

PDCC E-Light Newsletter

261 Columbia Street Peace Dale, RI 02879 (401) 789-7313 April 3, 2025

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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Mon, Wed, Thurs 10am-2pm

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Last Week's E-Light

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"...God's Handiwork,"

Ephesians 2:1-10

What would happen if we treated other people as gifts? What would happen if we saw other people as allies? I plan to pose these questions (as well as others), at our Traditional Worship Service this Sunday. We will gather around the table, in a sense, as this service will include Holy Communion and you are welcome! I'll see you soon.

Peace and Joy,

Brother Fred

Worship Flowers



The flowers for Sunday, April 6 are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jim Norman by Roberta Norman.

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

Maundy Thursday, April 17 6 PM – Soup & Fellowship 6:30 PM – Worship Service **Good Friday, April 18** 6:30 PM service led by this year's Confirmands

Easter Sunday, April 20 9 AM – Contemporary Worship 11 AM – Traditional Worship There will be no coffee hour on Easter Sunday.

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On the Calendar

Thursday, April 3 @ 6pm Praise Team

Thursday, April 3 @ 7:30pm Traditional choir

Sunday, April 6 @ 10am Traditional Worship

Thursday, April 10 @ 10am Women's Fellowship

Thursday, April 10 @ 6pm Praise Team

Thursday, April 10 @ 7:30pm Traditional choir

Saturday, April 12 @ 11am-2pm Eggstravaganza

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.

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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:	
\square I wan	t to leave the plant at church for someone else to deliver
Total amou	nt enclosed: \$

April Flower Purchases Benefit Peace Dale Dinner Table



In April, purchases of **specially marked** flower bouquets at the Narragansett Stop and Shop 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.



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. We are preparing for our Sat. 5/17 sale.



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

Social Justice in Action

See page 7 – Next meeting **Sunday, April 6 @ 3pm** with RI Attorney General Neronha speaking.



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

Come Make Music with Us!



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, check the Breeze EVENTS calendar, or check the On the Calendar feature on page 2. If you are interested in a Once-a-Month commitment to sing with Family Workship, see below.

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

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.

You Are Invited

To a Celebration of Life for Gail E. Birchell

May 16, 2025 2-4pm 20 Winchester Dr. Wakefield, RI



Please RSVP by
April 16 to
SDPARKRANGER@ gmail.com

PDCC Seeks New Worship Music Director

Following the departure of Nathaniel Baker, Peace Dale Congregational Church is seeking new worship music leadership. A search committee is being formed to search for persons to direct our traditional and contemporary choirs and an organist. We are searching for interim leadership as well as a director to lead our worship music in the future. If you know of anyone who may be qualified and interested, please contact Kurt Totten, Music Board Chair at kurttotten34@ gmail.com.

April Mission of the Month: Egg-a-Day Haiti

A global partnership of the Southern New England Conference, United Church of Christ



A small team traveled to Haiti in 2012 after Hurricane Sandy had ravaged a portion of the country. Shocked to see so many empty seats in the schools the team learned

that much of the agricultural land had been destroyed and that food scarcity had become an issue. Many children were too hungry and weak to come to school. The schools had no funds to provide food for everyone in need. The team immediately arranged for some rice, beans, and pasta to be sent to the area. But a long-range solution was needed.

A chance meeting on the flight back from Haiti to New York led two women to discover a common concern: the hungry children they had seen during their visit. By the time the plane landed, the two had vowed not only to find a way to feed the children, but were determined to find a way to help the Haitians in the communities they serve become self-sufficient and produce their own food. That was the birth of the Egg-a-Day Nutrition Program (formerly known as OneEgg Haiti) which has, since 2013 provided high-quality animal protein in the form of a hard-boiled egg to over 2500 children throughout Haiti. The goal is to make the program sustainable by educating individuals, especially school children, about how to raise their own food and chickens.

The eggs are purchased from two poultry farms in Haiti with funds raised by various churches throughout the conference. The eggs are picked up every two weeks by our in-country program coordinator in a pick-up truck and delivered to the schools and orphanages that are part of the Egg-a-Day program. At one point, before the Covid-19 pandemic caused the closure of schools throughout Haiti, there were 17 sites from Port-au-Prince, to Mirebalais to Miragoane receiving eggs. Currently the program continues providing eggs to the orphanages where children live full time.

The eggs are delivered raw and unrefrigerated. An unrefrigerated egg will keep for between 14 and 21 days – if not stored in the hot sunlight. Volunteers

at the sites cook the eggs (mostly on open fires) and serve them to the children for breakfast, snack or lunch each day. It is hard to understand, unless you have traveled to Haiti, how difficult it is to move these eggs from the farms to the sites to the children over roads that are rough, clogged with traffic and sometimes not paved.

The program is funded by donations from churches and individuals throughout our conference. For several years, those donations were supplemented by additional financial support from OneEgg.org, a charitable organization that ran a similar program in Africa. However, that organization is no longer able to continue supporting our program. Now we rely solely on donations from individuals and churches.

It does not take much - \$60 will feed a child an egg a day for one year. More information on sneucc.org/egg-a-day.

Thank you for your generosity, The Missions Board

PDCC supports Egg-a-Day Haiti as our April 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 "Egg-a-Day" in the memo line or 3) clicking the Give now button here to donate online (peacedalechurch.org/ways-to-give).

The March Mission of the Month collected \$2,081 to date for the UCC California Wildfires Relief Effort.

RI AG Peter Neronha comes to South Kingstown

Sunday, April 6 @ 3pm South Kingstown High School Auditorium

You are invited by the South County Social Justice Coalition to attend our quarterly meeting this coming **Sunday**, **April 6 at 3 pm.** Rhode Island Attorney General Peter Neronha—one of the most vocal and active legal voices in the fight against harmful federal policies—is coming to South Kingstown High School for this event. This event offers a chance to hear directly from the state's top legal authority about the battles he's waging to protect civil rights, public safety, and government accountability.

