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Last Week's E-Light

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How is the Bible the Word of God?

Leviticus 14:32-42; Mark 6:1-6

We will be joined this Sunday by the Rev. Dr. Lawrence Washburn whose reflection is titled "How is the Bible the Word of God?" Pastor Emeritus of PDCC, Larry Washburn was senior minister to our congregation from 1960-1993. He and Lenore, his wife, were fixtures of South Kingstown, especially with regard to education and housing. Rev. Washburn's memoirs – subtitled "Why do some people become ministers? Some people thought he was a rabble rouser! And other stories" – detail their work with regard to agitating for a minimum housing code, building Peace Dale House and Peace Dale Estates, and establishing the South County Housing Authority.

Rev. Washburn quotes Dr. Ray Gibson: "We in the Church have to work on three fronts or three tasks. 1. Our personal religious journey; seeking to grow our spiritual lives. 2. To serve and strengthen the church, which is God's creation. 3. To serve in the world to make the world more humane and just."

Rev. Washburn will be preaching Sunday, June 22 and Sunday, June 29.

A Juneteenth Invitation from the SNEUCC

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. – Galatians 5:1

The Rev. Darrell L. Goodwin, Executive Conference Minister for the SNEUCC, has opened an invitation for congregations to [Remember, Reflect, and Recommit](#) on Juneteenth. He invites us to share in "a holy moment [that is] a call to the Church to stand firmly in God's liberating love and to live into the Gospel's demand for justice."

Rev. Goodwin's full invitation is at sneucc.org/postdetail/19122344

Special Congregational Meeting– Sunday 6/22

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 22 following 10am worship to **approve the budget for the next fiscal year 2025-2026 and additional expenditures for building repairs.**

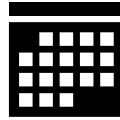


The meeting should be brief as this is the only business to be conducted during the meeting. **We need to have 35 members in attendance to have a quorum**, so please plan to attend.

Joanne Haynes, Moderator

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On the Calendar

Sunday, June 22 @ 10am
 Traditional Worship. Rev.
 Dr. Lawrence Washburn
 preaching

Sunday, June 22 @ after
 worship Congregational
 Meeting

Thursday, June 26 @
 11am Celebration of Life
 for Lenore Washburn

Sunday, June 29 @ 10am
 Blended Worship. Rev. Dr.
 Lawrence Washburn
 preaching

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
 Prayer Warriors /
 Prayer Circle ALL
 WELCOME!

Tuesdays @ 4:30pm
 Bistro Dinner at Peace
 Dale Dinner Table

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
 AA Meeting

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
 Bell Choir rehearsals
 ALL WELCOME!

Celebration of Life

The congregation is invited to a
 Celebration of Life for **Lenore Washburn**

Thursday, June 26

10:30am Family Visitation, Fellowship Hall

11:00am Service in the Sanctuary



The flowers of Sunday, June 22
are given to the Glory of God by
Wayne Durfee in memory of the
wedding anniversary he
celebrated with Bernice.

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 July, August,
 September, or October please contact Claudia
 Swain.

Come Make Music with Us!




Our singers and bell ringers welcome
 you!


Summer rehearsals for Praise Team,
 Traditional Choir, and Bell Choir are
 more relaxed (and less frequent). Ask a choir
 member after worship about making music in the
 summer! We practice @ 9am before 10am worship.

LGBTQ Pride Month: Open and Affirming Churches

Due to timing, the Missions Committee will not have a table at this year's Wakefield Pride Celebration. Instead, we are posting on our social media the opportunity for those in the LGBTQ community to join us at PDCC or find an Opening and Affirming church in their area. Thank you!

 Searching for a faith community where *everyone* is truly welcome? Join us at **Peace Dale Congregational Church** (peacedalechurch.org) every Sunday at 10 a.m. At PDCC, God's love, inclusion, and justice guide everything we do.

Not in the South Kingstown area? Find an **Open and Affirming church** near you at openandaffirming.org/ona/find

You deserve a spiritual home that not only welcomes you but celebrates you, just as you are. 

Tabitha's Closet

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm.

Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's clothing ministry, offers new and gently-used clothing for affordable suggested donations. **Get what you need, pay what you can.**

DONATIONS. Tabitha's Closet is accepting **spring & summer donations.** We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer. See peacedalechurch.org for a list of what we do and do not accept.

JEWELRY. We are accepting donations of costume jewelry, to help complete the outfits we offer.

VOLUNTEER!! We would love more volunteers! If you would like to help sort clothes, staff this effort, or do marketing, please contact gsfaucher@gmail.com or lynnehandayan@gmail.com

LATEST UPDATES on Instagram [#shoptabithascloset](https://www.instagram.com/shoptabithascloset)



GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!

