



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Last Week's E-Light

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Kirkin' o' the Tartan?

If you like bagpipes, this is the Sunday for you! On this day, we will experience a special worship service that includes a blessing of the families. There will be guests from St. Andrew's Society of RI, special music, a guest speaker, communion and did I mention bagpipes? Hopefully you and your family will feel blessed for coming - that you might be a blessing to others.

Come and help us offer an extravagant welcome to our plentiful visitors. I look forward to seeing you, with or without your plaid, on Sunday as our church family gives thanks – especially for the blessing of family.

Peace and Joy my friends, Brother Fred

Special Meeting of the Congregation Sunday, April 14 after worship

A vote of the Congregation is required regarding the proposed expenditure to engage a consultant to develop a long-range facilities plan for our church building.

All members of the Congregation are requested to attend.

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Immediately following our worship service in the sanctuary.



Worship Flowers



The flowers of April 7 are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jim Norman by Roberta Norman.

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 April, May, or June please contact Roberta Norman (401 226-7123).

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Kirking of the Tartans

Monday, April 8 @
5:30pm – Having It My
Way (see p. 4)

Thursday, April 11 @ 6pm
– CPR Course (see below)

Sunday, **April 14** @ 10a
Contemporary Worship,

Sunday, April 14 @ 11a
**Special Congregational
Meeting** immediately
following worship

Sunday, April 21 @ 10am
– Contemporary Worship

Sunday, April 28 @ 10am
– Family Worship

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
Bell Choir rehearsal

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
AA Meeting

Thursdays @ 6pm
Contemporary Singers
rehearse *ALL welcome*

Thursdays @ 7:30pm
Traditional Choir
rehearsal



CPR Course – 4/11

You could save a life

This is a Church Family Life event.
THURSDAY APRIL 11 @ 6 - 9 p.m.

in Fellowship Hall

This CPR/AED instruction class is at PDCC with the help of the South Kingstown Emergency Medical Services. We have an AED in our hallway; learn how easy it is to use it.

If you are interested there will be a **SIGNUP SHEET** in Fellowship Hall. There is a **\$10.00 fee** for the American Heart Association Card.

Questions? Contact Christine Grevstad 401 284-6483 or christinegrevstad@ hotmail.com



Hospitality Needs Help!

To continue putting out great coffee hours after the service on Sundays.... Our coffee hour teams need reinforcements.

The 1st, 4th, and 5th Sunday teams all need at least one additional person.

If you would like to join us please contact Christine Grevstad 401 284-6483 / christinegrevstad@ hotmail.com



Social Justice in Action – Meeting 4/7

Our **QUARTERLY MEETING** of the South County Social Justice

Coalition is this **Sunday, April 7, 6:30 pm at St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 15 Lower College Road in Kingston**. Join in the conversation about 'Good Citizenship in an Era of Division and Rancor' led by a panel of League of Women Voter South County leaders, Christine Martone, Nina Rossomando, and Etta Zasloff. Living in a diverse democracy presents challenges for all of us at the personal and policy level. Join us to talk about it. Questions and comments from the floor will be welcome. Parking is in the small lot on the Bayberry St. side of the Church, in the gravel space right in front of the church on Lower College Rd., and in the Child Development parking lot across from the Church, also on Lower College Rd. We hope to see you there.

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.



Recycling Challenge – Saving Our Earth 1 Plastic Bag @ a Time

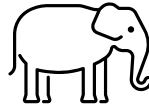
We are searching for a new organizer (or pair or group of organizers) of the TREX Recycling Challenge program at PDCC – you know, the white collection box for plastic bags outside the doors.

Collecting plastic bags & film keeps thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills and helps make eco-friendly outdoor products (like the benches outside the church). Gabby will offer personal training so you can see the way she has done this, which is by no means the only way; you can develop what works for you. Contact Gabby Klensch (401) 932-8350.



Jam Jars Needed

Patty Hare asks for donations of half-pint (8 oz) glass canning jars to make 60 jars of jam for the Bazaar. Yes, she is planning ahead! There is a collection box on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



White Elephants

Yes, we'll take your "reductions in inventory" – meaning all those items you don't use and are cleaning out. We spiff them up, organize and appreciate them. Keep them coming and thank you! Info contact jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172.



