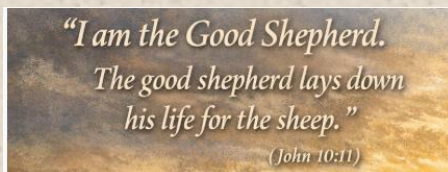


# South Parish Congregational Church UCC Newsletter • April 23, 2026



***I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)***

The image of Jesus as the good shepherd has a continuous hold on Christian imagination and piety. Some of the most popular pictures of Jesus are those that depict him as a shepherd, leading a flock of sheep. This image of Jesus has influenced the church's image of its leaders, so that in many traditions the ordained minister is referred to as the "pastor," and ministerial care of the congregation is referred to as "pastoral care." Behind both of these understandings of ministerial vocation is the sense that the minister is called to lead in the image of Jesus' leadership, to be the shepherd as Jesus is shepherd. Perhaps a better image is one in which Jesus is "shepherd" to all of us including pastors.

**Tuesdays Bible Study**

**5:00 PM**

**Join us for discussion on scripture.**

**You may attend:**

- In person
- Online

The zoom link is available, just ask Marcel in the office, or talk with Marcel at [dkpete04330@aol.com](mailto:dkpete04330@aol.com)

**BIBLE STUDY  
CANCELED APRIL  
28th**

Our church is excited to provide you with free access to RightNow Media, including Pastor Nathan's weekly and Coffee Time videos. When you click the link, you'll be prompted to sign up. There is no cost to you—our church pays for your access.

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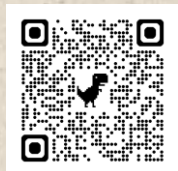
[www.rightnowmedia.org](http://www.rightnowmedia.org)



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

[Click Here to watch](#)

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



**Family Time Management: Stuart Hall**

**Talk to just about any parent and they will tell you that they feel like they're being pulled in all directions, between their kids' school demands, activities, and sporting events, along with the typical issues that all kids walk through in life. Managing our family time, along with the time of our kids, has never been more important. In this series, Stuart Hall will help parents better manage their family's time to align their family's priorities with Jesus's.**



## **Compassion. Courage. Care. The Heart of Our Team**

Our team is a true triple threat, bringing compassion, courage, and care to every shift. They welcome each guest with dignity, meet every need with patience, and hold space for people weathering some of life's hardest moments.

Every winter, our staff at the Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center show what true compassion looks like. Night after night, they welcome our neighbors with warmth, dignity, and steady reassurance during the coldest, hardest moments of the year. Their work isn't just about providing a safe place to sleep. It's about listening without judgment, offering comfort and creating a space where every person is treated with humanity.

To our team: thank you for showing up with heart, patience, and unwavering dedication. You make our community safer, kinder, and stronger.... for 180 days straight, 14 hours a day. To Calvin, Tyler, Vanessa, Leanne, Brandi, Lauren, Allyson, Brayden, Beth, Gracie, Donald, Kat and Tim.... We are so incredibly grateful to each one of you! You truly DO make a difference in the lives of guests and our team at the Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center.

**Their dedication is the heartbeat of the Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center. We couldn't do this work without them.**

We love and appreciate you,

***Julia, Rob and the Warming Center Advisory Board.***



JOIN US FOR THE  
**DEACON'S MEETING**  
AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE

 | **APRIL 26**

-  Deacons and people who maybe interested in serving God as Deacon may join us.
-  As we are looking for people to join us.
-  You can commit as is best for you.

*No need to serve every Sunday*



## Join Us This Sunday!

We're inviting all Deacons—and anyone who may feel called to serve as a Deacon—to join us for a **Deacon's Meeting after Sunday Service on April 26.**

This is a great opportunity to learn more about what it means to serve, ask questions, and connect with others who are already part of the ministry.

We are currently looking for people to join us, and there's flexibility—you can **commit in a way that works best for you. There's no need to serve every Sunday.**

Come see how you can be part of something meaningful. All are welcome!

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## Men's Breakfast – Thursdays at 6:30 AM

Start your day with good food, good company, and plenty of laughs.

Join us every Thursday morning in the Marge Grover Room for a relaxed and welcoming men's breakfast. We've got a great mix of guys who bring stories, songs, humor, and all kinds of "you had to be there" moments.

A couple simple ground rules:

- No politics
- No religious debates
- Just respect, connection, and a good time

Whether you're a regular or thinking about stopping by for the first time, you're always welcome at the table.

**Come for the breakfast... stay for the camaraderie.**

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## WANTED

Looking for an intern to learn the job Don Keneagy does as caretaker of building and grounds, and Projects Manager. The ideal candidate lives in Augusta, has general knowledge of trade, good with people, and some accounting skills. Don is hoping to share his knowledge of the job over the last 10 years, relationships with contractors (and existing contracts!), before he retires.

**Do you have a calling?**

**You can text Don at 207-213-0430.**



### Caring for One Another

As a church family, we want to make sure no one feels overlooked or alone. If you know of any church members who may need help, would appreciate a visit from Pastor Nathan, or could use prayer, please let us know.

You can reach out to [southparish@gmail.com](mailto:southparish@gmail.com) or call 207-622-0552 , or submit a prayer request. All information will be handled with care and confidentiality. Thank you for helping us support and care for one another.

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**Kennebec  
Performing Arts  
Company**  
presents  
**Sounds of Spring**  
Wind Ensemble **KPAC** Choir **KPAC** Jazz Band  
under the direction of  
**John Neal \* Russell Caverly \* Dan Gilbert, asst.**  
 *Join us as we honor our service members with  
a special performance of "Armed Forces Salute"*   
by the KPAC Choir & Wind Ensemble.  
**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  
*This event is supported in part by a grant from*  
**The Onion Foundation**  
[kennebecperformingartscompany.com](http://kennebecperformingartscompany.com)  






Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12pm - AA Meeting 4pm Green St 5pm AL-ANON	2 6:30am - Men's Breakfast 12pm - AA Mtg	3 12pm - AA Meeting	4 4:30pm - Community Meals 7pm - AA Mtg
5 10am Green St. 10am SPCC UCC	6 12pm - AA Meeting 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	7 12pm - AA Meeting 5pm - Bible Study 6pm Trustees Mtg	8 12pm - AA Meeting 4pm - Green St 5pm - AL-ANON	9 6:30am - Men's Breakfast 12pm - AA Mtg	10 12pm - AA Meeting	11 9am - Pet Pantry 4:30 Community 7pm AA Mtg
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