



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

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Last Week's E-Light

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Blessed to Be a Blessing?

It is almost Earth Day! Given our priorities and our focus on creating Shalom and Justice, you don't need me to tell you that this is an especially important time of year for our faith family. In worship, we will continue the blessing theme from our Kikin' O' the Tartans service. Hopefully, we are becoming better stewards of the Blessing of God's good creation.

On Sunday, we will have a dialogical reflection considering where we have been and where we might be going from here. Lets gather to praise God, to sing about "This Pretty Planet"*, and ultimately consider ways we might All walk a little more gently on the path of life.

See you soon, Brother Fred

* *This Pretty Planet* by John Forster & Tom Chapin

New Members "Class"

Sunday, May 5 @ after worship

If you've been waiting for a sign to officially join our faith family, consider this your sign. We would be happy to welcome you into the membership of Peace Dale Congregational Church! Part of this joyful process is learning more about our church while also getting to know other new members. To that end, we have a one-and-a-half hour "class" about PDCC, UCC, and you.

If you will participate Sunday May 5th, please let us know so we can prepare accordingly. (Talk to Fred, or call or email the office at 401-789-7313 or office@peacedalechurch.org)

If May 5th does not work or you, please let us know that, too!

We welcome you to our warm & welcoming – and busy – congregation!



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On the Calendar

Thursday, April 18 @ 5:30 pm – Having it My Way: Mental & Physical Health (see p. 4)

Sunday, April 21 @ 10am – Contemporary Worship. Youth Connect @ 10am

Tuesday, April 23 @ 7pm – Empowering the Future Environment (see p. 6)

Sunday, April 28 @ 10am – Family Worship

Sunday, April 28 @ 1:30pm RI Association SNEC UCC Annual Meeting

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

Worship Flowers



The flowers of April 21 are given to the glory of God and in memory of my beloved wife, Bernice C. Durfee, by Wayne Durfee.

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 at 401 226-7123.

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

SPRING FLING SALE
BUY 3, FLING 1 IN FOR FREE
(equal or lesser value)
Now thru May 30th

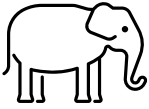
GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!

SHOP FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Open Saturdays 9:30am- 12:30pm

*Suggested Donation

Office Door from Parking Lot, downstairs
Peace Dale Congregational Church
261 Columbia St. Peace Dale RI 02879
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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.



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.



Collecting Unused Greeting Cards

Don't know what to do with those unused greeting cards from charitable organizations? Don't look any further! Inside the PDCC Narthex is a cardboard box for you to put them in.

Mary Louise and I have resurrected this collection in hopes that people who need cards may use them and they are free. They will be organized into groups: holidays, sympathy, birthdays, blank cards, etc. Currently there is a box of these cards in Tabitha's Closet for guests to take and use.

If you know of any organization/s that may benefit from these cards, please contact Mary Louise or me, Gabby at 401-932-8350 text/call. (St. Jude's will take cards that do not list another charitable organization.)

Plus, this saves our environment by not throwing them away. Thank you.

Submitted by Gabby Klensch



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.



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; you can develop a way that works for you. Contact Gabby Klensch (401) 932-8350.

Plant Sale

Saturday, May 11th
8:30 am to 1 pm

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
Corner Kenyon Ave and Main St
(downtown Wakefield)

Assorted annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees from members gardens~~and a garden themed table will offer gifts and garden accessories and tools. Great for Mother's Day.

Rain or Shine
Cash or checks

Proceeds to benefit Episcopal Relief and Development for al Ahli Hospital in Gaza.



Having It My Way – Making Life Decisions

The 5th session on **Wednesday May 1st @ 5:30 PM** will be **“Managing Our Living Environment”** with Nicole Antonopoulos, real estate agent, Darlene Lepore, Senior Executive Director of Brightview Commons, and Justin Oakley of Oakley Home Access.

Nicole will discuss making decisions to stay in your current residence and taking action to make your house livable and affordable. Topics will include how to evaluate your situation, making physical changes, needs for assistance with continual care, and downsizing issues. Diane will cover when to know it is time to move to retirement housing, anticipated living environment, cost considerations associated

with nursing homes. Justin will share assists for aging in place and fall prevention.

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

Having It My Way -Making Life Decisions

Workshops/Seminars 5/1 to 5/29

Day/Time	Workshop	Speaker(s)
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 from 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 collected \$3,274.51 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, the 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.



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)



Mark your calendars for these upcoming Green events!

NEW! Screening of "Common Ground" film, May 10 @ 6:30pm @ PDCC

The film is a follow-up to "Kiss the Ground", which highlighted the first viable, low-cost way to reverse climate change through regenerative agriculture. "Common Ground" (commongroundfilm.org/) showcases real solutions anyone can take to improve the health of the soil, thus improving their health and that of the planet. The PDCC Green Team is sponsoring this event in collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County (UUCSC) and St. Augustine's Church.

