



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

March 23, 2023

CHURCH SERVICE
10:00 AM

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Birthdays

Gabe San Antonio	3/22
Helen Van Cleef	3/22
Alyson Beckmann	3/24
Sam Fox	3/25
Gregg O'Neill	3/25
Daryl Anderson	3/28
Kelsey Simmons	3/28
Brenda Stafford	3/28
Lee Jeans	4/1
Michael McGovern	4/1

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Last Week's E-Light

FAMILY SERVICE MARCH 26 10 AM
PEACE DALE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

WALK ON WATER

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Worship Flowers



The flowers of Sunday, March 26 are given to the Glory of God.

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 bmacgregor47@gmail.com. Opportunities are available for **April 16 and 23**, May, and June flower donations.

On the Calendar



Service for Bruce Reynolds
Saturday, March 25 @ 11 am at PDCC

Family Service
Sunday, March 26 @ 10 am

Eggstravaganza
Saturday, April 1 (rain date April 2)

Palm Sunday Service
Traditional Worship with Communion
Sunday, April 2 @ 10am

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 6
Soup & Fellowship @ 6pm
Worship Service @ 6:30pm

Good Friday April 7
The sanctuary at Kingston Congregational
will be open 12-3pm for private prayer

Easter Sunday April 9
Contemporary Worship @ 9am
Traditional Worship @ 11am

Time for a Bylaws Revision

If you like to work with Bylaws, please know that a group is gathering to review our PDCC bylaws and make revisions.

Join us by emailing Sylvia Blanda
at sylviablanda@gmail.com

Youth Connect!

The Youth schedule for Spring 2023 may be found on the church website under [Groups>Youth Events](#). For more information about our programs for youth and kids, contact megkolodziejri@gmail.com

EggStravaganza



FAMILY FUN

April 1

11 AM-2 PM

Rain date April 2 11 AM-2 PM

Peace Dale Congregational Church

Praise and PLAY!

Experience God's love
with all your senses

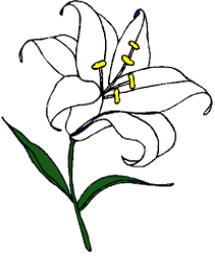
Stories, art, music, puppets,
sensory play, & snacks

May 6 & June 3 1-2 pm

Peace Dale Church

Inclusive, Interactive, and Fun

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 someone else to deliver to: _____

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.

Our New Members

The following people were welcomed into our congregation during Sunday worship on March 19, 2023: George and Suzanne Faucher, Ed Holt, Mary Mason, Lynn McCall, and Kathleen Royles. Tanis and Jim Moore were away that day; we will covenant with them on a future Sunday and then introduce them in the E-Light. Please continue to extend our well-known, warm PDCC welcome to our newest members!

George and Suzanne Faucher

Suzanne and George began attending PDCC just prior to the pandemic and live in Narragansett, having moved from Massachusetts. They have two adult children: a son and his wife living on the West Coast, and a daughter in Massachusetts. They recently adopted a new pup. Both have been drawn to PDCC as a welcoming, active, community-minded congregation. George says he has enjoyed the pastor's sermons and the worship; Suzanne values the interest in social justice and the environment. With a volunteer background in local and international missions work, Suzanne is a volunteer Master Gardener at Thrive Behavioral Health and East Farm; she also enjoys travel, dancing, reading, the beach, and getting into golf. After 40 years in the tech industry, George is looking ahead to retirement in a year; he enjoys all things outdoors, as well as travel and projects around the house. They are looking forward to being active members of PDCC.

Ed Holt

You may already know Ed, as he participates in and helps with many of the church programs. Ed lives in Wakefield with his sister and brother-in-law, Meg and Tom Kolodziej, and Belichick – the dog, not the coach. Ed says he wanted to join PDCC to worship God and help others, and that it is the people who draw him to this congregation. In addition to Belichick, Ed likes golf. Always a willing helping hand, Ed helps particularly with our Family Services, and likes to pitch in folding bulletins and church mailings.

