

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Last Week's E-Light

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Belief, Love, Action!

Hello my friends! Last Sunday we celebrated the invitation to come to God's table. This Sunday you are invited, once again, to celebrate the Love of Christ – as we will share Holy Communion. We will consider the connection between belief, love, and action. There will be a fair amount of scripture included so you might want to read ahead - John 10:11-18 and 1 John 3:16-24. Our beloved bell choir will also enhance our worship experience.

Following worship a new member class will be offered. Come and help build the shalom of our faith body. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Peace and Joy, Brother Fred

Do You Want to Join PDCC?

Sunday, May 5 @ after worship, in the Community Room upstairs

If you've been waiting for a sign to officially join our faith family, consider this your sign. We will be happy to welcome you into the membership of Peace Dale Congregtional Church! Part of this joyful process is learning more about our church while also getting to know



other new members. To that end, we have a one-and-a-half hour "class" about PDCC, UCC, and you.

If May 5th does not work or you, please let us know! (Talk to Fred, or call or email the office at 401-789-7313 or office@peacedalechurch.org)

We welcome you to our warm and welcoming – and busy – congregation!

Worship Flowers



The flowers of May 5 are given to the glory of God and in memory of her husband Charlie Fiske by Bonnie Fiske.

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 May or June please contact Roberta Norman at 401 226-7123.

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On the Calendar

Sunday, May 5 @ 10am -Mondays @ 6:30pm **Traditional Worship** NA Meeting – Learn to Live Sunday, May 5 @ after Tuesdays @ 9:30am worship – New Members Prayer Circle Class Tuesdays @ 6:30pm Monday, May 6 @ 6pm -Bell Choir rehearsal Meet & Greet before Board Tuesdays @ 6:30pm & Committee meetings AA Meeting Thursday, May 9 @ 10am Thursdays @ 6pm – Women's Fellowship **Contemporary Singers** rehearse ALL welcome Friday, May 10 @ 6:30pm Screening of "Common Thursdays @ 7:30pm **Traditional Choir** Ground" film. See p. 5 rehearsal

Meet & Greet - 5/6

Everyone welcome! CFL/Hospitality is hosting a "meet & greet" Monday 5/6 @ 6pm in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served. Come meet the people you may work with in our congregational endeavors. We are a village!



Report of the Rhode Island UCC Association Meeting at PDCC 4/28

A big thank you to all the volunteers that contributed to a

successful Rhode Island UCC Association Spring Gathering last Sunday afternoon that we hosted at PDCC. From the set-up/kitchen crew (Cindy Dowgiallo, Christine Grevstad, Cindy and Byron Fish, Priscilla Archambault), technical support (Joanne Haynes and Jim McMonigle), greeter (Sally Bradley), and clean-up (Wally Young, Tom and Meg Kolodziej, Ed Holt), we welcomed over 50 clergy and laypeople from over 15 churches across the RI Association.

The afternoon consisted of worship led by Rev. Bob Nolan (Vice President of RI Association) and Pamela Poniatowski of the RI Poor People's Campaign, a presentation by the Haiti Task Force, Racial Justice & Equity Workshop facilitated by Rev. Noah Brewer-Wallin (Assistant Director of DEI at SNEUCC) and Rev. JaQuan Beachem (Andover Newton Seminary), and the business meeting of the RI Association of the Southern New England Conference of the United of Christ (SNEUCC).

Delegates and Clergy will next gather at the 5th Annual Meeting of the SNEUCC on the campus of UMASS Amherst on June 21-22.

Please reach out to Deb Shaw if you have any questions on the Conference and/or Association.

Women's Fellowship – 5/9

Will meet on Thurs. May 9th at 10 AM in Hoxie Lounge with an informative session led by our own Lynn McCall, RN, Retired Director of Nursing Services, Realtor, and Senior Real Estate Specialist, who will speak from both a professional and personal perspective and offer some tips for aging gracefully in our own homes, things to consider if/when there is a need to transition to another athome living arrangement or 'right sizing", and some insight on assisted care or nursing home living.

Women's Fellowship is for all PDCC ladies – if you join in on any church activity and/or attend a service you are welcome (you don't have to be an official member.) We have a collation, short devotional and an activity or program. Newer ladies and regulars - let's welcome Lynn with a good turn out!



White Elephants

Yes, we'll take your "reductions in inventory" – meaning all those items

you don't use and are cleaning out. We spiff them up, organize and appreciate them. Keep them coming and thank you! Info contact jane.stabile@ outlook.com or 508 395-1172.



Plant Sale – Sat. 5/11

8:30am – 1pm. Rain or shine. Cash or check.

