



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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Birthdays This Week

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Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

Bring in the Sheaves!

Sunday's worship is a traditional service with communion. Rev. Enid Watson will preach about "Barns." What have we stored in our barns?

God turns a desert into pools of water,
A parched land into springs of water.
Let us give thanks to God, for God is good.

And there God lets the hungry dwell,
And they establish a city to live in.
Let us give thanks to God, for God is good.

They sow fields, and plant vineyards,
And get a fruitful yield.
Let us give thanks to God, for God is good.

God calls us together in song silence, and word,
To worship the Holy One in our midst.
Let us give thanks to God, for God is good.

From Psalm 107



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 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

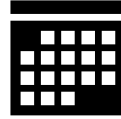
Bible stories, baking, gardening, art, drama, puppets, and a visit from Scout, our therapy dog friend

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All children are welcome!

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On the Calendar

Sunday, August 4 @ 10am
 – Traditional Worship

Sunday, August 11 @ 10am
 – Contemporary Worship

Sunday, August 18 @ 10am
 – Contemporary Worship

Sunday, August 25 @ 10am
 – Traditional 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

Buy Flowers in August to Benefit Dinner Table

FLOWER POWER at its finest

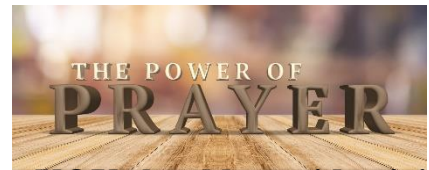
STOP & SHOP

This August, swing by our selected Stop & Shop and grab a Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet for just \$10.99!

For every bouquet sold, \$1 goes towards our great cause!

Buy specific Bloomin' 4 Good bouquets @ the Narragansett Stop & Shop to benefit Peace Dale Dinner Table.

stopandshop.2giveafocal.com
Bloomin' 4 Good Program



Why YOU should consider joining PDCC Prayer Warriors (aka Prayer Circle)

Each and every Tuesday morning at 9:30, our Prayer Circle meets upstairs in the Community Room. We gather in friendship with the purpose of praying for those in need. Starting with a bit of "chit-chat" (as one member calls it), we, then, get serious and have a devotional with group sharing. We continue with praying for those who are in need of healing, encouragement, and spiritual support. We keep our lists confidential.

Come, join us. You will gain a sense of camaraderie and spiritual growth as we share both hope and faith in prayer for those in need. There is no signing up. Just come. Feel a new sense of connection. We're in the Community Lounge, Tuesdays at 9:30am. Hope to see YOU.

Sharing with Love, Your PDCC Prayer Warriors

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



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!

QUESTIONS? text Sylvia 401-439-3541

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?

Recycle Today for a Greener Tomorrow: Your Efforts Make a Difference

Recycling is crucial for preserving our environment and natural resources. By recycling, we reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators, conserve valuable raw materials, and save energy. This process also helps in cutting down pollution and mitigating climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Moreover, recycling supports the economy by creating jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries.

Below is a quick guideline for newcomers and a reminder for everyone on what can be recycled, while again noting plastics and films can be placed in the special bins as part of the Trex Recycling Challenge Program at PDCC.

For additional detail, please check out the following links:

- [Mixed Recycling Guideline](#)
- [Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation](#)
- [Recycle Across America](#)

To those who diligently recycle, your efforts are making a significant difference. Your commitment to recycling demonstrates a responsible and caring attitude towards our planet. Thank you for your dedication to this vital practice—you are contributing to a healthier, more sustainable future for everyone.



mixed recycling



paper, cardboard (flattened) and cartons only



metal cans, lids and foil only



glass bottles and jars only



plastic containers only

empty at a minimum, rinsed whenever possible

NOT FOR USE AS A LABEL: Rhode Island's official mixed recycling container labels are copyright and trademark protected by Recycle Across America®. Public and private entities should contact Resource Recovery for labels.

These items do not belong in your recycling bin or cart

 <p>no plastic bags, bags of bags, or recycling inside of bags</p>	 <p>no more than a trace of food or beverage residue</p>	 <p>no fiber that isn't paper, cardboard or cartons (e.g. textiles or wood)</p>	 <p>no paper shreds, napkins, tissues, or paper towels</p>	 <p>no metal that isn't a can, lid, or foil (e.g. pans)</p>	 <p>no glass that isn't a bottle or jar (e.g. drinking glasses)</p>	 <p>no plastic that isn't a container (e.g. hangers)</p>	 <p>no foam containers</p>	 <p>no containers from flammable materials or oily chemicals</p>
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Containers for mixed recycling in Rhode Island vary in color and size. If you're unsure of which container to use, ask your city or town's Department of Public Works, property owner, or property manager.

