PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:00 AM

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Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

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Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

The Rainbow Promise!

Genesis 6:9-9:17

You are invited to join in as we explore the story of Noah and the Ark this Sunday during our Family Worship service. There is a promise in the rainbow! Come and support the children and youth of our faith family. Come and spend some time listening for the Word of God in our midst. Come and see what God might have to say to you. Come and see where God might be leading you. Come and worship!



And, if you would like a visit, please do let us know. Hopefully we'll see you soon!

Peace and Joy,
Brother Fred



Worship Flowers

The flowers of November 22 are given to the Glory of God by Vivian Skipper in loving memory of her grandfather George Skipper.

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, please contact Claudia Swain, Lynn McCall (401) 742-3949 or the church office.

Youth Group Pie Sale – 11/22

Our annual Youth Group Pumpkin Pie Sale is Sunday. Pies will be available to purchase for $20 in Fellowship Hall following the worship service. Please bring cash, and thank you for supporting our youth programs!



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Sunday, Nov. 22 @ 10am Family Worship with Noah's Ark performance

Sunday, Nov. 29 @ 10am Traditional Worship – 1st Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 5 @ 9am-2pm Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, Dec. 6 @ 10am Traditional Worship with Communion – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec. 13 @ 10am Contemporary Worship **Music Sunday** – 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

Tuesdays @ 9:30am Prayer Warriors / Prayer Circle

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm Bell Choir rehearsals resume Sept.1

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm AA Meeting

2nd Thursday of Month @ 10am Women's Fellowship

Thursdays @ 1-3pm Shawl Knit & Crochet

Thursdays @ 6pm Contemporary Choir rehearsal

Thursdays @ 7:30pm traditional Choir rehearsals

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A



BIBLE STUDY?

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

DECEMBER 6TH AT 11:30AM,

HOXIE LOUNGE

WE WILL DISCUSS THE OPTIONS BEING CONSIDERED AND MATERIALS NEEDED

CAN'T MAKE THE MEETING, BUT STILL WANT INFORMATION?

SIGN-UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL FROM **NOV 22-DEC 15.**

Bible Study starts JANUARY 10TH.

11/22 Book Discussion Group: *What If We Get It Right?*



We took a big pause in our. discussion of this book. We have three sections left.

The Green Team will sponsor a book study discussion group Sunday, November 22 after worship to pick up where we left off. This is the landmark environmental book What If We Get It Right? Visions of Climate Futures by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson.

CONTACT Pastor Fred with questions.

Seeking Used iPad or Tablet

If you have a used iPad or tablet you do not need anymore, we are in need of 2 for use with the Square at the Bazaar and other events. Square works on any iPad running iPadOS 17.1 or later, and on most Android tablets running Android 7.0+



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2026

If you wish to donate Christmas poinsettias to decorate our church sanctuary for the Advent season, please complete this order form and return it to the church (office or offering plate) with your payment by **December 6th**. The suggested donation is $16 per plant. Following Christmas Services, poinsettias will be delivered to our members who are homebound, members who are over age 85, and those who recently suffered a loss. If you would enjoy delivering your plant yourself, please indicate below to whom you will be taking it.

Given by: _____

Given in: ___ Celebration of _____

___ Memory of _____

___ Honor of _____

What would you like to happen to your plants?

___ I want to take the plant home with me
___ I will deliver the plant (to whom? _____)
___ I want someone else to deliver it (to an elder, homebound, other)

Total amount enclosed: $ _____



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.

Volunteers Needed!

Peace Dale Dinner Table takes a village! Come be part of this village! You can volunteer one hour or four or six. You can volunteer one day a month or two, or three or four.

Check the list on the church website to see the many opportunities where you can support the PDCC Wednesday DINNER TABLE or Tuesday BISTRO Missions that serve many in our community.

CONTACT Cynthia Cherney cherneycynthia5@gmail.com

PDCC Capital Campaign
Update 11/19/2026

Our capital campaign, Fulfilling the Promise, is in full swing and the momentum is building.

We have heard two wonderful testimonials from Sylvia Blanda and Eve Keenan regarding why they are contributing to the campaign. Both emphasized our shared responsibility to honor our past while answering the call of our future. Our physical space serves as the foundation for worship, community outreach, and Christian service. It is now our turn to ensure the integrity and utility of the facilities that empower PDCC's ongoing service to the community. Another testimonial will be given by Peter Swain this Sunday.

