



April 27, 2023

CHURCH SERVICE 10:00 AM

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Last Week's E-Light

Road Trip:

Seeing Christ in Creation & Each Other

Hello PDCC Family of God!

This Sunday, April 30 @ 10am, will be a special service! Not only will we recall the famous journey to Emmaus, but we will also celebrate God's good creation and consider ways to care for it.

Worshipping with contemporary music this Sunday, you KLOVE fans (88.1 or 95.5 FM) will be excited to sing Indescribable by Chris Tomlin (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IIVfkY5q54>), and The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours) by Matt Maher (song starts about 30 seconds in at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36hBIBGVFSs>)

Enjoy these links/songs! Let's get ready to worship!

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Fred

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Worship Flowers



The flowers of Sunday, April 30 are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Marilyn Schmid and Liane Shorten, with love from Curt, Daryl, and families Flowers are a beautiful way to

remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion or simply give to the glory of God.

Anyone interested in donating flowers please contact Bea MacGregor: call or text (401) 741-7518, or email to bmacgregor47@gmail.com. Opportunities are available for flower donations on May 7 and June 4, 11, and 25



On the Calendar

Monday, May 1
Board Meetings

6 pm Stewardship
6:30 pm Church Family Life
6:30 pm Property Management

Saturday, May 6 @ 1-2pm
Praise and Play (see below)

Sunday, May 7 @ 10am
Traditional Worship Service

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
AA Meeting

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays @ 5:30pm
Contemporary Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays @ 7pm
Traditional Choir Rehearsal

Social Justice in Action

The ecumenical South County Social Justice group continues to meet and to share information about events organized by members of the larger faith groups and aligned organizations. We want to let you know what is happening locally so that you can participate if something strikes a note with you.

For **THIS MONTH'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

Dinner Table Receives Grant

Congratulations are due to our wonderful team of leaders, chefs, cooks, helpers, drivers and organizers involved in the important ministry of the Peace Dale Dinner Table. The Dinner Table has been recognized and named as a recipient of a community service grant to assist in operating the program. Yay Sylvia and team!!

“The Rhode Island Foundation has completed awarding \$20 million in grants for hunger, housing and behavioral health to 240 nonprofits across the state. State leaders tapped the Foundation to distribute the funding from Rhode Island’s \$1.1 billion share of the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation for COVID-19 recovery... The Foundation gave priority to community-based nonprofits serving communities where the need is highest.”

You may read the [full article](#) about the grant program and find a [full list of recipients](#) on the Rhode Island Foundation website.

<https://rifoundation.org/>



**Experience God’s love
with all your senses**

**Stories, art, music, puppets,
sensory play, & snacks**

May 6 & June 3 1-2 pm

Peace Dale Church

Inclusive, Interactive, and Fun

The Upper Room

There was an interruption in our subscription to the Upper Room devotional booklets. The May/June editions have arrived and are available on the informational table in the hallway outside the church offices.

Church Family Life Events – Fun Event Ideas May

Church Family Life (CFL) highly suggests you ask someone at PDCC to join you. Why not ask during hospitality after church when we're all together?

Thurs. 4/27 @ 7PM Chief Joseph Ole Tipanko & his delegation from Kenya at Connecticut College (New London, CT), Shain Library, Charles Chu Rm., speaking on Maasai culture with a performance of Maasai traditional dance and song.

<https://us10.campaign-archive.com/?e=a54d6b6d77&u=aeb5fedf7dd5e441e3f61ef46&id=d6334e7adf>

Fri. 4/28 Celtic Folk Musicians & Irish Dance in honor of our veterans, at the Casino Theater, Newport, RI, 7 – 9 PM, \$30.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/honoring-our-veterans-award-winning-celtic-folk-musicians-and-irish-dance-tickets-563635437767>

Sundays through 5/7 - Providence Flea a marketplace, for sure, and vendors are carefully selected, small- and micro-businesses, and their wares are hand-picked, homemade, hand crafted and small batch.

<https://www.providenceflea.com/about.html>

Through mid -May – Wicked Tulips now in Preston, CT and Johnson, RI.

<https://wickedtulips.com/>

5/12 – 5/14 Misquamicut Springfest with amusement rides, music, car show, food truck rodeo and vendors.

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

2023 Theater by the Sea's season begins in May. This year's main performances are "My Way," a musical tribute to Frank Sinatra; "Beautiful," The Carole King Musical; "The Bodyguard" (Musical) and "Jersey Boys." There are additional offerings.

<https://www.theatrebythesea.com>

Speakers & Events in [South Kingstown's 300th Anniversary Celebration](#)

- **Thurs. 5/11** "Memorials and Monuments of South Kingstown" Speaker: Jessica Wilson, South Kingstown Public Library Local History Librarian @ 7pm SKHS Auditorium.

