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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Last Week's E-Light

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The Gift of Blessing

This Sunday, after turning the clock back, we will also take time to look back at who has blessed you in your life. We will celebrate All Saints Day and consider Luke's version of what many call The Beatitudes – you know the ones – “Blessed are you...” (Luke 6:20-22) You are invited to bring a picture of a loved one, who has passed away, that you

would like to honor. There will be a table in the front of the sanctuary upon which you may place your picture.

We will ponder the gift of blessing, and ask Who has blessed you? Who have you blessed? Who could you bless? Thank God for the saints, and for those who've been blessings to us, that we might ultimately bless others! How appropriate that we will also be celebrating Holy Communion this particular Sunday. See you soon.

Blessings, Brother Fred

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024.**

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Saturday, November 2 @ 9am Traditional Choir rehearsal ALL WELCOME (new time)

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Sunday November 3, @ 10am Traditional Worship with Communion

Tuesday, November 5 @ 6pm Women Together Rise

Thursday, November 7 @ 6pm Praise Team rehearsal ALL WELCOME (new day and time)

Thursday, November 7 @ 7:30pm Traditional Choir ALL WELCOME

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

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

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

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
AA Meeting

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

Thursdays @ 7:30pm
Traditional Choir rehearsals (occasional different days) ALL WELCOME!



Worship Flowers

The flowers of November 3 are given to the glory of God by

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 November or December, please contact Carol Anne Hayes at 401-487-9127 or carolhayes44@gmail.com

Another Amazing Pumpkin Mission



Our 9th PDCC Pumpkin Patch was the most successful ever. We sold over \$35,000 of orange decoration and joy to our community in support of Welcome House. After we pay the farmers, and all the final accounting and donations are accounted for, I will let you know the final tally. Thank you so much for your help, support and purchases again this year. We are all looking forward to our 10th Pumpkin anniversary in 2025. Thank you, Wally Young.

Women's Fellowship – 11/14

Thurs. 11/14 at 10 AM in Hoxie Lounge the **Women's Fellowship** is hosting "A Very INTERESTING FOOD TASTING - Yes, we are sharing foods that are special to each of us. It could be one of your family favorites; something meaningful; easy to make and/or super delicious - anything that you feel inspired to share. If homemade, you could print out the recipe. We'll want to hear the story behind your food choice.

There will also be a devotional and beverages. All PDCC women are invited. Join us for great camaraderie.

The October Mission of the Month collected \$2,159.52 for the LGBT Asylum Task Force

November Mission of the Month: UCC Hurricane 2024 Relief Appeal

The National Ministries of the United Church of Christ has a long history of supporting communities as they recover from disaster and their plight fades from the headlines. Your support of this appeal will ensure that communities are supported and accompanied for years as they rebuild.

On October 9th, 2024, Hurricane Milton landed on Florida's west coast, less than two weeks after Hurricane Helene devastated the region in Florida's Big Bend region, Georgia, western South Carolina, western North Carolina, and eastern Tennessee. Many people perished, roads were washed away, and several communities have been devastated by both tornados and flooding.

The Global HOPE team continues to be in communication with the Southeast, Southern, and Florida Conference staff, ecumenical partners in disaster recovery, and response coordination calls with the national network of voluntary organizations active in disasters (VOAD).

Several UCC churches throughout the affected region have suffered extensive damage to their

church buildings and surrounding communities. As the full impact of both storms continues to become realized, the Global HOPE team is helping to connect victims of the storm's devastation with immediate resources as well as preparing to support long-term recovery efforts.

Thank you for your assistance in helping families and communities who are in great need in the aftermath of these hurricanes. Your heartfelt support will make a difference.

For additional information, see the UCC website at <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/wider-church-ministries/global-hope/disaster/>

PDCC supports the UCC Hurricane Relief Fund as our November 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 "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Give now



**Traditional Choir
Contemporary Choir**

**We are growing and it's
a great time to join in.**

**Speak with Nathaniel
our illustrious director!**

**Or just pop in at our next
rehearsal, see below.**

Rehearsal Schedule:

**Contemporary Choir: Sat. 11/2 10AM, Thur. 11/7 6PM
Traditional Choir: Sat. 11/2 9AM, Thur. 11/7 7:30PM**

Donate Supplies for Church World Service Kits

Please help us collect supplies! At the September meeting of the Women's Fellowship, we agreed to continue the Kit Program for Church World Service. With the help of our congregation, we have continued to increase the number of kits processed each year. These kits are sent to areas around the world where natural disasters have occurred. Please add these items to your shopping lists and leave them in boxes provided in Fellowship Hall. We have found these items in Job Lot, Wal-Mart and Dollar Tree.

