

## South Parish Congregational Church UCC

Newsletter • April 02, 2026



**What an incredible Easter service we shared together! The spirit was uplifting, the music was beautiful, and the message was truly inspiring.**

We were especially blessed to welcome **over 100 people** in attendance—a wonderful sign of life, hope, and community.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the day so special. Christ is risen, and our hearts are full!

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### Pastor Nathan's Weekly Message

***Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." (John 20:27)***

To focus so narrowly and negatively on Thomas' doubt in the interpretation of this text is to miss the point of this story. The center of this story is Jesus not Thomas. At the heart of this story is Jesus' generous offer of himself to Thomas. Thomas had established the conditions of his faith: He must be allowed to touch Jesus' wounds. Jesus doesn't somehow censure Thomas for these conditions, but instead makes available to him exactly what he needs for his faith. The hope of this story is that Jesus will do the same for each of us.



## Second Saturday Community Supper Updates

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Are you looking to make a big difference in a hungry person's life? There are too many hungry people out there, especially now. We are currently looking for new volunteers to join our team. Hours are from 2-6PM every second Saturday, starting this Saturday. We offer a full shift or for any amount of time you can come in and help us. Serving approximately 200 meals is a massive undertaking. It's great that we have roles for both "people persons" and roles for those who prefer to stay behind the scenes in the kitchen. If you are retired or just have time, there may be opportunities on the Thursday and Friday before the supper to help with meal prep. The South Parish Food Resource Network provides weekly free community dinners every Saturday (except 4th Saturday when it's at Penny Baptist). We serve about 200 hot nutritious homemade dinners from scratch. Please let me know if you are interested.

If you shop at Ocean State Job Lots in Augusta, you may be familiar with their Food for Free Program. You can drop off purchased items in a bin and a local nonprofit agency receives the food. 2nd Saturday is the local agency! If you are shopping in this store, please feel free to drop off food items and we will distribute during the meal.

Thank You. **Cindy Sloma**

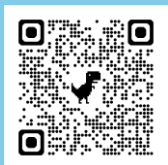
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## THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Pastor Nathan's Right now Video Choice of this week**

[Click Here to watch](#)

**Or click the QR Code with your camera.**



**Tyler Staton**

### **Description**

**Have you ever felt there's a gap between the life promised in the Bible and the one you're living?**

**Join pastor and author Tyler Staton on a six-session journey to rediscover the most misunderstood person of the Trinity. Moving from rich theology to practical application, this study provides a framework to experience the Holy Spirit in profound, new ways.**

## Warming Center *Update &* Community Impact

At a recent Augusta City Council meeting, a proposed ordinance regulating homeless shelters—including our warming center—was discussed. A key concern was a strict 1:10 staffing ratio, which may not work in all situations.

Our director, Julia, shared thoughtful feedback with the Council, recommending more flexible language: *“adequate staffing appropriate to facility design and participant needs.”*

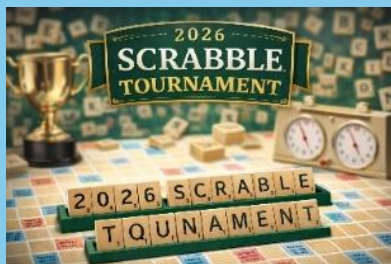
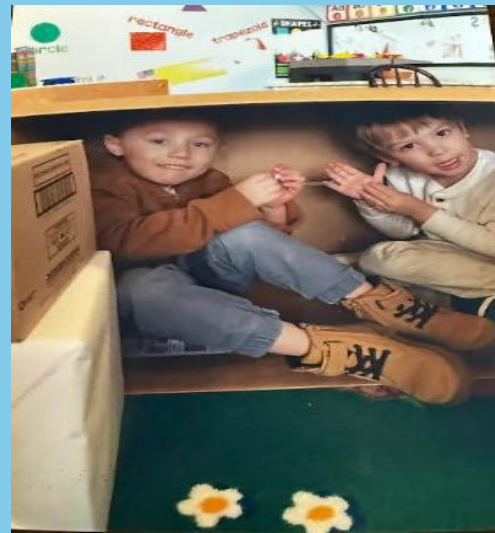
During the meeting, councilors referenced Julia’s letter and expertise, leading to the adoption of this improved, more practical amendment.

This moment reflects not only wise decision-making but also the strong respect and trust Julia has built within the community.

**We are truly grateful for her leadership and dedication to serving others.**



As parents, you are your child's first teacher. Let us join you and become another teacher in your child's life during their early development. South Parish Nursery school is now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year. We would love to invite you to come in and visit our environment, learn about our school and let us answer any questions that you may have. Just as your child learns to build with blocks, from one block to stacking, to creating structures alone or as a cooperative activity. Let us help along the way. Please call us at 207-620-2312 or 207-242-1620 to arrange a private tour. Our address is 9 Church Street in Augusta or you can email us at [spschool4u@gmail.com](mailto:spschool4u@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you Miss Beth and Miss Becky



## 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](#)

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**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](mailto:dkpete04330@aol.com))



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**Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - 7 PM**

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5 PM**

**The William & Elsie Viles Auditorium**

**Cony High School**

**Pierce Drive, Augusta**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**Donations Appreciated**

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