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## Last Week's E-Light

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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.

## Altar Flowers

**Flowers for July 25, 2021 are given In Loving Memory of her husband, Jim Norman - by Roberta Norman.**

**Flowers for August 1, 2021 are given In loving memory of our parents Elizabeth Cave and Mary and Howard Sisson  
From: Wendy and Joe Sisson**

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

## Church Hours

**Ashley will be away from the office from July 25 and return August 2. There will be no newsletter for that week.**

## 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

## Social Justice

**Real Talk: Building Resilient, Inclusive, Compassionate Faith Communities** Kimi Floyd Reisch, the Open and Affirming Minister, has started this [non-profit](#) to “help churches live into their commitments to be radically inclusive.” Last week, they posted a joyous 2 minute video to celebrate International Day of Nonbinary Visibility. [Watch it here](#)- “love is the only thing we need...that makes me happy!”

**Hallelujah!** In local news, Governor McKee signed the “[School Waste Recycling and Refuse Disposal](#)” bill and On the national front, federal courts have [blocked transgender restrictions](#) in two states, Arkansas and West Virginia, at least temporarily protecting trans youth access to healthcare and trans athletes ability to participate in sports.

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## WHITE ELEPHANTS

**Work schedule for W.E. set up for the 7/31 Summer Festival in the long hallway outside the office for week of 7/26:**

**Mon. 7/26 - 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM to set up tables and cover them and bring up items.**

**Tues. 7/27 - 10 AM to 1 PM Laying out items.**

**Wed. 7/28 - 1 to 3 PM Checking pricing, more lay out.**

**Thurs. 7/29 - 9:30 to 11:30 AM Final lay out**

**Fri. 7 /30 - 1 PM to ? Get toy and gardening items set.**

**W.E. accepts and is grateful for your items year around. We have linens, lamps, kitchen, gardening, puzzles, toys and lots of craft items, plus a special Men's Dept. and Alan's Granpa's Attic! Only workers are allowed to shop early. Some come join us! Men too!**

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## Juneteenth Celebrated at PDCC

An ecumenical group of people gathered at Peace Dale Congregational Church on June 19<sup>th</sup> (Juneteenth) to celebrate the end of slavery in the US and to remember the death of George Floyd. The worship service and celebration included participation from Bryant Da Cruz, former South Kingstown Town Council member, Rabbi Ethan Adler, Pastor Archie, advocate for a food ministry in Providence, Pastor Fred Evenson, Joanne Haynes, Meera Mennilo and Gayle Keinard. Our bell was rung for a period of time at 8 pm along with bells from other church in the community to memorialize the death of George Floyd and others who have died unjustly.

If you missed the occasion, a video of the service can be seen here:

<https://youtu.be/twzrustFwgBo>



**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**

**Home: 401-789-4193 Cell Phone: 401-207-3138**

**email: [bloomingwork@gmail.com](mailto:bloomingwork@gmail.com)**



**SCRIP this Sunday**  
**July 25<sup>th</sup> 10:45am – 12:00pm**



**We have \$5 gift cards.**  
**Brickley's is giving us a 20% rebate.**  
Support a local business and PDCC.

### SCRIP Curbside Schedule

**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
**Time:** after church (11:00am)  
**Where:** wherever coffee hour is set up

We'll be at the **Summer Festival on July 31<sup>st</sup> from 10am – 3pm** with the following additional cards:

Dunkin' (\$10), Amazon (\$25), Marshall's (\$25), Walmart (\$25)

Think of SCRIP for gift-giving throughout the year with hundreds of retailers available for special orders. See attached link for a complete listing...

**Retailer List ([shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com))**

Questions? Contact Deb Shaw at [dkshaw5@cox.net](mailto:dkshaw5@cox.net)

## 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))



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for all sorts of information related to PDCC!  
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*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)*

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