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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Last Week's E-Light

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A Special Sunday

This Sunday will be extra special! We will gather to worship God on this contemporary worship day, which will include the sacrament of baptism. We are baptizing the great grandson of a beloved member of our faith family – Sally Bradley. After worship, during fellowship time, we will celebrate Sally and her 90th birthday!

Hopefully you will join us for such meaningful and joyous occasions.

See you soon my friends, Brother Fred

A Whale of a Tale – 10/20

Kids: Come Papier Mâché the Whale! 10/20

Hi kids! I can't wait for you to see the new whale at our church. Is it a small whale? No, it's HUGE! **IT'S BIG ENOUGH FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO GO INSIDE.** Come and see it on Sunday – and dress for a mess because we are going to papier mâché the whale so it's ready to make a splash at our "Jonah and the Whale" Family Service on 10/27. Meg



Sally Bradley's 90th Birthday Party – 10/20

Please join the Bradley Family in celebrating

Sunday, October 20, 2024 @ 11:30 am after worship at Peace Dale Congregational Church

You are invited to join us for a light fare gathering

No gifts are necessary

Sally would just be very pleased to see you

If you wish, you may make a donation to the [Peace Dale Dinner Table](#) in Sally's honor ([Ways to Give](#))



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7:30pm Traditional Choir
ALL WELCOME

Friday, October 18 @
2:30pm Prayer Shawl in
Hoxie Lounge

Sunday, October 20 @
10am Contemporary
Worship & Baptism; after
worship Sally Bradley's
birthday party

Wednesday, October 23 @
6:30 pm Praise Team
rehearsal ALL WELCOME

Thursday, October 24 @
7:30pm Traditional Choir
ALL WELCOME

Sunday, October 27 @
10am Family Worship &
Baptism – Jonah the Whale

Mondays @ 6:30pm
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Live

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
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Prayer Circle ALL
WELCOME!

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 October 20 are given to the glory of God in dedication of Sally Bradley's 90th birthday by Wendy, Joe, Josh, and

James Sisson.

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 October please contact Lynn McCall at 401-742-3949 or lynn.mccall16@gmail.com

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.



Our church is an important part of the community

Giving
with Gratitude



Thank God

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus" 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Our church is an important part of the local community – our doors are open to all, and our programs and resources cover a broad spectrum of spiritual, practical, supportive practices and beliefs.

All that Peace Dale Congregational Church does in our community requires that we give as generously as we can in order to maintain our programs and our presence.

Our budget allows us to provide the programs we do, to maintain the building in which we provide those programs, and to employ our staff. Our budget is funded by our giving. In 2019 the budget was \$427,125. This past year our budget was \$455,375. A larger budget, despite many cuts, and fewer givers is not a sustaining situation. We are asking all of us to do more with our gifts so that the wonderful legacy of this church may be sustained.

We recently mailed to all active members a "step chart" that shows the "steps" or levels of our giving. While it would be most beneficial if all could "step

up" to the next level, that is not always possible. We are asking that all of us give more, whether it is a step up or the best each of us can do to provide more. The members of the Executive Board have all committed to stepping up, as have the members of the Stewardship Board. Please join us. If you are a family or individual who stopped giving, we ask that you rejoin us with a gift

Giving "commitments" allow a budget plan. We also ask that everyone – whether contributors or sustaining units – complete a "commitment" card and return it to the church through the offering plate or by mailing it in by **November 17** which is "commitment" Sunday. On that day we plan to serve a celebratory meal after worship service. Your gift will help make it a true celebration of "Giving with Gratitude" for PDCC.

Stewardship Committee 2024

As a congregation, we are in a six-week period of reflection on our giving: Giving with Gratitude is our Stewardship campaign. We give with gratitude because God has blessed us so abundantly. We inherit in Peace Dale Congregational Church a profound legacy of generosity to our community. Let us give with joy and gratitude.



Break bread, Sip wine, Share some laughter!! It's Time for Dine with Nine Again!

This November 1st, 2nd and 3rd Church Family Life/ Hospitality would like to invite everyone (members and NON members) to a Dine with Nine event.

This is a **POTLUCK** dinner event for 9, (or 8 or 10) people from our church family to share dinner and friendly conversation at a host's home.

