

This Week's Happenings Sept 25, 2024



PASTOR
NATHAN
RICHARDS

This Week's Message

Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?"One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"....Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. (John 6: 4-11)

In the story of the feeding of the 5000 people, included in John's Gospel, we often overlook the fact that Jesus doesn't feed the hungry by himself. There are at least the twelve disciples and probably volunteers from the crowd who help to distribute the food. Others probably provided the baskets to pick up the leftovers, and a young boy provides the first food to start the meal. Because of the boy's generosity, and those willing to help share the food, Jesus' miracle becomes real, resulting in plenty of food for the hungry.

At South Parish Church, we also need your help to distribute the food God has provided for us. Our food pantry is low on food, and I am asking those of you who read this to make a donation of non-perishable food to it. In her book, Five Loaves, Two Fish, Twelve Volunteers, Elizabeth Mae Magill writes, "Five loaves, two fish, and twelve volunteers, blessed by Jesus and his compassion for the people, leads to more than enough food for everyone."



LATEST NEWS FROM THE FOOD PANTRY



FEEDING THE COMMUNITY

Well, this was distribution week, and our shelves are pretty nearly empty. So we need EVERYTHING!

This would include: Tuna fish, ravioli, white pasta, baked beans, peanut butter, granola bars, spam, ramen soups, chili seasoning. Please, with the peanut butter, only regular size jars as the big ones are too heavy for backpacks, so I have been donating those to the Warming Center.

Thank you so much for all you do. Our neighbors in need are grateful and appreciative, as am I.



Thank You Dwight and Mary Cooper for the hard work of creating a welcoming Church, with the beautiful arrangements at the Welcome Center and Sanctuary.

We are so fortunate for our Caring Deacons. There are so many behind the scenes work that they provide and need your help.

We need deacons that would welcome and guide new visitors to our church.

If interested contact Donna Glover or any of the Deacons to help in bringing Jesus into their lives.

**You can also contact us at: southparish@gmail.com or
call 207-622-0552**



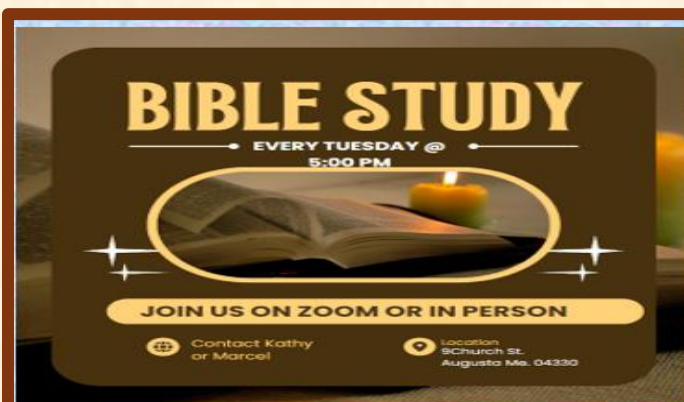
Sunday School is in full swing, as we continue with our Celebrate Wonder curriculum. We have nine fairly regular kids, which is absolutely wonderful.

But, currently, we are down to two Sunday School teachers this Fall (one of our teachers is unavailable for a while), and two helpers. We could totally use more of both.

Working with the kids is the best. I would invite anyone who would like to help out to please let me know. We have a very easy curriculum, downloadable with stories and activities. Or if you just wanted to take a Sunday and share a talent with the kids - music, art, baking cookies, for example - the kids would love it. And so would we!

If you can't, or prefer not to commit, I would love to have names for people who could substitute in for us when needed. ***A huge thanks to Laura Begenwald for stepping up to help last Sunday - Heather and I were both sick, and she cheerfully agreed to teach the kids music for us. This is the second time I have had to frantically call for help, and she just calmly stepped in.*** Heather and I would be so grateful for more help. Am I begging enough yet? (I truly adore the kids, but my 34 year old son was in pre-school when I started teaching, more on than off - and new or old blood would be great!)

Thank you, 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!

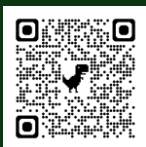
You can get the Zoom link from Marcel in the office, or from Kathy Petersen. Join in the fun as we explore the history and meaning of the lectionary scriptures!



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)

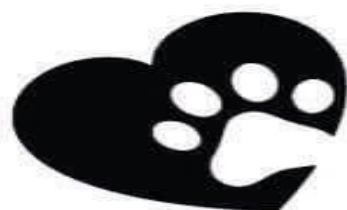


Hello everyone,

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.



