



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

March 9, 2023

CHURCH SERVICE
10:00 AM



Daylight Savings Time

Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour for Sunday!

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Birthdays

Martha Beazley	3/8
Ella Arnone	3/9
Kathy Bamford	3/12
Laurie Nelle	3/12
Don Hermes	3/13
William Wallace	3/14
Cheryl Beckmann	3/15
Tim Redmond	3/15
Ann Brakenwagen	3/16
Joe Fink	3/16
Sue Parkinson	3/17
Mary Szrom	3/19

We're Celebrating!

Big things are coming! To begin with, this **Sunday, March 12**, will be the first Sunday of our newly revamped contemporary worship services, and you won't want to miss it.

March 19th will be a day of celebrations!

The 10 am worship service will include the welcoming of several new members.

And that afternoon at 2pm, I will finally be installed as the Sr. Pastor of PDCC. There will be people joining us from other churches as well. Please bring an apron to wear during the service, to symbolize our commitment as a mission-driven, servant, body of Christ. This service will include the passing of the mantle by our beloved Pastor Emeritus, The Rev. Dr. Larry Washburn. A joyful reception will follow.

I'll see you soon!

Peace and Joy,
Pastor Fred

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Last Week's E-Light

On the Calendar



PDCC Presents Concert: Irish Music

Saturday, March 18 @ 4pm

New Members Welcomed

Sunday, March 19 @ 10am

Installation of A. Fred Evenson

Sunday, March 19 @ 2 pm

Family Service

Sunday, March 26 @ 10 am

Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 1 (rain date April 2)

Weekly Meetings

Mondays @ 6:30 pm NA

Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm AA



Worship Flowers

The flowers of Sunday, March 12 are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our parents, Helen & Oscar Hermes and Anne Moreau, whose memory still guides our path forward, by Darlene and Don Hermes.

Oscar Hermes and Anne Moreau, whose memory still guides our path forward, by Darlene and Don Hermes.

Flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion or simply give to the glory of God.

Anyone interested in donating flowers please contact Bea MacGregor, call or text (401) 741-7518, or email to bmactregor47@gmail.com.

Opportunities are available for March 26, and April, May, and June flower donations.

PDCC Presents: Irish Music

Saturday, March 18 @ 4pm



Come enjoy another spectacular music program in PDCC's music series.

A concert of old and new Irish tunes Saturday afternoon @ 4pm in the Sanctuary. Our own Nathaniel Baker will be accompanying the musicians as the group serenades us. Michael McDermott is our guest singer.

This is another in our series to support the PDCC music scholarship program and to benefit "Through the Glass Theatre" in East Greenwich. A donation of \$20 is suggested.

Save the Date – March 26

Family Service @ 10 AM
Jesus walks on water!

Our most powerful family service yet.

If you know any teenagers, please invite them to come.

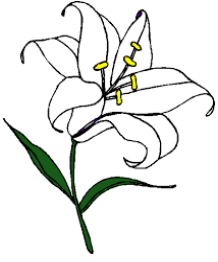
Submitted by Meg Kolodziej

The Christian Education Committee Has a Good Problem!

We are thrilled that we are having more families attending our church, and some of these families need Toddler care! Hooray!

So, we are looking for a person who would be willing to work in the Toddler room, and we are looking for an assistant. Please contact Claudia Swain at (401) 265-8226 for more information.

EASTER LILLIES



If you wish to donate lilies to decorate our church sanctuary for the Easter season, please complete the order form below and return it to the church office with your payment by **April 2, 2023**. The suggested donation is \$12. Following Easter Services, a deacon will deliver a plant to each of our members who are homebound, members who are over age 85, and those who recently suffered the loss of a loved one. If you would enjoy delivering your plant yourself, please indicate below to whom you will be taking it.

Given by: _____

Check one: In celebration of: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Would you like to:

take the plant home

deliver the plant to: _____

leave the plant at church for: _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____



Weekly **WORSHIP** at 10 AM

1st Sunday – Traditional service
2nd & 3rd Sunday – Contemporary services
4th Sunday – Family service

CHURCH – the only thing missing is U

Traditional Worship Design Team: Jeff Healy, Ellen Hefler, Donald Lowell, Dave Worthen, Fred Evenson, Nathaniel Baker, Carol Anne Hayes, Rod and Barbara Gilbert

Contemporary Worship Design Team: Eve Keenan, Jane Stabile, Joanne Haynes, Kateri Wheeler-Clarke, Kerry McCarty, Val Lowell, Meera Mennillo, Sylvia Blanda, Vivian Skipper, Nathaniel Baker, Fred Evenson.