Mary Mason

Mary began attending PDCC in 2019 and lives in Wakefield with her husband Kenny and their dog Molly. They have two grown sons (one in Cranston

and three grandchildren (all out-of-state). Mary's father was a Methodist pastor and she says she "grew up in the church." A retired nurse, Mary volunteers with the Peace Dale Dinner Table and the Gilbert Stuart Museum, belongs to the YMCA, and attends events with a women's group. After moving to Rhode Island, Mary visited nearby churches and found PDCC to be so welcoming.

Lynn McCall

Living in South Kingstown, Lynn began attending PDCC in the fall of 2021. Lynn says she was baptised Baptist, attended Kingston Congregational, and returned to the Baptist church with her mom before she passed in 2020. A retired RN, Lynn currently works as a realtor for Re/MAX South. She enjoys travel, cooking, yoga, walking, reading, and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Lynn was drawn to PDCC by the warm and welcoming congregation, community outreach and involvement, and impactful sermons. And, she loves the music.

Kathleen Royles

From Providence, Kathleen now lives in Wakefield and has attended PDCC off and on for several years. She is grateful for her home (her sanctuary) and small gardens. Kathleen is a photographer and loves creative play with her grandchildren, genealogy, and learning at OLLI. As the family historian, she is writing a Life Book so the family will have "a reference of my life and our ancestors". Kathleen was drawn to PDCC by the doctrines of community-based support and strong message of individuality in this congregation that is part of her neighborhood. Kathleen says that as a "recovering Catholic," disenchanted with the fact that women could not be priests and a guilt-driven approach, she has found in PDCC "my people" who are authentic and engaging and compassionate to all.

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 S45



3.5" Glass Coastal Ornament S32
Endless supplies to choose from.



7x11 Resin Decorative Tray S65
Endless color options to pick from. Please specify gold or silver handles at time of purchase.



Coastal HEART Resin Picture Frame S45
Please specify Gray 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.

Sat. 3/25 Medal of Honor – SK Town

Dedication 9:30am – noon. Flyover at 10am. Contemporary Theatre patio, 327 Main St. <https://www.southkingstownri.com/sk300>

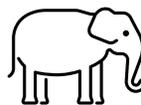
Sat. 3/25 1st Annual Spring Fair, First Church of God, Peacedale, 209 Allen Ave., Peace Dale. Honoring the memory of Reginald C. Hazard. "Fun for the whole family." <https://www.peacedalefcog.org/>

Sat. 4/1 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland – www.stateballet.com www.theparkri.com

March speakers for [South Kingstown's 300th Anniversary Celebration](#) are:

- Thurs. 3/30 "The Rise and Fall of the South Kingstown Planters 1660 to 1783" @ 7pm SKHS Auditorium

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! Jane Stabile

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.

Installation of the Reverend A. Fred Evenson March 19, 2023



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 (12-1 pm) or in the early evening (7-8 pm).

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

Stay curious, not furious!

Submitted by Don Hermes

An OLLI Course – Geology of Selected National Parks

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, go to: <https://web.uri.edu/olli/>

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.

OLLI Office (401) 874-4197

Spring 2023 Catalog available online at <https://web.uri.edu/olli/>

News from Peace Dale Estates

Some of our congregation may not be aware of our long-term support of this facility.

Peace Dale Estates (at 1223 Saugatucket Rd) is a complex providing housing for elderly and handicapped low-income individuals. It was created at the initiatives of Rev. Washburn some 40 years ago.

There is a board of volunteers responsible for oversight of the community. We in recent months concluded that some urgent matters of upkeep and repair had fallen by the wayside during the pandemic. We did a survey of the facilities and came up with a list of urgent needs. These are above and beyond what can be taken care of immediately through our relationship with our lender, the Department of Agriculture.

We learned of some funds that were coming available to our town through federal agencies intended to focus on issues such as affordable housing. With long-term efforts from many people, a proposal was created and submitted to the South Kingstown Town Council. Ours was one of many worthy proposals.

We've been granted a sizable fund that will facilitate some more urgent repairs. Volunteers on the board from our church and our community will be working diligently to make these improvements, and to consider long-term more-complex projects such as potential solar panels in conjunction with roofing repairs.

Our board has some vacancies and anyone who would be interested in joining us for this important and worthwhile mission, **please indicate your interest to Pastor Fred**, and he will connect you with other members of our board.

