

MAY 1, 2024 HAPPENINGS

SOUTH PARISH
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UCC

PASTOR NATHAN
RICHARDS

*A man of faith and
compassion*

Sunday
Morning
Worship:

10:00AM in
person

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Streaming
available on:
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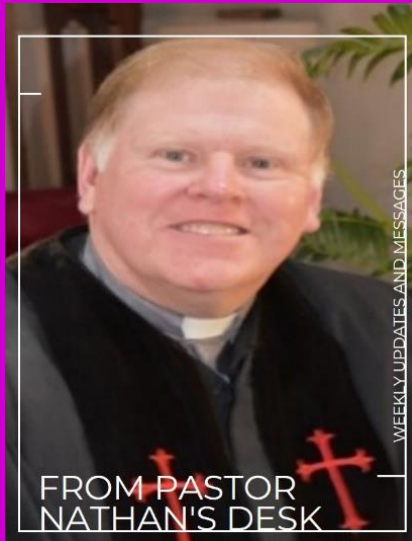
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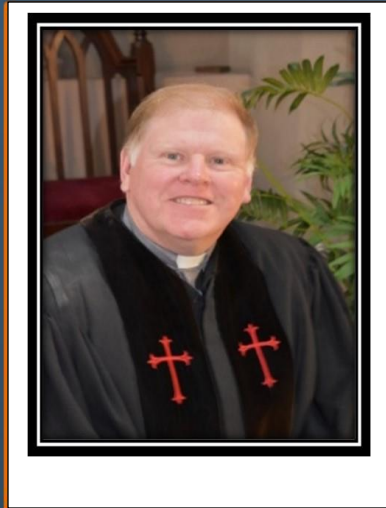
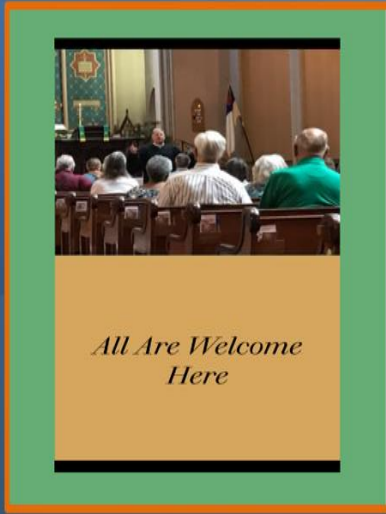
I was told this story in the past. There was a famous actor who, years ago, was giving “readings” to an art and literature group which met in the afternoons. One of the ladies asked the actor if he would recite the 23rd Psalm. The actor did so eloquently, with masterful enthusiasm and diction and when he was finished the entire group clapped.

Then someone noticed an elderly pastor standing near the rear of the hall and they asked him to also recite the 23rd Psalm. The pastor protested, saying he was not a great speaker. They finally convinced him to present the Psalm. His speech was haltering, his manner was not showy, yet when he was done, everyone remained silent.

Something had happened to the group. One person decided to ask the actor afterwards, “What happened back there? What was the difference in your two presentations? It was the same Psalm...” To which the actor replied thoughtfully: “I knew the Psalm, he loved the shepherd.”

***Do YOU love him in a humble, mild-mannered way which demonstrates his love in your life for others to see?
Rev. Nathan Richards***

Join Us For
Sunday
Service



Joanne
Winchenbach
Church
Council
President



The South Parish Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19, immediately following the church service.

Please plan to stay after the service to look over the reports of the activities of various boards and committees for the past year, get an update on the budget, and elect a slate of officers and board members for the coming year. We need a quorum of members for the annual meeting, so please stay for this important meeting, which should be brief.

A huge
Thank You
to the
Casserole
Crew



A Huge Thank You to the Casserole Crew.
We have completed a successful season of preparing Sunday meals for the Overnight Warming Center guests.

The group cooked together once a month and prepared meals of casseroles and soups which were then frozen and later served warm. Besides the meal, desserts and other foods were often served. Additional dinners were served when there were cold and snowy or very rainy days or when the Soup kitchen on Water St was closed.

THANK YOU to the group of Barbara, Christena, Cindy, Ellie, Kate, Kathy, Rose, Sandy and the two Sue's. Besides time and talent, the group also contributed ingredients for the meals. We had a great time socializing during the preparations.

