



# Peace Dale

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the  
United Church of Christ*

*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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## E-Light Newsletter

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*Please note: While the ministry of the church continues, the building itself will remain closed as we continue to practice social distancing. If there is something that you need you can feel free to email Ashley at [office@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org), or leave a message at 401-789-7313. Ashley will be working decreased office hours from home and will reach out to you as soon as possible.*

Dear Peace Dale Faith Family,

Hopefully you are staying healthy, and are praying for those who are suffering from the virus. We find ourselves laying the track as we go, but fortunately, our first online worship experience during this pandemic is now under our belt, on our Facebook page and on our website. Even in the midst of this crisis, we are letting our light shine, online! If you would like a joy or concern to be mentioned during the service please email Ashley by Fri. at noon. At 8:45 on Sun. morning we'll send out the link, and put it on our Facebook page, so we can all worship "together" at 9 am. Also on Sunday, Kateri and her crew are putting together a worship experience for the kids at 10 am.

And just this morning, I recorded a message for the parents and children from my living room. You can view it by clicking on the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=IzXDErwLp2RCJMSYf2Udk4kyHi3eIFyKV>

Also in the news, our Wed. Dinner ministry is going strong as we continue to serve our community in Christ's name.

Let's all be intentional about getting connected and staying connected with each other through the various options our technology affords us. I miss being physically with you, but please know I'm praying for you, and we will eventually get through this. Now is the time for patience. I thank God for you, and pray that our Good Shepherd will continue to guide us to New Life!

Peace my friends,

Pastor Fred



This past Saturday, a group of property management and support members spent two hours pruning out dead wood, hazardous and obstructing branches and twigs from the perimeter of the church grounds. The Columbia Street sidewalk is now safer for passersby and the trees are relieved of a lot of dead wood, and low hanging branches. Along Spring Street, volunteer trees and shrub overgrowth were removed. It should allow the trees and remaining shrubs to prosper and provide unobstructed passage for walkers on that sidewalk.

In the coming Saturdays we will be working on the removal of other overgrowth, especially in the grove area, and then all the beds on the property.

"Many hands make small work" was in evidence as we accomplished much while maintaining our 6ft. of distance.

It's a blessing to be able to enjoy and care for our green landscape.

**Please Join Us In Wishing A Happy Birthday To Those Listed Below**

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| <b>Gregg O'Neill</b>   | <b>03/25</b> |
| <b>Sam Fox</b>         | <b>03/25</b> |
| <b>Brenda Stafford</b> | <b>03/28</b> |
| <b>Kelsey Simmons</b>  | <b>03/28</b> |
| <b>Daryl Anderson</b>  | <b>03/28</b> |
| <b>Daniel Foster</b>   | <b>03/30</b> |
| <b>Keith Simmons</b>   | <b>03/30</b> |

**YOUTH CONNECT - School at home! Did you make it happen? Bet it took some getting used to. Proud of you, your teachers and everyone who assisted. Stay in touch with each other and PDCC. Keep checking your emails, we may be ZOOMING TO YOU soon!**

**WHITE ELEPHANTS**

Aha! It turns out that I love having all the time in the world to work on projects. Did you clean out or clean up this week? We did filing cabinets and a desk and even found items in those for white elephants. So we'll put them in a box and although there's no rush, drop them off at the PDCC when the church building reopens and is back to normal hours. Keep busy, get fresh air and know this crisis will end. Besides God's got us covered! Call the office to check for drop offs. (401) 789-7313

**Birthday Club**

Birthday Club contributions benefit the Peace Dale Congregational Church endowment fund. Church members and friends are encouraged to donate on or around the time of their birthday, \$1.00 for each year that the world has been blessed by their presence. Birthday cards are sent from the church to remind members of this opportunity to make this birthday gift to the endowment. Increasing the endowment will ensure PDCC continues its mission for future generations.

Donate at [www.peacedalechurch.org](http://www.peacedalechurch.org) or send/bring your gift to church!

## How to continue to support the mission and ministries of PDCC during this time of social distancing

The Corona-virus has created great disruption to our lives in an effort to keep transmission under control. Social distancing is the new phrase of the decade. Peace Dale Church is observing social distancing that is affecting our worship time and other activities.

Although we are not able to physically be together to worship or participate in other activities at PDCC, the mission and ministry of our church continues and your continued financial support is very important.