Thank you to all who have given already to the campaign. Our receipts and pledges so far toward our $2 million goal total $587,591. Please join me in praying for a strong finish.

The campaign will officially end on December 13th with a special celebration service combined with Music Sunday.

If you have not yet received a Letter of Intent, (a form that outlines your plan for giving to the campaign over the next 3 years), forms will be distributed during worship the next two Sundays. Please be sure to return your Letter of Intent by December 6th so that your contribution can be included in our announcement on December 13th.

A capital campaign is not just about raising funds—it is about building vision, deepening faith, and strengthening community. This process invites us to:

- Dream together about who God is calling us to be;
- Share personal stories of impact and hope;
- Engage leadership and congregation alike in a collective "yes";
- Ensure this effort complements, not replaces, regular giving.

At its heart, this campaign is an act of trust. It reminds us that God is our provider, and that when we listen, pray, and act together, God equips us with what we need to do God's work.

Just as Rowland Hazard's promise helped build this church over 150 years ago, we now can make our own promise—to future generations, to our neighbors, and to God.

May we step forward together in faith, gratitude, and hope.

Joanne Haynes, Campaign Administrator

Gratitude Tree for Jonnycake

These gifts and gift cards will go to benefit local children and teens in South Kingstown through the Jonnycake Center for Hope.

For those who like to purchase an actual gift, those tags are now available on the large branches outside the copy room.

If you like to give gift cards, those tags are available on a small Christmas tree at the Raise Right table for: Amazon, Target, Walmart, Marshall's/T.J. Maxx, CVS, Visa and Old Mountain Lanes. See Deb Shaw and her team at the RAISE RIGHT table, they will assist you.

If you are out of town during the holiday season, please consider sending a check made out to PDCC and in the memo section write "Gratitude Tree". We can purchase a gift or gift card on your behalf.

Deadline is no later than 12/14/26 at noon, when all gifts and gift cards will be brought to the Jonnycake Center for Hope.



Would You Like to Serve @ PDCC?

It's Nominating Season! This is **an opportunity to come to the table and share your talents to serve your church.** It takes many of us to help PDCC fulfill our mission of "Called by Christ to create Shalom and Justice for all". Scripture encourages serving in the church as a way to show love, use spiritual gifts, and honor God.

Haven't joined PDCC as a member yet? You can still be involved with a Board or committee.

Please prayerfully and thoughtfully consider saying "yes" when asked to serve.

WE are the church that makes a Difference

YOU can PARTICIPATE as a creative thinker, organizer, planner, implementer, evaluator, or support member.

Check off what interests you, fill in contact information, and put in offering plate or give to a nominating team member (**Joanne Haynes, Peter Swain, Renee LaMontagne, or Vivian Skipper**) … or email the church office.

Board Members are the leaders who attend meetings and vote on the path forward.
Support Members receive updates on the Boards and step-up to help when needed for specific tasks.

I would like to serve as:		For the board of: <Link to more info about Boards and Committees>
O Board	O Support	Christian Education - Exciting youth & adult Christian Education programs
O Board	O Support	Music - Creating inspiring Music Experiences
O Board	O Support	Deacons - Uplifting Spiritual Experiences, Worship Planning, New Members
O Board	O Support	Missions – Wide-reaching local/world Missions & Social Justice concerns
O Board	O Support	Church Family Life/Hospitality – Creating Fun and Social Gatherings to promote community; Providing Refreshments
O Board	O Support	Property Management - Security/maintenance of church and landscape beautification
O Board	O Support	Stewardship – Creative ways to obtain resources to meet OUR missions, conduct a yearly campaign to promote financial support of the church

I am interested in being a part of the following committee(s):
O Finance O Green Team O Personnel O Social Justice O Technology

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Donating Sunday Flowers is Easy

If you'd like to donate flowers for the sanctuary, please call/text Claudia Swain (401) 265-8226 or Lynn McCall (401) 742-3949 to let them know:

1. The date you'd like to have your flowers at the altar.
2. The wording you'd like to see in the bulletin and on the screen at church. Example: "Given in loving memory of my parents, Matty and Russell Ernest, by Claudia E. Swain"
3. You may use a lovely plant from your home (that you can take back home after worship), or flowers from your garden or any florist that you prefer. Two florists have keys to deliver flowers easily (Flowerthyme 401-792-3440 and Kenyon Ave Florist 401-789-9381); other florists may need to deliver to your home and you bring the flowers in on Sunday morning.
4. Please be sure that the flowers are in place by 9:30 AM on Sunday morning.
5. Also, kindly let us know if you would like to take the flowers home after church – or let Claudia know if they can be used for a Called to Care visit.
6. THANK YOU!