We are in hopes to be able to provide another season of meals when the Center opens again at the end of the year.

From
Julia's
Stones
Desk

Congrats On
Rob's
Promotion



Rob Flannery

The Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center is so very pleased to announce the promotion of our Team Member Robert Flannery to Center Manager!!

Rob has worked with us at the Center since the opening in November of 2022, and has exemplified the values and mission of the AEOWC! He began his new role in February of this season, and we are so thrilled to have his leadership and support at the Center for both our team and our guests! Congratulations Rob from all of us at the Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center and South Parish Congregational Church!

Trustees
Meeting



TRUSTEES MEETING

TUESDAY MAY 7TH 6PM

Church
Council
Meeting



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY

MAY 21,

6:00 PM

May Calendar



May							2024
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm ASO 5-9PM	2 Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm	3 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	4 Community Supper 4:30-5:30pm	
5 Worship Sunday 10 am SIL Line Dancing 2-6:00pm	6 AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line Dancing 6 pm	7 AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm Trustees Meet 6pm	8 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm ASO 5-9PM	9 Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm Shakespear Auditions 4-10pm	10 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm Warming Center Gathering 6-8pm	11 Community Supper 4:30-5:30pm Pet Pantry 9-10am	
12 Worship Sunday 10 am Concert Suzuki Concert 4 PM	13 AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line Dancing 6 pm	14 AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm	15 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm ASO 5-9PM Warming Center Closing	16 Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm	17 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	18 Community Supper 4:30-5:30pm Maine Shared Equality 12:30-3:00	
19 Worship Sunday 10 am Augusta Symphony Concert 4:00pm	20 AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line Dancing 6 pm	21 AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm Church Council 6:00pm	22 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm ASO 5-9PM	23 Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm	24 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	25	
26 Worship Sunday 10 am Shakespeare Auditions 1-5pm	27 AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line Dancing 6 pm	28 AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm	29 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm ASO 5-9PM	30 Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm	31 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm		



1st Saturday of the Month 4:30pm
 South Parish Congregational Church UCC
 9 Church St. Augusta - Served by UU Community & Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church.

2nd Saturday of the Month 4:30
 South Parish Congregational Church 4:30pm
 9 church St. Augusta - Served by The South Parish Congregational Church UCC

3rd Saturday of the Month 4:30 pm
 South Parish Congregational Church
 9 Church St. Augusta - Served by Community Group.

4th Saturday of the Month 4:30pm
 Penney memorial 393 water St. Augusta - Served by Penney Memorial Baptist Church

5th Saturday of the month 9 Church St. 4:30pm
 South Parish Congregational Church 9 Church St Augusta - Served by St. Michael's Parish and Temple Beth-El.

Community Suppers



**Marcia
Gallagher**



Marcia Gallagher has agreed to be our full-time organist. She has very much enjoyed substituting for Richard Hicks and really likes the church, the people, and the choir, and she indicated that she would like to take on the position full time.

Marcia attended UMA in the 80's and immediately began her professional music career. She has gigged in rock bands, soul bands, and with jazz combos. She currently performs solo as a keyboard/vocalist. She has been an accompanist, organist, and musical director for community, High School, and professional theater groups. She has taught music privately since her teenage years and has worked in the Central Maine area as a Kindergarten through High School music teacher. She lives in Hallowell, Central Maine's music mecca, where she has been part of the music scene for many years.



We want to express our sincere gratitude to Richard Hicks for stepping in temporarily as our organist. When Richard agreed to fill in after Jay Zoller left, he had indicated that he did not want to commit to the full-time position but would continue to help us out as long as it suited both parties. He will be filling in for Marcia on an occasional but regular schedule. We are very grateful to Richard for sharing his talents with us for so long. He has enriched our services with his music.

**Huge
Thank
You to
Richard
Hicks**





Join Us for Bible
Study



Join us by Zoom (get the link from Marcel in the office, or from Kathy) or come to Church and sit with Reverend Nathan as he leads our group.

Kathy Petersen, CE Chair

**ENROLL
YOUR CHILD
TODAY**

This is the time of year that we start taking applications for the following September. I have already started to get inquiries about next fall and have started scheduling visits.