Thurs. 5/18 @ 6-10:30pm Domestic Violence Resource Center Gala, Wakefield, RI is holding a major fund (and FUN) raiser at **Shepherd's Run**, off Rt. 1 in South Kingstown. Some PDCCers attended last year and loved it. Live (wedding type music) by **Hot Mess** with dancing, cocktail hour, 3 entree choices for seated dinner, incredible setting, raffles and silent auction. \$135 PP. Will sell out. Call for reservations. Feel free to ask to sit with or near Jane & Steve Stabile. Call 401 782-3995 - Carolyn or <https://dvrcsc.org/events/>

Fri. 5/19 Swing into Spring Benefit for the Westerly Warm Center and our own Welcome House 6:30 – 10 PM featuring Roomful of Blues at the Knickerbocker Music Center, Westerly, RI. \$50 PP, passed hors d'oeuvres, Weiner bar, desserts, cash bar, raffles & lots of dancing. Will sell out. See Jane for details. Reservations at <https://secure.givelively.org/event/westerly-area-rest-meals-warm-inc/swing-into-spring-2023/swing-into-spring-2023>

Dine with Nine



Sign up by SUNDAY MAY 7th

This MAY 19th, 20th, and 21st, Church Family Life (CFL) would like to invite everyone to a Dine

with Nine. The idea is to share a potluck meal and friendly conversation with 6 (or 8 or 9) other people from the church family – make new friends and see old ones, welcome newer members, talk with people you might not have engaged with, put names to faces you see at Sunday Service or one of our programs.

Our event in FEBRUARY was a great success. A lot of fun was had by all!!

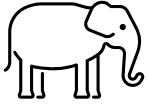
Let your Light Shine!

Sign up in Fellowship Hall by MAY 7 for your preferred date of Friday MAY 19, Saturday MAY 20, or Sunday MAY 21

***Please indicate if you would also like to host a Dine with Nine *** Hosting is so easy – with a pot luck meal.

Submitted by Jane Stabile/ Christine Grevstad

White Elephants Work Days – 5/2 & 5/3



Thanks for all your packing materials and sharing your treasures. We take items all year round. Please no clothing, shoes, books, furniture, paintings, artwork or frames. Yes, toys, kitchen and household items, decoratives, small appliances, linens, sports equipment and gardening items.

We'd love your help in pricing and boxing up items.

Work days: Tues. 5/2 from 10:30 AM – 12 PM and Wed. 5/3 from 2:30 – 4 PM

Come join the comradery! Jane.stabile@outlook.com 508 395-1172

Submitted by Jane Stabile

Green Team Happenings

The Green Team met on April 3, 2023. Meeting notes are posted on the church web site (peacedalechurch.org/groups), and some highlights are listed below. George Faucher and Don Hermes are cochairs.

Interested in getting involved in the Green Team? Please contact glfaucher@gmail.com.

We always welcome new members from within the church and from the broader faith community. To set the stage for future brainstorming we reviewed some activities recently undertaken. These included monthly nature hikes, Earth Day events, a visit to the Johnston central landfill to observe recycling, a field trip to Sodco to discuss regenerative agriculture methods, installation and dedication of the solar panels on the church roof, special programs such as BENEATH THE SOLAR SUN, and more.

In pushing forward, we are most successful when we have a well-defined project that encourages widespread participation. We continue to search for this project, and are considering a joint effort with Property Management as they consider a green redo of the parsonage. The team hopes to conduct a survey to see which projects and issues are favored by the congregation.

We also plan to continue educational efforts including speakers, video programs, and sharing resources that could be of interest to the congregation.

Submitted by Don Hermes & George Faucher



community
meal

Join us at Kingston Congregational Church
2610 Kingstown Road, Kingston, RI 02852

Sunday, 6:00 p.m.

April 30th

May 28th

June 25th

We are looking forward to offering warm hospitality to anyone in the community that is in need of a free, fresh-cooked meal.

Hope to see you there!
Questions, call our office:
401-783-5330

April Mission: Egg-a-Day Haiti



Our mission for April is the Egg-a-Day Childhood Nutrition Program, formerly called the One Egg Haiti program. The Egg-a-Day Childhood Nutrition Program began in 2013 and has been providing 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.

The eggs are purchased from two poultry farms in Haiti with funds raised by various churches throughout the conference. The eggs are picked up every two weeks by the in-country program coordinator in a pick-up truck and delivered to the schools and orphanages that are part of the Egg-a-Day program. At one point, before the COVID-19 pandemic caused the closure of schools throughout Haiti, there were 17 sites from Port-au-Prince, to Mirebalais to Miragoane receiving eggs. Currently the program continues providing eggs to the orphanages where children live full time.

