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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Last Week's E-Light

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Are we "Let[ting] the dead bury their dead"?

Our reading this Sunday is Luke 9:51-62. In part of this passage, Jesus basically tells his would-be followers not to focus on the past... he says, "let the dead bury their dead...". And we ask ourselves, how good are we at letting go?

Paul Tillich, a major theologian of the 20th century, preached a sermon called "The Eternal Now". In it, he talks about the mysteries of the future and of the past, and their relationship with the mystery of the present. On Sunday we will refer to his sermon, as we ask the question - where is our focus?

Jesus has shown us how to live in the NOW, ours is to follow. Are you "hamster braining" and re-running your past mistakes over and over again? Let the past be the past. Don't fret over the future, for tomorrow is never here, and as Jesus said, it will have worries enough of its own. Live for God in the now, put down your phone, be present, for now is our time, a gift from God! Today is the day the Lord has made... let us rejoice and be glad in it, this is what our loving God calls us to do, Now.

Now, I look forward to seeing you in worship on Sunday.

Peace and Joy, Brother Fred



Worship Flowers

The flowers of July 28 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. If you are interested in donating Sanctuary flowers for August, September, or October please contact Lynn McCall at 401-742-3949 or lynn.mccall16@gmail.com



Join us for a fun children's activity every Sunday this summer from 10 until 11

Bible stories, baking, gardening, art, drama, puppets, and a visit from Scout, our therapy dog friend

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All children are welcome!

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On the Calendar

Sunday, July 28 @ 10am –
Traditional Worship

Sunday, August 4 @ 10am
– Traditional Worship

Sunday, August 11 @
10am – Contemporary
Worship

Sunday, August 18 @
10am – Contemporary
Worship

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
AA Meeting

Choir rehearsals will
resume in the fall

Bad Phish



Periodically, there is an uptick in attempted phishing by people pretending to be of or from PDCC. We are in one of those upticks.

There have been emails and texts purporting to be from one or another of our staff members. The church office

regularly receives emails from people asking for access to the church directory as "new members." The phishers scour websites and use names of staff they find there. Access to contact information could also happen if an individual's phone or email is hacked.

Please know we try to minimize risk on our end.

We know who our new members are and are not. There is vetting of each person who asks to subscribe to the E-Light. All email from the Church Office will come from office@peacedalechurch.org – please use that email address to communicate with the office. The weekly E-Light may be complicated for your email (and get flagged as suspicious) because it comes from a bulk mail service we use to send it.

As a recipient of messages, you can:

1. Double check the actual EMAIL ADDRESS – not just the Name – that an email comes from. Does it match the email you know for that person?
2. Double check the phone number a text comes from. Does it match the number you know for that person?
3. Instead of replying to an incoming email or text, go to your contacts and send a new communication from there.
4. Evaluate attachments closely before opening anything.

This is a pain in the neck to have to do all the time. We all get caught unawares now and then. Requests seem reasonable. The language seems right (or almost right). We are moving fast and trying to get things done. We want to be helpful.

Unfortunately, we need to be a bit suspicious all the time and try to remember every single time to DOUBLE CHECK: WAIT, is this really this person, do all of the pieces of information agree, or is this a bad actor?

SAVE THE DATE !!!

Dinner Table Volunteer Appreciation PICNIC

August 13, 2024

6-8:30pm

with DJ: Aleda Skeffington
at the Matunuck Community Association
619 Matunuck Beach Road, Wakefield



You, the volunteers from the Peace Dale Congregational and St. Francis of Assisi community, have together served **OVER 27,000 MEALS** this past year.

Because of your commitment to children and their families, the alone and the hungry, our neighbors in need have been receiving healthy, nutritious meals every Wednesday and Friday.

QUESTIONS? text Sylvia 401-439-3541

So, let's celebrate our drivers, bakers, volunteer coordinators, *reservationists*, the *bread detail*, baggers, *runners*, servers, food preppers, *chefs*, dishwashers. All of these unique contributions make the Dinner Table possible!

Join us for a social night. +1s are welcome.

Bring a potluck dish and beverage..... There will be lots of good food, lots of fun and an opportunity to enjoy each other's company.

See you then.