The host will coordinate the meal with everyone contributing their part.

This is a great way to spend time getting to know people you may have not interacted with, new church members, or those that enjoy being part of our church family.

Our last Dine with Nine was a great success! A lot of fun was had by all!! Let your Light Shine!

SIGN UP in Fellowship Hall by SUNDAY, October 27 for your preferred date:

- FRIDAY, November 1st
- SATURDAY, November 2nd or
- SUNDAY, November 3rd

****Please indicate if you would like to be a host.****
(Being a potluck dinner makes hosting so easy!)

Submitted by Lynn McCall

Once-a-Month Singers



We welcome enthusiastic singers (emphasis on joyful expression over singing quality) to join in for the once-a-month family services. We sing next on **Sunday, October 20**. I email you a

video plus music/words for each piece. You listen and practice! Rehearsal is on Sunday at 9 AM before the 10 AM service. **CONTACT** Jane.Stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172 to join in.



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

Sign Up for the Pumpkin Patch



Please sign up to volunteer your help at our Pumpkin Patch any day in October, click the signup link below – pick dates/times to greet people, answer questions,

take payments. No heavy lifting required. Training provided. Come enjoy fresh air, visit with new and old friends. Shifts are only 3 hours and go quickly if you bring a friend. Great experience for everyone from Middle School to Mature. **CONTACT** Wally Young. **CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45AFAE2AA0F49-51266117-pumpkin/17831129>

May We Borrow Your Firepit?



Missions and Church Family Life are hosting Spooky Stories with professional storyteller Mark Binder on **10/26**. Spooky Stories need a campfire! We would like to borrow 2 (portable) fire pits to have the campfire; we can pick them up and return them. **CONTACT** James

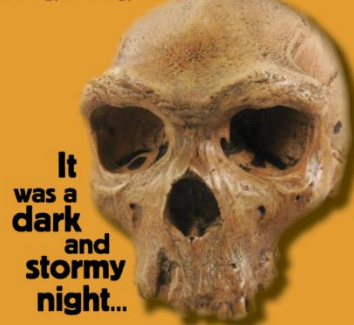
McMonigle (401) 447-8757.

Spooky Stories – 10/26

An award-winning author
An award-winning narrator
An amazing storyteller!

Spooky Stories at Peacedale Congregational Church

Chilling, Thrilling, Funny!



It was a dark and stormy night...

Mark Binder

Saturday, Oct 26
Food at 4pm
Stories at 5 pm
Campfire at 6pm
Rain or Shine
(except for the campfire...)

LISTEN ON



October Mission of the Month: LGBT Asylum Task Force

This ministry of Hadwen Park Church provides housing, food, and connections to a wide range of resources for LGBTQ asylum seekers during the up-to two years that it can take to receive their work permits. The Task Force has seen a 50% increase in requests for help this year.

The LGBT Asylum Task Force is a ministry of the Hadwen Park Congregational Church in Worcester MA that was formed in 2008. We welcome LGBTQ people of all faith traditions as we provide shared housing, food, and connection to legal, medical, and mental health resources at other local agencies.

Asylum seekers are not allowed to work for up to 2 years after arriving in the US. Our vital ministry provides comprehensive support for the entire duration of that 2-year period in which it is needed.

We assist by providing housing, food, and a small monthly stipend to cover their most basic of needs. We also provide connections to existing *pro bono* legal services. Studies have shown asylum seekers who have an attorney stand a much greater chance of being granted asylum than those who do not.

Finally, we provide a sense of community. As you might understand, fleeing persecution in your home country to come to a country where you know no one can be emotionally difficult. Our monthly community dinners and workshops aim to ease their transitions to life in the US.

For additional information, see the UCC website at <https://www.sneucc.org/blogdetail/lgbt-asylum-17507911>

PDCC supports the LGBT Asylum Task Force as our October 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 "LGBT Asylum" in the memo line** or

3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Give now



The Bistro at the Peace Dale Dinner Table

**Tuesdays @ 4:30 to 6:00 PM
in Fellowship Hall**

Returning to our original model of eat-in dining for both nutrition and socialization, the Dinner Table now offers a Tuesday sit-down dinner opportunity by Reservation Only (so we know how much food to cook).