Please call us to enroll your child in our

2024-2025 school year or to schedule a private tour at

623-8852 or Beth at 242-1620.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Beth Sirabella, Director



**Enroll Your
Child
Today!**

Join the South Parish Nursery
School Family

AA Meetings



Support Amy Buxton Pet Pantry

Help Feed Hungry Pets



Alcoholics Anonymous

A JOURNEY TO SOBRIETY

One Day at a Time



Support for Alcoholics

"The scariest moment is going to your first meeting for fear of judgment. But when you make the decision to 'walk through that door' and you come back for a second time, your life is going to get better."

Open meetings are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous' program of recovery from alcoholism. Non-alcoholics may attend open meetings as observers.

South Parish Congregational Church 9 Church St Augusta Me.

The Mixed Bag of Nuts Sunrise Group Meeting. Monday Thru Friday, 7:15 am to 8:15 am	Out to Lunch Bunch/Special Blends Group Monday Thru Thursday Noon to 1:00 pm	Men in Recovery Group Friday's 12:00pm to 1:00pm
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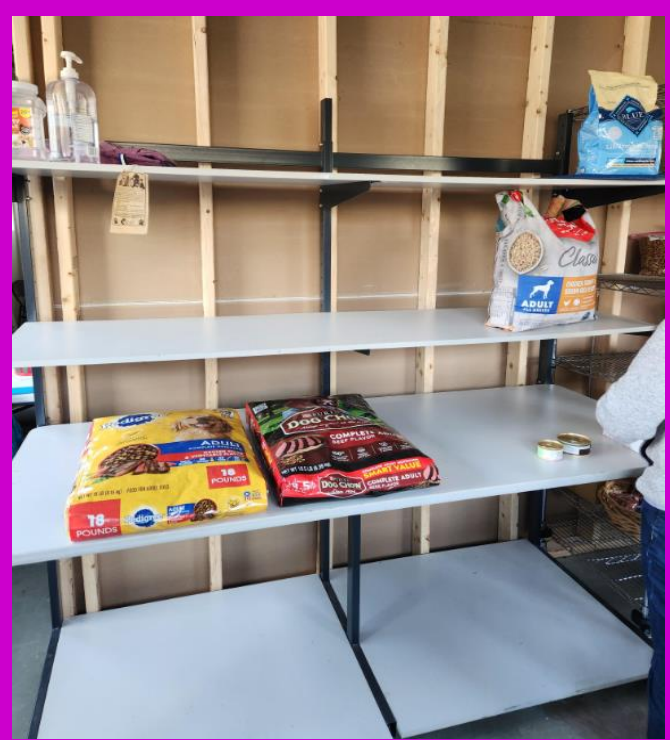


The Amy Buxton Pet Pantry
SOUTH PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

HELP FEED HUNGRY PETS

SUPPORT AMY BUXTON PET PANTRY

This past Saturday, our pet pantry helped provide food for 117 cats and 57 dogs. Our cupboards are literally bare, and costs to replenish are upwards of \$500 a month.



If anyone feels they could donate cat or dog food, dry or wet, please bring it to Church or drop it at the Church Office during office hours. We also gratefully accept cash. And we are going to brainstorm some fundraising ideas - let Ann Buxton or Sue Whipkey know if you have any inspirations!

Thank you for your help, Kathy Petersen, Pet Lover

Maureen and David Parker, and Kathy Petersen are all singing in the Kennebec Performing Arts Chorus as part of the KPAC Concert Friday and Saturday, 7 PM, at the Winthrop HS Performing Arts Center. (Originally, Saturday was at Coney but that had to be changed last minute)

Kennebec Performing Arts Company

presents

Spring Pops Concerts



*Featuring Chorus, Wind Ensemble & Jazz Band
under interim conductors*

Jason Giacomazzo, Dean Paquette & John Reeves

**Enjoy an evening of selections performed
by KPAC's talented community members,**

including

Chorus

*Ordinary Miracle from Charlotte's Web
The Gift to Be Simple - traditional Shaker Tune
Distant Land - A Prayer for Freedom by John Rutter*

Wind Ensemble

*National Emblem March
Eric Clapton On Stage
Works by Eric Whitacre & Robert W. Smith*

Jazz Band

*Georgia on My Mind, Hoagy Carmichael
The Jazz Police, Gordon Goodwin
Bluebird Land, Maynard Ferguson's theme*

Friday, May 3 | 7:00 PM

**Winthrop Performing Arts Center
211 Rambler Road, Winthrop**

CHANGE OF VENUE!