Follow these guidelines and you'll be a great recycler! If you want to be a SUPER recycler, get more details at rirc.org/mixed-recycling

For information on recycling, composting, or disposal of other items, visit RIRRC.org.

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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



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.



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.

Saturdays 8/3, 8/17 – Salt Pond Safaris 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

NEW Various dates through 8/4 – Kingston Chamber Music Festival with veteran players and emerging artists together for specially curated concerts at URI's Edwards Hall. eventbrite.com/e/9th-annual-duffle-bag-bash-2024-tickets-925319223707?aff=erelexpmlt

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/>

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

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 eventbrite.com/e/the-39-steps-colonial-theatre-shakespeare-in-the-park-tickets-865951994727

NEW 8/11, rain date 8/12 from 12 to 3 PM – Duffle Bag Bash at Matunuck Community Center, 619 Matunuck Beach Rd., Wakefield, RI. With fun, food and festivities providing hope for children in care. Free, but preregister. Admission child – one new backpack; adult – 1 new rolling duffle bag or suitcase and/or \$25 gift card. eventbrite.com/e/9th-annual-duffle-bag-bash-2024-tickets-925319223707?aff=erelexpmlt

NEW 8/11 – Folk Fest VIII, Warren, RI a free day-into-night event with music, food and art including 9 musical acts between 2 stages. Plus free kids crafts tent and food from local restaurants. <https://www.thecollaborative02885.org/eventlisting/s/folksfest2024>

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>

NEW 9/14 – Tour of Wild Harmony Farm, in Exeter @ 10-11:30am. The walking tour will be guided by Farmer Ben. He will share his knowledge and experiences about regenerative farming and how it supports the land and maintains a very healthy and balanced ecosystem. All are welcome! Bring your family and friends or just yourself. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather!" To register for the free tour: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walking-farm-tour-with-farmer-ben-tickets-944987863137>

Our Solar Gift Keeps Giving

A recent referral to SolPower for a solar installation resulted in a \$300 gift from SolPower to the church. Thank you very much. Keep this in mind should you or an acquaintance choose to install solar in the future.

What is the status of the solar system at church? All panels and components are fully operational, and the output is covering 100% of electricity used by the church. Submitted by Don Hermes



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

August Mission of the Month: Neighbors Helping Neighbors



Neighbors Helping Neighbors Rhode Island (NHNRI) provides home repairs at no cost to low-income qualifying

homeowners in South County, RI, enabling families to safely remain in their homes. NHNRI was established in 2012 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. They are a 100% volunteer organization without paid staff, administrators, or physical office space of their own, so they work in the most cost-effective way possible, operating with an absolute minimum of overhead costs. Because they have low-overhead expenses, funds raised are predominantly applied to the cost of building materials, necessary liability insurance for their volunteers and Board of Directors, and hiring licensed contractors when required.

The work has had to change over time from mostly volunteer labor to professional contractor labor. This was driven in part by the COVID pandemic, but also to satisfy requirements of the towns in which they work to use licensed contractors and obtain building permits.

About 11.4% of Rhode Island's population lives in poverty according to the 2020 census. About 31% of Rhode Islanders experienced food insecurity in 2022. NHNRI exists to ensure that South County families have a roof over their heads and do not have to make the choice between eating this week

or completing a necessary, and in some cases urgent, home repair.

"The purpose of Neighbors Helping Neighbors is to serve as a charitable organization meeting community needs not being met by other organizations in a timely manner that improves the quality of life of residents."

To find out more about Neighbors Helping Neighbors and how you can help, you can go to their website at: neighborshelpingneighborsri.org

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 "Neighbors" in the memo line.**

Give now

The July Mission of the Month collected, to date,
\$1,403 for the Galilee Mission

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.



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.

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 all youth 5th-12th
grades***

For more info or RSVP:

Meg Kolodziejri

megkolodziejri@gmail.com

Rev. Jan

revjan@kingcongchurch.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 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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