The eggs are delivered raw and unrefrigerated. (An unrefrigerated egg will keep for between 14 and 21 days – if not stored in the hot sunlight). Volunteers at the sites cook the eggs (mostly on open fires) and serve them to the children for breakfast, snack or lunch each day. It is hard to understand, unless you have traveled to Haiti, how difficult it is to move these eggs from the farms, to the sites, to the children over roads that are rough, clogged with traffic and sometimes not paved.

The program is funded by donations from churches and individuals throughout our Southern New England conference of the UCC. For several years, those donations were supplemented by additional financial support from OneEgg.org, a charitable organization that ran a similar program in Africa. In Haiti, One Egg's impact grew through its partnerships with schools, orphanages, and nonprofit organizations who cultivated relationships in various areas of the country to enable the delivery of more eggs to more children.

However, One Egg.org is no longer able to continue supporting the Egg-a-Day program in Haiti, so now they must rely solely on the donations from individuals and churches. Since many schools have resumed in Haiti the need for financial support has taken on a new urgency. It does not take much - \$60 will feed a child an egg a day for one year.

Thank you, The Missions Board

[Give now](#)



Playground Update

Good News! The tired and worn playground at Fournier Estates, deemed too dangerous to use, is down. Thanks to the good work of many!

The newly formed non-profit, established for determining the future of Fournier Estates and Champagne Heights, has recently hired a firm to develop a site plan for both properties. It was suggested that we hold off on building the playgrounds until the plan is developed and reviewed. (The old playground site might be used for staging any new building.) This is welcome news to the folks at these sites and for us!

We hope you will consider making a donation to the future playgrounds! To date we have raised ~\$18,000. We have a generous donor who will match our efforts up to \$30,000! Another generous donor who will supply the ground cover! But the total cost of two playgrounds is \$100,000, so we have our work cut out. **Please consider a gift to the PDCC Playground Fund.** These children need a safe place to play outside! Additional info peacedalechurch.org/missions

Best, Claudia Swain



Opportunities to Build

My son, Francisco, and I have been volunteering at the South County Habitat for Humanity build in Hopkinton. I know many from our church have been involved with Habitat and/or addressing the need for affordable housing and homelessness in our community for many years.

Habitat for Humanity builds strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. Since 1990, SCHH has been dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide. Habitat is currently working on a new construction project in Hopkinton. Three homes are in progress and four more will be built.

They welcome groups and would love to have our group build with them! Typically, groups are scheduled on a Saturday from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Volunteers do not need any prior experience, just a willingness to learn and have fun! Plus, it is a great opportunity to get out and try something new. Francisco and I are loving it!!!

The maximum number for the group is only 12 people so don't wait if you want to participate. Please email me at deirdretherrien@gmail.com or call/text 401-447-9648.

Submitted by Deirdre Therrien

Jonnycake Center Food Pantry

"During the pandemic, extra SNAP benefits were issued to households to improve nutrition security. On March 1st, those extra benefits were eliminated. During the first two months of this year we had an 80 percent increase in pantry visits compared to last year.

"Donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries are appreciated. Drop-off hours are Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm on our front porch at 22 Kersey Road in Peace Dale. "

Jonnycakecenter.org

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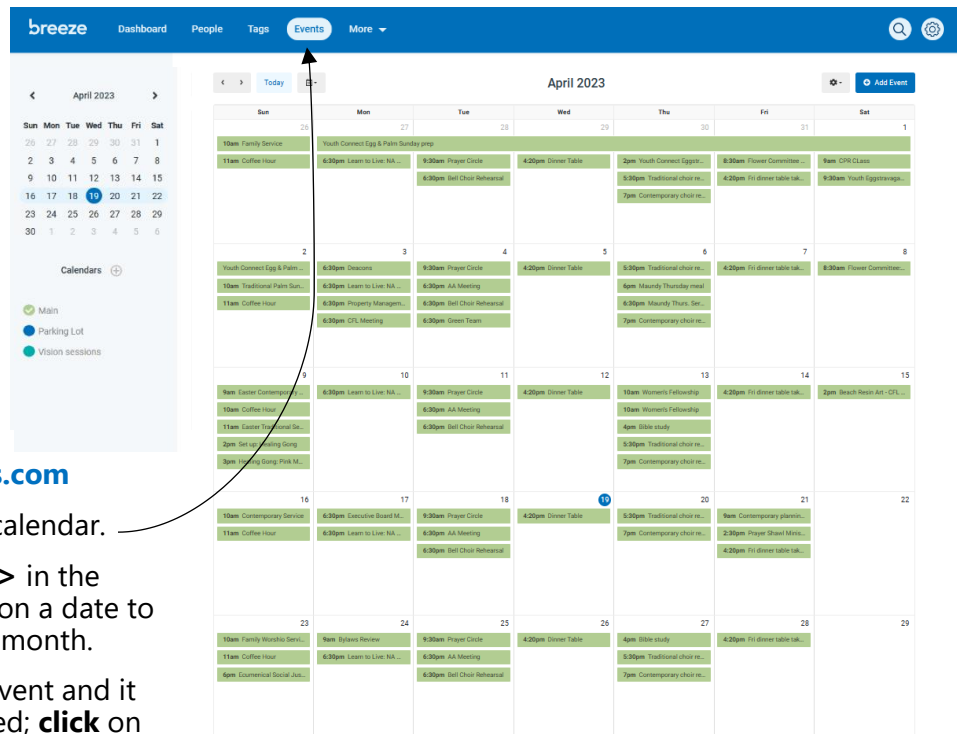


