

South Parish Congregational Church UCC
Newsletter • April 02, 2026



Pastor Nathan's Weekly Message

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (Which means Teacher). (John 20:16)

The scene with Mary Magdalene in the garden with Jesus contains one of the New Testament's most poignant images of grace and delight of the resurrection: the moment of recognition when Mary hears Jesus call her by name. In that moment, Mary abandons her grief and turns to her teacher with expectancy. It is the demonstration of the truth of Jesus' promise that he would see his followers again, that their grief at his absence would turn to joy, and that he would not leave his followers orphaned.

This scene captures in one narrative moment all of the joy the church experiences when it exults on Easter Sunday- "***Christ has risen, he is risen indeed!***"



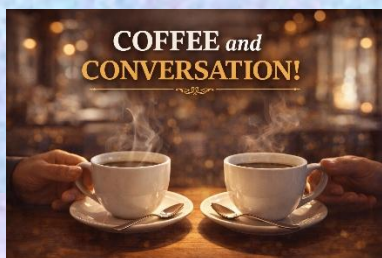
Maundy Thursday – Join Us

Come be part of a meaningful evening of reflection, connection, and community at **South Parish Congregational Church, UCC.**

Thursday, April 02, 2025

6:30 PM

9 Church St.



Join us on Sunday, April 12 after Sunday Service, for our next Coffee and Conversation!

Pastor Nathan will show a brief video from Right Now Media and will the lead us in a discussion of the Video's message. Previous conversations have been interesting and very worthwhile.



Church Trust Funds

(Update from the Trustees)

The Trustees will be meeting with the Investment Advisors who oversee the Church investment portfolios at the next scheduled meeting of the Trustees on April 7 at 6:00 pm. Any member of the Congregation that is interested in this part of Church finances is welcome to attend -

Dan Petersen, Treasurer



CE Reminder:

This Sunday is Easter, and there will not be formal Sunday School Classes - it is one of our Family Sundays, that allows our teachers to be with their loved ones during Church.

However, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt after Church for all children and youth attending the service - let's celebrate!

Kathy Petersen



2026 Scrabble Tournament

Join us for the 2026 Scrabble Tournament on April 11, 2026, from 1 pm to 4 pm. The tournament will take place at UMA Fireside Lounge at 46 University Drive, Augusta, ME 04330.

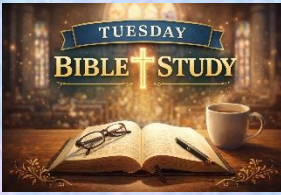
PayPal Payment Links:

[Scrabble Tournament Individual Registration PayPal Link](#)

[Scrabble Tournament Team of 4 Registration PayPal Link](#)

FOOD PANTRY

We still need more raviolis, soups (not tomato), and since last week the Vienna sausages have been depleted, so those too. As always, a big thank you!



Tuesdays Bible Study

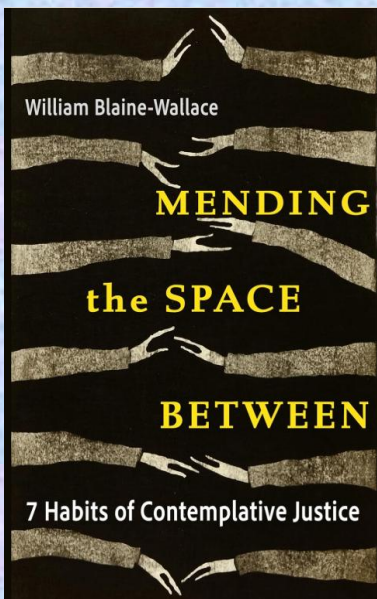
5:00 PM

Join us for discussion and reflection on scripture.

You may attend:

- **In person** in Rev. Nate's office
- **Online via Zoom**

The zoom link is easily available, just ask Marcel in the office, or talk with/email Kathy Petersen (dkpete04330@aol.com)



Mending the Space Between: 7 Habits of Contemplative Justice

Presents 7 dynamic relational positions that form the steps for justice and prophetic change: pray, pause, engage, behold, host, remember, and rest. Each step builds on the previous one to help sustain community, create change, support the marginalized, and bridge difference. Within each pathway, Blaine Wallace says, is also one necessary thing for doing justice: the dedication to contemplation -- the stillness of heart



[https://](https://www.amazon.com/dp/1601627000)

A New Book Worth Exploring

Pastor Nathan's friend, Bill Blaine-Wallace, has recently published a thoughtful and timely new book, *Mending the Space Between: 7 Habits of Contemplative Justice*.

In this work, Bill invites readers into a deeper way of living—one that blends reflection, faith, and action. Through seven meaningful practices, he explores how we can engage the world around us with compassion, awareness, and a commitment to justice, while also nurturing our inner spiritual lives. If you're looking for something that challenges and inspires—something that connects contemplation with real-world impact—this book may be a meaningful addition to your reading list.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; color: #800080;">April 2026</p>	12pm - AA Meeing	12pm - AA Meeting	7am - Green St.	6:30am - Men's	12pm - AA Meeting	11am - National
	1pm - Bridge Club	5pm - Zoom Bible	12pm - AA Meeting	12pm - AA Meeting		4:30pm -
	6pm - AA Meeting		4pm - Green St	5pm - Green St,		7pm - AA Meetings
	6pm - Line Dancing		5pm - AL-ANON	6:30pm - Square		
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9am - Green St. 10am - SPCC UCC	12pm - AA Meeing 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	12pm - AA Meeting 5pm - Zoom Bible 6pm - Trustee's	10am - Nathan 12pm - AA Meeting 4pm - Green St 5pm - AL-ANON	6:30am - Men's 12pm - AA Meeting 6:30pm - Square	12pm - AA Meeting 5pm - AA Dance	9am - Pet Pantry 4:30pm - 7pm - AA Meetings
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