



Peace Dale  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

### Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

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## Birthdays This Week

Lenore Washburn  
Taylor Hurley  
Shirley Anderson  
Karen Richer  
Ann Senerchia  
Laura Benoit  
David Hayes

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[peacedalechurch.org](http://peacedalechurch.org)

### Follow us on Facebook!

[Facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch](https://www.facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch)

### Last Week's E-Light

[peacedalechurch.org/e-li](http://peacedalechurch.org/e-li)

## Weave in the Web of Life

Better to weave in the web of life  
A bright and golden filling,  
And to do God's will with a ready heart,  
And hands that are ready and willing,  
Than to snap the delicate, minute threads  
Of our curious lives asunder,  
And then blame Heaven for the tangled ends,  
And sit and grieve and wonder.

Anonymous

## Annual Congregational Meeting – February 9



The 168th Annual Meeting of Peace Dale Congregational Church will be Sunday February 9, 2025, following 10 am worship and a pot-luck luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

The purpose of the meeting shall be to elect officers, board members and delegates, and approve a proclamation to create Foundation Day.



## Worship Flowers

The flowers of February 2 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob and Beverly Blackerby and Charles and Pauline Clark by the Blackerby family.

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 February or March, please contact Carol Anne Hayes at 401-487-9127 or [carolhayes44@gmail.com](mailto:carolhayes44@gmail.com)

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## Stewardship Thanks

Wow!!!! PDCC rises to the challenge, steps up and "Gives with Gratitude".

The Stewardship Board is thrilled to announce that the number of givers increased 22% from 73 to 89; overall giving increased by 19% from \$196,772 to \$233,548.24. Of the 73 givers in 2024, 25% of them stepped up for 2025 and many others moved up within their "step".

This is an amazing show of generosity and willingness on the part of PDCC to create Shalom and justice for all.

Blessings to you all.

Board of Stewardship  
John Golberg, Herk Herchenroether, Maria Cassaday, Mark Zedella, Jim Moore, and Sylvia Blanda



## On the Calendar

**Thursday, January 30 @**  
6pm Praise Team Rehearsal

**Thursday, January 30 @**  
7:30pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, February 2 @**  
10am Traditional Worship with Communion

**Sunday, February 9 @**  
10am Contemporary Worship. Potluck and Annual Congregational meeting following worship.

**Thursday, February 13 @**  
6pm Praise Team Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 13 @**  
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 at Peace Dale  
Dinner Table

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
AA Meeting

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays @ 10am  
Women's Fellowship  
ALL WELCOME

## Eggstravaganza's Coming!

Save the Date!  
April 12 @ 11 am – 2 pm

**PLANNING MEETING:**  
Watch for the date of an upcoming Eggstravaganza planning meeting. *Volunteers of all ages are welcome!*



## A Prayerful Invitation



Crocheters and Knitters are invited to meet with our prayer shawl group to help us add to our comfort wraps given to those in need.

Can't crochet or knit? No problem! All are welcome. We have teachers and supplies to help you in this wonderful ministry.

Join us **Friday, February 21 at 10 am** in the Community Room. Contact Carol Edwards.

# Composting and Recycling: Sustainable Solutions for a Greener Community



By popular request, we're sharing this information again to highlight how South Kingstown

and Narragansett residents can contribute to a more sustainable community through composting and recycling.

## Composting in South Kingstown and Narragansett

Residents of South Kingstown and Narragansett have access to free composting services at the Rose Hill Regional Transfer Station, a service provided by Black Earth Compost LLC.

<https://blackearthcompost.com/>. Available Monday through Saturday, the designated compost bins help divert food waste and compostable products from landfills, reducing methane emissions and capturing carbon to mitigate climate change. Acceptable compost materials include food scraps such as coffee grounds, eggs, meat, seafood, dairy, and pasta, along with certified compostable products and certain household items. For a full list of what can and cannot be composted, refer to <https://blackearthcompost.com/whats-compostable/>. For those that would like to schedule home pickup services, please inquire directly with Black Earth Compost.

## Recycling for a Sustainable Future

Recycling plays a vital role in conserving resources, reducing waste, and lowering greenhouse gas emissions. Residents are encouraged to recycle materials such as paper, cardboard, metal cans, glass bottles, and plastic containers—ensuring they are clean and dry. Proper recycling efforts not only protect the environment but also support economic growth by creating jobs in the recycling industry. For additional detail, please check out the following links:

- [Mixed Recycling Guideline](#)
- [Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation](#)
- [Recycle Across America](#)

By participating in both composting and recycling initiatives, residents can contribute to a more sustainable future for their community and the planet.

