



Peace Dale  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

# PDCC E-Light Newsletter

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March 27, 2025

## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

### Office Hours

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

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## Birthdays This Week

Ryan Hays  
Daryl Anderson  
Brenda Stafford  
Daniel Foster  
Keith Simmons  
Lee Jeans  
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[peacedalechurch.org](http://peacedalechurch.org)

### Follow us on Facebook!

[Facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch](https://www.facebook.com/PeaceDaleChurch)

### Last Week's E-Light

[peacedalechurch.org/e-li](http://peacedalechurch.org/e-li)

## "A New Creation"

**2 Cor. 5: 16-21**

This Sunday @ 10am, in our Traditional Worship Service, we will talk about some "new things" coming ultimately from God! We'll also talk about Paul Tillich and the 3 "re"s, among other things. What do I mean by these statements? Come to worship and find out!

God's willing to do a new thing, are you?

See you in worship! Brother Fred

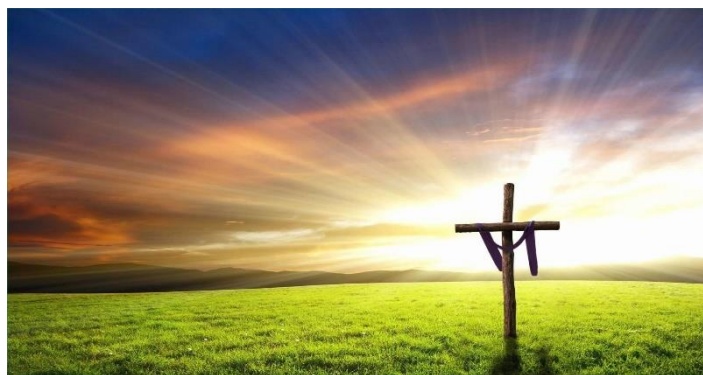
## Worship Flowers



**The flowers for Sunday, March 30 are given to the glory of God and in memory of Carey Lankford by Sharon Lankford, Kristin, and David.**

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 April, May, or June please contact Roberta Norman at (401) 226-7123.



## Join Us for Easter Week Services

### Palm Sunday, April 13

10 AM – Contemporary Worship

### Good Friday, April 18

6:30 PM service led by this year's Confirmands

### Maundy Thursday, April 17

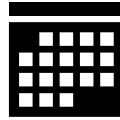
6 PM – Soup & Fellowship  
6:30 PM – Worship Service

### Easter Sunday, April 20

9 AM – Contemporary Worship  
11 AM – Traditional Worship

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## On the Calendar

**Thursday, March 27 @**  
6pm Praise Team

**Thursday, March 27 @**  
7:30pm Traditional choir

**Sunday, March 30 @**  
10am Traditional Worship

**Thursday, April 3 @ 6pm**  
Praise Team

**Thursday, April 3 @**  
7:30pm Traditional choir

**Sunday, April 6 @ 10am**  
Traditional Worship

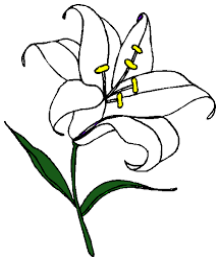
Mondays @ 6:30pm  
NA Meeting – Learn to Live

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

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

Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
AA Meeting

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



## EASTER LILIES

If you wish to donate lilies to decorate our church sanctuary for the Easter season, please complete the order form below and return it to the church office with your payment by **April 6, 2025**. The suggested donation is **\$15**. Following Easter Services, deacons will deliver plants to our members who are homebound, are over age 85, or who recently experienced a loss or illness. If you would enjoy delivering your plant yourself, please indicate below to whom you will be taking it.

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: ☐ In celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

What to do with your lily after Easter Sunday worship?

☐ I want to take the plant home with me.

☐ I will deliver the plant to: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I want to leave the plant at church for someone else to deliver

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 to sing with Family Workshop, see that item, here.

## 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 April 27**). 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

## April Flower Purchases Will Benefit Peace Dale Dinner Table



In April, purchases of **specially marked** flower bouquets at the Narragansett Stop and Shop will generate donations to the Peace Dale Dinner Table (\$1 per bouquet). The Narragansett Stop and Shop has selected Dinner Table as the local hunger organization of the month

for April. Thank you to the Narragansett Stop & Shop for their consistent support of Dinner Table.

## White Elephants



**YOU ARE SO GENEROUS!** The extra shower & Christmas gifts, your beautiful decoratives and small appliances, and so much more are starting to fill our shelves.

We could really use some **mid-size boxes** that will close.