Saturday, May 4 | 7:00 PM

**Winthrop Performing Arts Center
211 Rambler Road, Winthrop**

FREE admission, donations appreciated

This event is supported in part by a grant from the Onion Foundation

**South Parish
Congregational Church
Is Home to The**

SILVER FOX



COUNTRY DANCERS

**Line & Partner Dance
Every Monday Night
6:00 – 8:00
Public is Welcome**

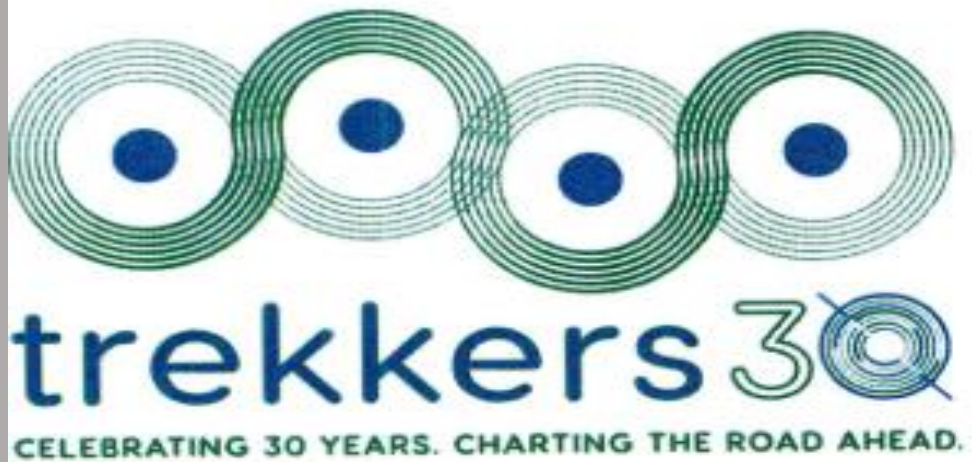
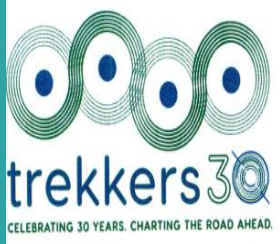
**The Augusta Overnight Emergency
Warming Center we will be closing
the morning of May 15th**



**We are asking for donations of hygiene products,
ponchos, first aid kit materials, to send off with
guests for the summer.**

Warming Center Needs for this week.

- Canned ravioli and
Spaghetti O's
- Ramen Noodles
- Coffee
- Coffee Creamy
- Sanitary Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Socks
- Sleeping Bags



April 24, 2024

South Parish Congregational Church UCC
ATTN: Marcel Caron
9 Church Street
Augusta, ME 04330

Dear Mr. Caron,

Thank you so much for allowing us to stay overnight at South Parish, and for the warm welcome we received from your community! This was our home for the very first night of our expedition, and it was the perfect place for us to settle in to our 10-day trip together.

Our goal during our 11th Grade Trip is to broaden horizons when it comes to life after high school. We explored this idea by visiting schools like University of Maine at Orono and Farmington, and Champlain College. We also explored other potential interests like live theater, hot yoga, volunteerism, and even visited a Buddhist Temple in the hills of Vermont. To top it off, this trip led us across the border as we explored international travel by driving north to Montreal and Quebec.

None of this would have been possible without your support and welcome. We hope to call on you in the future, and appreciate your generosity!

With thanks and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TJ Morris'.

TJ Morris
Principal Program Manager



Pastor Nathan Richards

Is available on

Tuesday: 11am - 3pm

Wednesday: 9am - 2pm

Church Office Hours

Monday 9am - 2pm

Tuesday 9am - 3pm

Wednesday 9am - 2pm

Thursday 8:00am 12:00pm

Friday Closed

Saturday Closed

Sunday Service 10:00 am` `





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**Join us for
Sunday Service.**

10:00 am

Or

Watch live on Facebook here:



Facebook:

[Main Facebook Page for South Parish congregational Church](#)