Here are some ways that you can continue to support your church at this time of social distancing:

1. If you give regularly through check at our worship services, you can mail your check to the office. Or you can request that a check be sent to the church via your bank. Most banks offer this service with no additional fee.
2. You can click on this link to our PDCC on-line giving and give through the Vanco program , [https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco\\_ver3.vps?appver3=SsKSQ0-nPT\\_k4RByT8\\_3XTA5CysPqHW6\\_wpj3X1u2X3H32ygx0hJv-svYzYN-NEyJ5U-vgC3x65OYCxMtnWyvM505Li6vDSM49C8hiqnq09cKKLVOCax9HqgyCfAQxmos0I3Qms5fEaU8MpxVsXH0WCamUUUrBaiVGV4CZzcMuhHkp4bUKP2KsBDyEqZhMLU58kApXMgktem3GKcuWH5JA==&ver=3](https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=SsKSQ0-nPT_k4RByT8_3XTA5CysPqHW6_wpj3X1u2X3H32ygx0hJv-svYzYN-NEyJ5U-vgC3x65OYCxMtnWyvM505Li6vDSM49C8hiqnq09cKKLVOCax9HqgyCfAQxmos0I3Qms5fEaU8MpxVsXH0WCamUUUrBaiVGV4CZzcMuhHkp4bUKP2KsBDyEqZhMLU58kApXMgktem3GKcuWH5JA==&ver=3). This secure website allows you to set up regular recurring giving via direct withdrawal from your checking account or via credit card. You can also make donations to the mission offerings for the month.
3. You can make a one time gift through a PayPal account by clicking on this link: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme2/peacedalechurch>
4. **A new phone app for giving is now available. Just download onto your phone from the App store. Choose Church Center, Peace Dale Congregational Church, zip(02879) and set it up on your phone. Giving will be just a few clicks away from your phone.**

Thank you for your continued faithful support of Peace Dale Congregational Church.

The Stewardship Board of PDCC

# Youth Connect Online Worship Service 3-29-20

Due to the Coronavirus, many of us are hearing this new term, social distancing. Because of social distancing, it has been hard not seeing our church family and our friends. We're all learning how to connect remotely. At PDCC, the Christian Education team has been working to reconnect our Youth Connect Worship Service. Over the past week we've been planning a Youth Connect Online Worship Service scheduled for this Sunday, 3-29-20, at 10:00am. Below you will find more information on how to connect to this event. We'll be using the Zoom platform. This will allow the kids to see each other and me, via video.

Together we will explore as Jesus rides into Jerusalem. Want to read ahead? This study will be based on Luke 19:26-40.

For those youth over the age of 18, feel free to join us too. The online service will provide you a sneak peek into the new Youth Connect Worship Service. Please keep in mind two things:

- 1) This is my first attempt at leading a Zoom meeting, And
- 2) This is my first attempt at leading a Zoom meeting.

**\*\*Log in early and see a Llama Party.**

I'm looking forward to seeing the youth this Sunday.

With appreciation,  
Kateri

## Directions on logging in:

1) **Zoom Meetings:** This is where we will meet for youth connect each Sunday at 10:00am. As the host, I will have full access to mute youths' video or audio, allow youth to join the group, and the group will end when I exit the meeting. It is a safe way for our group to meet and allows us to continue to build our community and faith.

**To Join on Phone:**

- Follow the link sent out via our mass email.
- The link will prompt you to download Zoom. You do not need an account to join. There will be a prompt to put your name in once the meeting starts.
- Once downloaded, click the "Join Meeting" button and enter in our meeting ID found in the mass text, OR, re-click the link sent out via mass text, then click "Join Meeting."
- This will lead you to the meeting and place you in the Waiting Room until the host admits you into the video meeting.

**To Join on Computer:**

- Follow the link sent out via our email that says, "Join Meeting."
- A tab will open up and a download will start for the Zoom program.
- Once downloaded, a screen will pop up to prompt you to allow video and audio. Click "allow."
- This will lead you to the meeting and place you in the Waiting Room until the host admits you into the video meeting.

**Note:**

- All downloads are free, and you do not need to make an account if you do not want to. All you need is the link for the meeting. The link for the meeting will be emailed from the church later in the week.
- Please make sure you are able to use the audio on your device.
- You may need to manually give the app permission in your phone settings.



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*Would you like to share time in prayer or  
would you enjoy a pastoral visit?*

If you desire some time in prayer or a pastoral visit, please contact the church office to schedule a time to get together. Please also be sure to contact the church office if you know of a church member or loved one who is ill, in the hospital, or in need of the pastoral visit.



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