Coming in August to Benefit Dinner Table

Narragansett Stop & Shop has chosen Dinner Table to benefit from flower purchases in AUGUST.



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

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.

Plastic Recycling Program Hooray

Please welcome Darryl Keith to the Trex Recycling Challenge Program at PDCC. He has graciously volunteered as the collector, sort-thru, weigh, drop-off, photo taker and record keeper. As many of you know, I've been in charge of the PDCC Trex Recycling Challenge for nearly 3+ years. It is time for me to move on to other avenues at PDCC, such as assisting Wally Young and the Pumpkins with a Purpose.

In the 3 or so years, with the help of Salk's ACE Hardware and Pier Cleaners, **we have collected over 6500 lbs of** plastic/stretchy type material, netting over 8 Trex benches. This began with assisting Wakefield Baptist Church with collecting enough plastics to earn their bench, and the story continues to this day

I urge everyone to please put only stretchy type plastic in the white bin which is outside the side door at PDCC. Please NO frozen vegetable type bags that don't stretch, it takes up a lot of time to go through each container. Also, any **bubble wrap needs to be popped** before placing into the bin as it takes up a lot of room.

I will assist Darryl when needed, such as vacations etc. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate in contacting either one of us.

Thank you so much Darryl, I know that we will all appreciate your time and effort.

Submitted by: Gabby Klensch

Plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food and organic residue. Please wash food bags, mulch bags, etc.



RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG

Recycle your household bags & wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!

FROM THE STORE

- ✓ Produce bags
- ✓ Store bags
- ✓ Ice bags

FROM YOUR PANTRY

- ✓ Ziploc® & other reclosable bags
- ✓ Cereal box liners
- ✓ Case overwrap
- ✓ Bread bags

FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR

- ✓ Newspaper sleeves
- ✓ Dry cleaning bags
- ✓ Bubble wrap
- ✓ Plastic e-commerce mailers

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RECYCLED IN AMERICA **NexTrex**

trex.com/recycling 1-800-Buy-Trex

Tabitha's Closet – Summer Sorters Needed

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

HELP SORT! We have moved to a Friday-morning-only sorting schedule for the summer and we are seeking volunteers as our regulars will be taking vacations. Email Galen McGovern or Suzanne Faucher if you can help.

DONATE! We are now accepting donations of SPRING & SUMMER clothing. We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.

SHOP!

Open
Saturdays
9:30a-12:00p

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

Church Family Life Events

Are you having any summer fun? Make it happen! So many free concerts, Wakefield River Fire on Thurs. nights, theater, shows and beaches. Call a friend and get out there before the season ends.

NEW Starting 7/19 Various dates and times check out **Twisters at the Commons Cinema** for a summer thriller that should be seen at the theater. Remember the old Twister movie? This one is getting raves. Grab a friend and popcorn and make the most of a rainy day.
<https://allsouthcountycinemas.com/nowshowing>

7/25-27 – The Annual Blessing of the Fleet Festival with great seafood, 10mile road race, carnival rides, live concerts and the blessings officially bestowed on the fleet.
<https://narragansettlionsclub.org/annual-events/blessing-of-the-fleet-celebration/>

NEW Sat. 7/27 (rain date 7/28) from 10 AM TO 4 PM, Annual Blueberry Festival & Outdoor Craft Festival at Fayerweather House, 1859 Mooresfield Rd., So. Kingstown, RI. Enjoy blueberry baked goods and beverage for \$5 while shopping (11 AM to 2 PM.) <https://www.fayerweathercraftguild.com/>

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Sun. 7/28 Shepherd’s Run Summer Market from 11 AM to 5 PM at 4780 Tower Hill Rd., SK, RI with food specials, lawn games, live music and wine.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/437711119125663>

NEW Wed. 7/31, 6 to 7:30 PM Understanding Offshore Wind Energy: Plankton to People at Kingston Free Library, 2605 Kingstown Rd., Kingstown, RI with Oceanographer Barbara Sullivan-Watts and Energy Justice Specialist Nicole DiPaolo who will provide info on the wind farms currently being built off our NE coast. Free no pre-registration. <https://skpl.libcal.com/event/12719803>