## Join Green Team

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)

## White Elephants



Work in the cellar begins again! Anyone can help – workers get first choice but pay premium pricing – and we all have fun!

**WORK DAY:** Tues. 2/4 from 10 to noon.

**THANK YOU** for consistently donating. If you're not sure if we will take an item call Jane Stabile and ask. 508 395-1172

## Come Make Music!



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 or check the Breeze EVENTS calendar or check the On the Calendar feature in the E-Light (on page 2). If you are interested in a Once-a-Month commitment, see below for contact info to sing with Family Worship Services.

## 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 February 23**). 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](mailto:jane.stabile@outlook.com) or 508 395-1172.



## Benefit for Peace Dale Dinner Table – 2/23



**BIG SOUP PARTY**

**Sunday \* February 23, 2025**  
**4:30 - 6:30PM**

Homemade Soups, Bread and Desserts  
Donations Accepted

BENEFITS  
Peace Dale Dinner Table Weekly Community Dinners  
Bring A Friend - All are Welcome

**Peace Dale Congregational Church**  
261 Columbia St, Wakefield RI

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[www.facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch](https://www.facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch)

### Calling all PDCC Soup Creators!

What is your favorite soup recipe?? Is it a secret family recipe passed from one generation to the next? Did you find this recipe when you were first on your own and have made it ever since.

Maybe an old friend gave it to you or you concocted it yourself. It might be that it is the favorite of one of your children or a special person. Then, there is the soup that requires no recipe, only the one in your head! Whatever .... It is we would love to feature it at the Third Annual Soup Party (Sunday, Feb 23rd) which this year will benefit the Peace Dale Dinner Table.

You are the key to the success of this fundraiser. **If you would like to donate a soup**, please email [sylviablанда@gmail.com](mailto:sylviablанда@gmail.com) or text 401-439-3541 with your name and the kind of soup. If you have a crockpot, great; if not just deliver it in a soup pot to the church by 4:15pm on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We cannot wait to try yours.

Gabby Klensch is recruiting folks to make dessert.

**We also will need some able-bodied folks to help set-up** after Fellowship on Sunday and for clean up when the event is done.

**Mostly we need you all to come**, enjoy some soup and have a great time.... See you on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Big Soup Party Dessert Makers Needed

It's not too early to sign up to bake – or even shop for – a dessert for our Big Soup Party on 2/23/25.

Sign-up by:

- Talking to Gabby at church
- Write on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall
- Call or text 401-932-8350
- Email [gklensch1@gmail.com](mailto:gklensch1@gmail.com)
- Or talk to Gabby at Salk's ACE Hardware on Wed/Thurs from 8:00-1:00, where I am a Cashier

Thank you so much,  
Gabby (The Big Soup Party Dessert Organizer)

### 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

## Church Family Life Events

**SHREK THE MUSICAL – 2/6 – 2/9** See the article about the BIG Nazo puppets workshop for this musical in the Feb. issue of *So RI- Be Mine*. With big dance routines, great singing and acting and the new catwalk – SKHS is bursting with creativity and talent. You will love it! Midsection seats are pretty much sold out, but there are still seats on the sides and at the back. See what's happening and get tickets at:

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

**Thursdays now through 3/27 at 7 PM – 11th Annual Wakefield Idol** at The Contemporary Theater Company, 327 Main St., Wakefield, RI. It's the hottest show in town! Singers compete for the \$1,200 grand prize with new songs every Thursday from January - March. Songs are all sung karaoke style and lyrics must be memorized!

