



Peace Dale
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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Last Week's E-Light

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Beautiful Feet?

Romans 10:5-15

"As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'" Have you heard of this particular phrase? It's included in our reading for this Sunday, (from Paul's letter to the Romans, which is the book the Bible study is currently reading – Feb. 13 at 6:30). In our reading this weekend, the apostle Paul mentions the "good news". How would you describe the "good news" of Christianity? How are you participating in sharing such "good news"? It's a good question. Perhaps you could invite someone to join us this Sunday?

Let's All come together on Sunday, as we celebrate our God who extravagantly welcomes us all to the table! Following worship, we will actually gather around the table enjoying a potluck meal. We will eventually transition into the Annual Meeting. It's a great time to celebrate some of the ways our faith family has donned the apron, and through our various ministries, hopefully shared some "good news" along the way.

I'll see you soon!

Peace and Joy, Pastor Fred

Annual Congregational Meeting – February 9



The 168th Annual Meeting of Peace Dale Congregational Church will be Sunday February 9, 2025, following 10 am worship and a pot-luck luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

The purpose of the meeting shall be to elect officers, board members and delegates, and approve a proclamation to create Foundation Day.

The Annual Report and the Slate of Nominations have been emailed to active members of the Congregation, are available on the church website (under the Leadership & Staff tab).



Worship Flowers

The flowers of February 9 are given to the glory of God. 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 February or March, please contact Carol Anne Hayes at 401-487-9127 or carolhayes44@gmail.com

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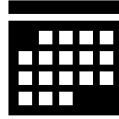
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Membership Notes

Gail Birchell passed away Saturday, January 31, 2025.

A Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Avery Storti Funeral Home, 88 Columbia St. Wakefield, RI. Burial will be private. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in the spring, as spring was Gail's favorite season.



On the Calendar

Sunday, February 9 @
10am Contemporary
Worship. Potluck and
Annual Congregational
meeting following worship.

Thursday, February 13 @
10am Women's Fellowship

Thursday, February 13 @
6pm Praise Team Rehearsal

Thursday, February 13 @
7:30pm Traditional Choir
Rehearsal

Sunday, February 16 @
10am Contemporary
Worship. New members
welcomed.

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

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

Tuesdays @ 4:30pm
Bistro at Peace Dale
Dinner Table

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm
AA Meeting

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

2nd Thursdays @ 10am
Women's Fellowship
ALL WELCOME

Eggstravaganza's Coming!

Save the Date!
April 12 @ 11 am – 2 pm

PLANNING MEETING:
Sunday, March 2 in Room 2C
following the worship service.
*Kids and adults welcome to
the planning meeting.*



A Prayerful Invitation



Crocheters and Knitters are invited to meet with our prayer shawl group to help us add to our comfort wraps given to those in need.

Can't crochet or knit? No problem! All are welcome. We have teachers and supplies to help you in this wonderful ministry.

Join us **Friday, February 21 at 10 am** in the Community Room. Contact Carol Edwards.

February Mission of the Month: Rhody Outpost Food Pantry

For the entire month of February, we are collecting donated **FOOD AND MONEY** to benefit Rhody Outpost. Rhody Outpost is URI's primary pantry for the 25% of students facing food insecurity, offering both fresh and non-perishable food as well as personal care items at no charge.

Founded through a partnership between URI and St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, the pantry is operated by the Dean of Students Office with help from student and community volunteers. Serving about 80 students weekly, Rhody Outpost is open two afternoons each week, year-round. The pantry provides a variety of food, including produce and dairy, and aims to meet the needs of many international students who prefer ingredients over processed foods. Read more at <https://web.uri.edu/rhody-outpost/>

PDCC will be collecting **FOOD DURING CHURCH SERVICE** as a competition between the sections of pews where we normally sit so bring any of the items listed below to help your section win! There are also boxes in the church hallway.

