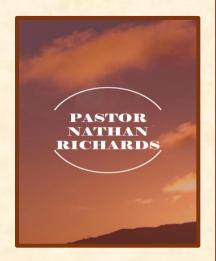


"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all" (Mark 9:35)





September 15 Video of Service.

Click on picture or scan the QR code.



But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. Jesus sat down, and called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be the first must be last and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.".

(Mark 9:34-37)

When the disciples asked Jesus who was the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven, Jesus pulled a child out of the crowd and said the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven were people like this. Although there has been two thousand years of sentimentalizing this story, Jesus was making an important point in this passage. He was saying that people who get into Heaven are people who, like children, don't worry about it too much. They are people who, like children, live with their hands open more than with fists clenched. They are people who, like children, are so unburdened by preconceptions that if somebody says there is a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, they are perfectly willing to go take a look for themselves.

Children are not necessarily better than other people. Like the child in "The Emperor's New Clothes," they are just apt to be better at telling the difference between a put-up job and the real thing.







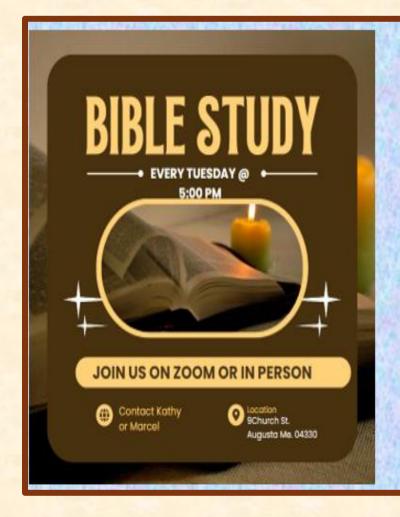


Pet Pantry Update:

Thank you to all of you who stepped up and contributed to the Amy Buxton Pet Pantry. We would very much appreciate continued support, either cat/dog food donations, or cash, as we continue to offer this program. Pet food has increased in price so much that \$500 a month is not adequate to cover costs anymore - we will be planning some fundraising efforts, TBA.

Thank you from all the pets and their owners,

Ann Buxton and Kathy Petersen



Bible Study continues at 5 PM on Tuesdays, via Zoom, or join Rev. Nate at Church in his office for our hybrid option!

You can get the Zoom link from Marcel in the office, or from Kathy Petersen. Join in the fun as we explore the history and meaning of the lectionary scriptures!

A Free Gift from Our Church

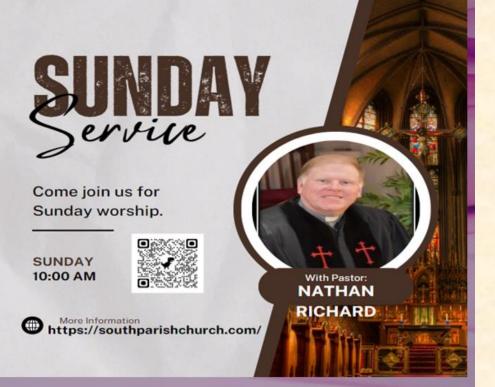
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We want you to know that you are a valuable part of our worship experience.





Click on The link or Scan the QR code with your camera. For a great video of the South Parish Nursery School

https://youtu.be/a hq-ktdHxd8



Hello everyone,

With public school already starting, think about the younger siblings still at home. It could be their turn. If you're looking for a great early childhood experience for 3–5-year-olds, we still have a few openings. In September of 2025

South Parish Nursery School will be 50 years old and the teachers each have from 15 - 35 years of teaching here. We would love to set up a tour for you to see this wonderful environment and learn more about our program.

Call us at 207-623-8852 or Beth Sirabella, Director at 207-242-1620. Looking forward to hearing from you.



The Church matters because it is a community of praise. Gratitude moves mountains. The practice of thankfulness uniquely marks the church in a culture of cynicism.

The Church matters because it is a community of truth. In a world where "fake news" and "alternative facts" exist, the Church offers the gift of truth.

The Church matters because it is a community that does not live for itself but is deeply involved in the concerns of its neighborhood. The Church cultivates neighborliness in a way not found anywhere else. A local church is devoted to local places. The Church loves neighbors.

The Church matters because it is a community where men and women are prepared for and sustained in the exercise of priesthood in the world. It's the place where we're taught how to bring the needs of our community to God and how to take the Word of God into the needs of our community.

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The best pick in the patch







These bags are the best pick in the patch this October! When you visit our selected Shaw's store this month, get your own reusable Give Back Bag for just \$3.00. Every bag sold sends a \$1 donation our way!

shaws.2givelocal.com GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag Program

Holly Mart at South Parish Congregational Church



Join us for a festive holiday market



In View of the interest shown by the South Parish congregation, Donna M. and Ellie K. will help to organize a Holly Mart for Saturday, December 7, 9am to2pm (with snow day being Saturday December 14) If you have not signed up for a table, please contact us regarding you interest. We have some unassigned tables. I you did an earlier Sign-up; we will be in touch with you to begin planning.

Subsequent announcements will be forth coming.

Donna 626-0184 Ellie 622-4895

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER CALENDAR

<u>Day of Community</u> Dinner	<u>Location</u>	Served BY		
1 st Saturday of the Month 4:30	South Parish Congregational Church UCC: 9 Church St. Augusta	UU Community & Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church		
2 nd Saturday of the Month 4:30	South Parish Congregational Church UCC: 9 Church St. Augusta	Served by the South Parish Congregational Church UCC		
3 rd Saturday Of the Month 4:30	South Parish Congregational Church UCC: 9 Church St. Augusta	The United Community Living Center.		
4 th Saturday of the Month 4:30	Penney Memorial United Baptist Church 393 Water St. Augusta	Penney Memorial United Baptist Church		
5 th Saturday of the Month 4:30	South Parish Congregational Church UCC: 9 Church St. Augusta	St. Michael's Parish and Temple Beth-EL		

September 2024

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	SPCC	Labor Day	AA 7-8:15am	AA 7-8am	AA 7-8am	AA 7-8am	Community Supper
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	SPCC	AA Meeting 7-8am	AA 7-8:15am	AA 7-8am	Men's Breakfast 6:30am	AA 7-8am	Community Supper
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	GS United Methodist (Church	AA 12-1pm	AA 12-1pm	AA 12-1pm	AA 7-8am	AA 12-1pm	4:30-5:30pm
	First Service)	Bridge Club 1-3pm	Bible Study 5pm		AA 12pm-1pm		
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	Recycled Shakespeare 12 – 5pm						
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OPENING HOURS

Monday

9am - 2 pm

Tuesday

9am - 2 pm

Wednesday

8am - 2 pm

Thursday

8am - 12 pm

Friday

Closed

Saturday

Closed

Sunday

Service 10am

For general inquiries, you can reach us at 207-622-0552 or visit our website at https://southparishchurch.com/



PASTOR NATHAN IS AMAIIBLE ON:

TUEDAYS

11:00 am to 3:00pm

WEDENSDAY

9am to 12:00pm

SUNDAYS

After Service





When: Saturday, November 23, 2024
9am-3pm
ere: South Parish Congregational Churc

Where: South Parish Congregational Church,
Augusta Maine

What To Expect: Vendors, Lunch Items,
Luck of the Draw Raffle,
Holiday Pie Sale (\$10.0 per pie)

FMI Please Call Cathe: (207) 612-6688