Church of the Ascension

Corner of Kenyon Ave & Main St

Assorted annuals, perennials, shrubs & trees from members' gardens. And a garden-themed table of gifts & garden accessories and tools. Proceeds to benefit Episcopal Relief & Development for al Ahli Hospital in Gaza.

Hospitality Needs Help!



To continue putting out great coffee hours after the service on Sundays.... Our coffee hour teams need reinforcements.

The 1st, 4th, and 5th Sunday teams all need at least one additional person.

If you would like to join us please contact Christine Grevstad 401 284-6483 / christinegrevstad@ hotmail.com

Recumbent Tricycle (Adult-Size)

Someone has donated this treasure to White Elephants.



It appears to be in very good condition and comes with some options including fenders, air pump, rear view mirror, and a rear light. Two manuals included.

Sun EZ-3 USX HD Delta Trike

- Trike Weight 65lbs
- Total Weight Capacity 400lbs
- Wheelbase 59.5" (151cm)
- Total Length 78" (45cm)
- Total Width 32" (81cm)
- X-Seam Range 36-47"
- Seat Height 18" (145cm)
- List Price (less options) \$2349.99

If interested, you don't have to wait for the next fair to purchase this trike. Contact Jane Stabile at 508-395-1172 or jane.stabile@ outlook.com to **MAKE AN OFFER**.



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.



Deacons would love to have more folks available as **readers** (of scripture) and as **ushers** at worship services (especially for the traditional service).

If you are interested in helping out during the services, please contact Val Lowell, Sandi Robinson, or Jeff Healy.

Plastic Recycling is Downsizing

The PDCC Trex Recycling program has downsized from 2 white receiving bins to 1. The bin in Fellowship Hall has been removed.

We do receive too much non-recyclable plastic; no freezer bags or hard plastic, please.

We welcome your shrink wrap, plastic shopping bags, bread bags, and other **s t r e t c h a b l e** plastic in the bin outside the office door. "Plastics must be clean, dry, and free of food and organic residue." **SEE BELOW**. Thank you.



Collecting Unused Greeting Cards

Don't know what to do with those unused

greeting cards from charitable organizations? Don't look any further! Inside the PDCC Narthex is a cardboard box for you to put them in.



Mary Louise and I have resurrected this collection in hopes that people who need cards may use them and they are free. They will be organized into groups: holidays, sympathy, birthdays, blank cards, etc. Currently there is a box of these cards in Tabitha's Closet for guests to take and use.

If you know of any organization/s that may benefit from these cards, please contact Mary Louise or me, Gabby at 401-932-8350 text/call. (St. Jude's will take cards that do not list another charitable organization.)

Plus, this saves our environment by not throwing them away. Thank you.

Submitted by Gabby Klensch



Recycling Challenge – Saving Our Earth 1 Plastic Bag @ a Time

We are searching for a new organizer (or pair or group of organizers) of the TREX Recycling Challenge program at PDCC – you know, the white collection box for plastic bags outside the doors.

Collecting plastic bags & film keeps thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills and helps make eco-friendly outdoor products (like the benches outside the church). Gabby will offer personal training so you can see the way she has done this; you can develop a way that works for you. Contact Gabby Klensch (401) 932-8350

May Mission of the Month: South County Habitat for Humanity

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 home construction, home ownership, handicap ramps, The Restore

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



Peace Dale Congregational Church supports South County Habitat for Humanity as our Mission of the Month.

You may donate funds 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, or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online

(peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give). Checks should be made out to PDCC with "Habitat for Humanity" in the memo line.

Give now

Having It My Way – Making Life Decisions

The 6th session, Wednesday, May 15th @ 5:30 PM will be Lisa Wasson, Nurse Educator from Hope Health, and Veronica Houston, Funeral Director at Avery-Storti Funeral Home and Crematory, discussing "End of Life Decisions—Hospice and Funeral Planning."

Wasson and Houston will lead a discussion about facing the factual aspect of the end-of-life finality and actions that need to be taken. Topics will include Working with family and friends; embracing the situation; decisions to be made regarding burial or cremation, types of funerals and costs. Church Family Life sponsors this 7-session series "Having It My Way – Making Life Decisions" to help us to prepare for our last two phases of life. Each session is about 1.5 hours long.

All programs are open to the public so bring relatives and friends. Each session will include a presentation, a questions & answer segment, and refreshments.

You may attend without signing up, but it would be helpful to be able to guestimate numbers. **Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact Jane** jane.stabile@ outlook.com or 508 395-1172.

6.	.5/15, 5:30 PM	End of Life Decisions – Hospice & Funeral	Lisa Wasson, Nurse Educator from Hope Health Veronica Houston, Funeral Director
7.	5/29, 5:30 PM	Planning Your Celebration of Life	Rev. Fred Evenson Claudia Swain

Workshop dates and times have been confirmed. However, there could be last-minute changes. Please make sure you have signed up with your contact info.



