



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

July 15, 2022

CHURCH SERVICE
10:00 AM

NEW Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-1pm

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Birthdays

Patrick Shaughnessy	7/14
Jeffrey Healy	7/15
Betsy Cote	7/16
Elizabeth Morse	7/17
Carol Edwards	7/18
Grace Cummmiskey	7/19
Richard Curtis	7/22
Emily Krochin	7/23
Carol Vetter	7/23

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Last Week's E-Light

Finding Grace

Someone once said, that in Luke, Jesus is either going to a meal, at a meal, or coming from a meal. The scripture reading on Sunday is no exception. Table fellowship was an important social ceremony, and it was an integral part of Jesus' ministry. Jesus apparently found it a helpful way to teach, symbolic of his mission.

It's important to note where he's going, Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem, (on his way to the last supper), as he teaches about losing and finding.

This Sunday, we will consider the importance of the meal as an expression of God's grace, specifically through the story of *Babette's Feast*. It's a classic movie that won an Oscar award for best foreign film. You might want to view it before Sunday, or you can come and enjoy the story as I retell it during worship. (Holly Rogers has a copy if anyone wishes to view it). Either way, this Sunday will remind us of the importance of welcoming the stranger, and discovering the essential gift of Christ's Grace.

Celebrating table fellowship also reminds us of the Golf Tournament fundraiser and the need for financial support of our Dinner Table ministry. It's never too late to support this vital outreach! Thank you, for your support, and I'll see you on Sunday as we feast on the Word & Grace of God.

Bon Appétit,

Pastor Fred

Worship Flowers



July 17th – Flowers are given to the glory of God by Shirley Anderson.

Anyone interested in donating flowers during the months of August, September and October, please contact Wendy Sisson at wendyhighschool@gmail.com or by text or phone at (401) 932-2055. Flowers are a beautiful way to remember loved ones, celebrate an occasion or simply give to the glory of God. I look forward to hearing from you! Thank you, Wendy

Peace Dale Dinner Table

The 2nd Annual "Neighbors Feeding Neighbors" Golf Tournament to benefit the Peace Dale Dinner Table Program is this Saturday, July 16th, 2022.



In 2021, the Peace Dale Dinner Table served more than 20,000 hot nutritious meals to its neighbors. More than 150 volunteers cook, serve and deliver these meals. It is projected that due to rising costs it will cost nearly \$45,000 to provide this service this year. Now more than ever, we need your help! For more information about the Dinner Table program,

please contact Sylvia Blanda (sylviablanda@gmail.com) or Craig Marciniak (doinggoodinc@icloud.com). Donations may be made to Peace Dale Congregational Church with a note "for Dinner Table."

Information about how to order a meal or to volunteer is available on the church website at <https://www.peacedalechurch.org/signup-for-meals>

Recognizing Graduating High School Seniors

Congratulations to all the graduating high school seniors of the class of 2022! It was our privilege to recognize you during the June Family service. We give thanks for you! May God bless you and your future endeavors.



Dear Reverend Fred,

Thank you to you and the entire congregation for your very, very generous gift. I am grateful to all the support this church community has given me.

Gabe San Antonio

Crisis Fund Update

The Crisis Fund has continued to be very active throughout the first half of this year. Due to the generosity of our donors, we have been able to help more than forty less-fortunate families and individuals in our community.

Our payments cover needs such as car payments and car insurance, rent and down payments on housing, and the cost of storage units for people who have become homeless. Some of the most common needs are with utilities such as electric and fuel bills which are in danger of being turned off. We have also recently helped with a hearing aid for an elderly person and given out Scrip cards for food and gas. All payments are sent to the third party, such as the landlord or the electric company, to pay overdue bills.

We work closely with the Johnnycake Center for referrals and often share payments when requests are larger than we can handle. Unfortunately, it is often the case that the need is greater than we can support, especially when our fund is running low.

We continue to receive applications and try to offer as much financial support as possible. If you know someone in need, please refer them to office@peacedalechurch.org for an application.

Our fund balance at this time is not adequate to meet the needs of the community and we are actively fundraising to increase it. We sent out letters to many local businesses and organizations to make them aware of the outreach and financial support the Crisis Fund is providing to local families and individuals in need, and to encourage their donations.

Individuals can donate by sending a check to **PDCC Local Crisis Fund, 261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI 02879** and writing "PDCC LOCAL CRISIS FUND" in the memo section of the check, or by contacting the church to inquire about electronic giving options. The Mission Board is extremely thankful for the generosity of individuals who have already given so much to make this fund possible.

Submitted by Katherine Condon

July Mission

This month, our mission collection will support Neighbors in Need.

