



Peace Dale

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

E-Light Newsletter

September 9, 2020

Hello PDCC Faith Family,

Happy Wednesday! I would like to encourage you to join an important conversation. I'm sure you've heard the expression "Sound Off!" as part of a military cadence; this is, in essence, what we are asking you to do. We are inviting the faith family that is PDCC, to sound off and make your voice heard!

We are holding visioning conversations across the church. At this point we have around 60 people registered and we would like even more to participate (the more the merrier). I plan to be present at as many of these meetings as I can, as we work on defining who we are and what our vision/mission is in these unique times. It's a great way for all of us to connect and talk about where we've been and where we might go next. So please do consider sounding off, adding your voice to the conversation.

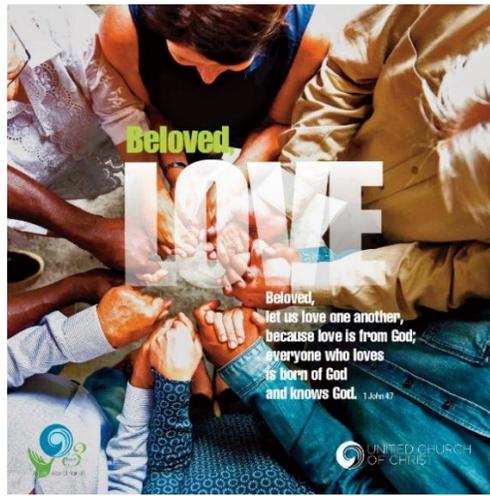
All you need to do now, is click on this link <https://forms.gle/atShTcqpweE31YEMy8> in order to register to participate. Thank you for your continued support of our ministries and I look forward to meeting with you! Remember, the body of Christ is not whole without you.

May God bless our dialogue and may it strengthen our fellowship as we move forward with a common sense of purpose and vision, following Christ as closely as we possibly can!

Peace and Joy,

Pastor Fred

The Stewardship Board will be conducting a pledge campaign this fall for pledges for the calendar year 2021. The theme for the campaign is Beloved, Love.



1 JOHN 3:16-18, GIVING LIKE CHRIST *By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*

1 JOHN 2:5-6, FOLLOWING CHRIST'S EXAMPLE *By this we may know that we are in Him: whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.*

This year's campaign emphasizes how we seek to live out our love of Christ through our love of neighbor, children, and creation. God gave us the gift of his Son, Jesus, who was sent to teach us how to love as God's children. We are thankful that He taught us to live out the love he put in our hearts, by our actions.

Throughout the campaign, that will include worship services starting on October 18th dedicated to three great loves: love of children, neighbors, and creation, leaders in our congregation will share stories of the ways we are living out these Three Great Loves. You will hear about how we are changing lives by our mission and ministry.

These are exciting times at Peace Dale Congregational Church, and as you reflect on following Christ's way, we hope you will do so in the context of the abundant mission and ministry of this congregation. In a spirit of gratitude and praise, we hope you will be inspired to give back generously to God and to our congregation in support of the many ways we are living out God's love.

On November 8th you will be asked to make a commitment of financial support to PDCC for the year 2021. When we give toward creating a community of love, we are helping to build God's Kingdom here on earth.

The Stewardship Board



YOUR YOUTH GROUP ONLINE

Have fun
Help others
Make a difference
Express yourself
Invite your friends

Zoom invitations will be sent out before each event. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Meg Kolodziej (megkolodziejri@gmail.com). All high school and middle school students are welcome!

Let your LIGHT SHINE
and SHARE it WITH OTHERS



Zoom into YOUTH CONNECT

Sunday mornings
at 9:30
starting in
September

9/13/20 Youth Connect
Worship Service

9/20/20 Youth Connect
Classes Begin

Don't forget to bring a
flameless candle or
flashlight.



UPDATE FROM THE COVID TASK FORCE

Thank you to all those who filled out the online worship survey. We received a total of 86 responses. Please click on the link below to review the survey results.

<http://www.peacedalechurch.org/wp-content/PDCC/SurveyResults.pdf>

YOUTH CONNECT SERVICE on 9/13/20 at 9:30 AM

Yahoo! We're off and functioning again. Back to Zoom, but with some new additions named Aimee, Brady, Daniel, Nathan and Scott. Yes, a couple of fun moments are definitely planned (get there by 9:26 for one of them.)

We have all been home a lot lately. In the bible story for **Youth Connect** we hear how a couple were told by God to GO!! And boy did they go. Everywhere Sarai and Abram went they built simple stone altars to worship. Anyone with some Play Dough or clay and some stones - if you create your version of an altar, you can show it during our share time! Bring a light that's safe and be ready to share about a place that you traveled to or want to travel to.

Don't worry about signing the Lord's Prayer. Daniel will start teaching it all over again.

Let's get moving! When we play music - You could sing! Or get up and dance like Madelyn does or clap your hands or do some swaying. At the very least, tap your foot. It's good for you!