Church Family Life Events



You Could Save a Life!!! CPR Course

Saturday, April 1st @ 9 am

We will host a CPR/AED instruction class at PDCC with the help of the South Kingstown Emergency Medical Services. If you are interested there is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. **If you have already signed up, you will be contacted soon.**

Contact Christine Grevstad (516) 694-9154

Beach-Art Resin Class

Announcing a Beach themed Art Resin class. Create a beautiful treasure with beach glass and shells as a keepsake or a gift for someone special.

Saturday, April 15 from 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall. Miranda from SeaZells Studio will teach us how to create a beach themed masterpiece. Options of 4 choices of projects with varied prices.

Must select your project and **reserve a space in advance**. This is a fun craft for kids age 12+ too so grab a friend or family and join us for a creative Saturday afternoon activity!



Coastal WAVE Resin Picture Frame \$45



3.5" Glass Coastal Ornament \$32
Endless supplies to choose from.



7x11 Resin Decorative Tray \$65
Endless color options to pick from. Please specify gold or silver handles at time of purchase



Coastal HEART Resin Picture Frame \$45
Please specify Grey or White frame!

To reserve your spot, venmo miranda-spaulding-2.
Make sure to mention you are signing up with Peace Dale Church Group

Questions? Kathy Bamford at (401) 218-3546.

Fun Events in Our Communities

No need for cabin fever around here. Ask a friend, go solo, or ask CFL if we know anyone who could attend with you!! Email jane.stabile@outlook.com.

Sun. 3/12 Musica Dolce Spring Concert, piano and strings at St. Peter's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Narragansett or Sun. 3/19 in St. Matthew's Episcopal church, Jamestown, 2 PM. – <http://www.musicadolce.org/>

Sun 3/12 Narragansett Bay Symphony Community Orchestra, University of RI Fine Arts Center, 3 PM. <https://www.nabsco.org/events>

Fri. 3/17 Kingstown Chamber Music Festival, Jamestown Arts Center, 7 PM. https://www.kingstonchambermusic.org/spring_concert/

Sat. 3/12 Bach's St. John's Passion, St. Joseph's Church, Newport or Sat. 3/19 Grace Episcopal Church, Providence. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-john-passion-tickets-515332251637>

Sat. 3/25 1st Annual Spring Fair, First Church of God, Peacedale, 209 Allen Ave., Peace Dale. Honoring the memory of Reginald C. Hazard. "Fun for the whole family." <https://www.peacedalefcog.org/>

Sat. 4/1 Alices Adventures in Wonderland – www.stateballet.com www.theparkri.com

March speakers for South Kingstown's 300th Anniversary Celebration are:

- Thurs. 3/16 "Community Organizations and Caroline Hazard"
- Thurs. 3/30 "The Rise and Fall of the South Kingstown Planters 1660 to 1783"
- At 7 PM at the High School. Also

Sat. 3/25 Medal of Honor – SK Town Dedication



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*An Open & Affirming Congregation of the
United Church of Christ*



***The Committee on Church and Ministry, Rhode Island Association of the Southern
New England Conference of the United Church of Christ and***

The Peace Dale Congregational Church

*cordially invites all church members, family, friends,
and the Outreach Community*

To the Service of

Installation

for

Reverend A. Fred Evenson

*Sunday, March 19, 2023 – Two O'clock in the Afternoon
at*

*Peace Dale Congregational Church
261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI 02879*

A reception in Fellowship Hall will follow the service.

*The Rev. Dr. Claudia Demick, Chair of the Rhode Island Association
Committee on Ministry, from Central Congregational Church (Providence),
will help us celebrate Pastor Fred's Installation.*

*Pastor Fred would like to encourage all to wear aprons symbolizing
Peace Dale Congregational Church as an Apron-Wearing Church*

Delayed due to COVID, we are finally able to celebrate this moment in our Church Life.