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S. In the past year, their "Unfailing Love" campaign focused on supporting organizations and projects that serve homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities.



One-third of the Neighbors in Need funds support the Council of American Indian Ministry; the rest of funds support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects through grants.

www.peacedalechurch.org/missions

Note from Missions - Salvation Army Back to School Project

Since 1882, The Salvation Army in Rhode Island has been helping to meet the needs of individuals whose resources are inadequate to sustain them. One very gaping need we have discovered is children who do not have decent clothing to begin the school year. In September of 2021, we were able to help 512 children with new shoes to start the academic year. At the same time, we observed firsthand the challenge to parents of having even one nice set of clothing to pair with those shoes. We would love to see that change in 2022.

Dressing children is very expensive; and it cost us more than \$15,000 just to provide shoes. With clothing, even at the modest amount of \$100 per child, we would need an additional \$50,000 just to serve the children we have provided shoes for in the past. To provide clothing and shoes, we need a total of \$65,000. That is what we would love to do this year. We are reaching out to our friends, asking you to be part of making life better, and the start of the school year easier, for 500 children across the state of Rhode Island.

Will you consider sponsoring a child for the upcoming academic year? The sponsorship levels are as follows.

- Shoes for 1 Child \$ 30.00
- Clothes for 1 Child.....\$ 100.00
- Shoes/Clothes for 1 Child.....\$ 130.00
- Shoes for 10 Children.....\$ 300.00
- Clothes for 10 Children.....\$ 1,000.00
- Shoes/Clothes for 10 Children.....\$ 1,300.00
- Shoes for 100 Children\$ 3,000.00
- Clothes for 100 Children\$10,000.00
- Shoes/Clothes for 100 Children\$13,000.00

To become a part of this wonderful service, please return your sponsorship information by July 31, 2022

along with your check to: Salvation Army
Attn: Louise Rodrigues
386 Broad St, Providence, RI 02907

I would like to sponsor children in need for the upcoming academic year, and pledge the following sponsorship level:

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Contact Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Organization – Name and Address: _____

What's happening at PDCC?

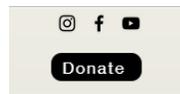
Find what you need on our website

<https://www.peacedalechurch.org/>



What time is worship?

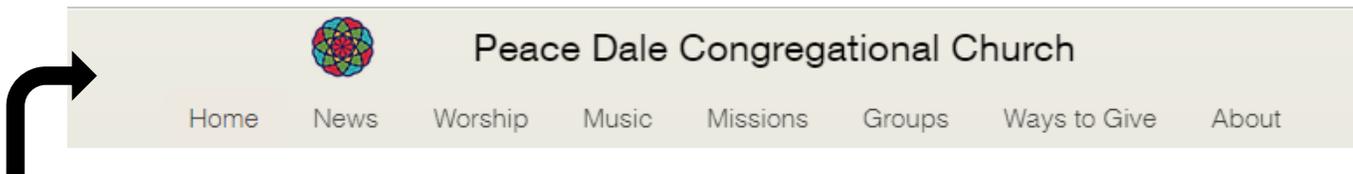
Top left of the home page.



Social media and Donate

Top right of the home page

- Connect to PDCC Instagram and Facebook
- How to contribute to the church and missions



This menu bar across the top is your navigator to our church world!

NEWS

Rollover the dropdown menu to get easily to:

- E-light – current and archived editions
- Event calendar
- Church directory (Breeze)

Click on the word “news” to get to the full news page (calendar, subscribe to e-light, missions, Green Team activities, etc.).

WORSHIP

Click on “worship” to read about worship services and music.

MUSIC

Currently describes the new Music Academy. Growth of the music page is in the works.

MISSIONS

Provides info about a few of our on-going missions.

WAYS TO GIVE

This page describes easy online giving, shopping on smile.amazon.com, purchasing gift cards through RaiseRight (formerly Scrip), and others.

GROUPS

Rollover the dropdown menu to get easily to:

- Youth – any recent activities
- Bible Study
- Requesting Support – our support groups

Click on the word “Groups” to read more about youth CE activities; three support groups and how to make a request for support; and Women’s Fellowship

ABOUT

Rollover the dropdown menu to get easily to Welcome, Who We Are, What to Expect, Church History, and the Church Staff

Click on the word “About” to find all of that information PLUS:

- Church Office hours
- Contact the pastor about joining the church
- A list of Church leaders

Submitted by Darlene Hermes



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

“CALLED BY CHRIST TO CREATE SHALOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL”

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PDCC welcomes your input.

*If you have anything you'd like included in the newsletter, please forward your request(s)
to the church office (before noon the day before the newsletter is published)*

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