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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Last Week's E-Light

peacedalechurch.org/e-li

Finding God's Love in a Fish

This Sunday, we will enjoy a Family Worship Service that includes water and water related things. There will be a baptism. There will be a rainbow. There will be a whale. Come and see the whale! But it's not just about water. The sacred story of Jonah continues to have much to say, if we only listen.

You could say Jonah experienced not only the width and breadth of God's love, but also the depth of God's love. Especially during our Family Worship Services, we are pondering what it means to be blessed with so much of God's love, that it overflows! Come and see how that played out in our Jonah story. And you might ask yourself, what does this mean for you?

Remember to make some time for what looks to be a unique and special multigenerational worship service on Sunday. Let's continue to listen for God's still speaking voice.

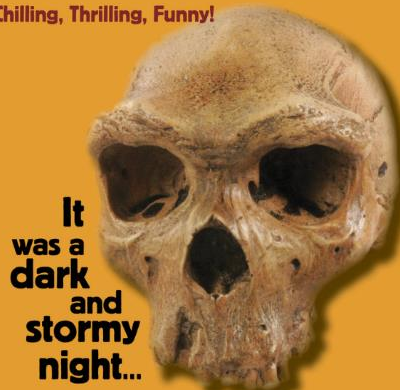
See you soon! Brother Fred

Finding Fellowship (and God's love) Around a Campfire – 10/26

An award-winning author
An award-winning narrator
An amazing storyteller!

Spooky Stories at Peacedale Congregational Church

Chilling, Thrilling, Funny!



Mark Binder

Saturday, Oct 26
Food at 4pm
Stories at 5 pm
Campfire at 6pm
Rain or Shine
(except for the campfire...)

LISTEN ON



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On the Calendar

Sunday, October 27 @
10am Family Worship &
Baptism – Jonah the Whale

Saturday, November 2 @
10am Traditional Choir ALL
WELCOME

Saturday, November 2 @
11am Praise Team rehearsal
ALL WELCOME

Tuesday, November 5 @
7pm Praise Team rehearsal
ALL WELCOME

Thursday, November 7 @
7:30pm Traditional Choir
ALL WELCOME

Mondays @ 6:30pm
NA Meeting – Learn to
Live

Tuesdays @ 9:30am
Prayer Warriors /
Prayer Circle ALL
WELCOME!

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
AA Meeting

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
Bell Choir rehearsals
ALL WELCOME!

Thursdays @ 7:30pm
Traditional Choir
rehearsals (occasional
different days)
ALL WELCOME!



Thank You!

WOW! WHAT A
WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION! Thank all
of you who worked so
hard to make it special –

Hospitality for the amazing TEA PARTY. Sylvia
for her gift. PASTOR FRED for the beautiful
Baptism service. The lovely prayer shawl, the
donations to the dinner table, the cards and
all of you who attended.

I AM SO BLESSED TO BE A PART OF THIS
CARING CHURCH FAMILY. BLESSINGS TO
YOU ALL.

Sally Bradley

Worship Flowers



The flowers of October 27 are given to the glory of God by Sylvia Blanda and Wally Young in celebration of another successful pumpkin season, all who volunteered in the Pumpkin Patch, the Navajos who grew the pumpkins, and the residents of the Welcome House who will benefit from the community's generosity.

Flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special occasion, or simply give to the glory of God. **If you are interested in donating Sanctuary flowers** for November or December, please contact Carol Anne Hayes at 401-487-9127 or carolhayes44@ gmail.com



Sign up by 10/27
Dine with Nine!
Break bread, Sip wine,
Share some laughter!!

Everyone (members and NON members) is invited to Dine with Nine on November 1, 2 and 3.

This is a **POTLUCK** dinner event for 9, (or 8 or 10) people from our church family to share dinner and friendly conversation at a host's home.

The host will coordinate the meal with everyone contributing their part.

This is a great way to get to know people you may have not interacted with, new church members, or those that enjoy being part of our church family.

Our last Dine with Nine was a great success! A lot of fun was had by all!! Let your Light Shine!

