

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



South Parish Congregational Church UCC



February 7,
2024 News

Pastor
Nathn
Richards



MARK 9:2-4

He Was
TRANSFIGURED
Before Them

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. (Mark 9:2-4)

The transfiguration story reminds us of the heavenly basis for our faith in Jesus. At Jesus' baptism (Mark 1:9-11) God declared "You are my son, the beloved." The transfiguration story confirms that testimony just as Jesus begins to instruct his disciples about his journey to the cross. The presence of Moses and Elijah reminds us that the death and resurrection of Jesus are the goal of God's story of salvation in the Law and the Prophets. The God who delivered Moses and Elijah will certainly be with Jesus and his disciples. The living presence of Moses and Elijah also reminds us that Jesus is not merely a great figure from the past. Jesus lives on in a way that transcends even the life of the saints in heaven.



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP
WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Romans 15:7
Paul writes,
"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Join Us for
Ash
Wednesday

FEBRUARY 14TH AT 7:00PM
Ash
Wednesday
Service



Centralized Helping Fund (CHeF) The CHeF was created to offer a more streamlined, compassionate, and practical way of responding to requests for financial assistance from people experiencing poverty in greater Augusta and other areas throughout Kennebec County.

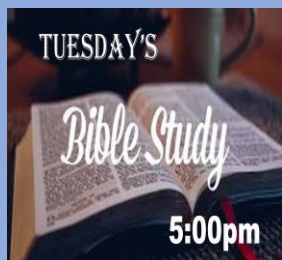


DATE: Friday February 23
TIME: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
PLACE: 9 Church St.
Augusta
**Church Spaghetti Dinner Fundraising
Event for The Community CHEF
PROGRAM.**
Cost: \$9 for adults,
\$5 for Children
Ages 6 to 12; Under Age 6 Free

The spaghetti dinner includes a full meal consisting of a generous plate of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, desserts, coffee, tea, and soda. Gluten free pasta and sauce with no meat will be available. Takeout meals will be available. All proceeds will Go to The CHEF Program. All are invited.



CE Update:



Fellowship Friday this week! Feb. 9th



We were snowed out last month, so we are meeting mid-month to make that up to ourselves. Just games and fellowship in the Marge Grover Room at 1:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

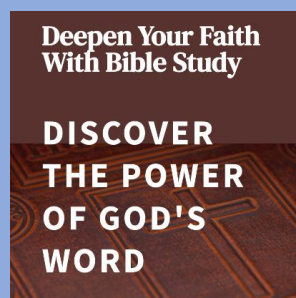


CE Update:

BEACH DAY IS ON FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, AFTER THE CHURCH SERVICE!! (Yes, it's Super Bowl Sunday, you will be home in plenty of time!

Join us for fun in the sun in the warm auditorium, complete with sand, balloon volleyball, hot dogs and chips, and inter-generational fun. This is a Sunday School sponsored event for all ages - please join us!

We enjoy dressing for Beach Day with shorts, Hawaiian shirts, or whatever makes you think of summertime! Please join us for that, also. Hmm, maybe we will add a contest for the Best Beach Outfit! You will have to beat out Dan!



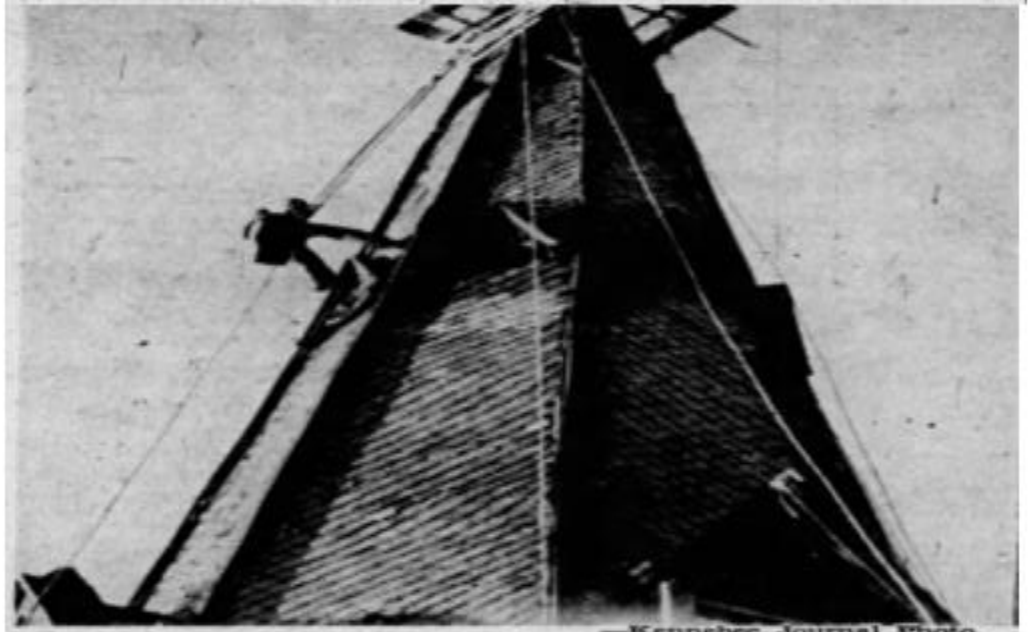
Join us by Zoom (get the link from Marcel in the office, or from Kathy) or come to Church and sit with Reverend Nathan as he leads our group.