See this image larger at jonnycakecenter.org/about/

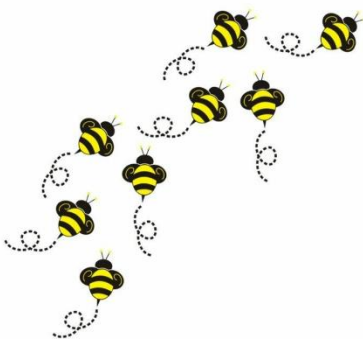
Check the Church Calendar! What's Going On?

The Calendar for PDCC meetings and events is a feature in our church directory (Breeze). You can **look up** your own meetings (when is that meeting again?!) or **check** to see if something is in the space you want for a particular date and time.

The Events Calendar in **Breeze** (the online church directory) offers a great way to see what's going on at the church! Repeat gatherings, events, committee meetings, Youth Group, sacraments, use of the building to support community endeavors, etc.



- ❖ Bookmark Breeze on your desktop, tablet, or phone at [peacedalechurch.breezechms.com](https://www.peacedalechurch.breezechms.com)
- ❖ Select **Events** (top) to see the calendar.
- ❖ Change the month with the < > in the calendar on the left, then click on a date to get the right side to show that month.
- ❖ **Roll over** the green calendar event and it will show you the room assigned; **click** on the event for additional details.
- ❖ **Board/committee chairs** and event coordinators can post their meetings or email calendar events and details to MaryLou for posting.
- ❖ Want to use a room in the church for a meeting of your... garden club, non-profit board, local committee, Gong Healing yoga session, recital ...?? There is a **Facility Use Request form** on our website (linked from the [News, Events & Information](#) page). Fill it out, send or give it to the office, Property Committee will review it.
- ❖ **You need to be listed in the Breeze PDCC directory as a member or participant** with an email address to login and access the event calendar. If you do not already have a Breeze account, try the instructions on the PDCC website, or contact the office for assistance.



Check out the Groups page on our church website!

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

If your board, committee, or group has new information, send it to MaryLou.

If you know someone curious about or interested in joining our community: the **Worship, Music, Missions, and Groups** pages describe what we do; the **About** pages describe who we are. The website continues to evolve.

Don Richer and Darlene Hermes have been our leaders in PDCC's web presence.

Gift Cards with a Kick

 **RaiseRight** Formerly ShopWithScrp **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 your Groceries and support PDCC at the same time. In support of Stewardship in Action, if you buy a \$100 grocery card on Sunday you will contribute \$4 - \$10 back to the church. No extra money out of your pocket – buy from us before you shop and help bridge the gap in the deficit.

RaiseRight is not *just* for gifts – **use cards for your own personal shopping** of groceries and prescriptions. 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 (\$5), Dunkin' (\$10 & \$25), Marshall's (\$25), Matunuck Oyster Bar (\$50), Old Mountain Lanes (\$25), Panera (\$10 & \$25), Starbucks (\$10 & \$25), Walmart (\$25).



Brickley's is open for the season!! We have \$5 gift cards. Brickley's is giving us a 20% rebate.

Questions? Contact Deb Shaw at dkshaw5@cox.net or stop by the table on Sunday after worship.



Prayer Matters...

The Congregation's prayers are requested for

Bruce Metivier (brother and brother-in-law of Herc Herchenroether and Renée Lamontagne) who is battling cancer, COPD, and lingering symptoms of RSV.

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 contact Rene Lamontagne at her number found in Breeze. These requests are shared only with members of this group.
- To request your prayer be included in the published **Prayer Matters** in the weekly E-Light, 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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