Summer Hours: Saturdays 9:30am- 12:30pm



Shop for the whole Family!

Office Door from Parking Lot, downstairs
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White Elephants



Yes, keep your clean outs and extra gifts coming. We collect year 'round. The next sale is the Pumpkin Palooza in October.

Please no books, CDs or videos. *We have also stopped collecting pillows for this year due to space limitations.*

Jewelry donations can go to Tabitha's Closet.

Church Family Life Events

During this busy season, I am discontinuing adding new listings. However, there still will be postings on the bulletin board at PDCC. Jane

So much available at the SK Senior Services!!

25 St. Dominic Rd., Wakefield. There is a \$10 yearly fee. Call or stop by for more info on any of these events, many are free! In addition to **daily lunches** there is **bus service, all sorts of clubs**, ie. Puzzle Masters; Billiards, Walking Aerobics, Knitting, Chair Yoga, Yoga, Investing, Mahjong, Bridge, Veteran's Benefit Counseling, Chair Exercises (Steve S. leads), Book Club, Crochet, SC Home Health & SC Health **Wellness Clinic**, Line Dancing, History **classes**, Tai Chi, Cooking for One and more.

There are also **special events**, for example:

- **Fri. 6/20** Thriving with Nature at 10 AM.
- **Tues 6/24** resources from The RI Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing from 9 AM to 1 PM
- **Fri. 6/27** Watercolor Painting from 9 to 10:30 AM (\$10)

<https://www.southkingstownri.gov/230/Senior-Services>

Collecting Unused Greeting Cards

Don't know what to do with those unused greeting cards, or ones you receive from charitable organizations? Look no further! PDCC has a use for them. Another opportunity to reduce, reuse, recycle.

Place your unused cards in the collection box on the table near the stairs. We use them to send notes to congregants, and make them available through Tabitha's Closet for guests to take and use.

Mary Louise and Gabby have resurrected this collection in hopes that people who need cards may use them, free, and help 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

Join PDCC Green Team!

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



June Mission of the Month – Supporting the LGBTQ community with contributions to Camp Lilac and the LGBT Asylum Task Force Ministry

CAMP LILAC In support of the Pride Celebration this month, and in recognition of the struggles of gender diverse youth, the Missions Board has chosen to support Camp Lilac with your donations in June.



Camp Lilac is a week-long summer camp in Ohio for 13 to 17 year old trans and gender diverse youth.

Campers come from 22 different states, including Rhode Island. Your donations help to provide scholarships to help campers who travel from a distance.

Trans youth often face stressful, unwelcoming, and even hostile environments in their day to day lives; rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide are much higher among them. Since 2017, Camp Lilac has been creating a safe, welcoming, and confidential space in which gender diversity is the norm. The program is designed so that campers emerge with an increased sense of confidence in their identities & a strong community of peers & supporters.

As a small nonprofit, Camp Lilac has to rely on camper tuition and individual donations to fund every aspect of camp, from space rental to food, supplies, and activities. In addition to building a general scholarship fund for low-income campers, they're also fundraising to be able to purchase a larger permanent space to provide a unique camp experience all summer and programming all year for trans and gender diverse teens.

The mission of Camp Lilac is to provide a safe, welcoming space for transgender and gender diverse youth to be themselves in a positive, supportive, youth-focused environment. "We believe our camp fills a crucial gap in their lives, setting them on a path to success."

More information can be found at www.camlilac.org.



THE LGBT ASYLUM TASK FORCE, formed in 2008, is a ministry of the Hadwen Park Congregational Church in Worcester, MA. LGBTQ people of all faith traditions are welcomed and are provided with shared housing, food, and connection to legal, medical, and mental health resources at other local agencies.

Asylum seekers are a class of refugees who seek protection from torture and abuse in their home countries.

They must have faced persecution or have a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. "Particular social group" has been interpreted to include the LGBTQ community. A petition for asylum may be submitted at a port of entry or at a US Citizenship and Immigration Service center.

Asylum seekers are not allowed to work for up to 2 years after arriving in the US. The LGBT Asylum Task Force ministry provides comprehensive support for the duration of that 2-year period, including housing, food, and a small monthly stipend for the most basic needs. The task force also provides connections to existing *pro bono* legal services. Studies have shown asylum seekers who have an attorney stand a much greater chance of being granted asylum. "We provide a sense of community. As you might understand, fleeing persecution in your home country to come to a country where you know no one can be emotionally difficult. Our monthly community dinners and workshops aim to ease transitions to life in the US."

For information, see lgbtasylum.org/ or the UCC website at ucc.org/lgbt-asylum-task-force-grant/



PDCC supports Camp Lilac and the LBGT Asylum Task Force, together as LGBT Support, as our June Mission of the Month. You may donate 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, **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "LGBT Support" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Give now

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 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 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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