



Peace Dale

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

E-Light Newsletter

September 2, 2020

Hello Church Family,

This Sunday, Pastor Fred will once again ask questions as part of our visioning process at the zoom fellowship hour. This week's topic is:

Whose lives is our work touching? Who are we serving? How exactly are they engaging with us?

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. We will again send out the link to the fellowship meeting by email on Saturday.

As part of the visioning process, The Strategic Planning Committee is 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

Your group leader will determine a meeting time that works for the group. Each group will meet once. Please allow around 2 hours. The meetings will be completed by October 1 and will focus on who we are and who we want to be.

If you haven't signed up already please do so by clicking on the following link. The deadline to sign-up is this Sunday, September 6th at 3:00p.m. <https://forms.gle/atShTcqpwE31YEMy8>

**Your Youth Group
ONLINE**

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

**Let your Light Shine
and Share it With others**

More information next week



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

We want to thank everyone who filled out the online worship service survey. We received a total of 85 responses. We are now analyzing the data and will have it available in next week's newsletter.

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



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

Since we have started Curbside pick-up in June, we have had over \$11,000 in sales!!!

Please contact Deb Shaw (dkshaw5@cox.net) with any questions. Thanks for supporting SCRIP and PDCC!!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Christian Education has been coordinating a group of planning sessions to promote learning about race issues. We have been meeting since June when there was a book club based on "White Fragility." Now we are preparing to offer information for different age levels, in a variety of formats on a quarterly basis. We are also learning about local efforts such as the new TASK committee and hosted a session with Pastor Sagesse of the Church of God, Wakefield. If you would like to be part of a group that is learning about being anti-racist together, feel free to join us or watch for our offerings in the e-light.

Join Jane's Social Justice Planning Session Zoom Meeting

On Thursday, 9/3 at 3:30 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84374925604> Meeting ID:

843 7492 5604

UPDATE ON JULY MISSION

Here is the most recent summary of our July Mission offering collected to assist TASK. The congregation generously provided \$815 to help fund the work of TASK. The TASK acronym stands for **Toward An Antiracist South Kingstown**. Thank you very much.

In case you missed it, I include below an article that describes some of the recent work of TASK. The article was published by RI National Public Radio. You can read or listen to this article by following the link below.

<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

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

Zoom Fellowship Meeting: Sunday, September 6 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:

Sharon Schmid	09/01	Olivia Weinreich	09/12
Tim Burnap	09/01	Alyson Shogren	09/12
Christina Wilson Dangelo	09/01	Andrew Humes	09/12
Byron Fish	09/01	Keith Bruns	09/13
David Caswell	09/02	Alexandra Turco	09/13
Carolyn Traxler	09/02	Patrick McCarty	09/14
Matthew Bizer	09/06	Madison Holden	09/15
Kimberley Simmons	09/08	William Silkes	09/15
Taylor Polhemus	09/09	Darlene Hermes	09/17
Wendy Sisson	09/10		



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



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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)
to the church office (before noon the day before the newsletter is published)*

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