Reservations must be made each week. Call **401-594-3812 before 7:00 PM Sunday** to make a reservation for Tuesday.

Participation in the Tuesday Bistro does not impact eligibility for Wednesday and Friday meals. The Bistro is an added feature for anyone looking for a more social dining experience. Pay what you can. All are welcome.

If you wish to **VOLUNTEER**, please email Sylvia (sylviablanda@gmail.com).

Thanks for your support for this mission. Without you, this would not be possible.

Submitted by Sylvia Blanda

Tabitha's Closet Swinging 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.

Church Family Life Events

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

10/16 – 20 The 2024 URI Guitar & Mandolin Festival in Kingston, RI. Which celebrates the vibrant tradition of string music with performances, masterclasses, and workshops led by world-class musicians. In various locations, see full schedule and locations at: edgerealtyintl.com/blog/edge-realty-proudly-supports-the-uri-guitar-and-mandolin-festival

Fri. 10/18 at 7 PM Join the Speakeasy Choir to sing “Bohemian Rhapsody” by Queen at a 21+ event at the United Theater, 5 Canal St., Westerly for a joint effort of the United Theater and the Chorus of Westerly. This is a ONE night choir open to anyone. Join the ensemble for the night, learn the song with harmonies – end with a grand performance. For \$22 you receive 1 cocktail and instruction. unitedtheatre.org/shows/speakeasy-choir-october/

10/18 Wickford Harbor Fire with illumination by glowing lanterns on the water, food trucks, restaurant specials, shopping & more. <https://wickfordvillage.org/pages/water-fire>

10/18-19 @ 7 PM, 10/20 @ 2 PM the Newport Contemporary Ballet brings its dynamic repertory program to the Elks Lodge (141 Pelham St., Newport). \$48 PP. Featuring a world premiere work by Takehiro Ueyama. NCB’s Artistic Director, Danielle Genest, also premieres *Daphnis and Chloé*. And, back by popular demand, Amy Hall Garner’s riveting work, *Ripple Effect*, rounds out the program. <https://newportcontemporaryballet.org/performance/mosaic/?portfolioCats=5>

10/19 from 1 to 4 PM the Gilbert Stuart Fall Fair 2024, 815 Gilbert Stuart Rd. with a caricature artist, crafts, live music, visit by G. Stuart, grinding corn, warm cider & donuts and 50/50 raffle – family fun. \$10 adults, \$5 children 8+, younger FREE. <https://gilbertstuartmuseum.org/events/>

10/20 at 4 PM An Evening of Celebration to benefit Yellow Horse Therapeutic Programs at the Haversham, 336 Post Rd., Westerly with cocktail hour, dinner, live music & silent auction. <https://www.yellow-horse-equine.com/whats-new.html>

NEW Thurs. 10/24 from 5 to 7 PM 5th Annual Pumpkin Path at Broad Rock Middle School walking track. It’s a family tradition here in Wakefield to stroll and enjoy the creative pumpkins made by locals. Fun and easily squeezed in before supper. At the same time Trunk or Treat is taking place at the Senior Center parking lot across from rec. ctr. Walk the path and then grab some treats! Get in the spirit by wearing a costume! FREE! southkingstownri.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1421

10/25 2 sessions 1st at 5:30 PM, 2nd at 6:30 PM Halloween Trick or Treat at the Breakers, 44 Ochre Point Ave., Newport, RI. Come in costume with your bag for treats and prizes, \$10 adults & children ages 2 -18 yr. <https://www.newportmansions.org/events/halloween-trick-or-treat-at-the-breakers-2024/>

10/25 & 26 at 7:30 PM Rose Weaver Dinner & Jazz featuring Jhony Keys & Dave Zinno with a special tribute to the Jazz legends that inspired Rose’s brilliant career. 3 course dinner w/wines by Pot au Feu. \$100 includes tax & tip. <https://pot-au-feu-100967.square.site/>

10/26 (Rain date 10/27) Friends of The Narragansett Library & the Maury L. M. Library COSTUME PARADE from library to So. Beach Parking lot with police escort for **TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT**, bag provided followed by Trick or Treating in the Pier Village. Finishing up with refreshments at the library and choose a pumpkin. Pets ok on a leash. Info at 401 789-9507

NEW 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

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

Gratitude Tree is Coming 10/27



For those who like to begin holiday shopping early, then this write-up is for you. Get a jump on purchasing one (1) or more items on this list 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.

