <https://www.kinneyazaleagardens.com/trick-or-treat-trails>

Ongoing, 250 Years of History @ Kingston Free Library, 2605 Kingstown Rd, Kingston. Taking you through the history of our building from 1800 to 1891, when it served as a courthouse and the bustling center of Kingston life. Explore fascinating historic photographs, dive into Narragansett Times articles from the era, and discover what everyday life was like back then. Free and open to the public during regular business hours.

<https://skpl.libcal.com/event/15221826>

Every Tues. from 5 PM until they run out, Tasty Tuesdays at the Ocean Mist, for \$35 you receive a special cocktail or drink of your choice, then select from 2 starters, gourmet entrees and desserts. Steve and I tend to get one of each and share, plus we always have enough to take home. Won't you join us. (please let us know.) Sign up for the changing weekly menu.

<https://www.oceanmist.net/tasty-tuesday-menu/>

Late Sept. through Oct., Fall Harvest Festival at the Farmer's Daughter, 716 Mooresfield Rd., So. Kingstown with hay rides, a pumpkin dunk tank, corn maze, scavenger hunt, barrel train, and more. <https://www.thefarmersdaughterri.com/>

Mid Sept. through October – Clark Farm Family Fun, 2984 Commodore Perry Hwy, Wakefield - celebrates fall with a giant corn maze, hay rides, petting zoo, the Beeline Zipline, a mining activity, pedal powered go carts, and more.

<https://www.thefarmersdaughterri.com/>

Donate Supplies for Church World Service Kits

Please help us collect supplies! At the September meeting of the Women's Fellowship, we agreed to continue the Kit Program for Church World Service. With the help of our congregation, we have continued to increase the number of kits processed each year. These kits are sent to areas where natural disasters have occurred. Please add these items to your shopping lists and leave them in boxes provided in Fellowship Hall. We have found these items in Job Lot, Wal-Mart and Dollar Tree.

Thank you for your help in making another successful year providing kits for Church World Service's world-wide mission.

Supplies needed

SCHOOL KIT

- Rounded tip scissors
- Three 70-count bound notebooks
- 12 inch ruler
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- Large eraser
- Six pencils
- 24 pack crayons



HYGIENE KIT

- Hand towel
- Wash cloth
- Wide-tooth comb
- Fingernail or toenail clipper
- Bath-size bar of soap in wrapper
- Toothbrush in original package
- Ten standard size band-aids



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. Sally Bradley has the pattern.

Submitted by Judy Healy



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

Tabitha's Closet

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm

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 We are taking fall and winter items for men, women, and children. We are in special need of clothing for infants and children.

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.

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 or lynnehandayan@gmail.com

LATEST UPDATES on Instagram
[#shoptabithascloset](#).

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 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.



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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