Our next work day, as we prepare for our Sat. 5/17 sale, is Thurs. 4/17 from 10 to 11:30 AM.

**WORK DAY: Thurs. 4/17 – 10 to 11:30 AM**

## Women's Fellowship – 4/10

**LEARN ABOUT ANTIQUES!** Special program on Thurs. 4/10 from 10AM to approximately 11:30AM at Peace Dale Congregational Church. Women's Fellowship is hosting our own Jackie Kanis for an informal antique conversation and discussion. Inspired by *The Antique Road Show*, everyone should consider bringing an item for "Show & Tell." Further topics will include how Jackie got hooked plus discerning and caring for antiques. All women are invited. Refreshments provided. Please RSVP to jane.stabile@ outlook.com or 508 395-1172



## Eggstravaganza's Coming!

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



## Church Family Life Events

**Sat. 3/29 @ 4 – 6 PM Four Corners Art Center Barn Dance** for all ages. The Meeting House, 3850 Main Rd., Tiverton Four Corners. Celebrating community in the tradition of New England's earliest settlers with contra dancing. The Caller will be Don Heinold. The Westside Warblers will play toe tapping rhythms. No experience necessary! \$15 per Dancer. <https://www.mybackyardnews.com/2025/03/14/four-corners-barn-dance-tiverton-ri/>

**NEW through 4/3 Salve Regina University's French Film Festival** at the O'Hare Academic Building's Bazarsky Lecture hall, Salve Regina. As 2024-2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of France and the end of World War II, we have chosen six films that concern, in one way or another, that critical turning point in French history and culture. <https://salve.edu/french-film-festival>

**NEW Fri. 4/4 & Sat. 4/5 @ 7 PM The Addams Family** at The Prout Auditorium, 4640 Tower Hill Rd., Wakefield. The Addams Family is a musical and a comedy about the famous Addams family who exhibit an undeniable love for each other through thick and thin. [onstage.tickets/show/the-prout-school/67be4570a24e940f61da3ca0/](https://onstage.tickets/show/the-prout-school/67be4570a24e940f61da3ca0/)

**NEW Wed. 4/9 Dr. Post meditation for Brain Health** at Maury Loontjens Memorial Library, Narragansett. Join Dr. Alan Post, Chiropractic Physician and longtime meditator who speaks regularly on this topic. <https://mauryloontjens-ri.whofi.com/calendar/event/1264538>

**NEW Fri. 4/11 @ 7 – 9 PM, The Tracy Chapman Chapel** – KCC friend Kim Trusty will perform Chapman's iconic songs with her live band at a unique musical/spiritual experience featuring the music of Grammy Award-winner Tracy Chapman touching on faith, social justice, and all matters of the heart. Rev. Jan Gregory-Charpentier of KCC will provide some spiritual guidance throughout the evening. \$20 – 30 & info at [eventbrite.com/e/the-tracy-chapman-chapel-with-kim-trusty-and-friends-tickets-1207666556179?aff=oddtcreator](https://eventbrite.com/e/the-tracy-chapman-chapel-with-kim-trusty-and-friends-tickets-1207666556179?aff=oddtcreator)

**NEW Fri. 4/11 @ 5:30 PM Open Rehearsal; 4/12 @ 7:30 PM Saint Saens Thundering Organ Symphony** at RI Philharmonic Orchestra at The Vets 667 Waterman Ave, East Providence, RI. Prices start at \$20. <https://tickets.riphil.org/single-ticket>

**NEW Fri. 4/11 @ 11:30 AM LIVE MUSIC by the URI Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority** at the SK Senior Center, 25 Dominick Rd., Wakefield. No registration needed. Call 401 789-0268 x2 for info.

**NEW Thurs, 4/24 from 6 – 9 PM Hammer & Ales Fundraiser** at Tower Hill Brewing in South Kingstown! Celebrate 35 years of South County Habitat for Humanity. Includes drinks, food, raffles, and music by Gooseberry Road! Tower Hill Brewing - South County Commons - 25 Village Square, SK. \$25 PP in advance or at the door.

**NEW Sat. 5/31 @ 6 – 10:30 PM Light on the Water, A Night of Hope** for the Domestic Violence Resource Center. The Dune's Club, 137 Boston Neck Rd., Narragansett. The evening begins with cocktails and a silent auction followed by a seated dinner and dancing to the tunes of the Boston based band, Hot Mess! (Our favorite band.) Tickets <https://dvrcsc.org/events/> Order soon; if desired, ask to sit at Jane & Steve Stabile's table. For some of us this event is becoming a tradition.