SIGN UP in Fellowship Hall by SUNDAY, October 27 for your preferred date:

- FRIDAY, November 1
- SATURDAY, November 2 or
- SUNDAY, November 3

****Please indicate if you would like to be a host.****
 (Being a potluck dinner makes hosting so easy!)
 Submitted by Lynn McCall

Sign Up to Sell Pumpkins



Please sign up to volunteer your help at our Pumpkin Patch any day in October, click the signup link below – pick dates/times to greet people, answer questions,

take payments. No heavy lifting required. Training provided. Come enjoy fresh air, visit with new and old friends. Shifts are only 3 hours and go quickly if you bring a friend. Great experience for everyone from Middle School to Mature. **CONTACT** Wally Young. **CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45AFAE2AA0F49-51266117-pumpkin/17831129>



Social Justice in Action

For THIS WEEK'S list of events and opportunities check out the [Social Justice Committee info](#) on the Missions or Groups section of our

PDCC website. Submitted by Joanne Haynes



Traditional Choir
Contemporary Choir

We are growing and it's a great time to join in.

Speak with Nathaniel our illustrious director!

Or just pop in at our next rehearsal, see below.

We rehearse weekly in the Music Room

Contemporary Choir: Wednesdays 6:00PM to 7:00PM
Traditional Choir: Thursdays, 7:30PM to 8:30PM

A profound legacy of generosity in our community

Giving
with Gratitude



Thank God

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus" 1 Thessalonians 5:18

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

This scripture from 2 Corinthians embodies our Stewardship theme: Giving with Gratitude.

Stewardship isn't just writing a check or figuring out what's left over after all our personal bills have been paid. A culture of stewardship is Biblical and necessary because without it our ministries and programs won't happen, salaries won't get paid, missions can't be supported, and our beautiful church cannot be maintained. And none of these go away. They are ongoing needs.

By now, PDCC members and supporters should have received a "commitment card" which provides each contributor or sustaining unit the opportunity to provide an estimate of giving for the coming year. Our step chart enables us to consider making the next step to increase our support.

We are confident that those who can will step up cheerfully so that our work at PDCC can continue. We inherit in Peace Dale Congregational Church a profound legacy of generosity to our community. Let us give with joy and gratitude.

Youth Connect on Sundays

All high school through preschool students are invited to join us for Youth Connect on Sunday mornings. We gather in the sanctuary with our families at 10 am for the beginning of the worship service and then head to Youth Connect.

Giving "commitments" allow a budget plan. We also ask that everyone – whether contributors or sustaining units – complete a "commitment" card and return it to the church through the offering plate or by mailing it in by **November 17** which is "commitment" Sunday. On that day we plan to serve a celebratory meal after worship service. Your gift will help make it a true celebration of "Giving with Gratitude" for PDCC.

Stewardship
Committee 2024

As a congregation, we are in a six-week period of reflection on our giving: Giving with Gratitude is our Stewardship campaign. We give with gratitude because God has blessed us so abundantly. We inherit in Peace Dale Congregational Church a profound legacy of generosity to our community. Let us give with joy and gratitude.



Interested in Confirmation?

Calling future confirmands!

If you are interested in Confirmation for the 2024/2025 year, please contact Pastor Fred.



Your Green Team: Climate Hope Campaigns

For the second year, the **United Church of Christ (UCC)** is undertaking a nationwide Climate Hope campaign. In 2023, our Climate Hope Cards initiative sought to save thousands of lives, address societal inequities, and get our nation on track to meet its climate goals by **collecting thousands of petition postcards** that urged the Environmental Protection Agency to adopt the strongest possible protections. As part of a larger coalition, **our efforts were successful!**

In 2024, the UCC is in the midst of its second campaign called **Vote for Climate Hope**. The first phase of the campaign was an art contest for children and youth. The winning art is now on voter pledge cards that congregations are collecting between now and November 1st. In our second year, we have witnessed a notable growth in the number of participating churches.

By taking the Climate Hope Voter Pledge [***"I pledge to vote as an act of hope for present and future generations."***], you are making a sacred commitment to a more just and equitable world for people of all ages, races, and walks of life.

The final phase of our campaign will be for teams of church members to visit their elected officials after Election Day. We know that voter mobilization and government accountability are strongest when they are linked together!

Take our Climate Hope Voter Pledge!



Music Academy

Peace Dale Congregational Church offers a Music Academy and Scholarship program that aims to help students of all ages a venue to begin, enhance, or fine-tune musical aspirations. We currently offer lessons in piano and voice.



