PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
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Last Week's E-Light

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Running from God?

Jonah 2

Has God ever called you to do something you don't really want to do? Did you try to run the other way? Enter Jonah. I looked at the NRSVue of the Bible and the heading for the first chapter actually says, "Jonah Tries to Run Away from God."*

This Sunday, during our worship together, we will ponder the sacred story of Jonah. A good question could be, Are you running away from something that God might be calling you to do? Fortunately God meets us where we are. Even if you feel like you are in the belly of a fish, God is there.

Also during this worship service, we will officially welcome a new member in the life of our faith family. Please come and help make this day a special one!

Wherever you are on life's journey, from the belly of a fish to the mountaintop and beyond, may God bless us both individually and on our walk together. See you soon.

Peace and Joy,

Brother Fred

(*biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jonah%201&version=NRSVUE)

Worship Flowers

The flowers of August 16 are given to the glory of God by Christine Grevstad and John Hobgood in celebration of their 4th wedding anniversary.

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 or September, please contact Claudia Swain or the church office.

Tabitha's Closet Changing Seasons

Pause Summer donations beginning August 15. We will begin accepting Fall/Winter donations on September 15.

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On the Calendar

Sunday, August 16 @ 10am Contemporary Worship and New Member

Sunday, August 23 @ 10am Traditional Worship (no Communion)

Sunday, August 30 @ 10am Blended Worship

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am Prayer Warriors / Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm AA Meeting

Bell Choir summer vacation

Thursdays @ 1-3pm Shawl Knit & Crochet

Choirs on summer vacation

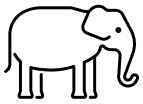
White Elephants

The WE Overstock Sale on Sat. 8/8 was WELL WORTH the time and effort. We made about $570 for PDCC, had many happy shoppers, brought in new folks thanks to Tabitha's Closet (and vice versa) and, hugely important, cleared out storage areas in the cellar. Plus the VETs filled their truck with our leftovers. It's ALL GONE!! Alleluia. One successful giant recycling event.

Thank you presale, during sale, publicity and post sale workers for your time and efforts. WE WERE WELL COVERED this time. Also, we certainly appreciate all who donate items.

Looking for someone into **LEGO**s to help me price some donated bagged items. Contact jane.stabile@ outlook.com or 508 395-1172.

ONGOING DONATIONS: Thank you for your continued donations. We love collectibles, kitchenware, decoratives, linens, Fall items, Christmas items, dishes, utensils, POTS & PANS, unwanted gifts. We do not take books, software, computers/printers/ink, paint, clothing, mirrors, liquids, furniture, big items.



Next will be fall sale then the Christmas Bazaar. Contact jane.stabile@outllook.com if you have any questions or want to get involved. The white elephant team works year 'round as they are available. We socialize, have fun discovering treasures and get first pick of the items. Recycling is our goal and we have fun preparing for our sales.

QUESTIONS? jane.stabile@ outlook.com

Communications Task Force

A group of 9 has been working hard to determine what our current PDCC channels of communication in house and community wide are, evaluating them and determining how to be most effective. We are interviewing various contact people responsible for current channels for information and recommendations. Our goal is to have all communication channels to "Work smarter not harder."

If YOU have recommendations or comments please speak to: Gabrielle Briggs, Fred Evenson, Lynne Handanyan, Joanne Haynes, Darlene Hermes, Don Lowell, Jane Stabile, Susan Sward or Walter Young.

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

August Mission of the Month: Habitat for Humanity of South County

1990	141	586	65
Year Established	Families Served	Volunteers in 2025	Homes Built

South County Habitat for Humanity continues to build strength, stability, and hope through affordable homeownership in our community. We are excited to share that two newly completed homes in Westerly will soon be sold to deserving local families, marking another milestone in our mission.

Looking ahead, we will also celebrate the groundbreaking of three new homes on Broad Rock Road in South Kingstown, bringing more opportunities for hardworking families to achieve the dream of homeownership.

In addition to new home construction, we are committed to helping our neighbors remain safely in their homes. Over the past year, we have completed five accessibility ramps for older adults in our community, improving safety, independence, and quality of life.

Your prayers, volunteer support, and generosity make this work possible. Together, we are helping build not just houses, but stronger communities.

This month, our mission collection will support Habitat for Humanity. Founded in 1990, South County Habitat for Humanity (SCHH) has been dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide. SCHH serves all towns in Washington County, Rhode Island. Read more about South County Habitat for Humanity and SCHH's programs – expanding home ownership, building accessibility ramps, the ReStore resale store – at southcountyhabitat.org/.

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, community and hope. Programs include:

- The home construction, home ownership program provides a unique opportunity for those in need of an affordable place to call home to take an active role in the construction of and eventual purchase of their own home.
- Ramp Up RI serves low-income residents of Washington County, RI in need for a ramp for themselves or a household member.
- The Restore is a non-profit store and donation center that sells new and gently used furniture, building materials, appliances, and home accessories to the public at discounted prices

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support South County Habitat for Humanity with your Mission of the Month donations this month. 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 "Habitat" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the Give now button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Give now

Thank you for your generosity,
The Missions Board
www.peacedalechurch.org/missions

Flower Children Welcome

Would you be interested in helping to ensure there are flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday Worship services? We field phone calls or email from PDCC members/friends wanting to commemorate certain dates; we reach out to members and friends who have given flowers before. No physical labor required.
QUESTIONS contact Lynn McCall 401 742-3949 or Claudia Swain.