Thank you for your help in making another successful year providing kits for Church World Service's world-wide mission.

Supplies needed

SCHOOL KIT

- Rounded tip scissors
- Three 70-count bound notebooks
- 12 inch ruler
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- large eraser
- Six pencils
- 24 pack crayons

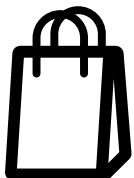


HYGIENE KIT

- Hand towel
- Wash cloth
- Wide-tooth comb
- Fingernail or toenail clipper
- Bath-size bar of soap in wrapper
- Toothbrush in original package
- Ten standard size band-aids



We have found Walmart, Job Lot, and the Dollar Store in Narragansett to be good sources.



We also need handmade cotton bags w/cloth handles for School Kits. Sally Bradley has the pattern.

Submitted by Judy Healy

Tabitha's Closet in Swing for Fall

Open Saturdays 9:30am – 12:00 pm. Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's clothing ministry, offers new and gently-used clothing for affordable suggested donations. Most items priced below \$6. **Get what you need, pay what you can.**



DONATIONS. We are accepting FALL & WINTER clothing. 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.

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

Youth Connect on Sundays

All high school through preschool students are invited to join us for Youth Connect on Sunday mornings. We gather in the sanctuary with our families at 10 am for the beginning of the worship service and then head to Youth Connect.

Interested in Confirmation?



Calling future confirmands!

If you are interested in Confirmation for the 2024/2025 year, please

contact Pastor Fred.

Women Together Rise – 11/5

Potluck and presentation about this month's grantees - No Means No South Africa; and Project Zawadi. All are welcome - bring a dish to share. PDCC Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by our friends at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County. <https://togetherwomenrise.org/>



Your Green Team: Climate Hope Campaigns

For the second year, the **United Church of Christ (UCC)** is undertaking a nationwide Climate Hope campaign. In 2023, our Climate Hope Cards initiative sought to save thousands of lives, address societal inequities, and get our nation on track to meet its climate goals by **collecting thousands of petition postcards** that urged the Environmental Protection Agency to adopt the strongest possible protections. As part of a larger coalition, **our efforts were successful!**

In 2024, the UCC is in the midst of its second campaign called **Vote for Climate Hope**. The first phase of the campaign was an art contest for children and youth. The winning art is now on voter pledge cards that congregations are collecting between now and November 1st. In our second year, we have witnessed a notable growth in the number of participating churches.

By taking the Climate Hope Voter Pledge [**"I pledge to vote as an act of hope for present and future generations."**], you are making a sacred commitment to a more just and equitable world for people of all ages, races, and walks of life.

The final phase of our campaign will be for teams of church members to visit their elected officials after Election Day. We know that voter mobilization and government accountability are strongest when they are linked together!

Take our Climate Hope Voter Pledge!



Music Academy

Peace Dale Congregational Church offers a Music Academy and Scholarship program that aims to help students of all ages a venue to begin, enhance, or fine-tune musical aspirations. We currently offer lessons in piano and voice.



PIANO
AND
VOICE
LESSONS
INSTRUCTOR:
MEERA
MENNILLO

Meera is an enthusiastic, lively teacher who instills the love of music in

her students. Her lessons are fun, engaging and tailored to the specific needs of the student. She teaches both contemporary and classical styles and advises in both performance and songwriting.

meeramennillo@gmail.com
(401) 430-5336
Fee: \$40.00/hour



Church Family Life Events

Please send any events in which you are involved that would appeal to PDCCers to [jane.stabile@ outlook.com](mailto:jane.stabile@outlook.com) for listing in the E-Light.

Thurs. 10/31 from 5 to 7 PM – 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat and the Spooktacular Halloween Movie Drop-In & Crafting Station for children on High St., Westerly with the PVD Drum troupe a group of musicians, acrobats, hoopers & dancers. Best costume competition & decorated pumpkins. unitedtheatre.org/shows/2nd-annual-trunk-or-treat/

Thurs. 11/7 from 6 to 9 PM – 40th Anniversary Gala for the Galilee Mission which supports those with substance use with a night of history, fun & good food. \$80 PP <https://givebutter.com/Stykk9>

Fri. 11/8 from 6 to 10 PM – The Warm Center of Westerly's Pre-holiday Bash, at the Windjammer, 321 Atlantic Ave., Westerly. PDCC had a good sized group attend last year. There will be great food, a silent auction, a giving tree, raffles, and plenty of dancing to Eight to the Bar! \$40 PP includes all food served for the night. Great social event for PDCCers! See Jane Stabile to save you a seat. facebook.com/events/935005018669045

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NEW Sat. 11/2 & Sun. 11/3 – Whalley Farm Pumpkin Stroll starts at sundown & lasts until at least 9 PM. Family friendly, not too long, lots of carved pumpkins and Halloween vignettes w/inflatables. No bonfires though this year. May come in costume. Park at the farm stand at the corner of Jerry Brown Farm Rd., and Rt. 1. Free!