**NEW your choice of date & time for the RIWalks Challenge** – The Rhode Island Land Trust Council has partnered with great local businesses to promote the #RIWalksChallenge. Hidden along 34 trails are unique steel-creature sculptures inspired by nature. Each creature has a QR code for you to scan and track your progress, and when you have found all 34 you will be a challenge winner and win some great prizes! There are many trails in a variety of towns. Fun for everyone! <https://www.riwalks.org/challenge.php>

## Dine with Nine!

### SIGN UP BY MARCH 29



Sign up in Fellowship Hall for

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4: SATURDAY, APRIL 5, or SUNDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>**

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

**Questions?? Contact Christine Grevstad  
401-284-6483 [christinegrevstad@hotmail.com](mailto:christinegrevstad@hotmail.com)**

Church Family Life/Hospitality invites everyone to a Dine with Nine event. This is a potluck dinner for 9, (or 8 or 10) people from our church family to share dinner and friendly conversation at a host's home.

One person volunteers to host dinner at their home while others who sign up for that night contact the host to bring something to support the meal. The host will coordinate the meal with everyone contributing their part.

This is a great way to spend time getting to know people you may not have interacted with, or new members who have just joined the church.



## March Mission of the Month: UCC California Wildfire Response

On January 7, 2025, wildfire activity began in Los Angeles County, California. The blazes continued for several days fueled by Santa Ana winds in excess of 80 mph. These fires burned over 57,660 acres and claimed an estimated 29 lives.

Since the onset of this disaster, the [UCC Global HOPE](#) team has communicated with the Southern California and Nevada Conference Minister, ecumenical partners, and a national network of voluntary organizations active in disasters (VOAD) to shape our long-term response.

The National Ministries of the United Church of Christ (NMUCC) is committed to accompanying communities that have been impacted by climate-caused disasters throughout the entire long-term recovery process. This process often takes many years after disasters have faded from daily news cycles. Beginning in the hours after a disaster strikes, our goal is to ensure that communities have access to the resources that they need. As communities begin to move into longer-term recovery, we continue to collaborate with other ecumenical and community partners to ensure that communities are well supported throughout the recovery process.

As we continue to pray for and support those who experienced unimaginable loss, we invite you to support the UCC's recovery efforts. Your gifts will support the community's long-term recovery efforts as the Global HOPE team works with local communities to ensure an equitable approach to their long-term recovery. For highlights of ongoing UCC recovery efforts, visit [ucc.org/2025-california-wildfires-special-appeal/](https://ucc.org/2025-california-wildfires-special-appeal/)

Thank you for your generosity!  
The Missions Board

PDCC supports the UCC California Wildfire 2025 Relief Effort as our March Mission of

**Give now**

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 "UCC CA Wildfire" in the memo line** or 3) clicking the **Give now** button here to donate online ([peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give](https://peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give)).

## Tabitha's Closet

Open Saturdays 9:30am–12:30pm.

Open third Tuesday of each month 4-7pm during Bistro.

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.**



**Swing into Spring!**  
March 18-April 26th  
With our **Egg Hunt** event!  
Come find your discount!\*

**PDCC's Eggstravaganza**  
April 12th, 11am-2pm  
Food, fun and games!

**GET WHAT YOU NEED, PAY WHAT YOU CAN!**  
Open Saturdays 9:30am- 12:30pm  
Join us Monthly for Third Tuesdays at  
Tabitha's from 4-7pm  
\*Suggested Donation

Office Door from Parking Lot, downstairs  
Peace Dale Congregational Church  
261 Columbia St. Peace Dale RI 02879  
[Peacedalechurch.org](https://Peacedalechurch.org)



**DONATIONS. Tabitha's Closet is accepting spring & summer donations.** We ask that donations be laundered and delivered in a clean bag, as we don't have a washer/dryer. See [peacedalechurch.org](https://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](mailto:gsfaucher@gmail.com) or [lynnehandayan@gmail.com](mailto:lynnehandayan@gmail.com)

**LATEST UPDATES** on Instagram  
[#shoptabithascloset](https://www.instagram.com/shoptabithascloset)

**SPREAD THE WORD!**

## Alzheimer's Caregiver Conference

Thursday April 17, 2025 @ 8:30am - 4:30pm  
Crowne Plaza, 801 Greenwich Ave, Warwick, RI 02886

Register by noon April 12 – click here:  
(<https://action.alz.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Default.aspx?TabID=1357&productId=712575480>)