FOOD:

- Gluten free pasta
- cooking oils (including alternative oils like sunflower and olive)
- Rice (1 lb bags), lentils, alternative grains
- Non-dairy shelf-stable milk
- Spices
- Whole oats (not packets)
- Peanut, almond, and alternative butters

WINTER PRODUCE ITEMS:

- bananas, carrots, potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, peppers,

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS:

- Laundry Pods, Dish soap
- There is also an Amazon wish list for direct food deliveries:
[amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/HSZD8PGYCZC0/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/HSZD8PGYCZC0/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

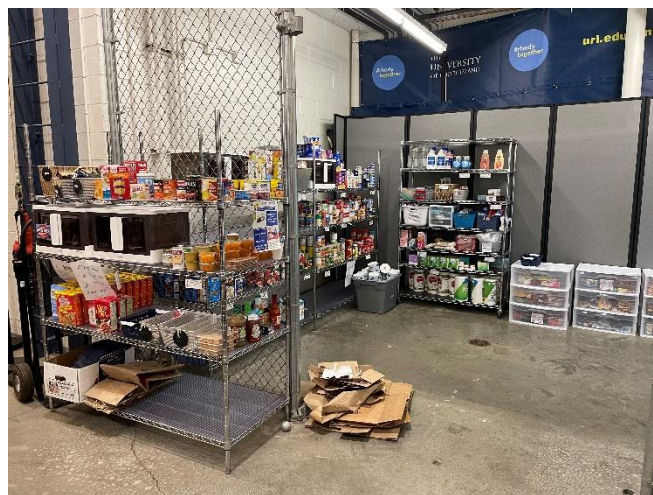
QUESTIONS? Contact Stacy Saxon at stacysaxon@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Missions Board

[Give now](#)

PDCC supports the Rhody Outpost Pantry as our February 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 "Rhody Outpost" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).



The **JANUARY** Mission-of-the-Month has collected \$1,409 to date in support of the Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County.

The **MARCH** Mission-of-the-Month will be the UCC California Wildfire Relief Effort.

Help Assemble Church World Service Kits

We will be assembling kits on Thursday, February 13 @ 10am. Feel free to join us!

We will be assembling for the next two months (second Thursday @ 10am). This is an annual mission of PDCC and with the help of our congregation, we have increased the number of kits processed each year. These Hygiene Kits and School Kits are sent to areas around the world where natural disasters have occurred. Thank you for your help in making another successful year providing kits for Church World Service's world-wide mission.

Submitted by Judy Healy

Composting and Recycling: Sustainable Solutions for a Greener Community



By popular request, we're sharing this information again to highlight how South Kingstown

and Narragansett residents can contribute to a more sustainable community through composting and recycling.

Composting in South Kingstown and Narragansett

Residents of South Kingstown and Narragansett have access to free composting services at the Rose Hill Regional Transfer Station, a service provided by Black Earth Compost LLC. <https://blackearthcompost.com/>. Available Monday through Saturday, the designated compost bins help divert food waste and compostable products from landfills, reducing methane emissions and capturing carbon to mitigate climate change. Acceptable compost materials include food scraps such as coffee grounds, eggs, meat, seafood, dairy, and pasta, along with certified compostable products and certain household items. For a full list of what can and cannot be composted, refer to <https://blackearthcompost.com/whats-compostable/>. For those that would like to schedule home pickup services, please inquire directly with Black Earth Compost.

Recycling for a Sustainable Future

Recycling plays a vital role in conserving resources, reducing waste, and lowering greenhouse gas emissions. Residents are encouraged to recycle materials such as paper, cardboard, metal cans, glass bottles, and plastic containers—ensuring they are clean and dry. Proper recycling efforts not only protect the environment but also support economic growth by creating jobs in the recycling industry. For additional detail, please check out the following links:

- [Mixed Recycling Guideline](#)
- [Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation](#)
- [Recycle Across America](#)

By participating in both composting and recycling initiatives, residents can contribute to a more sustainable future for their community and the planet.

Join Green Team

For anyone, of all ages, interested in learning more about the "Green Team", please contact George Faucher at glfaucher@gmail.com and/or Don Hermes at dhermes33@gmail.com

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

White Elephants



THANK YOU for consistently donating. If you're not sure if we will take an item call Jane Stabile and ask. 508 395-1172

Come Make Music!



Our Praise Team, Traditional Choir, and Bell Choir welcome you! Rehearsals are once a week, typically in the evening. Ask a choir member after worship about rehearsal dates or check the Breeze EVENTS calendar or check the On the Calendar feature in the E-Light (on page 2). If you are interested in a Once-a-Month commitment, see below for contact info to sing with Family Worship Services.