Correction: Once-a-Month Dessert Makers Needed

We are in need of additional desserts to put into Wednesday Dinner Table meals, as the number of people we are assisting has grown. We need 4 more people. Anyone interested in being a **ONCE-A-MONTH** baker, please contact Sharon Lankford at (401) 783-3896. She has the details.



We Need You for Worship

Deacons would love to have more folks available as **readers** (of scripture) and as **ushers** at worship services (especially for the traditional service).

There is also a real need for **one more Deacon to join the board**. The Deacons support the plans of the Action committees that plan the traditional, contemporary and family services. They work on reaching out to active members, new members, and friends of the congregation to make them feel welcome.

If you are interested in helping out during the services or in serving as a Deacon, please contact Val Lowell, Sandi Robinson, or Jeff Healy.

Church Family Life Events

Take the family or a friend – possibly from PDCC – to enjoy one of these events. Contact Jane if you are looking for someone to join you. **Is there an activity/event that you would like someone to join you?** Give me enough notice and I will ask in the e-light. What a great way to make friends. Jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri. 4/5 & Sat. 4/6 both at 7 PM and Sun. 4/7 at 1 PM – Annie Jr. at Broad Rock Middle School, 351 Broad Rock Rd., Wakefield, RI. Tickets at the door.

Fri. 4/5 & Sat. 4/6 @ 7 PM – Little Shop of Horrors at Prout School, 4640 Tower Hill Rd., Wakefield, RI. onsthestage.tickets/show/the-prout-school/65dba03f56e7680e41e5b391

Sun. 4/7 at 1 PM and Mon. 4/8 & Wed. 4/10 at 7 PM Gone with the Wind 85th Anniversary showing with exclusive insight from Leonard Maltin at South County Cinema at the Commons, 30 Village Sq. Dr., ticketing.useast.veezi.com/sessions/?siteToken=na7wtdt6y7qsr120d6sed9pfb4

Cabrini, various dates and times, also at SC Cinema. **Cabrini** is a true story of the life of Catholic missionary Francesca Cabrini as she encounters resistance to her charity and business efforts in New York City. Cabrini explores the sexism and anti-Italian bigotry faced by Cabrini and others in New York City in the late 19th century. Well done and recommended by PDCC viewers. ticketing.useast.veezi.com/sessions/?siteToken=na7wtdt6y7qsr120d6sed9pfb4

Mon. 4/8 @ 2 to 4:15 PM Solar Eclipse Viewing Party at the Peace Dale Library. For all ages with solar eclipse glasses available and a chance to look through a solar telescope. Eclipse themed crafts and activities available even if the weather doesn't cooperate. No registration needed.

<https://skpl.libcal.com/event/11470542>

4/6 to 4/28 – Take a springtime drive to Newport to enjoy the 1,450,000 daffodils at the 13th Annual Daffodil Days. See the map and events at newportinbloom.org/our-activities/daffodil-days/ Also a suggested tour created by the Stabile's will be available during hospitality on Sundays.

Thurs. 5/16 The Domestic Violence Resource Center Annual Fundraiser at Shepherd's Run, 4780 Tower Hill Rd., South Kingstown, RI called "An Evening Under the Stars Gala" from 6 to 10:30 PM. Featuring a cocktail hour in the huge former chapel, seated dinner, live wedding type music with the band Hot Mess, silent auction including trips. Join Jane and Steve Stabile and other PDCCers for the event of the season. Previously we have had included drink tickets, followed by dinner, auction, marvelous DVRC client speaker and plenty of dancing. A special company has been hired to ensure that we will be warm under the big tent. Tickets are \$150 PP at <https://dvrcsc.org/2024-annual-fundraiser/> Note in the comments that you want to sit with or near us. Please let Jane know if you are joining us.

Having It My Way – Making Life Decisions

The 3rd session **MONDAY, April 8th @ 5:30pm** will be “Managing Our Estate Issues”, led by attorneys **James C. Sullivan and Olivia H. Labbe** of Sullivan Estate Law, North Kingstown.

Sullivan and Labbe will lead a discussion about ensuring that one’s wishes are well-established through a Will or Trust. Topics will include: Establishing your Will; how to avoid Probate; when a Trust might be necessary: making sure your assets align with your Trust, as well as using an Irrevocable Trust to protect your home and other assets.

