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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**

## 2021 Budget Approved

Sunday, 6/27/21, the congregation approved the 2021 budget unanimously. I want to thank all those who stepped up to review and work with me in putting this budget together, Carol Vetter and Mary Louise McMillan and especially all the boards. It is not easy to project an estimate of needs with vision and the challenges ahead. So, Thank You.

Click on the link below to see the summary and detail budget that was approved.

- [2021 Annual Budget Summary Approved](#)
- [2021 Annual Budget Detail Approved](#)

Darlene Hermes  
Treasurer

## Come Share Your Ideas for PDCC

The Deacons and the Executive Board would like to hear any suggestions, ideas, or feedback on our worship services and other areas of the church. We will meet at the church on Thursday, July 8th at 4:30pm in the community room. All are welcome. If you can't make the meeting but would like to provide input, please

email Carol Vetter at [carolvetter99@gmail.com](mailto:carolvetter99@gmail.com).

## Altar Flowers

Flowers are given In Loving Memory of George and Dora Brakenwagen and Charles and Albertine Turner by Richard and Ann Brackenwagen.

If you are interested in donating flowers for the sanctuary please contact Wendy Sisson, [wendyhightschool@gmail.com](mailto:wendyhightschool@gmail.com) – cell 401-932-2055

## July Birthdays

Nathaniel Baker	July 05
Tawny Beckmann	July 05
Caroline Bamford	July 07
Katie Cunningham	July 09
Erika Huntley	July 09
Mary Jane Burgess	July 10
John Rametta	July 10
Maia Healy	July 12
Daniel Wheeler	July 12
Patrick Shaughnessy	July 14
Jeffrey Healy	July 15
Betsy Cote	July 16
Elizabeth Morse	July 17
Yvonne Carrigan	July 18
Carol Edwards	July 18
Grace Cummiskey	July 19
Richard Curtis	July 22
Emily Krochin	July 23
John Manchester	July 23
Carol Vetter	July 23
J. Benjamin Bradley	July 24
Judy Rametta	July 24
Gayle Keinard	July 28
Beth Anderson	July 29
Ellen Hefler	July 31

## Church Building and Facilities Usage

As we begin to see things going back to normal with events and meetings happening at the church building, please remember that to host an event, you will need a facilities usage form submitted to and approved by Property Management. Also, if you will be using the church for any reason – meetings, events, or anything else, please be sure to reach out to the Ashley in the church office to ensure that the space you are looking for is available.

**\*\*Please note, the office will be closed on Monday July 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of the holiday\*\***

## Praying for Healing for our Community

It is unfortunate that we find ourselves in such a polarized place, both nationally and locally. At Peace Dale Congregational Church, we support our fellow citizens, regardless of party affiliation, who choose to serve in elected leadership roles. We recognize that these positions require enormous amounts of preparation, research and education. We thank our fellow citizens who willingly stepped forward to guide our school district and town council; such work is always challenging but made more so by the pandemic and national unrest. Now, we must work diligently, not to blame, but to work together to deliberate and problem solve.

What we want is the best for the generations that come after us. The future will someday be theirs and they will have a lot to manage. To that end, let us model civil discourse, open debate and open mindedness to the diverse perspectives that people bring to any discussion. We pray that we can come together and heal, not just our local leaders but our entire community. Let us seek Shalom for all.

Thank you to all who serve our town.

*PDCC Executive Board*



## Summer Festival

July 31 (rain date-Aug. 7) 10am-3pm

I am pleased to announce that we are well on our way to making this event a memorable one. Many of you have already volunteered to help with the festival, and I thank you. We can still use more of you to help in whatever way you can.

We are sharing our musical talent via taped music from our Music Sunday worship. We are also looking for musicians who would like to donate their talents to help make our festival a memorable one. Anyone interested in singing or playing an instrument please contact Nathaniel – [nathanielgbaker@hotmail.com](mailto:nathanielgbaker@hotmail.com) or Carol (email below).

Help needed to set up take down. Director(s) for parking @ High School or Guild. White Elephant helpers, please contact Jane Stabile- [jane.stabile@outlook.com](mailto:jane.stabile@outlook.com). Food court attendants and bakers needed.

Items for a basket raffle contact Val Lowell -[vlowell@gmail.com](mailto:vlowell@gmail.com) . These are just a few of the ways you can contribute to our festival. Thank you. If you have any questions or advice. Please contact me: [caedwards760@gmail.com](mailto:caedwards760@gmail.com) or 783-2713. (Carol Edwards)



# PEACE DALE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SOLAR PROJECT UPDATE

We will use this space to provide congregation members, and interested individuals, with continuous updates on the solar panel project and member contribution participation.

## **Panel Installation:**

- SolPower, a solar company based out of Charlestown, RI has been contracted to manage the project and install the panels.
- The total cost of the project is \$113,852
- The project is presently in the permitting phase and under review by National Grid.
- The expected start date for construction is September 2021.

## **Pledges and Contributions:**

- The state grant for \$35,292 has been approved.
- The net cost to the church is \$78,560. The initial capital for the project will be borrowed from the endowment. The loan will be repaid by contributions from the church members and interested parties.
- Whatever amount is not paid by contributions will be paid out of the church budget using the annual utility cost savings of approximately \$14,000. As an example, if \$60,000 is raised from contributions then \$18,560 will be paid back over six years, or about \$3,093 per year. The remaining \$10,907 will be applied to the church operations.
- To date the church has received actual contributions of \$25,775.
- Additionally, there have been pledges of \$25,00.
- The current amount needed to fully repay the endowment loan is \$27,785.
- We are aware that there are two members who have contracted SolPower to install solar panels on their home. SolPower has committed to contribute \$300 per installation to the church project for any project signed by August 31, 2021 that is a referral from the church.
- Remember that a \$500 donation will allow you to name a panel in someone's name. This will be reflected on a plaque in the church

It is very exciting that there has been such an early commitment to this project. This allows the church to save significant costs in utility expense and redirect the money to fulfill the mission of the church.

Specifically, it also signifies how we are embracing the church's environmental mission.

Please direct any questions you may have to Jim Blackerby ([jblackerby12@gmail.com](mailto:jblackerby12@gmail.com)); Claudia Swain ([claudia.swain@gmail.com](mailto:claudia.swain@gmail.com)) or Carol Vetter ([carolvetter99@gmail.com](mailto:carolvetter99@gmail.com))

# Basket Raffle

We are helping out at this year's Summer Festival, which is Saturday, July 31st.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!

If you have empty baskets that we can fill with raffle items and/or new items, including Script cards that you can donate, please let us know. CFL will gladly take these items. You can call me, Val Lowell (774-254-2371), Patti Gross (401-932-0621) or any other CFL member.

These are some of the baskets we are planning to fill:

- American Girl doll clothes
  - Beach Toys
  - Cooking
  - Fishing
- Game night - Adults
- Game night - Kids
  - Garden
- Holiday - Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas
  - Music
  - Summertime
  - Violin
  - Yoga
- Local Business - gift card donations  
Val Lowell for CFL



# Peace Dale

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*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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*PDCC welcomes your input.*

*If you have anything you'd like included in the newsletter, please forward your request(s)  
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