Preparing for Christmas and the 12/5 Bazaar

Do Your Pruning Nov 28-30



The church's Bazaar has a reputation for selling the lovliest and *freshest* wreaths and arrangements *because* you are waiting until November 28-30 to prune your evergreens. Deliver your greens to the porch outside of Fellowship Hall from 11/29 on. Thank you!

Blessings, Chairs Cindy Fish, Jeannette Gamache, Linda Redmond

Christmas Greens Workshops

It.s almost time to open Fellowship Hall for our Greens Workshop! In order to keep everything fresh for the Bazaar and have time to set up and clean up we are only open for 4 days....Monday and Tuesday Nov 30th and Dec 1st from 9am to 4pm, then on Wednesday Dec 2nd from 9am until 8pm and finally, on Thursday December 3rd from 9am u til 2pm.

Everyone is invited to join the Greens Gang in making beautiful holiday wreaths and centerpieces to sell at our Bazaar. No experience...no worries! We can guide you.

If you have any **QUESTIONS** please reach out to Linda Redmond at 401-793-0522 or at lindaredmond@ verizon.net. We look forward to seeing you!



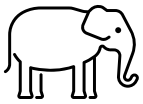
Soup! Soup! Soup!

Our Christmas Bazaar is less than 2 weeks away! Please help us make it a success by making some yummy soup to sell at the bazaar. A signup sheet will be in fellowship hall.

On Sat. Dec. 5th during the hristmas Bazaar, we need volunteers to heat, serve and clean up

QUESTIONS Contact Christine Grevstad 401 284-6483

White Elephants



Oh FHB – translated to Family Hold Back!!! So if you are reading this, please help. You have been SOOO generous that we are overloaded with goodies. If you have items to donate that are not Christmas oriented, please save them until after the bazaar.

Anyone know about the bicycle that has been abandoned at the side entrance? Should we consider selling it?

There are new orange utility buckets down cellar, they have been there for quite a while – Please claim them, or they will be for sale.

NEW/CHANGED BAZAAR WORKDAYS:

- Fri. 11/20 from 2:30 – 4PM
- Sunday 11/29 after church, wear suitable clothing for moving stuff
- Mon. 11/30 from 9:30 – 11 AM
- Tues. 12/1 from 10 AM – 12PM
- Wed. 12/ 2 from 10 AM – 12PM
- Thurs.12/3 from 10 AM – 12PM
- Friday 12/4 from 10 AM – 12PM
- Saturday Bazaar 12/5:
  - 1st Shift 8:45 - 11:45 AM
  - 2nd Shift 11:45 AM - 2:45 PM
  - 3rd Shift 2 - 4 PM for box up and clean up

CONTACT Please let jane.stabile@ outlook.com know if & when you can help.

Christmas Bazaar Bakers

Please join us in making the Bake Sale Table and the Cookie Stroll Table at the annual Christmas Bazaar a huge success. We need to stock both.

BAKE TABLE: Assorted items include bar cookies, large cut out cookies, cakes, pies, yeast & quick breads, candy, jams & jellies, snack foods (trail mix, frosted pretzels, etc.)

COOKIE STROLL: Needs small to medium-size cookies that will fit into coffee cans. **WE CAN ALWAYS USE MORE COFFEE CANS.**

DELIVER We will not need your baked goods at the church until Friday 12/4. Please remember to label if the item has nuts or is gluten-free.

CONTACT Priscilla Archambault

Tabitha's Closet

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm

NO MORE HANGERS, thank you.

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.



Spread the Word Each Saturday, ~50 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.**

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

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.

Donate We are happy to accept FALL and WINTER items for men, women, and children, as well as costume jewelry. **Please hold on any donations that are not fall/winter until the spring as 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, sweaters, sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves for children and adults, belts, purses, costume jewelry, and shoes/boots. We accept only new undergarments and new socks. See peacedalechurch.org for a list of what we do and do not accept.



Latest updates on Instagram #shoptabithascloset

Please Consider Giving Online

As we continue to improve the efficiency of our church's financial operations, I encourage everyone to consider using our new Raisely Online Giving Donation Form for your contributions to Peace Dale Congregational Church.

