



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

Turning the Tables...

This Sunday we will explore the dramatic story of Jesus turning the tables on the money changers. We will also consider what it could mean for us today. What are the "sacred cows" in our worship space/practice, in our lives, that need re-examining? This Sunday, Jesus brings us back to the basics of bread and wine as we celebrate communion and remember how he found the Holy even within what others might see as mundane.

I look forward to seeing you in worship as we get back to the basics and celebrate the presence of God in our midst!

Peace and Joy, Brother Fred.



Worship Flowers

The flowers for Sunday, March 3 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Martin Morse family by Beth Morse.

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 flowers for March or April, please contact Carol Anne Hayes (carolhayes44@gmail.com 401-487-9127).

EggStravaganza

Egg Hunt, Egg Drop, CaScaRones,
Food, and MUCH More



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On the Calendar

Sunday, March 3 @ 10am
– Traditional Worship with Communion

Tuesday, March 5 @ 6:30pm – The Deep Impacts of Composting

Saturday, March 16 @ 6:30 pm – Having It My Way: Making Life Decisions

Sunday, March 10 @ 10am – Contemporary Worship

Thursday, March 14 @ 10am – Women's Fellowship

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

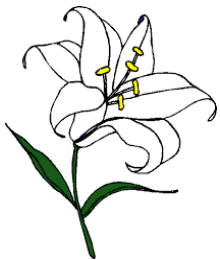
Tuesdays @ 9:30am
Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
Bell Choir rehearsal

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
AA Meeting

Thursdays @ 6pm
Contemporary Singers rehearse *ALL welcome*

Thursdays @ 7:30pm
Traditional Choir rehearsal



Lilies for Easter – Due 3/24

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 **March 24, 2024**. The suggested donation is \$12. Following Easter Services, a deacon will deliver a plant to each of our members who are homebound, are over age 85, or 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: _____

What to do with your lily after Easter Sunday worship?

☐ I want to take the plant home with me.

☐ I will deliver the plant to: _____

☐ I want to leave the plant at church for someone else to deliver.

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

March Mission of the Month: Egg-a-Day - Haiti



A chance meeting on the flight back from Haiti to New York after Hurricane Sandy led two women to discover a common concern: the hungry children they had seen during their visit.

By the time the plane landed, the two had vowed not only to find a way to feed the children but were determined to find a way to help the Haitians in the communities they serve become self-sufficient and produce their own food. That was the birth of the Egg-a-Day Nutrition Program (formerly known as OneEgg Haiti) which has, since 2013, provided high-quality animal protein in the form of a hard-boiled egg to over 2500 children throughout Haiti. The goal is to make the program sustainable by educating individuals, especially school children, about how to raise their own food and chickens.

That had been happening, for the most part, until a few years ago when the already poverty-stricken country was plunged into chaos with the assassination of their president. Now, dangerous gangs control much of the country making it even more difficult to find or purchase food. But UCC contacts still have a few chicken farms and are able to deliver eggs to some schools and orphanages.

Egg-a-Day is funded by donations from churches and individuals in our conference. For several years,

those donations were supplemented by additional financial support from OneEgg.org, a charitable organization that ran a similar program in Africa. However, that organization is no longer in operation. Egg-a-Day relies solely on donations from individuals and churches. It does not take much - \$60 will feed a child an egg a day for one year.

More information on sneucc.org/egg-a-day. By the way, the children in Haiti love hard-boiled eggs

Peace Dale Congregational Church supports Egg-a-Day Childhood Nutrition Program 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 "Egg-a-Day" in the memo line.**

Thank you for your generosity,
The Missions Board

Give now

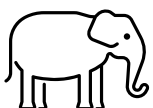
January Mission of the Month collected
\$2,302 for Doctors without Borders.

The February Mission of the Month
was Jonnycake Center for Hope.

Dine With Nine

Thanks to our hosts: Peter and Claudia Swain, Eve Keenan and Linda Tucker, and Jane and Steve Stabile. We also appreciate our 24 attendees!

Help the White Elephants



Great items are arriving! Thank you! We need some help to unpack donations, sort, price and repack. Please join us for fellowship and first

choice on **Tuesday, 3/5 from 10 to 11:30 AM** down cellar. If you arrive late, call Jane to let you in. 508 395- 1172.

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.



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>).



Spring Rain Barrel Initiative: Harvesting Nature's Gift for Conservation

As we eagerly anticipate the arrival of spring, it's time to gear up for a season of conservation and sustainability.

One initiative gaining momentum is the collection of rainwater in rain barrels. This simple yet impactful practice involves harnessing the power of nature's precipitation for various purposes, from watering gardens to conserving water resources.

Why Rain Barrels Matter

Water Conservation: By capturing rainwater, we reduce dependency on treated water sources, conserving this precious resource for essential needs.

Environmental Benefits: Rainwater harvesting helps mitigate stormwater runoff, reducing erosion and pollution in water bodies.