The
Amy Buxton
Pet Pantry
SOUTH PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC



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

Hello everyone,

Day of Hope is coming soon. I will be walking for friends and family who have lost the battle with cancer, who are still fighting and those who have won the battle! Please join in the Hope for everyone.

Join me on the walk or donate if you can.
give.maine-general.org/hope
ind- Bethany Sirabella

for some reason I am listed twice. One has donations and the other is just my name.
Come walk with me ♥

MaineGeneral Health
DAY of HOPE

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Augusta Civic Center
76 Community Drive



Hope
starts
here



8:30 a.m. Check In and Explore

10 a.m. Opening Ceremony: "Hope Starts Here"

10:30 a.m. Walk for Hope

10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Day of Hope Activities

The Day of Hope is a day of celebration, inspiration, education and hope – all while supporting the critical work of the Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care.

Join us as we rally around our cancer community and celebrate the hope that surrounds us!

To register, visit give.maine-general.org/hope.
Need help registering? Call 207-626-1809.

Register Today!

Thank you to our
Day of Hope Sponsor:



The registration fee is \$10 and proceeds benefit the Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care. Registration for survivors/fighters and children under 12 is free. There is also an option for those who may have trouble paying the registration fee.





After serving bag lunches this summer, we are back inside for our dinners, beginning this Saturday! We would appreciate it if you could help us spread the word.

Thanks so much!

Pam

The Community Dinner is an outreach ministry that Penney has hosted since 1996. Dinners are held on the fourth Saturday of each month from September to April and are open to the public. Please join us for a meal and a time of fellowship.

Dinners are served from 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Dates and Menus*

- September 28th, 2024 - Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad w/dressing, brownies with ice cream**
- October 26th, 2024 - Chicken Stew, cranberry sauce, biscuits, apple crisp**
- November 23rd, 2024 - Beans, hot dogs, biscuits, coleslaw, assorted pies**
- December 28th, 2024 - Meatball Subs, chips, veggies, Christmas cookies, water**
- January 25th, 2025 - Chili, cornbread, coleslaw, cake for dessert**
- February 22nd, 2025 - Potpourri Soup, biscuits, and fruit pizza.**
- March 22nd, 2025 - Shepherd's Pie, glazed carrots, yeast rolls, sugar cookie bars**
- April 26th, 2025 - American Chop Suey, salad w/dressing, rolls, chocolate chip cookie bars**

***Menus subject to change**



Holly Mart December 7th

South Parish
Congregational
Church UCC

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

You can also email the Church Office: southparish@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast



Thursdays @ 6:30am

WE HAVE A GREAT GROUP OF GUYS EACH WEEK, SO THERE ARE PLENTY TO TALK WITH AND WE ARE ALWAYS READY AND HAPPY TO WELCOME NEW FACES AND VOICES TO THE GROUP!

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER CALENDAR

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

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 GS United Methodist 8-9:30am SPCC Sunday Worship 10 am -12:00pm	30 AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line Dancing 6pm	01 AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm Trustees Meet 6pm	02 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm Green St UMC 4-9pm	03 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	04 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	05 Community Supper 4:30-5:30pm
06 GS United Methodist 8-9:30am SPCC Sunday Worship 10 am -12:00pm Recycled Shakespeare 1-4pm	07 AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line Dancing 6pm	08 AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm	09 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm Green St UMC 4-9pm	10 Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm	11 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	12 Community Supper 4:30-5:30pm Pet Pantry 9-10am
13 GS United Methodist 8-9:30am SPCC Sunday Worship 10 am -12:00pm	14 AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line Dancing 6pm Indigenous Peoples' Day	15 AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm Church Council 6:00pm	16 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm Green St UMC 4-9pm	17 Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm	18 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	19 Community Supper 4:30-5:30pm
20 GS United Methodist 8-9:30am SPCC Sunday Worship 10 am -12:00pm Recycled Shakespeare 1-4pm	21 AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line Dancing 6pm	22 AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm	23 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm Green St UMC 4-9pm	24 Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm	25 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm	26 Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Augusta. 9am to 6pm Casserole Crew 9-12
27 GS United Methodist 8-9:30am SPCC Sunday Worship 10 am -12:00pm ASO Concert 3-8pm	28 AA Meeting 7-8am AA 12-1pm Bridge Club 1-3pm Line Dancing 6pm	29 AA 7-8:15am AA 12-1pm Bible Study 5pm	30 AA 7-8am AA 12-1pm Green St UMC 4-9pm	31 Men's Breakfast 6:30am AA 7-8am AA 12pm-1pm Halloween		

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