

Happenings Newsletter

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NEWSLETTERSOUTH PARISH
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UCC

September 18, 2024

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

**PASTOR
NATHAN
RICHARDS**



**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.

Men's Breakfast



Thursdays @ 6:30am



**SOUTH PARISH CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
WELCOMES
GREEN STREET UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH TO THEIR NEW CHAPEL HOME
WE ARE HAPPY YOU ARE HERE**



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

EVERY TUESDAY @
5:00 PM



JOIN US ON ZOOM OR IN PERSON



Contact Kathy
or Marcel



Location
9 Church St.
Augusta Me. 04330

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

Free Access to +25,000 Bible Study Videos Anytime, Anywhere, from Any Device



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

SUNDAY Service

Come join us for Sunday worship.

SUNDAY
10:00 AM



More Information
<https://southparishchurch.com/>



With Pastor:
**NATHAN
RICHARD**



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](https://youtu.be/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.

Why Church Matters



**CHURCH: A
PLACE OF
COMMUNITY**

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!

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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 to 2pm (with snow day being Saturday December 14) If you have not signed up for a table, please contact us regarding your interest. We have some unassigned tables. If you did an earlier Sign-up; we will be in touch with you to begin planning.

Subsequent announcements will be forthcoming.

Donna 626-0184

Ellie 622-4895

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER CALENDAR

<i>Day of Community Dinner</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Served BY</i>
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
01 SPCC Sunday Worship 10 am -12:00pm	02 Labor Day	03 AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm Trustees Meet 6pm	04 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm ASO 3:30 -8pm Marge Grover Rm	05 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	06 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	07 Community Supper 4:30-5:30pm
08 SPCC Sunday Worship 10 am -12:00pm Welcome Back Celebration!!!!	09 AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line Dancing 6pm	10 AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm	11 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm ASO 3:30 -8pm Marge Grover Rm	12 Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm	13 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	14 Community Supper 4:30-5:30pm Pet Pantry 9-10am
15 Heartfelt Welcome to GS United Methodist (Church First Service) 8-9:30am SPCC Sunday Worship 10 am -12:00pm	16 AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line Dancing 6pm	17 AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm Church Council 6:00pm	18 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm ASO 3:30 -8pm Auditorium Kennebec Historical Society 4-8pm	19 Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm	20 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	21 Community Supper 4:30-5:30pm
22 GS United Methodist 8-9:30am SPCC Sunday Worship 10 am -12:00pm Recycled Shakespeare 1-4	23 AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line Dancing 6pm	24 AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm	25 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm ASO 3:30 -8pm Marge Grover Rm	26 Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm	27 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	28 No Community Supper it is held at Penny's Memorial Church
29 GS United Methodist 8-9:30am SPCC Sunday Worship 10 am -12:00pm Recycled Shakespeare 12 - 5pm	30 AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line Dancing 6pm					

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 AVAILABLE ON:

TUESDAYS

11:00 am to 3:00pm

WEDNESDAY

9am to 12:00pm

SUNDAYS

After Service

RSC'S 3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

When: Saturday, November 23, 2024
9am-3pm

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