In the past two months, Neronha has taken legal action against executive orders coming out of Washington that threaten birthright citizenship, LGBTQ+ rights in the military and federal funding freezes, including Medicaid.

This Meet-Up will be moderated by Jonathan Pitts-Wiley, artistic director of Mixed Magic Theater, and it will offer the opportunity for audience members to ask questions and engage directly with the Attorney General.

RI AG Peter Neronha will attend this South County Social Justice Coalition meeting on **April 6, 3 p.m., in the South Kingstown High School Auditorium,** entrance at the back, with parking available at the front, side, and rear of the building.

The South County Social Justice Coalition is largely a communication network that provides a weekly newsletter of local social justice events and stories. Quarterly informational meetings are open to the public. The coalition is open to all faith groups, individuals, and helping organizations who address issues of equity, diversity, cultural responsiveness, access and support at any level in South County.

Spread the news to friends and family and plan to attend. It should be quite informative.

Submitted by Joanne Haynes

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?TablD=1357&productId=712575480)

Our 14th 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 <u>Love, Loss & Resilience: A Caregiver</u> <u>Perspective on Life Lived Alongside Dementia</u>

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









Church Family Life Events

NEW Fri. 4/4 (dress rehearsal) at 7PM & Sun. 4/6 Concert Postcards – Music from Around the Globe by South county Chamber Singers at St. Peter's by the Sea. Artistic director – Tony B, Romeo. \$15 – 20 PP.

southcountychambersingers.com/events.html

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. onthestage.tickets/show/the-prout-school/67be4570a24e940f61da3ca0/

NEW 4/4 – 4/11 The Tale of the Allergist's Wife at the Westerly Granite Theater. A Compelling story about a woman facing a midlife crisis who meets a flamboyant childhood friend who helps draw her away from darkness. \$25 – 30.

https://www.granitetheatre.org/shows-and-events/tale-of-the-allergist-wife

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

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=oddtdtcreator

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

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 Fri. 4/11 at 7:30 PM URI University Artist Series: The Lodger live soundtrack, a 1927 silent film directed by Alfred Hitchcock, with a newly composed score by Joseph Williams II. Live musical accompaniment is provided by the Great Necks Guitar Trio at 105 Upper College Rd. \$10 – 15 PP https://www.eventbrite.com/e/university-artist-series-the-lodger-spring-2025-tickets-1111691532299?aff=oddtdtcreator

NEW Sat. 4/19 at 7 PM (doors) The Van Pelt Trio. Live musical accompaniment is provided by the Great Necks Guitar Trio, a family band featuring Erika Van Pelt, Sarah Van Pelt (yes this is PDCC's former soloist) and Collin Van Pelt at 25 Village Sq.

Dr., South Kingstown. \$20 PP.

https://www.towerhillbrewing.com/live-events/35dyvulxr5q49dti9ueww0n8jyofl6

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. towerhillbrewing.com/live-events/hammer-ales-habitat-for-humanity

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.

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

No Mow May – Let's help the pollinators!

Did you know that our lawns are the single largest irrigated crop in the United States. It's true.

Our lawns cover 40 million acres. That represents 2% of land dedicated to a crop that contributes significantly to habitat loss, provides little benefit to wildlife, and does not produce food.

We mow our lawns, fertilize them, water them, and treat them with chemicals that can be harmful to bees and other invertebrates. Our mowing season coincides with the emergence of the bees. They are hungry while we are mowing down some of their sources of food. Let's step back from this cycle and put a pause on mowing our lawns in May.

1 in 3 of the foods we eat require the services of the pollinators as well as 80% of our flowering plants. Pollinators contribute \$15 billion annually to the economy in agricultural products. For example, almond growers are using 2 hives of bees per acre. The bee population has been in decline in recent years.

It would be very beneficial to the bees and other invertebrates to cut back on lawn mowing in May. You can tailor your efforts to suit your needs. If you don't want to pause mowing for the entire month, you could choose to pause for a couple of weeks. Other sources of food for the pollinators usually appear at the end of May when we will resume mowing.

Some people may want to keep a tidy border around the un-mowed section with a No Mow May sign planted in the center explaining your actions. No Mow May signs are available online.

Our choices about No Mow May will make a difference in the lives of the pollinators. Our food sources depend on the pollinators.

Share Your Story: Caring for God's Creation

As followers of Christ, we are called to be good stewards of the earth. We invite you to share a short testimonial about something you've done—big or small—to help mitigate the climate crisis. Whether you've reduced waste, planted trees, changed your energy use, or advocated for the environment, your story can inspire and encourage others in our church community to take action.

You can share your story during a church service or record a short video that will be played during a future service. To participate, simply let us know you're interested by contacting a member of the Green Team or Green Team Chair George Faucher at <code>qlfaucher@gmail.com</code>.

Thank you for being a light in the world and helping to protect the gift of creation!





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 and/or Don Hermes at dhermes33@ gmail.com

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.**

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 for a list of what we do and do not accept.

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

LATEST UPDATES on Instagram #shoptabithascloset

SPREAD THE WORD!



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

Tabitha's from 4-7pm
*Suggested Donation

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Eggstravaganza

Egg Hunt, Egg Drop, Cascarones, Food, and Much More



April 12

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Peace Dale Congregational Church

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 <u>Prayer Circle</u> that gathers every Tuesday morning or of our <u>Called to Care</u> 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 <u>online form</u> 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 <u>Called to Care</u> ministry team, call the church office at (401) 789-7313 or submit the <u>online form</u>. 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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