Aug. Flower Purchases Benefit Dinner Table

Narragansett Stop and Shop has once again selected Dinner Table as the hunger organization to benefit from purchases of specially-marked bouquets.

Giving Back, One Bouquet at a Time!

STOP&SHOP

When you purchase a specially marked $11.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet at our designated Stop & Shop store during our selection month, $1 will be donated to our organization to help us further our work.

stopandshop.2givelocal.com
Bloomin' 4 Good Program

Benefits the Peace Dale Dinner Table
Bouquets purchased August 1-31
@ Narragansett Stop & Shop
91 Point Judith Rd

Thursday Knit and Crochet and Quilt and…

COME! Our knitters, crocheters, quilters, crafters all kinds of makers meet every Thursday from 1-3pm in the Community Room.

Prayer Shawl makers and the I Care Shawl Project knitters and crocheters can help you learn, too. Make prayer shawls, warmth for cancer patients, small teddy bears and kittens, etc.

People are also bringing other crafts to do in community – it's good to be together.

CONTACT Carol Edwards, or Marjorie (401) 580-1712.

DONATE – Prayer Shawl/I Care Shawl Project will gladly accept donations of yarn, knitting needles, or crochet hooks.

MULTI-GENERATIONAL – We consistently have adults and high school students participate.

Joanne is making Diamond Dot art

Ava is learning to crochet

Tabitha's Closet

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm (Tuesdays will resume in the fall)

Pause donations beginning August 15
We will begin accepting Fall/Winter donations on September 15

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.** Each week, we offer unique specials based on our inventory to keep shopping fun and affordable for our shoppers.

We need: costume jewelry.

Spread the Word Each Saturday, ~35 people visit Tabitha's and find an item they need. We are working to spread the word about our ministry and the wonderful, large, inventory we have of clothing and shoes for the entire family. **Email tabitha@peacedalechurch.org if you'd like an electronic poster or pamphlet to share, post or deliver to a local bulletin board.**

Donate We are happy to accept spring and summer items until August 1 for men, women, and children, as well as costume jewelry. **Please hold on any donations that are not spring/summer; our storage space is limited and already full.** We ask that clothing donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.

We happily accept current-season clothing: shirts, pants, skirts, dresses, shorts, sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves for children and adults, belts, purses, costume jewelry. We accept shoes that are new or lightly-used. See peacedalechurch.org for a list of what we do and do not accept.

Latest updates on Instagram #shoptabithasclose

Volunteer!! We would love more volunteers! If you would like to help sort clothes, staff this effort, or do marketing, please contact tabitha@peacedalechurch.org *We have an urgent need for additional Saturday morning shopkeepers*

Morning Volunteers?

Are you interested in volunteering at Tabitha's, but our afternoon time slots don't work with your schedule? Great news! We have sorting volunteers Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 am. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Lynne at tabitha@ peacedalechurch.org

Tabitha Supports Our Community We serve people every week whose need exceeds their ability to pay and who are happy to gain new-to-them clothing and shoes. We also have shoppers who contribute the full "donation price" or more for items, knowing that we reinvest the funds in the church and our missions, and to support community partners providing social services in our community.

Congregational Care: Caring for Each Other

We need you! Congregational care has always been one of the most important missions of Peace Dale Congregational Church and we need you. There are three ways you can enhance this very important part of our church family's mission:

1. **Join.** Join the Prayer Circle (meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the church's community lounge on the third floor) or the Prayer Shawl Group that meets once a month (Carol Edwards is there to teach knitting and crocheting if you want to learn).
2. **Do.** If you can help with any of the following efforts to provide a special sense of support or just a caring thought, please let us know:
    - send cards,
    - make phone calls,
    - deliver flowers or prayer shawl,
    - visit someone.
3. **Share.** Let someone on Prayer Circle (listed below) know of anyone you think could use prayers, a prayer shawl, a card, a phone call, or a visit, so we can fulfill a thoughtful caring gesture. Prayers can also be requested in church during Joys and Concerns or using the colorful pew cards; or through the online form on our website.

Let us know! Sometimes we do not hear about folks who could use a special extra touch of caring; please let us know if you need our caring.

Shalom with love, Prayer Circle

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Gift Cards with a Kick

Stop by the RaiseRight table in Fellowship Hall after service each Sunday and let us help you with your shopping.

RaiseRight
Formerly ShopWithScrip

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, family, birthdays, and special occasions.
- **cards for your own personal shopping** of groceries, etc.

In stock currently – Amazon, Applebee's, Dunkin, TJ Maxx/Marshalls, Matunuck Oyster Bar, Old Mountain Lanes, Panera, Starbucks, VISA, and Walmart as well as all the local grocery stores.

Planning to travel? RaiseRight offers Airline gift cards, Gas gift cards, and Hotel gift cards. All of these cards can be *special ordered* ahead of time.

Questions? Contact Deb Shaw or stop by the table on Sunday after worship.

2026 PDCC Youth Calendar

Youth Connect is on break until September 6.

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