8/2, 3 & 4 Charlestown Seafood Festival at Ninigret Park, Charlestown, RI with a variety of seafood, live bands, amusement rides, arts n’ crafts, raffles, car show, kid zone. RV camping available. \$12 PP; \$9 Seniors under 10 free.
<https://www.charlestownseafoodfestival.com/>

Various dates through 8/4 – “The Drowsy Chaperone” at Westerly Granite Theater at 1 Granite St., Westerly. “A madcap comedy celebrating the golden age of musicals. A 5 time Tony Award winner.”
<https://www.granitetheatre.org/shows-and-events/the-drowsy-chaperone>

Through 8/8 from 6 to 8 PM – Wakefield RiverFire at 317 Main St. with free live music, outdoor stage presentations at the Contemporary Theater, vendors and artisans and enjoy the glowing fires along the river.
www.wakefieldvillageassociation.com/riverfire

NEW Through 8/10 from 8 to 10 PM – John Buchanan’s, The 39 Steps on stage outdoors recreating the classic Hitchcock whodunit film, packed with nonstop laughs with old-fashioned romance at Wilcox Park, 44 Broad St., Westerly, RI. Free, please register at
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-39-steps-colonial-theatre-shakespeare-in-the-park-tickets-865951994727>

Saturdays – Salt Pond Safaris 7/27, 8/3, 8/17 at Ninigret Wildlife Refuge for a hands on experience for children & their families. Free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Capacity is limited, please preregister. saltpondscoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Summer-Safari-Flyer-2024.pdf

Youth Corner

The Big, Bad Bake-a-thon!

A tasty service project for youth!

A joint project of Peace Dale and Kingston Congregational Churches

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, 5:00-7:30 PM

LOCATION:

Peace Dale Congregational Church Kitchen
261 Columbia St. Peace Dale, RI

Have fun in the kitchen baking up a storm in support of the PDCC Dinner Table and the KCC Community Meal

Gobble up those delicious "service hours!"

We'll also be cooking up ideas for more service projects and other gatherings!

Enjoy a pizza dinner!

For more info or RSVP:

Meg Kolodziejri

megkolodziejri@gmail.com

Rev. Jan

revjan@kingcongechurch.org

**For all youth 5th-12th
grades**

July Mission of the Month: Galilee Mission



The Galilee Mission – Giving Life and Hope

Residential treatment, outpatient services, transitional living, sober living.

With offices located at 268 Kingstown Road, Galilee Mission, Inc., is a non-profit corporation with good standing in the State of Rhode Island operating in the towns of Narragansett and South Kingstown. Our company was founded in 1984 in Narragansett, RI. Since our inception in 1984 we have maintained an exceptional reputation as a quality treatment provider. Although we are one of the smallest providers in the state, we offer a well-rounded continuum of substance use treatment.

Galilee Mission offers a working residential, transitional living, recovery housing, sober living, peer recovery, intensive outpatient, and outpatient services. We stay in touch with our clients through the different phases of their lives to offer help in any way that we can. People who live in this community, tend to stay in this community and utilize its supports.

Who utilizes our services? People with substance use issues. We offer confidential counseling and assessment. We take many insurances as well as Medicaid recipients.

We utilize evidence-based therapy to help our clients achieve a substance-free lifestyle. This program is voluntary and geared towards those who show a willingness to stay substance free. We will offer individual counseling, group counseling & peer recovery support all while assisting the client to obtain employment, address legal entanglements, re-engage with family and pay

open debts. We will employ licensed chemical dependency professionals, administrative staff, overnight workers and other positions as needed from the area to staff our homes.

We believe:

- Recovery is an active, ongoing individual process.
- Recovery is achievable despite previous relapse.
- Recovery is about focusing on a person as an individual, not an illness.
- Recovery happens with self-management, education and peer support.
- Recovery is built on self-awareness and wellness.

Therefore, we will do anything in our power to assure that our clients are given every opportunity to focus on themselves and explore what is needed to succeed.