Submitted by John Golberg

A Peek into Bible Study: All Are Welcome!

The Bible study group taking on "The Bible in a Year" gathers every other Thursday afternoon in the Community Room at PDCC and by Zoom. Anyone, everyone, you are invited to join in as you are able. Have no fear of dropping in one week when you can. There is a book we are using but you may also read your own Bible for the verses each session.

Low risk. Great fellowship. No quizzes! If you don't get to the reading, you are still welcome to discussion!! The schedule of meetings and weekly reading plan are on the PDCC website under [Groups > Bible Study](#).

Join us!

For your peek into Bible study, here is the email to prepare for the discussion of April 13 (week 7).

Hello everyone, I pray you are doing well as we work our way through Leviticus and read a few psalms this week! This is Week 7:

Day 1: Psalms 1-3

Day 2: Leviticus 16-19

Day 3: Leviticus 20-23

Day 4: Psalms 4-6

Day 5: Leviticus 24-27

Day 6: Psalms 7-10

Day 7: Catch up on any days you missed

A few thoughts on Leviticus. This book is often called a priest's manual. The chapters describe rituals, sacrifices, dietary laws, and holy living. One note is that I am glad no one ever thinks of coming to me to ask for advice on a skin disease...I would have made an awful doctor.

One of the central passages is Leviticus 19:2, "You must be holy, because, I, the Lord your God am holy." I do not think you ever achieve holiness or reside there permanently. I have glimpses of God's grace following through me, but many times I take exit ramps and get caught up in my own ways ~ rather than God's ways. Leviticus reminds us that how we live our life matters to God. What we do with our money, our words, our relationships all matter to God. Ponder this as we continue through this book.

Second, remember that the Israelites receive this out in the wilderness where there is uncertainty and ambiguity. These rules give structure and stability to people who feel vulnerable. When I remember this, I

can hold these words lightly. These rules are also about identity - how we conduct ourselves.

You may want to reflect on rules today. These could be laws in our country OR in your family. Rules can be written, but many are unwritten or even invisible. I can have rules for my life (like being busy means that I am doing God's will) that function just beneath my consciousness. Pay attention to written and unwritten rules for your life.

You will also be entering the Psalms this week. The Psalms open our hearts to all emotions. Calvin said that in the Psalms are all the anatomy of the soul. I am also taken by Walter Bruggemann who said that there are Psalms of Orientation; Disorientation; Reorientation.

For example: Psalm 1 is a psalm of orientation ~ root yourself like a tree in God's word/wisdom...all is well...you will weather the storms.

Psalm 22 is a psalm of disorientation ~ "My God...my God...why have YOU forsaken me." There have been times in my life I have shouted out those words.

Psalm 100, late in the psalms after so many emotions have been expressed the psalmist proclaims, "Make a joyful noise to God!" Not because everything is amazing and awesome, but because there is joy here and now. I used this Psalm for my friend's celebration of life. Shirley died at 94 years young and she wanted to celebrate her living.

Hold this each time we return to the Psalms...I'll say more in the coming weeks.

I am so grateful for you all journeying with me through the Bible.

The Rev. Dr. Jean Simpson



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](#)

Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed

A group is exploring starting up a Thrift Store at PDCC. 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

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.

Use RaiseRight to buy your Groceries and support PDCC. In support of Stewardship in Action, if you buy a \$100 grocery card on Sunday you will contribute \$4 - \$10 back to the church. No extra money out of your pocket – buy from us before you shop and help bridge the gap in the deficit.

RaiseRight is not just for gifts – use for your own personal shopping of groceries and prescriptions. Remember your reusable bags and gift cards in your everyday shopping trips.

- RaiseRight (formerly SCRIP) table sales will be 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 (\$5), Dunkin' (\$10 & \$25), Marshall's (\$25), Matunuck Oyster Bar (\$50), Old Mountain Lanes (\$25), Panera (\$10 & \$25), Starbucks (\$10 & \$25), Walmart (\$25).



Brickley's opens for the season March 23rd!!
We have \$5 gift cards. Brickley's is giving us a 20% rebate.

Questions? Contact Deb Shaw at dkshaw5@cox.net or stop by the table on Sunday after worship.



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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