02-15-23

Dear Peace Dale Congregational Church volunteers,

On behalf of my mother, Marjory (Midge) Sill, I want to thank you for the meals you provided to her. They were deeply appreciated by her and certainly also by her family members. Knowing she was receiving yummy suppers a couple times a week gave us great relief. Midge is now comfortably living at Roberts.

Again, thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

Barbara Sandifer, her daughter

Courageous Rhode Island: Reducing Hate by Finding Common Ground

Courageous RI, with support from the Department of Homeland Security, works to prevent rising violence and extremism with open and respectful conversation. Twice a month, join us for Courageous Conversations, a lively, facilitated online discussion program designed to increase tolerance, problem solving, and appreciation of other points of view.

Join a Courageous Conversation at lunch time (12:00-1:00pm) or in the early evening (7:00-8:00pm).

For more information, and to register for the conversations, go to <https://www.courageousri.com/>

Stay curious, not furious!

Submitted by Don Hermes

Stewardship in Action!

At our annual meeting we were presented with a larger deficit budget than in the past few years, nearly \$10,000. Increases in utility costs, general maintenance of our church building and parsonage and additional expenses to create excellent Traditional and Contemporary Worship services contributed to this increase. Historically, the endowment fund has been used to off-set the deficit. But with recent down-turns in the stock market, the endowment fund is not growing at the rates we enjoyed during the past several years. We rely on contributions from our congregants to provide nearly 70% of our \$472,000 budget.

A member at our annual meeting pointed out that if each of our members were to give an extra \$7 per month, our deficit would be gone. I like solid guidance as to how to make a difference in this world with so many needs. Our church is a mission in action: feeding, clothing, and building strong relationships that are so vital to spiritual and mental health; all of the things that Christ Jesus asked of us. Stewardship in action!

At this time, please consider how you can help us sustain our mission to our neighbors and congregants. Could you trade a few cups of coffee, another streaming subscription, or the cost of a movie and popcorn to help sustain our mission and ministry at Peace Dale Congregational Church? Stewardship in action; let's fix this right now! And we at all times are so grateful for your time and treasure and talent to sustain our amazing congregation.

The Stewardship Board



March Mission: Church World Service

Our mission offering in March will be directed to Church World Service. Church World Service (CWS) is a faith-based organization supporting communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. CWS is active in more than 30 countries globally in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North and South America.

CWS's work began in 1946, in the devastating aftermath of the Second World War, when a combination of seventeen denominations came together to form an agency with a mission to "feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, comfort the aged, and shelter the homeless." CWS has worked ever since with a goal of building a world where there is enough for all. They have welcomed thousands of refugees into our communities, helped countless families put food on the table and lifted the voices of people who have been left out. Through their Immigration and Refugee Program CWS has helped to resettle over half a million refugees.

CWS builds long-term programs into their disaster response work to make sure that families would not just recover but thrive. Today their food security, water, sanitation, hygiene, health and livelihood programs focus on everything from crop diversification in Honduras to renewable energy in Bosnia to water access at health posts in Myanmar.

Examples of success stories abound. In Algeria, North Africa, volunteers worked for four years planting 20 million forest and fruit trees to anchor the soil against nature's persistent erosion. In India, CWS volunteers helped villages construct reservoirs, dig wells, and lay irrigations systems to combat drought and increase food production.

"Blankets, Seeds, and Tools" is an example of programs where CWS works in partnership to assist people in the world's poorest countries to find effective ways of tackling poverty and injustice. Seeds and tools are an investment in a food supply that the needy can count on.

In November 2020, hurricanes Eta and Iota hit Central America. One of the most affected countries was Honduras. Alongside their partners, CWS helped 102 families rebuild their lost homes through their Housing with Dignity program.

Whether it is a natural disaster, like the present earthquake in Syria and Turkey, where CWS is teaming up with other responders, or a humanitarian one like the situation in Haiti, CWS works with their partners around the world to meet the ever-present needs.