Additional information about the organization, programs, and treatment housing is available on the Galilee Mission website at <http://www.galileemission.net/> Thank you for your generosity,

The Missions Board

www.peacedalechurch.org/missions

Peace Dale Congregational Church supports Galilee Mission 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 here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give). **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "Galilee Mission" in the memo line.**

Give now

Preparing for Christmas Bazaar



Start Saving Coffee Cans

The very popular Cookie Trail returns for the **Christmas Bazaar**! Yes, we are thinking about December already. In the past we have sold as many as 100 cans of homemade cookies. We need as many 1 lb coffee cans (with lids) as possible. So, drink up and bring us your empties! Empty cans with lids may be left on a counter in the kitchen. **CONTACT Sharon Lankford.**



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. She is planning ahead! Collection box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

July from the Green Team: Working together to end plastic waste



The pervasive use of plastics has brought convenience and functionality but at a significant environmental cost. The environmental and health impacts of plastic production, use, and disposal are becoming increasingly apparent. With the global plastic pollution crisis escalating, it is imperative to transition away from traditional plastic usage towards more sustainable alternatives. This shift is crucial not only to protect our ecosystems and biodiversity but also to safeguard human health and mitigate climate change. Adopting sustainable practices and materials can lead to a cleaner, healthier planet for future generations.

Production Issues: Producing plastics alone has the following impact on the environment:

- **Resource Consumption:** Plastic production relies heavily on petroleum, a non-renewable resource. Extracting and refining petroleum consumes significant energy and water.
- **Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** The production process releases large quantities of greenhouse gases (GHGs), contributing to climate change.
- **Toxic Chemicals:** Production involves hazardous chemicals like phthalates and bisphenol A (BPA), which can leach into the environment, posing risks to human health and ecosystems.
- **Water Pollution:** Industrial discharge from plastic factories often contains pollutants that contaminate water sources, harming aquatic life.

Usage and Disposal Issues: The environment impact goes well beyond production:

- **Waste Management:** Plastics are durable and do not decompose easily, leading to significant waste management challenges. A large portion of plastic waste ends up in landfills.
- **Marine Pollution:** Plastics are a major pollutant in oceans, with millions of tons entering marine environments annually. This debris harms marine life through ingestion and entanglement.
- **Microplastics:** Over time, plastic items break down into microplastics, which can be ingested by a wide range of organisms, entering the food chain.
- **Chemical Leaching:** Plastics can leach harmful chemicals into food and beverages, posing health risks to consumers.

Alternatives to Conventional Plastics: What can we do?

1. **Our own choices:** Each of us can reduce our plastic use by adopting several alternatives and practices. Options include biodegradable plastics made from natural materials like corn starch, bioplastics derived from renewable sources such as vegetable fats and oils, and recycled plastics that repurpose post-consumer waste. Plant-based materials like hemp, jute, and bamboo, as well as paper and cardboard for packaging, offer renewable and biodegradable alternatives. Metal and glass are durable and recyclable, and using reusable items like metal straws, cloth bags, and glass containers helps cut down on single-use plastic consumption and waste.

Alternative Resources: -

- <https://www.goodstartpackaging.com/>,
- <https://greenpaperproducts.com>
- <https://www.grove.co/g/about/>;

2. **Local Establishments:** It's encouraging to see more restaurants adopting sustainable alternatives. However, many more have yet to make the transition. Let's patronize businesses that adopt eco-friendly practices, celebrating and supporting those that have embraced these changes and encouraging others to follow suit to help create a healthier environment.
3. **Public Policy:** Collaborate with or join environmental groups that lobby for sustainable policies. These organizations often have the resources and expertise to influence policy effectively. Support petitions calling for policy changes that favor sustainable practices:
 - [Break Free From Plastics Pollution Act](#)
 - [Oceana: Protecting the Worlds Oceans](#)
 - [Interfaith Power and Light](#)
4. **Holding Corporations Accountable:** The Coca-Cola Company maintains its position as the #1 top global plastic polluter for the sixth consecutive year: [breakfreefromplastic.org](https://www.breakfreefromplastic.org). The top global plastic polluters of 2023 are The Coca-Cola Company, Nestlé, Unilever, PepsiCo, Mondeléz International, Mars, Inc., Procter & Gamble, Danone, Altria, and British American Tobacco.

By adopting alternatives and taking individual action, it is possible to mitigate the environmental impact associated with traditional plastics and move towards a more sustainable future. Meanwhile, PDCC will be looking closely at our own practices to encourage and adopt more sustainable alternatives.

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 E-Light newsletter, 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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