Sustainable Gardening: Rainwater is naturally soft and free from chemicals, making it ideal for nurturing gardens, lawns, and plants.

Cost Savings: Utilizing rain barrels can lead to reduced water bills, especially for outdoor water usage during the warmer months.

More information and beneficial resources can be found on the following websites:

- [RI Rain Barrell Info](#)
- [MA Rain Barrels and other Water Conservation Tools](#)

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

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Green events!

Composting Program: March 5th: 6:30pm

"The Deep Impacts of Composting" @ PDCC in the Sanctuary. Join lifelong composter, Jayne Merner, from Earth Care Farm as she paints a picture of the lasting effects compost has on our world. Although there will be a little on "how to compost" peppered in, this is really a talk about Why. You will walk away from this talk fully in awe of the power of compost.

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: April 23, 7:00pm

URI student Kiersten will give a presentation to PDCC and the community following her recent attendance at COP28 in Dubai. Don Hermes is coordinating event further details to be announced.



Church Family Life Events – Ideas for Fun

Here are opportunities to connect with other PDCCers. Sign up to join us for the Academy Awards Party on **Sun. 3/10**; see details in article on p. 6. WE LOVE to have fun together. Then a new series, Having It My Way – Making Life Decisions starts **Wed. 3/6** at 6 PM; see article on p.7.

NEW! Wed. 3/6 at 7 PM – Frida (film), at Jamestown Art Ctr., 18 Valley St., Jamestown, RI. "An intimately raw and magical journey through the life, mind, and heart of iconic artist Frida Kahlo." \$25 includes beer & wine possibly cheese during pre-film reception at 6 PM.

https://newportfilm.com/films/frida/?mc_cid=3572ec325d&mc_eid=6c8443917d

NEW! Sun. 3/10 – Women Trailblazers in Music at Carter Center, 667 Waterman Ave., E. PVD. In honor of Women's History Month. Featuring Judith Lynn Stillman, Artistic Director and Pianist, with Charles Dimmick, Brent Selby, Ian Greitzer, Rachel Braude, Becky Bass, Mia Douglas, Jess Huetteman, Teresa Eickel. \$15 students, \$25 regular.

<https://boxoffice.riphil.org/riphil/website/EventDetails.aspx?EventId=29001&resize=true>

NEW! 3/15 & 3/16 – A Midsummer Night's Dream by the State Ballet of RI at Sappinsley Hall, Nazarine Ctr., RIC, 600 Mt. Pleasant Ave. PVD. Shakespeare's classic comedy of a wild night where the worlds of mortals and magical fairies collide. \$37 at 401 456-8144 <https://www.stateballet.com/>

NEW! 3/15 at 6:30 PM & 3/16 at 8 PM, Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto at the Vets, 1 Ave. of the Arts, PVD. BRIAN RAPHAEL NABORS: Pulse; TCHAIKOVSKY: Piano Concerto No.1; BRAHMS: Symphony No.1

<https://www.riphil.org/events>

NEW! through 5/19 – The Red Dress Exhibit at the Fuller Craft Museum 455 Oak St., Brockton, MA. "Originally sketched on a napkin in 2009 by British artist Kirstie Macleod, this global embroidery phenomenon has traveled the world, stitching together stories from 51 countries. Join us in celebrating the final stop of its US tour and explore the rich tapestry of voices and cultures that adorn this remarkable garment." FREE.

<https://fullercraft.org/exhibitions/the-red-dress/>

Through 4/13 @ 7 pm Springboard: A Festival of new Works at the Contemporary Theater, 327 Main St., Wakefield. Each night features a different show proposed by local artists. It's a chance to see new work and exciting theater experiments.

contemporarytheatercompany.com/season

As conditions permit Yawgoo Valley Ski Area, 160 Yawgoo Valley Rd., Exeter, RI. Have fun skiing, riding or snow tubing and winter events and more! Check conditions <https://yawgoo.com/>

Weather permitting. The Providence Rink at Bank Newport City Center, 2 Kennedy Plaza, PVD, RI. Make reservations for ice skating, ice bumper cars, birthday parties, groups field trips and special events. <https://theprovidencerink.com/>

EVERY Tuesday – from 5 to 10 PM Tasty Tuesday at Ocean Mist – Wakefield. Enjoy choosing from 2 of each: an appetizer, entrée & dessert with craft cocktail. \$30 PP + tax & tip. Although you can't see the ocean at night and it has a reputation as a dive – this food is gourmet. We've tried it and it is exceptional. FYI - all high stools. Sign up for their emails or go to <https://www.oceanmist.net/weekly-tasty-tuesday-menu>

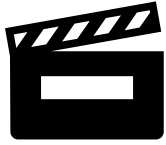
EVERY THURSDAY – from 4 to 8 PM Thrifty Thursday Prix Fixe at Breachway Grill, Charlestown -featuring a weekly rotation of delectable dishes with a starter, entrée and dessert and 2 glasses of wine for a solo at \$29.99+ tax & tip or a bottle of wine for a duo. \$59.99 + tax & tip. Check menu every week.