Church Family Life sponsors this 7-session series “Having It My Way – Making Life Decisions” to help us to prepare for our last two phases of life. Each session is about 1.5 hours long.

All programs are open to the public so bring relatives and friends. Each session will include a presentation, a questions & answer segment, and refreshments.

You may attend without signing up, but it would be helpful to be able to guesstimate numbers. **Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Jane** jane.stabile@outlook.com 508 395-1172

Come to the 4/8 session! You don't have to commit to all 7 sessions.



Having It My Way -Making Life Decisions Workshops/Seminars 4/8 to 5/29

	Day/Time	Workshop	Speaker(s)
3.	4/8, 5:30 PM	Managing Our Estate Issues	Attorney Jim Sullivan Attorney Olivia Labbe
4.	4/18, 5:30 PM	Our Mental & Physical Health	Dr. Chris Van Hemelrijck/ Renee Lamontagne M. Ed/LMHC John Hobgood, RN, NRP
5.	5/1, 5:30 PM	Managing Our Living Environment	Nicole Antonopoulos, Real Estate Agent/ Darlene Lepore, Senior Ex Dir. Brightview Commons Justin Oakley, Accessibility
6.	5/15, 5:30 PM	End of Life Decisions – Hospice & Funeral	Lisa Wasson, Nurse Educator, Hope Health Veronica Houston, Funeral Director
7.	5/29, 5:30 PM	Planning Your Celebration of Life	Rev. Fred Evenson Claudia Swain

Workshop dates and times have been confirmed. However, there could be last-minute changes. Please make sure you have signed up with your contact info.

Tabitha's Closet is Open

We are now accepting donations of **SPRING clothing.**

Open
Saturdays
9:30a-12:30p

SHOP! Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's new clothing ministry offers **new and gently used clothing** for affordable suggested donations.

DONATE! We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.

VOLUNTEER! We need you! Tabitha's Closet needs volunteers to help:

- 1) **sort and prep the clothing,**
- 2) **help in the shop** on Saturday mornings.

Please contact Galen McGovern, our volunteer coordinator at GalenMcGovern1@ gmail.com.

For any questions or to learn more about the ministry, please contact Suzanne Faucher at gsfaucher@ gmail.com



The March Mission of the Month has collected \$3,274.51 to-date for the Egg-a-Day Haiti child nutrition program.

April Mission of the Month: Save the Bay

Save The Bay is a member-supported nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and improving Narragansett Bay and all the waters that flow into it. The Narragansett Bay watershed offers 400 miles of coastline and stretches 1,705 square miles inland, covering most of Rhode Island and much of Massachusetts. Its 3,500 miles of streams and rivers carry water into the Bay from over one hundred towns and cities with 1.95 million people. Our vision, since 1970, is a fully swimmable, fishable, healthy Narragansett Bay, accessible to all.

Since our founding in 1970, Save The Bay has become known for our fierce advocacy. We champion the right of all people to enjoy Narragansett Bay with peace of mind and stand against coastal activities, actions and developments that diminish public access to the Bay.

Besides advocacy, our programs include habitat restoration, education, as well as community outreach, support and engagement.

Visit our website at <https://savebay.org/> to learn more about our science driven programs and activities as well as sign up to help with them.

Thank you for your generosity,
The Missions Board

Give now

Peace Dale Congregational Church supports Save the Bay as our Mission of the Month. You may donate funds by 1) placing your gift in the Missions basket during Sunday service, 2) sending a check to the church office @ 261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI 02879, or 3) clicking the **Give now** button below to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give). **Checks should be made out to PDCC with**

"Save the Bay" in the memo line.



Empowering the Future: Youth-Led Environmental Innovation

April 23rd @ 7:00pm at PDCC

In April, PDCC Green Team is sponsoring an Earth Day program that will provide a discussion of:

- activism at COP28,
- student-led initiatives on the URI campus, and
- the need for an environmentalist culture switch.

What is COP28? It was the 28th Annual United Nations Climate meeting where world leaders gathered to discuss how to limit and prepare for future climate change. This summit took place in December 2023 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Kiersten was there as one of 85,000 participants!

Kiersten Sundell will be joined by a team of leaders from the URI group Student Action for Sustainability. They will cover sustainable projects that are currently in progress at URI, and discuss the need for increased environmental education efforts on campus and in the local community.