Kathy Petersen, CE Chair



RELIVING THE PAST

JUST MAKING A LIVING—David Goodwin, a steeplejack, clings to his rigging on the 178-foot tower of the South Parish Congregational Church which will be undergoing repairs in the next few weeks. High winds later “grounded” workers who said in normal gusts the spire sways as much as two feet, which they said is usual in such a structure.



—Kennebec Journal Photo.

Augusta's Tallest Spire Is Undergoing Repairs

Swaying like a fly on a buggy whip, a steeplejack worked on the 178-foot spire of Augusta's South Parish Congregational Church Friday until stronger winds forced a temporary end to the repairs on the slate roofing.

Fred W. Pierce of the Prudential Committee of the church said the Forrest Littlefield Co. of Berwick had been contracted to replace some of the slates and do other work on the church steeple which was built in 1865.

To rig the scaffolding, Pierce said, it had been necessary to climb through the ladders of the belfry and then up cleated planks to reach the apex. From here the riggers punched a hole out of the roof and worked their ropes from the outside.

David Goodwin of Berwick, one of the steeplejacks on the project, said the “back” of the steeple, the main support, had apparently been broken at one time and gave the spire, described as the tallest in Augusta, a sway of two feet in diameter. This, he added, is usual in any such structure.

Goodwin said he expected the repair work now undertaken to require three or four weeks.



RELIVING
MEMORIES

EXPLORE OUR
CHURCH'S
TIMELINE

DISCOVER OUR RICH HISTORY

To Learn more
About the
History of our
beautiful
Church
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Phone Number

207-530-0005

Calls are answered
after 5pm.

Please leave a
message.

Seven out of
ten Americans
are one
paycheck away
from being
homeless.

To those who
are struggling.
To talk about a
struggle, you're
likely to forget
about it.

To be shown a
struggle, you're
likely not to
forget it.

But, to live
through a
struggle, you'll
understand it.

The Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center
A Mission of the South Parish Congregational Church



***Warming center in need of donations to
support homeless community***

Women's Underwear	Socks	Sweatpants
Hand Soap	Coffee Creamer	Sugar
Ravioli	Toe Warmers	Hand Warmers
Snacks	Milk	Belts

**Donations Can Be Dropped off at after 5:00p at the
Warming Center, which is located on 34 Bridge St in
Augusta, behind South Parish Congregational
Church.**

**If you are unable to deliver at this time donations
can be dropped off At 9 Church South Parish
Congregational Church.**

**You can drop it off Monday Thru Wednesday
Between the Hours of 9:00am to 2:00pm.**

You can donate online at our website

Donate

US\$0.00



Thank you for sharing

southparish@gmail.com

**Or mail a check to the Augusta warming Center 9
Church St. Augusta Me 04330**

**The Phone Number to the Warming Center is 207-
530-0005 Calls are answered after 5:00pm, Please
leave a message. Thank You for caring**

Community
Dinners



COMMUNITY DINNERS
FOR THE HUNGRY

JOIN US IN FEEDING
THE LESS FORTUNATE



Soup is on the menu for the Second Saturday Community Dinner which is February 10th. Please come join us if you can. Helping hands are always needed and appreciated.
Maureen Parker

COMMUNITY MEALS

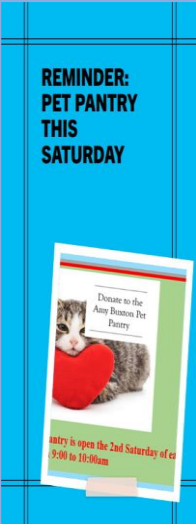
- 1st Saturday of the Month 4:30pm
South Parish Congregational Church UCC
9 Church St. Augusta
Served by UU Community & Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church.
- 2nd Saturday of the Month 4:30
South Parish Congregational Church 4:30pm
9 church St. Augusta,
Served by The South Parish Congregational Church 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.

**The Amy
Buxton Pet
Pantry**

**This
Saturday 9
to 10am**



**Please
Remimber
to bring a
bag.**



THIS SATURDAY JANUARY 10 @ 9 TO 10 AM



Calling All Pet Lovers!
The Pet Pantry is in Honor of the love that Amy gave all.
The Amy Buxton Pet Pantry is Seeking Donations

Helping pets to keep their owners, the pantry provides pet food to pets whose owner have fallen on hard times.