PIANO AND VOICE LESSONS
INSTRUCTOR: MEERA MENNILLO

Meera is an enthusiastic, lively teacher who instills the love of music in

her students. Her lessons are fun, engaging and tailored to the specific needs of the student. She teaches both contemporary and classical styles and advises in both performance and songwriting.

meeramennillo@gmail.com
(401) 430-5336
Fee: \$40.00/hour



Tabitha's Closet in Swing for Fall

Open Saturdays 9:30am – 12:00 pm. Tabitha's Closet, PDCC's clothing ministry, offers new and gently-used clothing for affordable suggested donations. Most items priced below \$6. **Get what you need, pay what you can.**



DONATIONS. We are accepting FALL & WINTER clothing. We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer. See peacedalechurch.org for a list of what we do and do not accept

Church Family Life Events

Please send any events in which you are involved that would appeal to PDCCers to jane.stabile@outlook.com for listing in the E-Light.

NEW Thurs. 10/24 from 5 to 7 PM 5th Annual Pumpkin Path at Broad Rock Middle School walking track. It's a family tradition here in Wakefield to stroll and enjoy the creative pumpkins made by locals. Fun and easily squeezed in before supper. At the same time Trunk or Treat is taking place at the Senior Center parking lot across from rec. ctr. Walk the path and then grab some treats! Get in the spirit by wearing a costume! FREE!
southkingstownri.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1421

10/25 – 2 sessions 1st at 5:30 PM, 2nd at 6:30 PM – Halloween Trick or Treat at the Breakers, 44 Ochre Point Ave., Newport, RI. Come in costume with your bag for treats and prizes, \$10 adults & children ages 2 -18 yr.
<https://www.newportmansions.org/events/halloween-trick-or-treat-at-the-breakers-2024/>

10/25 & 26 at 7:30 PM Rose Weaver Dinner & Jazz featuring Jhony Keys & Dave Zinno with a special tribute to the Jazz legends that inspired Rose's brilliant career. 3 course dinner w/wines by Pot au Feu. \$100 includes tax & tip. <https://pot-au-feu-100967.square.site/>

10/26 (Rain date 10/27) Friends of The Narragansett Library & the Maury L. M. Library COSTUME PARADE from library to So. Beach Parking lot with police escort for **TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT**, bag provided followed by Trick or Treating in the Pier Village. Finishing up with refreshments at the library and choose a pumpkin. Pets ok on a leash. Info at 401 789-9507

NEW Sat. 10/26 – Halloween Stroll at Saugatucket Park, Wakefield, RI from 1 to 3 PM with a 1 PM COSTUME PARADE. Wear a costume and trick or treat in the downtown village. There will be music, games, bounce house & more. FREE!
https://www.facebook.com/events/3427434270892075/?acontext=%7B%22event_action_history%22%3A%7D

NEW Sat. 10/26 from 3 to 7 PM – Hera Gallery's Harvest Art Fest, with a raffle, sweater swap & sale, crafts, kids activity, beekeeper w/bees, bake sale, drinks and art. heragallery.org/hera-harvest-art-fest

NEW Sun. 10/27 at 7 PM - Woody Carland's Jazz All-Stars a Domestic Violence Awareness Concert at the Contemporary Theater, 327 Main St., Wakefield with Paula Clare, Joe Parillo, G. Dussault, J. Debossu & Woody Carland. \$25 PP.
<https://dvrsc.org/events/>

NEW Thurs. 10/31 from 5 to 7 PM - 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat and the Spooktacular Halloween Movie Drop-In & Crafting Station for children on High St., Westerly with the PVD Drum troupe a group of musicians, acrobats, hoopers & dancers. Best costume competition & decorated pumpkins.
unitedtheatre.org/shows/2nd-annual-trunk-or-treat/

NEW Thurs. 11/7 from 6 to 9 PM 40th Anniversary Gala for the Galilee Mission which supports those with substance use with a night of history, fun & good food. \$80 PP
<https://givebutter.com/StykK9>

NEW Fri. 11/8 from 6 to 10 PM The Warm Center of Westerly's Pre-holiday Bash, at the Windjammer, 321 Atlantic Ave., Westerly. PDCC had a good sized group attend last year. There will be great food, a silent auction, a giving tree, raffles, and plenty of dancing to Eight to the Bar! \$40 PP includes all food served for the night. Great social event for PDCCers! See Jane Stabile to save you a seat. facebook.com/events/935005018669045

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We're Already Preparing for the Christmas Season (and the Bazaar...)

Gratitude Tree is Up

The tags are up and ready for picking!



For those who like to begin holiday shopping early, you can get a jump on purchasing one (1) or more items to benefit the children of South County.