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

**Saturdays now through 4/12 at 7 PM – Whodunit? An Improvised Murder Mystery!** At The Contemporary Theater Company, 327 Main St., Wakefield, RI. Classic whodunits with a twist: it's all improvised! Our actors weave webs of secrets, deception, and mystery as we wind our way through a different murder each week.  
<https://ci.ovationtix.com/36747/production/1222362>

**NEW Thurs. 2/6 All You Can Eat Pasta Fundraiser for the Johnny Cake Center & Plates with Purpose** (30% of proceeds) from 4 to 9 PM at Terminesi's, 501 High St., Wakefield. For just \$30, enjoy a salad, bread, and unlimited pasta with either Alfredo or Marinara Sauce. You can make

reservations. 401-787-2228  
<https://www.terminesiscafe.com/>

**NEW Sun. 2/9 60+ Singles Supper Club** at 5:30 PM at Mariner Grill, 140 Point Judith Rd., Narragansett. Call the Sr. Ctr. for reservations 789-0268 x2

**NEW Mon. 2/10 Galantines Event for gals** from 5 to 8 PM at South County Choppers, 904 Boston Neck Rd. Narragansett. Sip wine or drink coffee while you shop. Also, mini massages w/Liz, footbaths, build a bouquet, blow out, curls or tinsel & more.  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063454038086>

**Thurs. 2/13 –Golden Ages Luncheon** at White's of Westport Featuring a 3-piece combo "Family Tree" who will play any music you would like. There will be dancing, door prizes & more. Lunch is Italian wedding soup, chicken Marsala or baked scrod, veggies and cheesecake w/strawberry sauce. Cost \$45 PP.  
<https://www.simplenetix.com/e/golden-ages-luncheon-valentines-celebratio-tickets-200108>

**NEW 2/14 Monthly Wellness Workshop – Heart Health** – Eating Healthy from 10 to 11:30 AM at the South Kingstown Senior Center, 25 St. Dominic Rd., Wakefield. Facilitated by Shery Parente, Certified Health and Wellness Coach.

**NEW Fri. 2/14 Bullets in the Bathtub!** A delicious Murder Mystery in 2 acts at the Carriage Inn, 1065 Tower Hill Rd., No. Kingstown. 5 P Cocktail hour; 6 Pm Show with dinner served between acts an Italian buffet. \$50 for show & dinner at 401 372-7201 or <https://wbctheater.org/box-office>

## Tabitha's Closet Changing Seasons

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.**



**On February 1 Tabitha's Closet will stop taking winter donations. We will begin taking spring donations March 15.**

**DONATIONS.** Tabitha's will be accepting winter clothing donations through February 1st.

We ask that all donations be paused for the month of February while we offer our final winter inventory. We will be accepting spring/summer clothing donations beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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 [gfaucher@gmail.com](mailto:gfaucher@gmail.com) or [lynnehandayan@gmail.com](mailto:lynnehandayan@gmail.com)

## January Mission of the Month: Domestic Violence Resource Center

We will start the new year by supporting a critical organization in our community as our mission of the month. Many of you may remember that Kathy Carland spoke to us in early November about The Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County, a non-profit that is making an important difference in the lives and futures of many women and children here in South County.

From their webpage:

"The Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC) of South County is a Trauma-Informed Agency whose main focus is to help victims of domestic violence break the cycle of abuse in their lives. Each department, Advocacy, Case Management, and Counseling are all here to provide resources, guidance, and support to help victims get to safety, become independent, and heal."

"The DVRC is working to change the social norms that contribute to the continuance of violence. Our goal is to help a victim break the cycle of violence and heal in order to have healthy relationships in the future."

"DVRC provides a comprehensive range of services for victims of domestic violence and their children, including a confidential Safe Home, Transitional Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing units, a Helpline & Drop-In Center, Support Groups, One-on-One Counseling and Court Advocacy."

Please visit their webpage at <https://dvrcsc.org/> for more information. We welcome you to donate by putting your gift in the offering basket during the month of January, or you can hit the Donate Now button on this page.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Missions Board

[Give now](#)

PDCC supports the Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County as our January 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 "DVRC" or "domestic violence" 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)).

The **JANUARY** Mission-of-the-Month has collected \$1,384 to date in support of the Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County.

The **FEBRUARY** Mission-of-the-Month will be the Rhody Outpost Food Pantry.

The **MARCH** Mission-of-the-Month will be the UCC California Wildfire Relief Effort.

## Donate Supplies for Church World Service Kits

**We will be assembling kits on Thursday, February 13 @ 10am. Feel free to join us!**

**Please help us collect supplies!** This is an annual mission of PDCC and with the help of our congregation, we have increased the number of kits processed each year. These kits are sent to areas around the world 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

#### **HYGIENE KIT**

- 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



#### **SCHOOL KIT**

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



We also need handmade cotton bags w/cloth handles for School Kits. Sally Bradley has the pattern.

Submitted by Judy Healy



## 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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