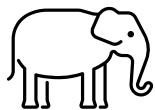
If you purchase any of these gifts ahead of time, you can bring them to the church and hand them to Gabby prior to the Gratitude Tree arrival. A red box will also be placed outside Mary Louise's office.

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



"Christmas is a Coming" and our shelves are laden down with Christmas items. Therefore, I am moving into sessions for SANTA'S

WORKSHOP. Please join in the camaraderie and get in the spirit! **CONTACT** jane.stabile@ outlook.com

Work & Fun Days:

Mon. 10/21 from 2:30 to 4 PM

Tues. 10/22 from 2:30 to 4 PM

Thurs, 10/24 from 10 AM to noon



Wait to Prune Your Evergreens

EEKK! It's the scary month. What's scary? How time just flies!

You may want to prune your evergreens to clean up for fall. NOT YET! The Christmas Bazaar Greens Gang needs you to wait until the weekend of Nov. 30- Dec. 1. Then you may drop off your boughs and clippings all fresh and ready to be transformed into beautiful wreaths and arrangements (which we will do December 2-6 in Fellowship Hall).

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 Lobb (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.



Your Green Team: Climate Hope Campaigns

As our society faces enormous challenges like climate and inequality, hope can be hard to find. Since the birth of the environmental justice movement in the early 1980s, people of faith like [Dollie Burwell](#) and the [Rev. Benjamin Chavis, Jr.](#), have generated and inspired hope by successfully taking action with others.

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, and it is not too late to join! [Register your congregation to participate in collecting pledge cards!](#)

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!](#)

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

Habitat Homes Applications Coming November 1

South County Habitat for Humanity will be accepting applications November 1 - 22 for two single-family homes in South Kingstown.

Applications will be available at southcountyhabitat.org/homeownership starting November 1st.

Review our **Homeownership Guide** to help you prepare for applying! (www.southcountyhabitat.org/homeownership)

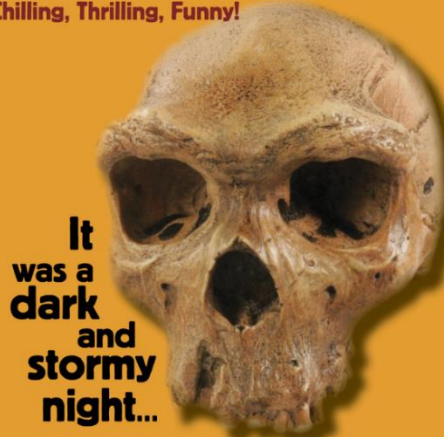
Email info@southcountyhabitat.org or call 401-213-6711 x305 to learn more or to receive an application by mail.

Spooky Stories – Saturday, 10/26

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An amazing storyteller!

Spooky Stories at Peacedale Congregational Church

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Concerts @ Kingston Congregational Church

2610 Kingstown Road, Kingston RI across from URI on Rt. 138

Tickets are \$20 General, \$10 Students and Seniors.

TICKET LINK HERE <https://onthestage.tickets/kingston-congregational-church>

Wednesday October 23, 7pm: Want to have your heart soothed, and your spirit uplifted? That's practically guaranteed when you attend a **Bobby Jo Valentine** concert. An evening of "hopeful, spiritual, explorative" music from "a queer artist who strives to make music and poetry that is good medicine for everyone." Local South County singer/songwriter **Mary Pierce Hurwitz** opens the show. Suitable for all ages.

About Bobby Jo Valentine www.bobbyjovalentine.com

About Mary Pierce Hurwitz: <https://musicofmarypierce.com/>

Saturday October 26, 6-9pm: A rare appearance in South County! Come swing dance to the music of **Western Stars**, a 7-piece country group based in Providence. Two-step across the floor to tunes by Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Bob Wills and more. FREE dance lesson at 5:30pm. Suitable for all ages.

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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