Our Online Giving Form makes it easy and convenient to support the General Operating Fund, Monthly Missions, and the Capital Campaign Fund. You can make one-time or recurring donations. You can contribute to multiple funds using a single form.

Donations made through Raisely are automatically recorded in our accounting system within seconds, significantly reducing administrative work and improving the efficiency of our banking and recordkeeping.

Please consider making your future donations online. It's simple, secure, convenient, and helps us spend less time on administrative tasks and more time supporting the church's mission and ministries.

To get started, simply visit our church website and click on Online Giving under *Ways to Give* or *Donate*.

If you have any questions or would like assistance using Raisely, please feel free to contact me at jimcrisafulli58@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of Peace Dale Congregational Church!

Jim Crisafulli, Treasurer

(PayPal donors may continue to use PayPal as your preferred payment method withing the Raisely platform)

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

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 at PDCC.

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.

Multi-Generational – We consistently have adults and high school students participate.

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

Commnity Treasure December 2 on WJAR Channel 10

The "I Care Shawl Project" has been selected as a WJAR Community Treasure. The feature will appear on the 6pm News on December 2.



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. **This week's passcode is 652225.** Submitted by Joanne Haynes

November Mission of the Jonnycake Center for Hope

November's mission of the month is the Jonnycake Center for Hope.

Jonnycake Market Food Pantry

The Jonnycake Center was founded as a food pantry, for neighbors by neighbors, more than fifty years ago. Since then, their roots have grown along with their belief that every member of our community deserves healthy food to nourish body, mind, and soul.

Members can come twice a month to the Jonnycake Market Food Pantry and choose food their family likes, including fruits and vegetables, frozen meats, eggs, milk, and much more. A delivery of groceries may be possible for anyone homebound,

During school vacation weeks, families with school-aged children can get items for breakfast and lunch such as fresh fruit, bread, cereal, milk, snacks, and more. For the summer months, members can come to the market weekly to pick up local, fresh produce. This year Jonnycake served 9870 summer school vacation meals.

Jonnycake Homes

Many of our South County neighbors are struggling to find affordable housing close to home. The Jonnycake Center works every day to help their members find stable, local housing and build a strong foundation for themselves and their families. Financial assistance, help with housing searches, and connections to organizations that help are available.

The Center owns and manages several housing units in Peace Dale and Shannock Villages. These are more than just places to live - they are safe, comfortable, and affordable homes right here in South County. The homes have two to five bedrooms. Priority is given to Jonnycake members with children in local schools who need better housing and have clear goals that they can help support.

Programs for the Whole Community

A whole-person approach guides everything done at the Jonnycake Center. Their services include pre-school scholarships and an after school program for early elementary students. The Jonnycake Youth Center for Middle and high school students provides a fun and welcome place for teens to make friends, learn new skills and build confidence. Students can get help with tutoring, enjoy sports, and get assistance with college and career planning. Summer camp scholarships are available for children of all ages.

For adults Jonnycake offers financial assistance and services to help members become more financially stable. Help with applying for benefits like SNAP food assistance and Medicaid, as well as income tax filing is available. Food deliveries are available for seniors who are home bound or face transportation barriers.

The Thundermist Mobile Health Center visits the Jonnycake Center every Wednesday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. No appointment is needed, and anyone can be seen. Their services include checkups and sick visits, counseling and screenings and referrals and follow-up care.

You can learn more about the Jonnycake Center for Hope on their website at jonnycakecenter.org

Thank you, the Board of Missions

The PDCC Missions Board has chosen to support the Jonnycake Center 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 "Jonnycake" 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

Next week's E-Light will be published on Wednesday due to Thanksgiving.

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

Linda Jeans (LTJeans@ verizon.net), Carol Edwards (caedwards760@ gmail.com), Joanne Haynes (joanne@ haynesrandj.com), Betsy Nelson (betsynelson10@ verizon.net), Paula Campbell (phedbat9@gmail.com), Norma Brooks, Darlene Hermes (dhermes44@ gmail.com), Christine Grevstad (christinegrevstad@ hotmail.com), Bea MacGregor (bmacgregor47@ gmail.com), Thomas Mather, Laura Lehrman (lauralehrmankelly@ gmail.com), Claudia Swain, Cindy Fish (cbfish0171@ gmail.com), Enid Watson (watsonenid@ gmail.com), and Pastor Fred (fred.e@ mac.com).

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.

If you want gift cards for Christmas gifts, talk to the RaiseRight folks now.



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.

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