More information about Church World Service and giving options are available at their website <https://cwsglobal.org/>

Thank you, The Missions Board
Submitted by Katherine Condon

[Give now](#)

Ecumenical Social Justice Group

**Next meeting Tuesday, March 21 @ 6 pm
Hoxie Lounge.**

Peace Dale Congregational Church gathered 41 folks from 14 different churches and organizations for a discussion of Social Justice issues on Sunday Feb. 26, 2023. Pastor Fred Evenson and Don Hermes moderated the gathering, starting with an open discussion of why folks were there. Topics that were brought forth included Housing and Poverty, Climate Change, Racial Justice, Women's Issues, Discrimination, Education Opportunities, Homophobia (LGBTQI), Despondent Youth, and a number of others.

Don Hermes, who organized the meeting, suggested that we consider 3 goals:

1. Is the idea of an ecumenical social justice group a good idea?
2. If so, what are some important topics to address?
3. Where do we start? Should we form a steering committee, or develop some other structure?

The energy at the meeting was strongly in favor of continuing this effort. This led to a widespread discussion of humanitarian needs in our community. A repeated theme centered about what can we do? One urgent need is to share with each other what our organizations are doing via a newsletter, website, email bursts, etc. but the tasks seemed overwhelming for our first meeting. Therefore, we decided:

- to communicate current activities of each group with other groups to foster and promote shared effort, and
- to create a pre-steering committee to determine a path forward.

A number of attendees stepped up to serve as a pre-steering team to move the group forward in a manageable direction. They will develop ideas and concepts to be presented soon to the full group.

Many stayed on after the business meeting to share more ideas. All in all, this was an exciting first step to address a cooperative approach to dealing with social justice in our community.

Submitted by Don Hermes

PDCC Crisis Fund Update

For the past two years the PDCC Crisis Fund has been actively receiving and reviewing applications from people in need due to the Corona Virus or other situations that have left them in financial need. The fund has been able to help over 50 families and individuals with such things as rent payments, utility bills, car insurance and payments, and food. We have even paid for storage units when families found themselves homeless. We always pay bills directly to the third party or use a Scrip card for food and gas needs.

We work cooperatively with the Jonnycake Center and other organizations for referrals, and often share payments when requests are larger than we can handle. Unfortunately, it is often the case that the need is greater than we can support, especially when our fund is running low. In order to continue the critical work we have been doing, we find it necessary to seek out further donors to keep this program sufficiently funded. It's heartbreaking when someone is homeless, and is just asking for us to cover the storage unit for their belongings, or just asking for assistance with food insecurity, and we have to say we can't help.

The Missions Board is extremely thankful for the generosity of individuals who have already given so much to make this fund possible. But now we are asking for your support to help our Local Crisis Fund continue to reach out to help those in financial need. Your contribution will make a significant impact and 100% of your tax-deductible charity dollars will go directly toward the support of local individuals and families. Please consider giving again to support our neighbors in need.

You can donate by sending a check to the following address and writing PDCC Local Crisis Fund in the memo section of your check, or by contacting the church to inquire about electronic giving options. Use the "Give now" button below to easily make a contribution from your computer or device.

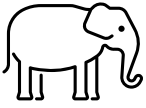
PDCC Local Crisis Fund
261 Columbia Street
Peace Dale, RI 02879

[Give now](#)

Thank you,
The Missions Board

Submitted by Katherine Condon

White Elephants Out of Season



Yes, we do collect all year 'round. Just deposit any items you wish to donate down the stairs across from the office (by the table and rocker).

If you have packaging material that may come with orders – wrapping paper, sheets of bubble wrap – we would love to have that, too. We package items carefully and need cushioning materials. Please also place by the rocker. Thank you!

Submitted by Jane Stabile

Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed

A group of us are exploring starting up a Thrift Store at PDCC: opening May 6th, located on premises initially, open Saturdays from 9 - 12 noon. It is all in the planning and preparation stages at this point. I would like to start a list of volunteers for this exciting endeavor.

Volunteers will be needed to sort incoming donations, display clothing/shoes, and work in the store during 'business hours.'

Please send me an email or a text to let me know of your interest. More information coming soon!

Thank you.

Galen McGovern

401-680-3235 or galenmcgovern@cox.net

Geology of Selected National Parks – OLLI Course

Your Green Team recommends this OLLI course (from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at URI).

To be well versed in the natural history of the Earth leads to being a better steward of the Earth. Well-known story teller, Ken Burns called the national parks "AMERICA'S BEST IDEA."