Once-a-Month Singers



We have a somewhat animated group who sing with the family service the 4th week of each month (**next up is February 23**). You do not need to read music, just enjoy singing together and show it. I email you videos and music/lyrics of all the pieces ahead of time so you can practice. We rehearse just once at 9 AM before the family service. **Feel free to try us out. CONTACT** jane.stabile@outlook.com or 508 395-1172.

PDCC OSCAR Nominated Movie Watch!!! Walk the PDCC red carpet!!!

The Academy Awards is on March 2nd. For those who like to watch movies, here's your chance to decide which movie, actress and actor should receive this year's Oscar.

CFL OFFERS THIS OPPORTUNITY for anyone who is interested in having a cohort of movie fans with whom to discuss this year's nominees.

1. Folks join by committing to seeing at least half of the movies nominated for best picture, best actor, best actress. Movies are available to see on the big screen and on various streaming services. There are 10 movies in each category, but there is overlap. **SIGN UP** by emailing ... sylviablанда@gmail.com
2. CFL will support accessibility by sharing info about where movies may be found.
3. Participants have until March 1st to see half the movies nominated. Some may join with others to watch the movies ... some may curl up on the couch and stream a movie from the comfort of your own home. Some folks may organize a small group to go to the theater. Others may make this a date night! One could literally escape to the theater all alone. The possibilities are endless.
4. On March 2nd, participants will attend an Academy Awards **PARTY**. After walking the red carpet, we will have dinner and discuss the movies. After our discussion, we will vote to determine our winners. We will watch the Awards and compare our winners with those who actually receive an Oscar. The location and festivities will be determined by the number of folks participating – no number is too small, nor too large.

SIGN UP IF INTERESTED & JOIN US FOR SOME GET-TOGETHER FUN.

2025 Oscar Nominees

Best Picture

"Anora"
"The Brutalist"
"A Complete Unknown"
"Conclave"
"Dune: Part Two"
"Emilia Pérez"
"I'm Still Here"
"Nickel Boys"
"The Substance"
"Wicked"

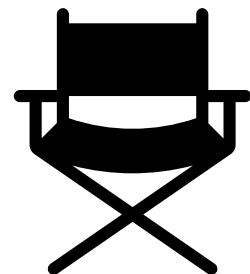
Best Actress

Cynthia Erivo – "Wicked"
Karla Sofía Gascón – "Emilia Pérez"
Mikey Madison – "Anora"
Demi Moore – "The Substance"
Fernanda Torres – "I'm Still Here"

Best Actor

Adrien Brody – "The Brutalist"
Timothée Chalamet – "A Complete Unknown"
Colman Domingo – "Sing Sing"
Ralph Fiennes – "Conclave"
Sebastian Stan – "The Apprentice"

*Submitted by
Sylvia Blanda*



Benefit for Peace Dale Dinner Table – 2/23



BIG SOUP PARTY

Sunday * February 23, 2025
4:30 - 6:30PM

Homemade Soups, Bread and Desserts
Donations Accepted

BENEFITS
Peace Dale Dinner Table Weekly Community Dinners
Bring A Friend - All are Welcome

Peace Dale Congregational Church
261 Columbia St, Wakefield RI

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www.facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch

Calling all PDCC Soup Creators!

What is your favorite soup recipe?? Is it a secret family recipe passed from one generation to the next? Did you find this recipe when you were first on your own and have made it ever since.

Maybe an old friend gave it to you or you concocted it yourself. It might be that it is the favorite of one of your children or a special person. Then, there is the soup that requires no recipe, only the one in your head! Whatever It is we would love to feature it at the Third Annual Soup Party (Sunday, Feb 23rd) which this year will benefit the Peace Dale Dinner Table.

You are the key to the success of this fundraiser. **If you would like to donate a soup**, please email sylviablанда@gmail.com or text 401-439-3541 with your name and the kind of soup. If you have a crockpot, great; if not just deliver it in a soup pot to the church by 4:15pm on February 23rd.

We cannot wait to try yours.

Gabby Klensch is recruiting folks to make dessert.

We also will need some able-bodied folks to help set-up after Fellowship on Sunday and for clean up when the event is done.

Mostly we need you all to come, enjoy some soup and have a great time.... See you on the 23rd.

Big Soup Party Dessert Makers Needed

It's not too early to sign up to bake – or even shop for – a dessert for our Big Soup Party on 2/23/25.