No Mow May – What's that about?

No Mow May is a catchy name for an environmental movement, started in the U.K., that begs us to reexamine the American lawn. No Mow May can help us understand how we share our lawn with many small creatures by suggesting that we pause lawn mowing for a period of time in May.

Did you know that our lawns cover more than 40 million acres in the United States? It's true. Our lawns represent 2% of land in the United States, making our lawns the single largest irrigated crop we grow.

We mow our lawns, fertilize them, water them and treat them with chemicals that can be harmful to bees and other invertebrates. A lot of resources, including time and money, are dedicated to our lawns. Lawns contribute significantly to habitat loss and provide little benefit to wildlife.

Bee populations have been in decline in recent years due to loss of habitat, parasites and pesticides. This is tragic because bees are responsible for pollinating \$15 billion in agricultural products in the U.S. each year and 80% of our flowering plants.

The emergence of bees coincides with the beginning of the lawn mowing season. The bees are hungry at the same time that we are mowing down some of the flowering plants that could provide them with sustenance. When we resume mowing at the end of May, other sources of food usually appear.

It will be of tremendous benefit to the pollinators we depend on to ensure our own food supply if we cut back on mowing in May. Choices for participating in No Mow May include not mowing the entire yard for a month or not mowing the entire yard or a portion of the yard for a **JOIN US!** 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

few weeks. Some people may want to keep a tidy mowed border around the unmowed portion with signage describing their intentions. Expect to see No Mow May signs (available online) sprouting in yards all over South County!

Every one of the choices we make about No Mow May will make a difference in the lives of the pollinators and in our lives as well.

Screening of "Common Ground"



Common Ground is the highly anticipated sequel to the juggernaut success documentary, **Kiss the Ground**, which touched over 1 billion people globally and inspired the USDA to put \$20 billion toward soil health.

Peace Dale Congregational Church, in collaboration with UUCSC and St. Augustine, will be hosting a screening of a "Common Ground", with discussion to follow.

Join the solution-driven movement of regenerative leaders as they make a case for soil health across North America and beyond. We can all find our 'common ground' to heal the soil, our health, and the planet. No action is too small.

Light refreshments will be served.



May 10th at 6:30 Peace Dale Congregational Church 261 Columbia Street Peace Dale, RI

https://commongroundfilm.org/

Church Family Life Events

Events here are provided for your enjoyment. Would you like someone to join you? Contact jane.stabile@ outlook.com or 508 395-1172

Unsung Hero (PG) Continuing at South County Cinema, **various dates and times**. Film based on a remarkable true story of David Smallbone who moved his family from Down Under to the States with 7 children, suitcases, and their love of music. David and his pregnant wife Helen set out to rebuild their lives. Their children go on to become two of the most successful acts in Inspirational Music history: five-time GRAMMY Award ® -winning artists for KING + COUNTRY and Rebecca St. James. https://ticketing.useast.veezi.com/sessions/?siteToke n=na7wtdt6y7qsr120d6sed9pfb4

LAST CHANCE – Wicked Tulips Flower Farm hosts the largest u-pick tulip events in New England! Tiptoe through acres of tulips and experience the sights, sounds and smells of spring. 2 **locations still open: Johnston, RI and Preston, CT**. Tickets online only \$20 includes 10 U-pick tulips; children \$5 (no tulips), under 4 free. "Usually open for only 14 – 18 days" at each location. Accessibility – it's rocky, muddy and rutty. Rain or shine. wickedtulips.com/

Wed. 5/8 @ noon – Mamma! Mamma! Free! PPAC Celebrates Mother's Day with the Wondrous Wurlitzer. Peter Edwin Krasinski, PPAC's House Organist, will lead in honoring "Moms," with the songs by and for Broadway moms, including Les Miserables' Fantine, Mamma Mia!'s Donna, Gypsy's Mama Rose, Hairspray's Edna and many more. The concert will end with some requests from the audience! <u>ppacri.org/events/detail/mamma-mamma</u>

NEW Sun. 5/12, 2 to 5 PM – Mother's Day Stroll at Kinney Azalea Gardens, 2391 Kingstown Rd., Kingston, RI with a garden hat contest, ribbon cutting ceremony for the new garden pavilion and potted plants for purchase. Expect to see blooming azaleas, native trees and wildflowers. \$5 donation suggested, \$15 per family, free parking at the Christ United Methodist Church 2291 Kingstown Rd. https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=10006431 0904595