Gift cards to: Marshall's, Amazon, Visa/MasterCard, Walmart, CVS and Wakefield Mall Retailer. See Deb Shaw at the **RAISERIGHT** table, where she will have many of these gift cards.

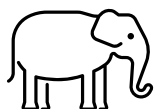
If you purchase any of these gifts ahead of time, you can bring them to the church and hand them to Gabby or place them in the red box outside the church office.

If you are out of town during this time, please feel free to send a check made out to PDCC and in the memo section write: "Gratitude Tree". We will purchase a gift for you with this money.

Deadline is no later than **December 8th**, when all the much-needed gifts will be brought to the Jonnycake Center for Hope.

QUESTIONS: call/text Gabby at: 401-932-8350

Christmas White Elephants



White Elephants are taking a well-deserved break this week. **CHECK BACK** next week. We still welcome your contributions of items.



Wait (a little longer) to Prune Your Evergreens

The Christmas Bazaar Greens Gang is hoping you have saved your evergreen pruning until the weekend of Nov. 30- Dec. 1. Then you may drop off your boughs and clippings all fresh and ready to be transformed into beautiful wreaths and arrangements (which we will do December 2-6 in Fellowship Hall).

Submitted by Jeannette Gamache

Baskets, Baskets, Baskets!!!!



We're getting ready for our famous Basket Raffle for the Christmas Bazaar.

The proceeds support PDCC. We need your help!!!!

There will be a 'basket bush' set up in the lobby. (similar to our Christmas tree)

Help us fill the baskets by choosing a tag and dropping your item(s) off in the Basket Box in the Lobb (or in the Church Office if you prefer).

If you have an extra basket to give (wonderful!) please just drop it in the basket box.

Please place your donation in the box by Sunday November 24th.

QUESTIONS??- Please contact Maria Cassaday at maria828@gmail.com

Save Coffee Cans



The very popular Cookie Trail returns for the **Christmas Bazaar!** Yes, we are thinking about December already. In the past we have sold as many as 100 cans of homemade cookies. We need as many 1 lb coffee cans (with lids) as possible. So, drink up and bring us your empties! Empty cans with lids may be left on a counter in the kitchen.

October Mission of the Month: LGBT Asylum Task Force

This ministry of Hadwen Park Church provides housing, food, and connections to a wide range of resources for LGBTQ asylum seekers during the up-to two years that it can take to receive their work permits. The Task Force has seen a 50% increase in requests for help this year.

The LGBT Asylum Task Force is a ministry of the Hadwen Park Congregational Church in Worcester MA that was formed in 2008. We welcome LGBTQ people of all faith traditions as we provide shared housing, food, and connection to legal, medical, and mental health resources at other local agencies.

Asylum seekers are not allowed to work for up to 2 years after arriving in the US. Our vital ministry provides comprehensive support for the entire duration of that 2-year period in which it is needed.

We assist by providing housing, food, and a small monthly stipend to cover their most basic of needs. We also provide connections to existing *pro bono* legal services. Studies have shown asylum seekers who have an attorney stand a much greater chance of being granted asylum than those who do not.

Finally, we provide a sense of community. As you might understand, fleeing persecution in your home country to come to a country where you know no one can be emotionally difficult. Our monthly community dinners and workshops aim to ease their transitions to life in the US.

For additional information, see the UCC website at <https://www.sneucc.org/blogdetail/lgbt-asylum-17507911>

PDCC supports the LGBT Asylum Task Force as our October Mission of the Month. You may donate by 1) placing your gift in the Missions basket during Sunday service,

2) sending a check to the church office @ 261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI 02879, **Checks should be made out to PDCC with "LGBT Asylum" in the memo line** or

3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

Give now

Donate Supplies for Church World Service Kits

Please help us collect supplies! At the September meeting of the Women's Fellowship, we agreed to continue the Kit Program for Church World Service. With the help of our congregation, we have continued to increase the number of kits processed each year. These kits are sent to areas around the world where natural disasters have occurred. Please add these items to your shopping lists and leave them in boxes provided in Fellowship Hall. We have found these items in Job Lot, Wal-Mart and Dollar Tree.



Thank you for your help in making another successful year providing kits for Church World Service's world-wide mission.