<https://breachwaygrill.com/charlestown-breachway-grill-events> Even better sign up for their announcements.

Please pass along any other restaurants with winter specials to jane.stabile@outlook.com

PDCC OSCAR Nominated Movie Watch

Academy Award Watch Party



Will be held on **Sun. 3/10** (corrected date) at Sylvia Blanda & Wally Young's, Kingston, RI with potluck. We dress up in award night fancy flair (but no need to overdo, think fun!) And yes, there really is a red carpet!

To really get into the spirit and partake in the discussions – watch 5 of the 10 nominated Best Picture films. Some are at the South County Cinemas, or on Prime Video or Netflix (Maestro is free.)

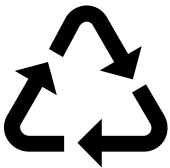


Attendees at the Watch Party will get a ballot via email to vote on their choice of best picture, actor, and actress. Ballots will be collected, tabulated and results shared at the festivities.

SIGN UP in Fellowship Hall this Sunday 3/3 or contact Sylviablanda@ gmail.com and get ready to party!

For a full list of nominations, go to https://www.reddit.com/r/movies/comments/19do4dd/2024_oscars_the_full_nominees_list/

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.

Oscar Nominations 2024

Best Actor

| Rank | Actor Name | Film |
|------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Bradley Cooper | “Maestro” |
| 2 | Colman Domingo | “Rustin” |
| 3 | Paul Giamatti | “The Holdovers” |
| 4 | Cillian Murphy | “Oppenheimer” |
| 5 | Jeffrey Wright | “American Fiction” |

Best Actress

| Rank | Actress Name | Film |
|------|----------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Annette Bening | “Nyad” |
| 2 | Lily Gladstone | “Killers of the Flower Moon” |
| 3 | Sandra Hüller | “Anatomy of a Fall” |
| 4 | Carey Mulligan | “Maestro” |
| 5 | Emma Stone | “Poor Things” |

Best Picture

| Rank | Film | Producers |
|------|---|--|
| 1 | The Holdovers | Mark Johnson |
| 2 | Killers of the Flower Moon | Martin Scorsese, Dan Friedkin, Bradley Thomas, ... |
| 3 | Maestro | Bradley Cooper, Steven Spielberg, Amy Durning, ... |
| 4 | Anatomy of a Fall | Marie-Ange Luciani, David Thion |
| 5 | Past Lives | Christine Vachon, David Hinojosa, Pamela Koffler |
| 6 | Poor Things <i>*trigger warning: explicit sexual acts, as well as male & female frontal nudity</i> | Emma Stone, Yorgos Lanthimos, Ed Guiney, ... |
| 7 | Oppenheimer | Christopher Nolan, Emma Thomas, Charles Roven |
| 8 | Barbie | Margot Robbie, Tom Ackerley, David Heyman, ... |
| 9 | American Fiction | Cord Jefferson, Ben LeClair, Nikos Karamigios, ... |
| 10 | The Zone of Interest | James Wilson |

Tabitha's Closet is Open

PAUSE in donations as we switch seasons in inventory. No more winter, please.

We will begin accepting donations of SPRING clothing on March 15.

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

Donate Supplies for Church World Service Kit Projects

THANK YOU from Women's Fellowship for your contributions of many items for Hygiene Kits and School Kits. These kits are provided to families in refugee camps, impoverished communities, and those in need after natural disasters. **We had a very successful morning** on 1/10 beginning to assemble kits we will send to the Church World Service.

Supplies still needed:

- Spiral bound notebooks – 70-count pages (3 go in each kit)
- Wide-tooth combs
- Fingernail or toenail clipper

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. See Sally Bradley for the pattern.



Submitted by Judy Healy

Having It My Way – Making Life Decisions

Church Family Life is sponsoring "Having It My Way – Making Life Decisions" a 7-session series that will help us to prepare for our last 2 phases of life. Each session is about 1.5 hours long. Topics include finances, estate planning, mental and physical health, living environment, end of life decisions and spiritual considerations with funeral planning. Come to the sessions that meet your needs. Try to make the 1st one with a wonderful overview.

The first session **Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30pm** will be "8,000 Days" and led by Jim Blackerby. The message assumes many people are now likely to live well into their 80s – and that our lives can be divided into four periods of about 8,000 days each: 1) Birth to College Graduation (22 yr.); 2) College Graduation to

Midlife (age 44); 3) Midlife to Retirement (age 66) and 4) From Your Retirement Party Forward.

All programs will be open to the public so bring relatives and friends. Each session will include a presentation and a questions/answer segment. A full schedule with dates and times will be forthcoming.

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

Youth Corner



WALK in the FootSteps of JeSUS

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Family Worship Services 10 am

March 24

Join us to shout Hosanna, wave
palm branches, rock the boat,
and raise the roof

April 28

Celebrate the Lord's Supper
Everyone is welcome to
come to the Table



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.

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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