NEW Fri. 11/8 & Sat. 11/9 at 7 PM – Shakespeare in Love at The Prout School, 4640 Tower Hill Rd., So. Kingstown. \$10 – 15. Note - There will be sword fights and a live dog as a part of this production! <https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/the-prout-school/66b265b757efd30e340490f1/tickets#/productions-view>

NEW Mon. 11/11 – Wakefield Veteran's Day Parade Starts at 10 AM. The parade route starts on Holley Street, turns onto Main Street, and concludes on High Street, at the Saugatucket Park Veterans Monument. Following the parade, a ceremony honoring all veterans will be conducted at Saugatucket Park beginning at approximately 11:00am. Info inc. if raining at: <https://vets.ri.gov/events/south-kingstown-veterans-day-parade>

NEW through 11/23 – "What the Constitution Means to Me" by Heidi Schreck at the Contemporary Theater Co., 327 Main St., Wakefield. 15-year-old Heidi earned her college tuition by winning Constitutional debate competitions across the US. In this hilarious, hopeful, and achingly human show, Heidi resurrects her teenage self to trace the profound relationship between four generations of women and the founding document that shaped their lives. Standard price - \$35. Read note & get tickets at: <https://ci.ovationtix.com/36747/production/1210829>

We're Already Preparing for the Christmas Season (and the Bazaar...)

Gratitude Tree is Up

The tags are up and ready for picking!



For those who like to begin holiday shopping early, you can get a jump on purchasing one (1) or more items to benefit the children of South County.

Gift cards to: Marshall's, Amazon, Visa/MasterCard, Walmart, CVS and Wakefield Mall Retailer. See Deb Shaw at the **RAISERIGHT** table, where she will have many of these gift cards.

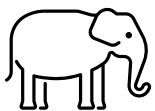
If you purchase any of these gifts ahead of time, you can bring them to the church and hand them to Gabby or place them in the red box outside the church office.

If you are out of town during this time, please feel free to send a check made out to PDCC and in the memo section write: "Gratitude Tree". We will purchase a gift for you with this money.

Deadline is no later than **December 8th**, when all the much-needed gifts will be brought to the Jonnycake Center for Hope.

QUESTIONS: call/text Gabby at: 401-932-8350

Christmas White Elephants



It's roll up our sleeves time in white elephants. Yes, we did get a lot of the Christmas items priced and packed. There are more, plus everything else still to go. Please consider helping in one of these Nov. sessions. We socialize, price and box up items. It would be helpful if donations could take a pause the week before the sale (12/2-12/6.) Nov. work dates in the down under (cellar):

Tues. 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, maybe 11/26 from 10 to 12 AM.

Thurs. 11/7, 11/14, 11/ 21 from 2 to 4 PM. It's dusty – you might want to wear a mask.

INFO. jane.stabile@ outlook.com or 508 395-1172



Wait (a little longer) to Prune Your Evergreens

November already? The Greens Gang of the Christmas Bazaar knows you are saving your greens pruning until November 30 to December 1. Then we will have fresh greens to create lovely arrangement and wreaths. Thank you for waiting!

Submitted by Jeannette Gamache

Baskets, Baskets, Baskets!!!!



We're getting ready for our famous Basket Raffle for the Christmas Bazaar.

The proceeds support PDCC. We need your help!!!!

There will be a 'basket bush' set up in the lobby. (similar to our Christmas tree)

Help us fill the baskets by choosing a tag and dropping your item(s) off in the Basket Box in the Lobby (or in the Church Office if you prefer).

If you have an extra basket to give (wonderful!) please just drop it in the basket box.

Please place your donation in the box by Sunday November 24th.

QUESTIONS??- Please contact Maria Cassaday at mariac828@ gmail.com

Save 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.

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Please join us for a

SPOOKY SLEEPOVER

NOVEMBER 2, 7:00PM-
NOVEMBER 3, 9:00AM

Kingston Congregational Church
2610 Kingstown Rd, Kingston, RI 02881

Feel free to bring friends and get
ready for a night of Games, Snacks,
and Spooky Stories!

To RSVP email:
Vivian Skipper at
vivian.skipper@yahoo.com
or
Meg Kolodziej at
megkolodziejri@gmail.com

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.



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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