It will be so great to see and be with you again. I promise not to say, "How big you've grown!" Join us and be ready to get in your worship groove. I'm so excited! Jane

For parents: There is only one live Zoom worship service planned each month to be held on the 1st Sunday. Then unless there is a holiday weekend, there are classes by age level on each of the following Sundays. A calendar will be provided. Teachers will be emailing you the appropriate link(s) for those classes.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

From the United Church of Christ Facebook page: September 1 at 3:35 PM, the 40 minute screening of "Suppressed: The Fight To Vote." You may be aware of some of the tactics to keep people from voting, but this is an eye opener which is very relevant before our November 3rd election. Stacy Abrams was running for governor in Georgia. See what happened and is still happening in our country. Suitable for adults and HS students. The movie starts at 5:20 into the webinar. Highly recommended.
<https://youtu.be/mlyGjXp3nDA>

From RI Black Storytellers for youth and their parents:

JOURNEYS in African American History **Wednesday Sept 9- Saturday Sept 12, 10 am** **FREE online**

Join RIBS storytellers Rochelle Garner Coleman and Valerie Tutson for a conversation and introduction to the historical character whose story will then come to life in a pre-recorded video. When it's done, join them again for Q & A.

Wed 10 am: Day 1: American Revolution: James Forten and Elizabeth Freeman

Thurs 10 am: Day 2: After Emancipation: I Nat Love, Black Cowboy, Part 1

Fri 10 am: Day 3: I Nat Love, Black Cowboy, Part 2

Sat. 10 am: Day 4: The 1920s/30s: Black Baseball: Cool Papa Bell

Sat 11 am Day 4: The Civil Rights Movement: MLK Amazing Grace, featuring RAIDGE, Jackie Davis, Raffini, Valerie Tutson and Rochelle Coleman as Daddy King, Coretta Scott King, Mary McCleod Bethune and Rosa Parks.

Come every day; come one day; the choice is yours.

If you are not a student in Rhode Island, we will send out the zoom link daily.

If you are a student in Rhode Island,

Register here:

<https://ride.gosignmeup.com/Public/Course/Browse>



September Mission: Doctors without Borders: Yemen support

The war in the middle-eastern country of Yemen has created one of the world's worst humanitarian crises with more than 24 million people – some 80 per cent of the population is in need of humanitarian assistance, including more than 12 million children. These millions of people depend on humanitarian assistance for survival because of displacement by the fighting. The medical projects headed by **Doctors without Borders** (DWB) in Yemen are among their organizations biggest worldwide.

As of 2018, at least 10,000 Yemenis have been killed by the fighting, two million have been displaced, and the fastest spreading cholera epidemic recorded in history has been wiping out the remaining population. With COVID-19 now spreading rapidly, Yemen is facing an emergency within an emergency. The health system is in ruins across the whole county.

The war is complex but mainly pits the Saudi Arabia coalition (made up of Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Egypt, Morocco, Jordan, Sudan, and Senegal) vs. the Houthi rebels supported mainly by Iran. The Yemen civilian population of children, women, and others are caught in the middle and are suffering miserably.

Your financial support to help the civilian population under siege is urgent and appreciated by the Missions Board.

Submitted by: Don Hermes, Board of Missions co-chair

Curbside Pick Up for SCRIP will be held this Sunday September 13th from 12:30-2:00pm.

We will continue with the curbside pickup on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. If you need cards outside of the regular pickup times or have any questions about the SCRIP program, please contact Deb Shaw (dkshaw5@cox.net).

Thanks for supporting SCRIP and PDCC!!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We are meeting virtually!! There were about 18 of us at our first Zoom social at the end of August. It was actually exciting to see that we could figure out the technology and finally come together. Since so many of us are in the Covid vulnerable category, many have been isolated at home. We were blessed with some new faces and the conversations expanded. It was good to catch up and be together.

We are holding our next social with a quick devotional on Thursday, 9/10 at 10 AM for about an hour. Here is the link. Any female member of PDCC or interested friend is welcome.

Jane Stabile is inviting you to a scheduled Women's Fellowship Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88506162805>

Meeting ID: 885 0616 2805

Upcoming Worship Services, Meetings, & Events at Peace Dale Church

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

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

Social Justice Planning Session Via Zoom – Thursday September 3 at 3:30pm

Youth Connect Via Zoom – Sunday September 13 at 9:30AM

Zoom Fellowship Meeting: Sunday, September 13 at 10:00AM

Women’s Fellowship Via Zoom – Thursday September 10 at 10:00am

Online Worship Service via YouTube on Sundays

Please send Ashley items for the church calendar at
office@peacedalechurch.org



We would like to wish a happy birthday to the following people:

Taylor Polhemus	09/09	Alexandra Turco	09/13
Wendy Sisson	09/10	Patrick McCarty	09/14
Olivia Weinreich	09/12	Madison Holden	09/15
Alyson Shogren	09/12	William Silkes	09/15
Andrew Humes	09/12	Darlene Hermes	09/17
Keith Bruns	09/13		



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"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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