



# Peace Dale

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

## E-Light Newsletter

August 26, 2020

Hello everyone,

As part of the process for developing a new vision statement for the church, Pastor Fred will ask specific questions each Sunday during the zoom fellowship hour to help gather ideas of where members see the church headed. This week's topic is:

At PDCC, what are we most proud of? What are our top 1-3 major accomplishments or "big wins"? What difference did this make in the world?

So please take some time to reflect on these questions and join us on Sunday at 10am via zoom. We want to hear from as many people as possible. The meeting link will be sent out by email on Saturday.

Pastor Fred will be speaking this Sunday on "persistent prayer" during his sermon. So we would also like to hear from anyone who would like to share examples of prayers being answered.

As part of this visioning process, The Strategic Planning Committee is also offering several ways for your voice to be heard. These reflection and planning opportunities include:

- Small group (4-6) on Zoom
- Socially distanced small group (4-6) outside
- Individual phone conversation with a group leader
- No meeting, but will respond to a written questionnaire

To sign up for one of these opportunities, please click on the following link.

<https://forms.gle/atShTcqpwE31YEMy8>

# Aprons in Action



**PDCC is a special place—not your typical church, perhaps, but a place where if you feel like you want to be a part of making our life on earth as it is in heaven, then you can don your apron and join us. Right now, we might not be able to hold our supper table, or meet in person, but there is plenty that we can still do.**

**This year the stewardship committee is embracing the Three Great Loves Campaign. The hope of this initiative is to tell, and share the story, of how individuals, churches and organizations of the UCC are impacting and transforming the world as covenantal partners united in our common purpose, vision and mission. Work that lives out the love of God and leads to creating a just world for all.**

**To celebrate, we want to have a recognition video of our efforts.**

**Claudia Swain will be giving you a call, and asking you to think about what part of the church inspires you to get to work! She will be asking you to don your apron and let her take a photo that will be included in the celebration video.**

**Are you inspired by the beauty of God's creation? Then let her take a picture of you outdoors. Do you help with the care of our building? Then let her take a picture of you trimming the boxwoods, or winding the clock....**

**Expect to see the video at the conclusion of our campaign. Spread the word!**

## UPDATE FROM THE COVID TASK FORCE

So far we have received 83 responses to the survey on our online worship services. Thank you to all who have responded. We will keep the survey up for the next couple of days, so if you haven't yet responded, it's not too late.

If you did not receive the email with the link to the survey or would like a paper copy of it, please call the church at 401-789-7313



Please see the following link for more detailed information about this month's mission, Neighbors Helping Neighbors RI

<http://www.peacedalechurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/NeighborsHelpingNeighbors.pdf>

Read or listen to the link below from RI National Public Radio to see how our recent Mission Offering is helping the local student-youth group TASK with their work. The TASK acronym stands for Toward An Antiracist South Kingstown. In addition to proposing curriculum changes and other issues in the schools, the group plans to give attention to housing and poverty in the region. Our own Mission representative, Vivian Skipper, is enthusiastically working with TASK.

<https://thepublicsradio.org/article/-we-just-want-to-be-valued-a-movement-for-justice-on-the-rise-in-south-kingstown>

submitted by Don Hermes, Co-Chair Missions Board



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We would like to thank Claudia Swain for providing the lovely altar flowers each Friday for the taping of the worship service. Claudia also takes both of the church flowers each week to someone who needs some cheer. She calls ahead and visits for a short time from a distance when she delivers the flowers. Thank you, Claudia for providing people with the beautiful gift of flowers.

Through the generous donations of members and friends of the church the PDCC Local Crisis Fund has helped eight South County families with rent and food during the coronavirus pandemic. Due to the continuation of the corona virus pandemic the church is continuing to receive applications. Additional donations would be greatly appreciated. They can be sent to the church with the PDCC Local Crisis Fund in the memo section or by contacting the church to inquire about electronic giving options. The church and the Mission Board thank all those who have made donations.

## 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)

Zoom Fellowship Meeting: Sunday, August 30 at 10:00AM

Online Worship Service via YouTube on Sundays

**Please send Ashley items for the church calendar at**  
[office@peacedalechurch.org](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org)



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

Linda Tucker 08/25  
Shelly Moses 08/27  
George Krochin 08/27  
Marilyn Williams 08/28  
Francisco McMonigle 08/28  
Karina Carlson 08/28  
David Rowan Jr. 08/29  
Hunter Bradley 08/29

Gary Smith 08/30  
Danielle Robinson 08/30  
Sharon Schmid 09/01  
Tim Burnap 09/01  
Christina Wilson Dangelo 09/01  
Byron Fish 09/01  
David Caswell 09/02  
Carolyn Traxler 09/02



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



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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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**Be sure to visit our website  
for all sorts of information related to PDCC!  
[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)*

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