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

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

Church Family Life Events

Won't you consider taking the family or a friend, possibly from PDCC to enjoy one of these events or suggest other upcoming happenings that you want to attend. **Contact Jane if you are looking for someone to join you.** Give me enough notice and I will list the event in the e-light and say "Who wants to join me/us?" New and old friends make life interesting. jane.stabile@ outlook.com or 508 395-1172

Fri. 4/19 at 7 PM and Sun. 4/21 at 3 PM – The Long and "Haydn" Road at St. Peter's by the Sea, 72 Central St., Narragansett, RI by the South County Chamber Singers will feature a wonderful mix of classical and popular choral music, opening with Haydn's Missa Brevis in B Flat. The second half will feature music of the 1970s, including songs from the Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel and Joni Mitchell. Fri. open dress rehearsal \$15 and Sun. concert \$20 at <https://bit.ly/SCCSspring24> Join Jane and Steve Stabile on Fri. for a fun local evening of music!

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY PDCC

VIEWERS: Various dates and times, at South County 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. New York City in the late 19th century. **Recommend getting seats on line – could sell out.**

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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. We receive 2 drink tickets and bottles of wine at each table, 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 dvrcsc.org/2024-annual-fundraiser/ Note in comments re: you want to sit

with or near us. Please let Jane know if you are joining us.

Open now – Wicked Tulips, Flower Farm "hosts the largest u-pick tulip events in New England at three locations! You can tiptoe through acres of tulips and experience the sights, sounds and smells of spring. Bring home a fresh picked bouquet of the most amazing tulips you have ever seen." 3 locations: Exeter (now open) and Johnston, RI and Preston, CT (both anticipated openings at the end of April). Tickets only online – soft opening \$15.99 includes 10 U-pick tulips; children \$5 (no tulips), under 4 free. "Usually open for only 14 – 18 days" at each location. Accessibility – can be muddy and rutty. Rain or shine. <https://wickedtulips.com/>

NEW! This weekend – Kingston Free Library Book Sale, 2605 Kingstown Rd., Kingston, RI. Thurs. 4/18 from 12 to 8 PM; Fri. 4/19 from 9 AM to 5 PM and Sat. 4/19 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Find your next read and help the library.

NEW! YOUNG NATURALIST BACKPACKS at PEACE DALE AND KINGSTON LIBRARIES "FREE Do you and your family enjoy exploring nature? If so, patrons with a valid library card may check out one of our backpacks filled with items such as maps, flora and fauna identification guides, magnifying glasses, binoculars, and more that encourage kids and families to explore South Kingstown Land Trust's beautiful natural areas. This program was created in partnership with the South Kingstown Land Trust and made possible by a generous grant from Bank Newport."

NEW! Sun. 4/21 @ 3 – 5 PM Don Winslow Author Event at the Contemporary Theater, 327 Main St., SK on his final book tour. "Winslow is the author of 25 acclaimed, award-winning international bestsellers, including seven New York Times bestsellers. A former investigator, anti-terrorist trainer and trial consultant..." Several of his books are in movie development and his Cartel trilogy has been adapted as a weekly series on Netflix. Latest and final book – City in Ruins. Event \$7 to \$35 with book. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/don-winslow-author-event-tickets-830462705307?aff=oddtcreator>

Youth Corner



**GROUP
MISSION
TRIPS**



Summer 2024 Youth Mission Trip

Sponsored by Peace Dale and Kingston Congregational Churches

JOIN FAMILIES WITH YOUTH IN MIDDLE AND SR. HIGH SCHOOL FROM PEACE DALE CONGREGATIONAL AND KINGSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES TO HEAR ABOUT A WONDERFUL NEW COLLABORATION IN YOUTH MINISTRY! STARTING WITH:

JULY 14-20, 2024, YOUTH WORK CAMP

WOONSOCKET, RI

WITH GROUP WORK CAMPS

Youth from PDCC and KCC are invited to spend a week in service to low-income homeowners in the economically challenged community of Woonsocket, RI. Join with 100s of other youth from around the country to show God's love in action, build relationships, have fun and grow closer to God! Group Work Camps are extremely well-run service weeks for youth and their adult chaperones.

Check out the website:

<https://groupmissiontrips.com/mission-trips>

Our location info/webpage:

<https://groupmissiontrips.com/trip-types/home-repair/woonsocket-rhode-island>

REGISTER BY MAY 12, 2024



To register or get more info:

Meg Kolodziejri megkolodziejri@gmail.com

Rev. Jan revjan@kingconchurch.org

The Last Supper:
A Family Service at Peace Dale Congregational
Church April 28 at 10 am



Come and Eat. All are Welcome!

You're Invited to the
PDCC Youth Group

**Homelessness Awareness
Sleep-Out May 4-5**



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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