



Peace Dale  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

### Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

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## Birthdays This Week

Daryl Anderson  
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### Last Week's E-Light

[peacedalechurch.org/e-li](http://peacedalechurch.org/e-li)

## From the Last Supper to Easter Morning

Welcome to Holy Week! Come tonight, on Maundy Thursday, as we remember Jesus' last supper. You will find the Last Supper being remembered in an experiential way beginning at 6 pm for the soup portion and at 6:30 pm for the service portion, all happening in the Fellowship Hall. This is a combination Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae service as we will also remember the events of Good Friday at tonight's gathering. We are reminded that we must go through Good Friday to get to Easter Sunday.

Speaking of which, I've recently spoken with journalist Bill Seymour who wanted to explore such things from a modern day perspective. In his article he is basically posing the question What are some contemporary manifestations/iterations of the Lord's Supper? It's a great question! Our church is mentioned in his article, which you can read in both the *Narragansett Times* and *The Independent*.

Come on Easter Sunday at 9 am or 11am as we gather at the tomb and see what's inside. Each Easter service will include a baptism this year so our joy will be overflowing!

I look forward to the re-mem-bering of our particular Body of Christ, both tonight, and again on Easter Sunday. See you soon!

Peace and Joy, Brother Fred

## Join Us for Easter Week Services

**Palm Sunday, March 24**  
10am Family Service

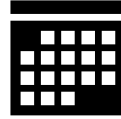
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 6:30pm – Service

**Easter Sunday, March 31**–  
 9am Contemporary Worship  
 11am Traditional Worship

**Sunday, April 7 @ 10am** –  
 Traditional Worship

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

## One Great Hour of Sharing – Easter Sunday Mission Offering

On Easter Sunday, we will take up a UCC mission offering during worship service to support One Great Hour of Sharing.

On Easter Sunday in 1949, on nationwide radio, Christians were challenged to donate one million dollars in one hour to help people devastated by the aftermath of World War II. Faithful Christians answered the challenge and the goal was met. That was the beginning of the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. This year marks the 75th Anniversary. Our world has changed since 1949, but human needs remain. Each year, the OGHS offering gathered by several denominations and Church World Service (CWS) continues to carry God's message of love and hope to people in crisis.

Since that first offering, OGHS has expanded its mission to support domestic and international development, fight poverty and its consequences, bring aid and relief to communities torn by war or



ravaged by natural disaster, advocate and offer resettlement assistance for refugees and displaced persons, and combat injustice in its many forms. OGHS provides funding and hands-on assistance in collaboration with local and international partners that fund health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and both international and domestic disaster response. Read [OGHS stories](#) or the [2021 OGHS Impact Report](#) on the UCC website (under the GIVING tab on <https://www.ucc.org/>)

## Easter Lilies Dedications



The Easter flowers that adorn the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God by:

Paula & Steve Campbell

In memory of loved ones of Campbell family, loved ones of Hanson family, and loved ones of Edwards family

Richard & Carolyn Curtis

In memory of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Dansie and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Curtis

Cindy & Byron Fish and Family

In memory of our parents, and sister, Barbara, and brother, Brad

Rod & Barbara Gilbert

In memory of Harold & Janet Smith and William & Margaret Smith

Ira & Patty Hare

In celebration of Easter

David & Carol Anne Hayes

In memory of our parents and grandparents

Ed Holt

In memory of Mom and Dad

Linda & Lee Jeans

In celebration of our loving family

Claudia Lyons

In memory of Barbara Yuells and Eileen Lyons

Roberta Norman

In memory of Jim Norman

Mary Lou Riley

In memory of my sister, Sally Jennings Miller, and my daughter, Patricia Riley D'Amico

Mary Roda & Tony Fragomeni

In memory of Katherine Hines

Stacy Saxon

In memory of my grandparents

The Senerchia Family

In memory of Joe & Betty Congdon and of Doug & Jean Wright

Mary-Gail Smith

In memory of my beloved husband, Lester Smith

The Szrom family

In memory of Donald Szrom

The Thompson-Silkes Family

In memory of our loved ones

Ron Ulmschneider & Lynn McCall

In memory of Carol Ulmschneider and Ken McCall

Enid Watson

In celebration of Peace Dale Congregational Church!

In memory of John & Nancy Malek

The Worthen Family

In memory of loved ones



## Worship Flowers

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).

## Oh, The Places You'll Go...

We had a wonderful send off for Greg Blasdel last Sunday after worship. It was a great time to gather together in fellowship and community!