Supplies needed

SCHOOL KIT

- Rounded tip scissors
- Three 70-count bound notebooks
- 12 inch ruler
- Hand-held pencil sharpener
- large eraser
- Six pencils
- 24 pack crayons



HYGIENE KIT

- Hand towel
- Wash cloth
- Wide-tooth comb
- Fingernail or toenail clipper
- Bath-size bar of soap in wrapper
- Toothbrush in original package
- Ten standard size band-aids



We have found Walmart, Job Lot, and the Dollar Store in Narragansett to be good sources.



We also need handmade cotton bags w/cloth handles for School Kits. Sally Bradley has the pattern.

Submitted by Judy Healy

Youth Corner

Family Weekend at PDCC – 10/26 & 27

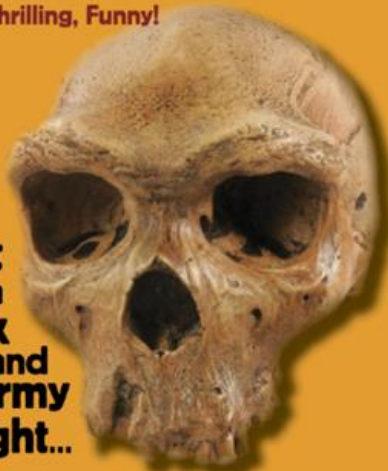
It's going to be a great fall weekend at PDCC. On **Saturday** evening, there will be food, scary stories, live music, and a campfire to enjoy starting at 5 pm. **Sunday** at 10 am you won't want to miss our amazing Jonah and the Whale Family Service! Our 11-foot papier-mâché whale is ready to make an appearance, and we would love to have you join us too. We will celebrate a baptism at the beginning of the service, and then the kids will be invited to be a part of a lively Jonah and the Whale skit. Pastor Fred's reflection will be woven into the skit making the service fun and meaningful for kids and adults. Hope you can come!

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LISTEN ON



Please join us for a

SPOOKY SLEEPOVER

NOVEMBER 2, 7:00PM-
NOVEMBER 3, 9:00AM

Kingston Congregational Church
2610 Kingstown Rd, Kingston, RI 02881

Feel free to bring friends and get
ready for a night of Games, Snacks,
and Spooky Stories!

To RSVP email:
Vivian Skipper at
vivian.skipper@yahoo.com
or
Meg Kolodziej at
megkolodziejri@gmail.com

Gift Cards with a Kick



You get a card for the full amount *and* every

retailer gives money back to the church for the money you spend.

Use RaiseRight to buy **gift cards** for teachers, service providers, and family.

Use RaiseRight to buy **cards for your own personal shopping** of groceries, etc. Remember your reusable bags and gift cards in your everyday shopping trips.

- RaiseRight (formerly SCRIP) table sales are available on Sundays in Fellowship Hall after worship.
- Cards in stock include:
Belmont (\$25 & \$100), Dave's (\$100), Shaw's (\$25 & \$100), Stop & Shop (\$25 & \$100), CVS (\$25), Walgreen's (\$25), Amazon (\$25 & \$100), Applebee's (\$25), Brickley's Ice Cream (\$20), Dunkin' (\$10 & \$25), Marshall's (\$25), Matunuck Oyster Bar (\$50), Old Mountain Lanes (\$25), Panera (\$10 & \$25), Starbucks (\$10 & \$25), Walmart (\$25).

Questions? Contact Deb Shaw at dkshaw5@cox.net or stop by the table on Sunday after worship.



Prayer Matters



To build fellowship and make full use of the congregational power of prayer, we offer this Prayer Matters space to allow

members of our community to lift up their names and requests for prayer. This adds to the opportunities for congregants to lift up their prayers during Sunday service, and to request the care of the [Prayer Circle](#) that gathers every Tuesday morning or of our [Called to Care](#) ministry.

How to share your prayer

You may choose to use all or any combination of: Joys & Concerns on Sunday morning, Prayer Circle ministry, Called to Care ministry, and the new Prayer Matters section of the newsletter.

- To lift up your prayer during **Sunday Service**, simply raise your hand, voice your joy or concern and then say, "this is my prayer"; the congregation responds "this is our prayer". Prayer requests made during Sunday service are shared aloud with those in attendance.
- To request the care of **Prayer Circle**, submit the [online form](#) or call the church office at (401) 789-7313. These requests are shared only with members of this group.
- To request the support of our [Called to Care](#) ministry team, call the church office at (401) 789-7313 or submit the [online form](#). These requests are shared only with members of this group.
- To request your prayer be included in the E-Light newsletter, send email to office@peacedalechurch.org or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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