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### Meetings and Events:

## BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

Sunday 7/18 and 7/25 in Fellowship Hall after each service will be the 2021 Summer Festival Raffle Basket sales.

The themes are: Garden, Beach toys, yoga/relaxation, Summertime, Holidays - Halloween, Thanksgiving & Christmas, Crafts, Adult Game night, Children's Game night, American Girl doll clothes and Cooking. Tickets will be on sale after each service.

We gladly take cash and checks.

### Cost per ticket/s:

**\$1 - 1 ticket**

**\$5 - 6 tickets**

**\$20 - 25 tickets**

Your last chance to purchase tickets will be at the 7/31 PDCC Summer Festival. Drawing will be held at 2:30 pm, unless it rains and is postponed to 8/7.

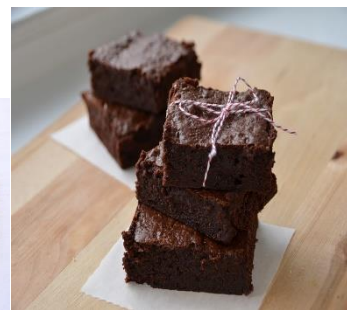
Any questions, please contact CFL co-chairs: Val Lowell and/or Patti Gross.

## Social Justice

**Stay informed this summer!** As discussed in our panel discussion this spring, affordable housing continues to be a major problem for Rhode Island. But there is hope! Read [this Providence Journal op-ed](#) about what the affordable housing crisis means for our state's economic rebound and how our state government is addressing it. In other opinions relevant to our local area, check out [this ProJo op-ed](#) by a RI UCC churchgoer on critical race theory that touches on some of the history lessons we have learned from 1619 and Stamped this past year. And in case you missed the EmbraceRace event, click [here](#) to watch this [one-hour webinar](#) about how we as adults can "unpack our racial socialization." Let's keep learning and moving forward together!

## 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



We are on the lookout for bakers to donate **cookies, bar cookies, or brownies**, for our Festival.

*Please **NO** cakes, frostings, or nuts.*

Please contact Sharon Lankford – 783-3896 to let her know what you are making or if you have any questions.

Thank You & Yum!!

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## WHITE ELEPHANTS

**HELP PLEASE** - The team is keeping up pretty well with cleaning, pricing and boxing up your treasures. We also need help on Sat. 7/31 to staff white elephants. So far I have only 2 people for each shift plus Steve and I. Could you help out at either 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM or 12:30 PM until about 3:30 PM? **WE NEED YOU!** Hours can be adjusted if needed.

Work will continue in W. E. on Tues. 7/20 from 10 - 12:30 and on Thurs. 7/22 from 1 to 3:30 PM. Come enjoy the camaraderie and shop early (at premium prices.) jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172

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## Church Hours

Ashley will be away from the office from July 25 and return August 2.

There will be no newsletter for that week, so please try to get any submissions that you would like included into this upcoming week's Newsletter.



**Happy summer Peace Dale Church members and friends!**

**We have an abundance of plant material that graces our property. However, with that comes the need for maintenance. Some of that occurred with a large group in the spring, but since then only a few have put their hands to the task.**

**So this is an invitation to any others who would like to weed anytime or prune in this last window of time. I have knowledge of the proper care of the perennials, shrubs and trees and would be happy to instruct/advise. I am thinking early evenings for an hour or so might be a good time. I am available for most of them.**

**Some weeds are simply an interference with nutrients and space, others threaten flora, and fauna.**

**Dead wood on trees is an invitation to insects, and bacteria. I only anticipate removing the branches that are easily removable.**

**I am hoping that some of you might enjoy learning, doing, and preserving our little piece of heaven on earth.**

**Thank you,  
Jackie Kanis**

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## Peace Dale Congregational Church Local Crisis Fund

During this difficult time of the Corona Virus Pandemic, many individuals, families, and small businesses in our area are experiencing financial hardships. With the support of some very generous donations, Peace Dale Congregational Church has established a Local Crisis Fund to offer assistance to those affected by this crisis. Anyone who is experiencing financial difficulty due to the pandemic is encouraged to apply to the Church and will be considered for a grant from this fund. All information on applicants is totally confidential.