## Will You Deliver an Easter Plant?

*Make someone's Easter brighter with a beautiful lily and a smile!*

A **SIGN-UP SHEET** will be in Fellowship Hall for those who can help make deliveries of Easter plants to church folk who are not able to get to worship, are over 85, or who have experienced illness or a loss recently.

**AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE** on Easter, please take a plant, take an address label for the person you will be delivering to, and initial the list of deliveries. Plants can also be picked up the following week during church office hours.

## We Made So Many Kits!

**THANK YOU!** Thank you! to those who gave so generously to the Hygiene and School Kit project this year. We ended up with an all-time high of 53 hygiene kits (19 more than last year) and 34 school kits. This success is due to you!



The boxes will be blessed and shipped in the near future as part of the Church World Service mission serving families in refugee camps, impoverished communities, and those in need after natural disasters.



## 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.



## CPR Course Coming Our Way...

### You could save a life

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

We will be setting up CPR/AED instruction classes at PDCC with the help of the South Kingstown Emergency Medical Services. If you are interested there will be a **SIGNUP SHEET** in Fellowship Hall. We have an AED in our hallway; learn how easy it is to use it.

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



## 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.



## 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.



## 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.

## Having It My Way – Making Life Decisions

The 3rd session Wednesday, 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 guestimate 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 Hemelrick/ 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](mailto:GalenMcGovern1@gmail.com).

For any questions or to learn more about the ministry, please contact Suzanne Faucher at [gsfaucher@gmail.com](mailto:gsfaucher@gmail.com)



## 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](http://sneucc.org/egg-a-day). By the way, the children in Haiti love hard-boiled eggs

Thank you for your generosity,  
The Missions Board

**Give now**

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](http://peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give)). **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "Egg-a-Day" in the memo line.**





## 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.

### **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](mailto:glfaucher@gmail.com) and/or Don Hermes at [dhermes33@gmail.com](mailto:dhermes33@gmail.com)



#### **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>.

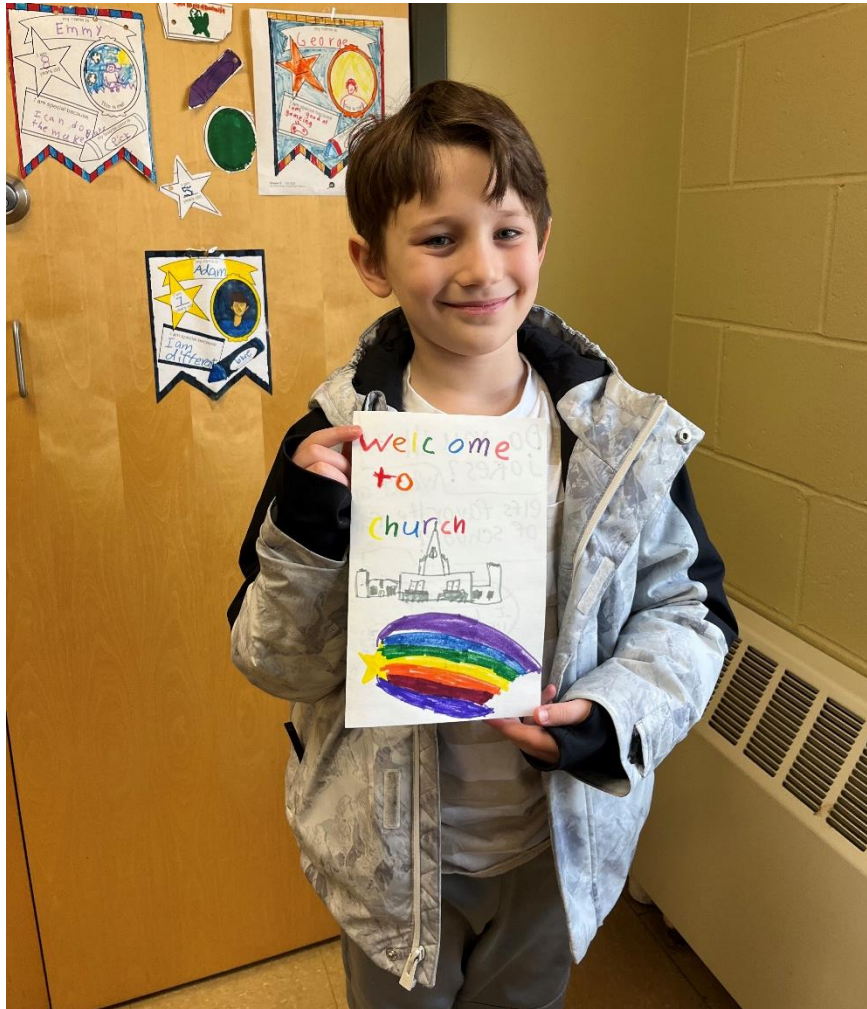
##### **UCC Earth Summit (2nd): April 20<sup>th</sup>**