Our 14<sup>th</sup> annual conference brings together caregivers, individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, community-based clinical care providers, clinical researchers, and scientists from across the state. Throughout the day, attendees will gain valuable insights, tools and resources tailored for caregivers, discuss groundbreaking research advances, and learn about ongoing clinical trials in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

We welcome Katie Brandt, *Director Caregiver Support Services and Public Relations, Massachusetts General Hospital Frontotemporal Disorders Unit* who will present our keynote address *Love, Loss & Resilience: A Caregiver Perspective on Life Lived Alongside Dementia*

Our conference highlights include:

- A full day of professional respite care so a caregiver can attend the conference.
- An immersive experience to demonstrate living with dementia to help develop self-awareness, understanding and empathy for those living with dementia.
- Numerous breakout sessions for those attending the conference to choose from.
- Poster presentations.
- Plenty of time for attendees to meet with local resources from our Rhode Island Community to support their caregiving journey.

### Alzheimer's Association Rhode Island Chapter

245 Waterman Street, Suite 306  
Providence, RI 02906  
24/7 Helpline: 800.272.3900

A conference for  
caregivers, people living with dementia, community  
based providers and researchers from across the state



Sponsored by:



## 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

### PDCC Green Team



### JOIN

**Us!** For anyone, of all ages, interested in learning more about the "Green Team", please contact George Faucher at [glfaucher@gmail.com](mailto:glfaucher@gmail.com) and/or Don Hermes at [dhermes33@gmail.com](mailto:dhermes33@gmail.com)

To stay updated on the latest developments in the RI Green Amendment movement—or better yet, to get involved—register now on the [RI Green Amendment "Action Platform"](https://app.forthegenerations.org/sign-up)! <https://app.forthegenerations.org/sign-up>

## Hospitality Needs Help



Our Coffee Hour Teams for the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month need additional members.

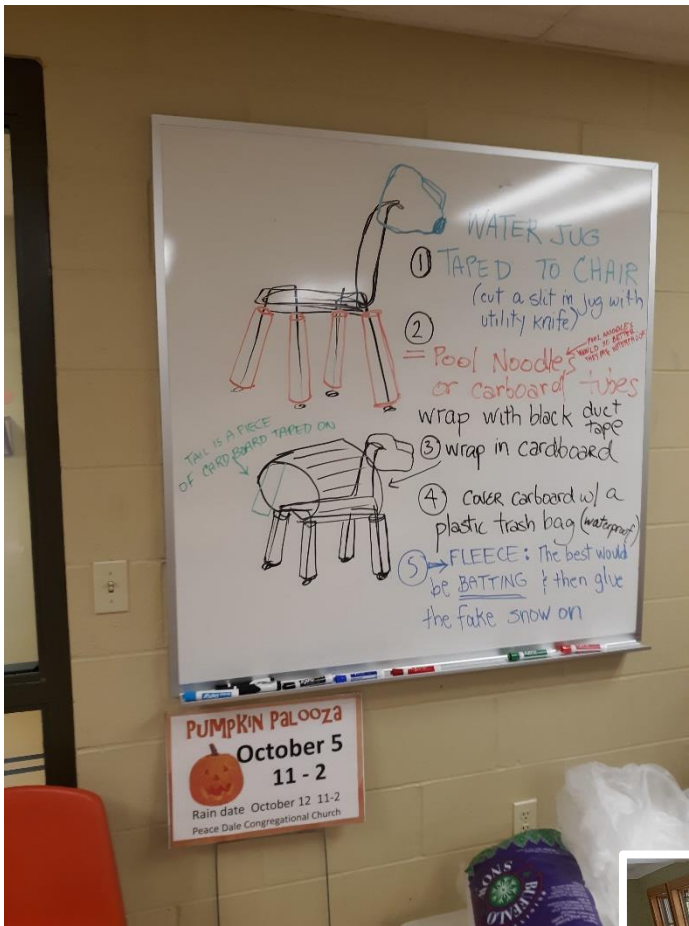
**What is involved?** Setting up a serving table, coffee, and goodies. Clean up after coffee hour is over. **Time required?** One Sunday a month, an hour before church service and an hour after.

We have teams set up so there are always hands to share the work. If you can help us to continue providing fellowship with a smile and cup of coffee please contact:

Christine Grevstad  
[christinegrevstad@hotmail.com](mailto:christinegrevstad@hotmail.com)  
516 694-9154 (home)  
401 284-6483 (cell)



# The Lost Sheep – Family Worship March 23, 2025 from Design to Worship



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@peacedalechurch.org) or call the church office at (401) 789-7313 (leave message for MaryLou).

Shalom, Pastor Fred

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