Applications may be obtained by contacting PDCC 's Senior Minister via email at:

**[office@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org)**

or in writing at the following address:

**PDCC Local Crisis Fund Request for Assistance**

**261 Columbia Street**

**Peace Dale, RI 02879**

To date we have helped 22 individuals and families with things such as rent payments, electric bills, car insurance, car payments, and food. And we are continuing to receive applications for assistance.

**The church and the Missions Board thank all those who have made donations.** In order to continue supporting those in need in our community, additional donations are encouraged from any who are able to contribute to this fund. Individuals can donate by sending a check to the address listed above and writing PDCC LOCAL CRISIS FUND in the memo section of the check, or by contacting the church to inquire about electronic giving options. In this way we can all support our community in this time of need.



## 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 July 1, 2021

We will use this space to provide congregation members, and interested individuals, with monthly 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. To date the church has received actual contributions of \$44,131 from 34 contributors.

Additional pledges of \$20,000.

Total from actual contributions, pledges and state grant: \$99,423

If no further gifts are received the endowment loan will be owed \$14,429.

Whatever amount is not paid by contributions will be paid out of the church budget, applying the annual utility cost savings of approximately \$14,000. To date \$64,000 is contributed or pledged. So \$14,429 will be paid back over six years, or about \$2,400 per year. The remaining \$11,600 annual savings will be applied to the church operations.

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.

If you have not yet contributed or pledged, please do so and help us to reach the goal of meeting the costs 100% from current contributions! Together we embrace our 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))

**Good morning God. It's me again. But now I'm praying with my friends. Thank you for bringing us all together this morning, to sing and shout praises to YOU, our God.**

**Thank you for YOUR faith-building promises  
Promises of peace if we would only keep our minds stayed on you.  
Promises of joy when we, with utter faith, lean in on YOU.  
Promises to draw near to us when we draw near to you.  
We're here Lord, and in this precious moment, we can begin to feel the warmth of YOUR love in this community of like spirits.**

**This morning, as we call on YOU for our help, help us also to be fearless in our requests. We are all YOUR servants whom YOU love. We ask in your will ...  
let healing happen in those who are sick in body or mind;  
Let peace fill each afflicted soul and let joy light each day.  
If any are struggling or lost, lead them back to the path of faith.**

**Let today ... this moment ... be the time we put all sense of failure behind us, and look only to our future, even our future eternal life with YOU, Holy One.**

**The past is gone forever, and we can't change it. But the rest of our lives lie ahead. Help us God, to strive in absolute faith, and with abundant hope, for the unfolding of the great plans YOU have for us. YOUR plan, to prosper us and not to harm us, how good it will be; exceedingly and abundantly more than we can ask or even imagine. YOUR plan, to give us hope and a future.**

**Every day, and all through the day, God YOU want us to ask YOU to take control of our lives. Because YOUR plans for each of us ARE for good and DO offer us a future of hope, help us now come to appreciate that our way is not likely the best way unless it is consistent with YOUR will. We know we face a constant battle of choosing self or YOU, Holy One. Right now, we pause and in the silence, we take a moment to call on the Holy Spirit to help us realize and confess that all that we are, all that we have, all that we do, and all the future holds for us is because of YOU God.**

**Now we are in agreement, and now YOU make it easy to choose, easy for us to choose to open our hands and place them in YOUR hands, the hands of our loving creator. We're in good hands when we're in YOUR hands.**

**And now, hear us Father and hear as we pray the pray YOUR son taught us to pray:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name...**



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**“CALLED BY CHRIST TO CREATE SHALOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL”**

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[peacedalechurch.org](http://peacedalechurch.org)**

*PDCC welcomes your input.*

*If you have anything you'd like included in the newsletter, please forward your request(s)  
to the church office (before noon the day before the newsletter is published)*