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](https://ucc.zoom.us/webinar/register/9317026581054/WN_rYyzeGCVSliQ_kNEH5DPQg#/registration)

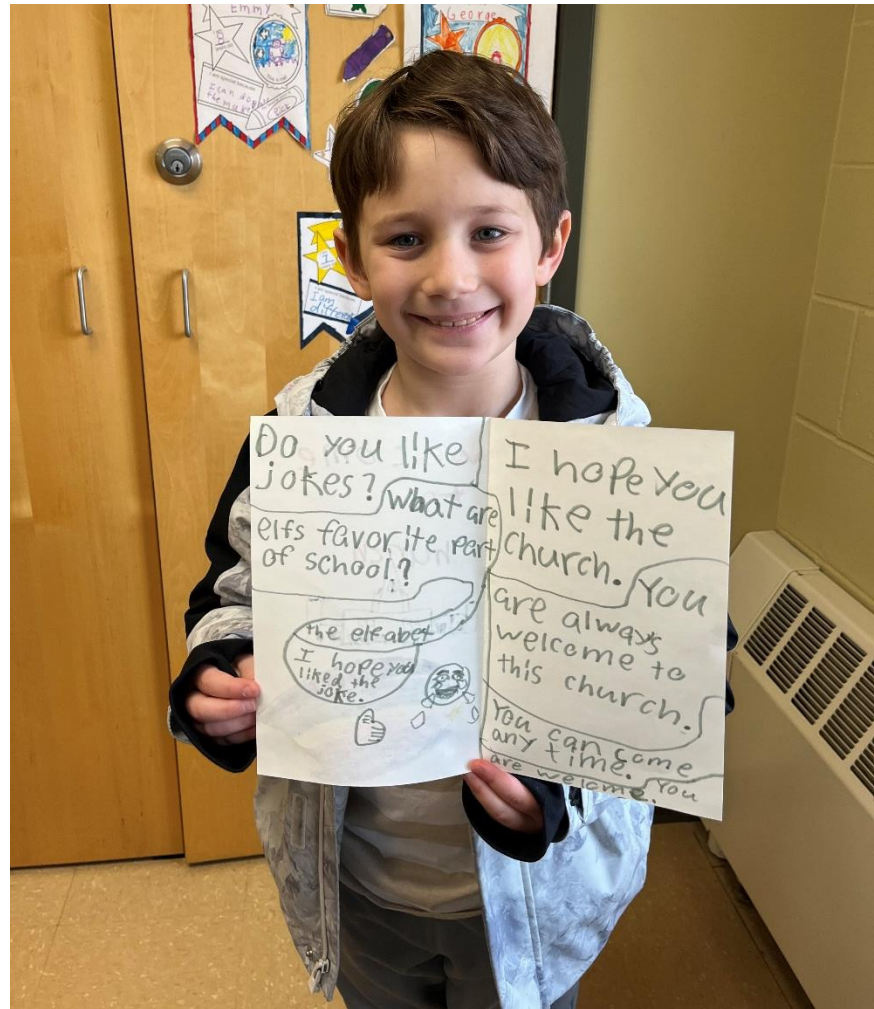
##### **Kiersten Sundell: April 23, 7:00pm**

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.

# You Are Always Welcome to this Church



Welcome to church



Do you like Jokes?  
What are elves' favorite  
part of school?  
The elf-abet. I hope you  
liked the joke. 😂

I hope you like the church.  
You are always welcome to  
this church. You can come  
any time. You are  
welcome!



# Youth Corner



## WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS

Peace Dale Congregational Church  
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



**GROUP  
MISSION  
TRIPS**



**Summer 2024 Peace Dale and Kingston Congregational Churches  
Youth Mission Trip**

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 MISSION TRIPS**

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 [GROUPMISSIONTRIPS.COM](http://GROUPMISSIONTRIPS.COM) and **come to our family info session on:**

**DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 2**

**TIME: 6:30 pm**

**PLACE : PEACE DALE UCC**

261 Columbia St, Peace Dale, RI

**RSVP or get more info:**

**Meg Kolodziej** [megkolodziej@gmail.com](mailto:megkolodziej@gmail.com)

**Rev. Jan** [revjan@kingconqchurch.org](mailto:revjan@kingconqchurch.org)



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org) or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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