The Pet Pantry is in honor of Amy and the love she gave all, especially her furry friends.

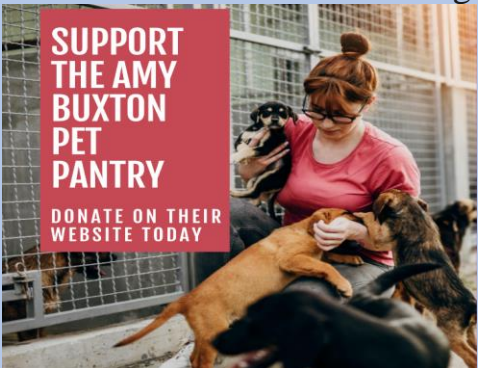
- Most Needed Pet Donations
- 5 or 10lb bags of dog and cat food
(Larger Bags always accepted)
- Canned Dog and Cat food
- Kitty Litter
- Treats

Foods for ALL PETS – Included but not limited to reptiles, fish, ferrets, and hamster!

Drop off Pet Foods on the 2nd Saturday of the month or during office hours

Donate by Mail
Make a check payable to "South Parish Congregational Church" and write pet pantry in memo

Mail to:
South Parish Congregational Church
9 Church St.
Augusta, Me 04330



**Amy Buxton Pet Pantry
Website**

<https://southparishchurch.com/the-amy-buxton-pet-pantry>

FEBUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	29	30	31	1	2	3
	AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line dancing 6-	AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm	AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	Dec 14 Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm	AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	Community Supper 4:30-5:30pm Shakespeare MR 1-4pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Worship Sunday 10 am Line Dance	AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line dancing 6-8pm	AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm	AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm	AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	Community Supper 4:30-5:30pm Pet Pantry 9-10am Shakespeare MR 1-4pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Worship Sunday 10 am Shakespeare Audition 10 am -5pm	AA Meeting 7-8am AA Meeting 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line dancing 6-8pm	AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm Council Meeting 6:00pm	AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm	AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	Community Supper Food Pantry 9-11am Shakespeare MR 1-4pm
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Worship Sunday 10 am Suzuki 1-6pm	AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line dancing 6-8pm	AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm	AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm Line Dancing 6-8	Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm	AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	Kitchen Casserole Group 9-12 Community Supper 4:40 Shakespeare MR 1-4pm
25	26	27	28	29		
Worship Sunday 10 am Shakespear	AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line dancing 6-8pm	AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm	AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm Dance Club 6-8pm Auditorium			



**Donate Backpacks
for Cony Middle
and High School**



**Cony Middle
and High
School**



**FOOD
PANTRY**



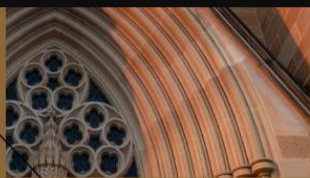
**Drop-Off at South Parish Congregational Church
9 Church St. Augusta Me.**

**Can be dropped at Sunday's Service, in the lobby by
the office.
Or drop off during office Hours Mon thru Tuesday
between 9am till 2:00pm**

FOOD PANTRY



**This week we need crackers,
jam or jelly, and Spam. The crackers are good because
we can't offer bread, the jelly is a welcome treat to go
with peanut butter, the crackers, etc., and the Spam is
just a huge hit! As always, thank you so much for your
donations. ❤️**



**Come Visit Us
During Office
Hours**

Pastor Nathan Richards

Is available on

Tuesday: 11am - 3pm

Wednesday: 9am - 2pm

Church Office Hours

Monday 9am - 2pm

Tuesday 9am - 3pm

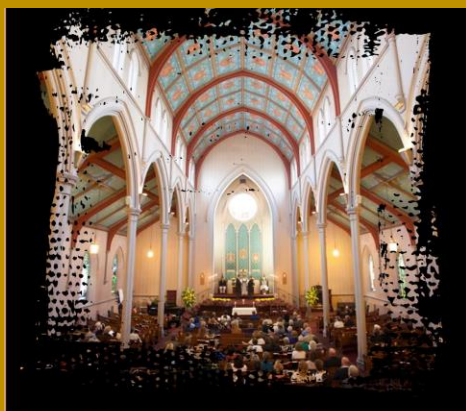
Wednesday 9am - 2pm

Thursday 8:00am 12:00pm

Friday Closed

Saturday Closed

Sunday Service 10:00
am` `



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<https://southparishchurch.com/>

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**Join us for
Sunday Service.**

10:00 am

Or

Watch live on Facebook here:



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**Main Facebook Page for South Parish
congregational Church**