For more details and how to register for the course, go to: <https://web.uri.edu/olli/> Registration opens March 14.

O. Don Hermes, Instructor

Thursdays: March 30, April 27, May 4, May 25 @ 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Landforms that are unique and different from their surrounding regions are called physiographic provinces, and the geologic processes that formed them are unique to each region. The course will visit national parks in the northern Rocky Mountains, Colorado Plateau, Sierra Nevada and Cascades, and Alaska, where we will learn the basic science typical of each of these regions. Participants will be encouraged to share personal observations and experiences from each region.

Faculty Bio: O. Don Hermes received his A.B. from Washington University, St. Louis, and M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and completed a post-doctorate at UCLA. He taught at URI for 40 years and became an emeritus in 2009. Among other teaching and research activities at URI, he developed an introductory course entitled Geology of National Parks, which is still being taught. He is an advocate for social justice, especially topics related to climate change, immigration, and racism.

OLLI Office (401) 874-4197

Spring 2023 Catalog available online at

<https://web.uri.edu/olli/wp-content/uploads/sites/1247/2023/03/Spring-Catalog-2023.pdf>



Celebrating the Spirit of South Kingstown!

Town of South Kingstown 300th Anniversary Speaker Series January – December 2023 Monthly Lectures Revealing the Town's Rich History

Thursday, March 16 "Community Organizations and Caroline Hazard"

Betty J. Cotter, URI lecturer, former editor of Narragansett Times and South County Independent

Thursday, March 30 "The Rise and Fall of the South Kingstown Planters, 1660 to 1783"

Christian McBurney, Author of A History of Kingstown, R.I., 1700-1900 and more

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

A community-wide movie screening and discussion of

"WHO WE ARE: A CHRONICLE OF RACISM IN AMERICA"

ALL SK COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND STAKEHOLDERS ARE WELCOME –
especially SK school teachers, staff, families, administrators + policy makers

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

PEACE DALE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA
109 KERSEY RD. PEACE DALE, RI

MOVIE SCREENING: 4 – 6 PM | DISCUSSION: 6 – 7:30 PM

- Ages 16+ welcome for the movie screening and discussion
- Free childcare will be provided for children ages 5-12
- You are welcome to watch the movie on your own + come for the discussion only

THIS EVENT IS FREE TO ALL

Pizza will be provided.

Please feel free to bring salads, sides, or desserts to share with the group.

Reserve your spot with Eventbrite - https://RSJ_WhoWeAre.eventbrite.com



IN COLLABORATION WITH

SK CARES - Community for Anti-Racism, Equity, and Social Justice +
SK BCAB - Beloved Community Advisory Board

MORE INFO ON THE PROJECT AND FILM CAN BE FOUND AT [HTTPS://THEHOWWEAREPROJECT.ORG/](https://thewhoweareproject.org/)

Gift Cards with a Kick



RaiseRight
Formerly ShopWithScrip

You get a card for
the full amount *and*

every retailer gives money back to the church for the money you spend.

- RaiseRight (formerly SCRIP) table sales will be available on Sundays in Fellowship Hall after worship.
- **Every retailer gives money back to the church for the money you spend.**
- Cards available include Dave's Marketplace, Stop and Shop, Matunuk Oyster Bar, Shell Gas.
- The following cards are available and often in stock at the table to treat yourself or thank someone else:

Brickley's Ice Cream (\$5)
Dunkin' (\$10 & \$25)
Starbucks (\$10 & \$25)
Marshall's (\$25)
Applebee's (\$25)
Matunuck Oyster Bar (\$50)
Panera (\$10 & \$25)
Amazon (\$25 & \$100)
Walmart (\$25)
Old Mountain Lanes (\$25)

Thanks to all for your amazing support throughout 2022!!!

Here's a link to the full listing of cards available... <https://www.raiseright.com/shop>

Questions? Contact Deb Shaw at dkshaw5@cox.net



Prayer Matters...

Prayer Matters in the E-Light provides a way to share a request for prayer more broadly within the PDCC community.

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 contact Rene Lamontagne at her number found in Breeze. These requests are shared only with members of this group.
- To request your prayer be included in the published **Prayer Matters** in the weekly E-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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