They will also discuss the work that **Generation Atomic** and **Climate Action Rhode Island** do, highlighting the tangible benefits of grassroots activism and encouraging audience participation.



Mark your calendars for these upcoming Green events!

Faith Climate forum, April 16

In person at host Location or Zoom webinar. An enriching day of faith, creation care, and community. The agenda is carefully crafted to inspire, inform, and empower clergy and congregations with actionable and practical guidance. For more information and to register:

<https://nationalfaithandclimateforum.org>.

UCC Earth Summit (2nd): April 20th

Zoom webinar and in-person (Dartmouth College, NH) **Bill McKibben keynote "Energy from Heaven or Energy from Hell?"** 2.5 hour summit, features other grassroots leaders and videos showcasing the environmental ministries of Host Congregation (Church of Christ at Dartmouth College). To Register: https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/9317026581054/WN_rYyzeGCVSliQ_kNEH5DPQg#/registration



Kiersten Sundell, a URI junior majoring in environmental science and management, political science, and wildlife and conservation biology, at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai. (Photos courtesy of Kiersten Sundell)

JOIN US! For anyone, of all ages, interested in learning more about the "Green Team", please contact George Faucher at glfaucher@gmail.com and/or Don Hermes at dhermes33@gmail.com

Youth Corner

The Last Supper:

A Family Service at Peace Dale Congregational Church April 28TH at 10 am



Come and Eat. All are Welcome!

You are
God's
Masterpiece

PDCC Youth Connect Spring Calendar

April

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| 7 Sunday | Youth Connect 10 am |
| 13 Saturday | Come to the Table Video Shoot & Dinner Party
Sanctuary 4:30 pm |
| 14 Sunday | Spring Vacation—No Youth Connect |
| 21 Sunday | Youth Connect 10 am |
| 28 Sunday | Family Service 10 am
Come to the Table
Everyone is invited! |

May

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| 5 Sunday | Youth Connect 10 am |
| 12 Sunday | Mother's Day--No Youth Connect |
| 19 Sunday | Family Service 10 am
Shake Things Up With Jesus |



Gift Cards with a Kick



You get a card for the full amount *and* every

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

Use RaiseRight to buy **gift cards** for teachers, service providers, and family.

Use RaiseRight to buy **cards for your own personal shopping** of groceries, etc. Remember your reusable bags and gift cards in your everyday shopping trips.

- RaiseRight (formerly SCRIP) table sales are available on Sundays in Fellowship Hall after worship.
- Cards in stock include:
Belmont (\$25 & \$100), Dave's (\$100), Shaw's (\$25 & \$100), Stop & Shop (\$25 & \$100), CVS (\$25), Walgreen's (\$25), Amazon (\$25 & \$100), Applebee's (\$25), Brickley's Ice Cream (\$20), Dunkin' (\$10 & \$25), Marshall's (\$25), Matunuck Oyster Bar (\$50), Old Mountain Lanes (\$25), Panera (\$10 & \$25), Starbucks (\$10 & \$25), Walmart (\$25).

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



Sharing More Joy: PDCC Podcasts

Interviews with members of our church family about the joys of their faith – the “Sharing More Joy” series – can be found on the church website under the News tab (<https://www.peacedalechurch.org/podcasts>).

Prayer Matters



To build fellowship and make full use of the congregational power of prayer, we offer this Prayer Matters space to allow

members of our community to lift up their names and requests for prayer. This adds to the opportunities for congregants to lift up their prayers during Sunday service, and to request the care of the [Prayer Circle](#) that gathers every Tuesday morning or of our [Called to Care](#) ministry.

How to share your prayer

You may choose to use all or any combination of: Joys & Concerns on Sunday morning, Prayer Circle ministry, Called to Care ministry, and the new Prayer Matters section of the newsletter.

- To lift up your prayer during **Sunday Service**, simply raise your hand, voice your joy or concern and then say, “this is my prayer”; the congregation responds “this is our prayer”. Prayer requests made during Sunday service are shared aloud with those in attendance.
- To request the care of **Prayer Circle**, submit the [online form](#) or call the church office at (401) 789-7313. These requests are shared only with members of this group.
- To request the support of our [Called to Care](#) ministry team, call the church office at (401) 789-7313 or submit the [online form](#). These requests are shared only with members of this group.
- To request your prayer be included in the 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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