



Peace Dale  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# PDCC News

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## Meetings and Events:

**\*\*Prayer Circle meeting via Zoom - Tuesdays at 9:30am (ongoing weekly meetings)**

**\*\*Prayer Shawl Gathering Via Zoom - Fridays at 2:30pm (ongoing weekly meetings)**

**\*\*Zoom Fellowship Meeting: Sunday at 10:00AM**

**\*\*Online Worship Service via YouTube on Sundays**

## [Holy Vessels Lent 2021 - YouTube](#)

Are you a Holy vessel? Have you been feeling the brokenness of our times? This Lent may God bless our journey, as we search for wholeness! All are welcome!

Shalom,  
Pastor Fred

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## From: PDCC Green Team

Solar Installation Update:

The solar installation proposal presented by the Green Team at the PDCC annual meeting was approved. Yeah!! So hopefully the contract will be signed soon and the work can begin. Here are several of the main points.

Solar cells will be placed on the south sloping roof of the education wing, separate from the main sanctuary. As proposed, the system will produce an estimated 66.9 kWh of electricity, nearly equal to what we presently use. Energy savings will pay for the system in six years, and is projected to provide a lifetime savings of \$485 thousand, providing for a 20% annual return on investment. Generated clean energy is equivalent to offset the carbon from driving 2.4 million miles. Hence the plan is a win-win both economically and environmentally.

Just by coincidence, 60 Minutes had an interesting segment on climate change with Bill Gates on the same day as our annual meeting. He describes the problem as the most important and serious one of our generation. The link to his interview with Anderson Cooper is here:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/bill-gates-climate-change-disaster-60-minutes-2021-02-14/>

## March Birthdays

Ann Margaret Northup	3/1
Gail Twombly	3/1
Charles Fiske	3/3
Bryce Marchand	3/3
Luke Bizer	3/4
Lori Heald	3/4
Trish Van Cleef	3/4
Andrew Burnap	3/5
Carolyn Curtis	3/5
James Blackerby	3/6
Martha Beazley	3/8
Ella Arnone	3/9
Kathleen Bamford	3/12
Bradley Douglas	3/12
Laurie Nelle	3/12
Don Hermes	3/12
Matthew McGovern	3/13
Richard Adham	3/14
William Wallace	3/14
Cheryl Beckmann	3/15
Timothy Redmond	3/15
Ann Brakenwagen	3/16
Joe Fink	3/16
Kayleigh Wooler	3/16
Susann Parkinson	3/17
Mary Szrom	3/19
Gabe San Antonio	3/22
Helen Van Cleef	3/22
Allyson Beckmann	3/24
Samuel Fox	3/25
Gregg O'Neill	3/25
Tom McDonald	3/27
Daryl Anderson	3/28
Kelsey Simmons	3/28
Brenda Stafford	3/28
Daniel Foster	3/30
Keith Simmons	3/30

# Social Justice

## Upcoming Events

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Important church event this Sunday!** On February 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm, Dr Vanessa Quainoo, URI Africana Studies chair, will educate our church about Black History Month and the Church's relevance in the fight for civil rights. This 30-minute lecture will be followed by plenty of time for questions and answers. Invite your church and community friends to join us! Click [here for the Zoom link](#) for this event on Sunday at 4pm.

## Things to Read and Do

**Setting the Record Straight** Are you interested in learning "the uncomfortable truth about Rhode Island's history with people of color?" Towards an Anti-Racist North Kingstown (TANK) welcomed Tim Cranston of Swamptown Enterprise in this educational webinar that you can view [here](#).

**Did you miss these great UCC discussions?** Watch the UCC webinars on [Church-Based Reparations](#) and [The State of the Poor](#). You may also want to check out this [article](#) and [webinar](#) on "The Rights of Nature" to learn the story of how this proposed resolution evolved from a church green team.

**Commit 15 minutes a day to equity!** Join the United Way of RI's 21-Day Equity Challenge. "Each day, you'll receive an email with resources to read, watch, listen to, or write about for 15 minutes. The real work of the Challenge, however happens during the rest of the day, as you think more about what you've seen and recognize opportunities to learn and grow." Learn more about the challenge [here](#) and register [here](#) to start!

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## Breeze

### Looking up people and editing your own information

Many of you now have created your accounts on Breeze but some have not. I have put together a YouTube video to show you how to get started with Breeze, how to look up people, and how to update your own information. Enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qK3abmh3ak&feature=youtu.be>

So get started and next Week I will provide another video on other uses of Breeze. If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to email Darlene – [dhermes44@gmail.com](mailto:dhermes44@gmail.com).

## A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness.

Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger envy, or self-pity.

Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion.

Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me.

In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.





**St Patrick's Day Fund Raiser**  
**HELP FEED OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED**



**Corned Beef Dinner**  
**to benefit the**  
**Peace Dale Dinner Table**

**Saturday, March 13th**

4:00pm - 6:00pm

(Curbside pickup at the corner of Church and Columbia Streets – Peace Dale Church)

**\$15.00 Donation**

(Cash or checks made payable to PDCC-Peace Dale Dinner Table)

**Menu**  
**Corned Beef and Cabbage**  
**Homemade Irish Soda Bread**  
**Potatoes, Onions, Carrots**  
**Shamrock Cookie**

**Reservations only!**  
**→ Before Saturday, March 6,**  
**call or text your order to**  
**(401) 542-0332**

All proceeds will help fund the Peace Dale Dinner Table which serves full course, FREE hot meals to our neighbors on Wednesdays and Friday nights. Prior to COVID-19 the program was serving 70 meals a week. Now the Dinner Table, a joint venture of Peace Dale Congregational Church and St. Vincent de Paul, is serving 350 take-out meals per week.

Interested in being a sponsor?  
 Please email [doinggoodinc@icloud.com](mailto:doinggoodinc@icloud.com)



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<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/peacedalechurch>

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*Our Mission Statement:*

"EMPOWERED BY GOD'S GRACE, WE WELCOME ALL, LOVE ALL,  
AND SEEK JUSTICE FOR ALL. UNITED IN SPIRIT, THE JOURNEY MAKES US ONE."

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