Sign-up by:

- Talking to Gabby at church
- Write on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall
- Call or text 401-932-8350
- Email gklensch1@gmail.com
- Or talk to Gabby at Salk's ACE Hardware on Wed/Thurs from 8:00-1:00, where I am a Cashier

Thank you so much,
Gabby (The Big Soup Party Dessert Organizer)

Local Resource: Peer Support Group

A PDCC member says: All That Matters Yoga offers a [free chronic illness peer support group](https://allthatmatterswellness.org/workshops). Check it out at allthatmatterswellness.org/workshops. If the on-line registration link does not work, call them at 401-409-2121. 315 Main Street, Wakefield

Church Family Life Events

SHREK THE MUSICAL – 2/6 – 2/9 See the article about the BIG Nazo puppets workshop for this musical in the Feb. issue of *So RI- Be Mine*. With big dance routines, great singing and acting and the new catwalk – SKHS is bursting with creativity and talent. You will love it! Midsection seats are pretty much sold out, but there are still seats on the sides and at the back. See what's happening and get tickets at: [facebook.com/RebelTheaterGroup/](https://www.facebook.com/RebelTheaterGroup/)

Sun. 2/9 60+ Singles Supper Club at 5:30 PM at Mariner Grill, 140 Point Judith Rd., Narragansett. Call the Sr. Ctr. for reservations 789-0268 x2

Mon. 2/10 Galantines Event for gals from 5 to 8 PM at South County Choppers, 904 Boston Neck Rd. Narragansett. Sip wine or drink coffee while you shop. Also, mini massages w/Liz, footbaths, build a bouquet, blow out, curls or tinsel & more. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063454038086>

Thurs. 2/13 –Golden Ages Luncheon at White's of Westport Featuring a 3-piece combo "Family Tree" who will play any music you would like. There will be dancing, door prizes & more. Lunch is Italian wedding soup, chicken Marsala or baked scrod, veggies and cheesecake w/strawberry sauce. Cost \$45 PP. <https://www.simplenetix.com/e/golden-ages-luncheon-valentines-celebratio-tickets-200108>

2/14 Monthly Wellness Workshop – Heart Health – Eating Healthy from 10 to 11:30 AM at the South Kingstown Senior Center, 25 St. Dominic Rd., Wakefield. Facilitated by Shery Parente, Certified Health and Wellness Coach.

Fri. 2/14 Bullets in the Bathtub! A delicious Murder Mystery in 2 acts at the Carriage Inn, 1065 Tower Hill Rd., No. Kingstown. 5 P Cocktail hour; 6 Pm Show with dinner served between acts an Italian buffet. \$50 for show & dinner at 401 372-7201 or <https://wbctheater.org/box-office>

Thursdays now through 3/27 at 7 PM – 11th Annual Wakefield Idol at The Contemporary Theater Company, 327 Main St., Wakefield, RI. It's the hottest show in town! Singers compete for the \$1,200 grand prize with new songs every Thursday from January - March. Songs are all sung karaoke style and lyrics must be memorized!

<https://www.contemporarytheatercompany.com/>

Saturdays now through 4/12 at 7 PM – Whodunit? An Improvised Murder Mystery! At The Contemporary Theater Company, 327 Main St., Wakefield, RI. Classic whodunits with a twist: it's all improvised! Our actors weave webs of secrets, deception, and mystery as we wind our way through a different murder each week.

<https://ci.ovationtix.com/36747/production/1222362>

Tabitha's Closet Changing Seasons to Spring

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

Tabitha's Closet has stopped taking winter donations. We will begin taking spring donations March 15.

DONATIONS. Tabitha's will be accepting winter clothing donations through February 1st. We ask that all donations be paused for the month of February while we offer our final winter inventory. We will be accepting spring/summer clothing donations beginning March 1st.

We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer. See [peacedalechurch.org](https://www.peacedalechurch.org) for a list of what we do and do not accept.

VOLUNTEER!! We would love more volunteers! If you would like to help sort clothes, staff this effort, or do marketing, please contact gsfaucher@gmail.com or lynnehandayan@gmail.com

WINTER CLEARANCE

Fill-a-bag

***\$10.00**

*suggested donation

February 8- March 8

Office door, downstairs
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261 Columbia St. Peace Dale RI 02879
Open Saturdays 9:30-12:30pm
Monthly- Third Tuesdays 4-7pm
[Peacedalechurch.org](https://www.peacedalechurch.org)

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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