Thurs. 5/16 – The Domestic Violence Resource Center Annual Fundraiser at Shepherd's Run, 4780 Tower Hill Rd., South Kingstown, RI called "An Evening Under the Stars Gala" from 6 to 10:30 PM. Featuring a cocktail hour, seated dinner, live dance music with the band Hot Mess, silent auction. A special company has been hired to ensure that we will be warm under the big tent. Tickets are \$150 PP at https://dvrcsc.org/2024-annual-fundraiser/ Please let Jane stabile know if you are joining us. We have two seats left at our table. Jane.stabile@outlook.com

NEW May happening at Ninigret Park, Charlestown, RI – **Check out Two Giant Trolls** that have been created right here in So. County. They're the work of Danish artist Thomas Dambo. "These trolls are gentle giants, hulking creatures crafted from scrap wood and old wooden pallets who lure visitors with their magical presence and playful poses." https://www.rimonthly.com/giant-trolls-ninigret/

Sat. 5/18 @ 2 PM & more dates available – Into the Woods, at Choate Rosemary Hall, Paul Mellon Arts Center Stage at 332 Christian St., Wallingford, CT. "Into the Woods is a 1987 musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by James Lapine. The musical intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests." **Musical Director, Nathaniel Baker** speaks highly of these talented students. Why not put a group together to support Nathaniel? Free, but tickets must be reserved in advance. 4 shows at pmac.ludus.com/index.php?show_id=200430773

Fri. 5/31 – Breaking the Waves of Hunger Gala at 5:30pm at the Dunes Club, Narragansett, RI Join Jane & Steve Stabile for the Johnny Cake Center's largest fundraising event of the year. Join in the fight against hunger and poverty. A night of live music, delicious food, a complimentary cocktail, and silent auction. \$150 PP at jonnycakecenter.org/fundraiser/ Please let us know if you want to be at our table. Jane.stabile@ outlook.com

YOUNG NATURALIST BACKPACKS at PEACE DALE & KINGSTON LIBRARIES FREE Does your family enjoy exploring nature? Patrons with a valid library card may check out one of our backpacks filled with items such as maps, flora and fauna identification guides, magnifying glasses, binoculars, and more that encourage kids and families to explore South Kingstown Land Trust's beautiful natural areas. This program was created in partnership with the South Kingstown Land Trust and made possible by a generous grant from Bank Newport."

Tabitha's Closet is Open

We are now accepting donations of SPRING clothing.

Open Saturdays 9:30a-12:30p **SHOP!** Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's new clothing ministry offers **new and gently used clothing** for affordable suggested _____

donations.

DONATE! We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer.

VOLUNTEER! We need you! Tabitha's Closet needs volunteers to help:

- 1) sort and prep the clothing,
- 2) **help in the shop** on Saturday mornings.

Please contact Galen McGovern, our volunteer coordinator at GalenMcGovern1@ gmail.com.

For any questions or to learn more about the ministry, please contact Suzanne Faucher at gsfaucher@ gmail. com



Youth Corner



Summer 2024 Youth Mission Trip Sponsored by Peace Dale and Kingston Congregational Churches

JOIN FAMILIES WITH YOUTH IN MIDDLE AND SR. HIGH SCHOOL FROM PEACE DALE CONGREGATIONAL AND KINGSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES TO HEAR ABOUT A WONDERFUL NEW COLLABORATION IN YOUTH MINISTRY! STARTING WITH:

JULY 14-20, 2024, YOUTH WORK CAMP WOONSOCKET, RI

WITH GROUP WORK CAMPS

Youth from PDCC and KCC are invited to spend a week in service to low-income homeowners in the economically challenged community of Woonsocket, RI. Join with 100s of other youth from around the country to show God's love in action, build relationships, have <u>fun</u> and grow closer to God! Group Work Camps are extremely well-run service weeks for youth and their adult chaperones.

Check out the website: https://groupmissiontrips.com/mission-trips

Our location info/webpage: https://groupmissiontrips.com/trip-types/homerepair/woonsocket-rhode-island

REGISTER BY MAY 12, 2024



To register or get more info: Meg Kolodziejri Rev. Jan revjan@kingcongchurch.org

Gift Cards with a Kick



Formerly ShopWithScrip 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.



Sharing More Joy: PDCC Podcasts

Interviews with members of our church family about the joys of

their faith – the "Sharing More Joy" series – can be found on the church website under the News tab (https://www.peacedalechurch.org/podcasts).

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 <u>Prayer Circle</u> that gathers every Tuesday morning or of our <u>Called to Care</u> 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 <u>online form</u> 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 <u>Called to Care</u> ministry team, call the church office at (401) 789-7313 or submit the <u>online form</u>. 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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