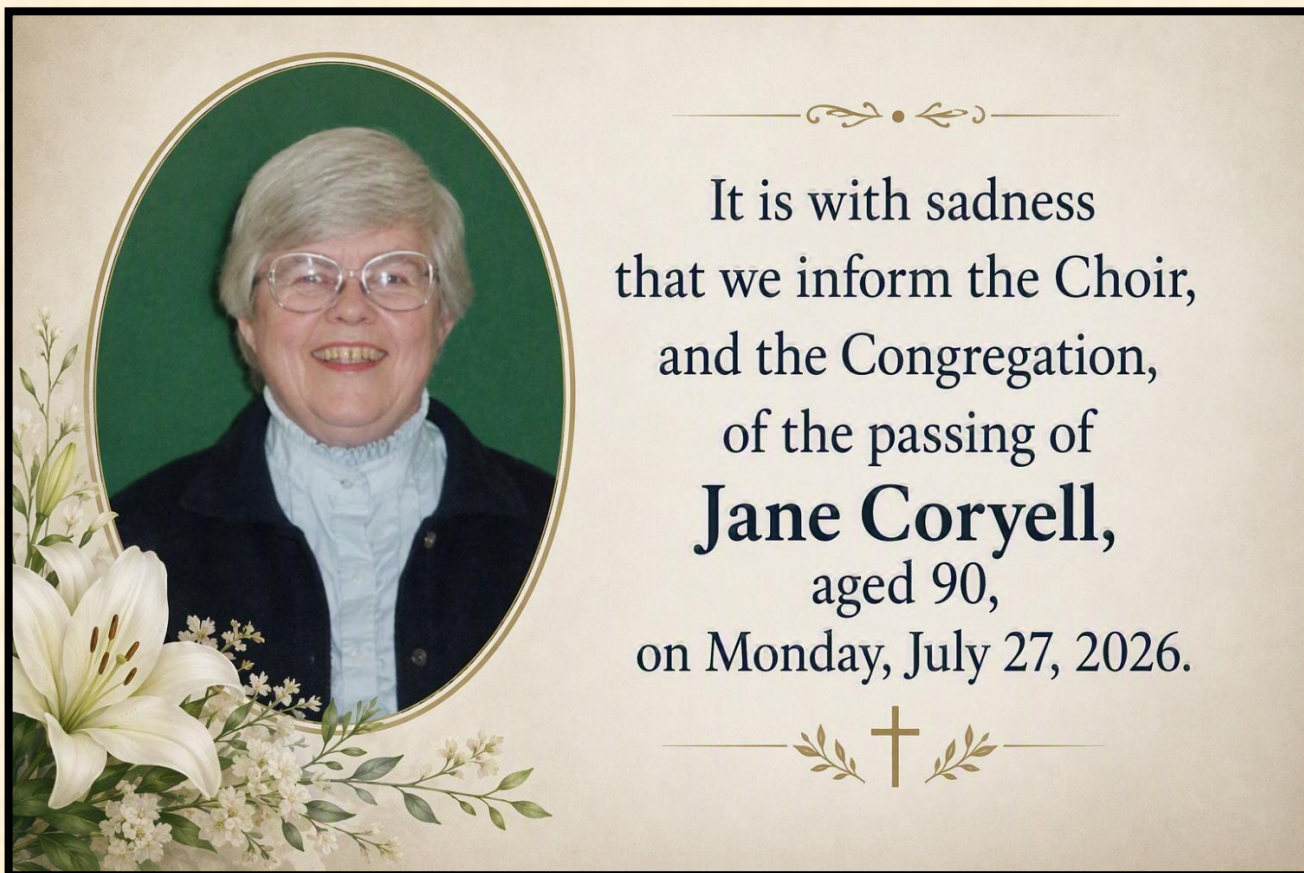




The Lord took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day you eat of it you shall die." (Genesis 2:16–17)

The biblical view of the history of humankind and of each individual creation is contained in the first three chapters of Genesis. We are created, through Adam and Eve, to serve God by loving God and each other in freedom and joy but invariably choose bondage and woe instead as prices not too high to pay for independence. To say God drove Adam and Eve out of Eden is apparently a euphemism for saying Adam and Eve, like the rest of us, made a break for it as soon as God happened to look the other way. If God really wanted to get rid of us, the chances are God wouldn't have kept searching for us every step of the way ever since.



Although unable to attend Church the last several years due to failing health, Jane was a stalwart and reliable Alto for many, many years. She had her chair in the Choir and sang faithfully every Sunday. She knew a great deal about the Church's history, and she put a lot of effort and work into creating a beautiful book and documents about the church's amazing windows. Come Holly Mart time, Jane would always help out, running the bake sale table. Jane and her friend Irma (Shrimp) shared a house on Togus Pond for years until they moved to Granite Hill. The Choir has many fond memories of the annual Choir picnics they hosted every summer on the lake. Jane actually had a PhD in Physical Therapy and taught at Boston University in the past. She loved Corgis, she fostered cats and kittens, and she was an intelligent, caring and talented woman. She was a friend to so many of us in the South Parish family, and she will be missed. Sing Alto up there in Heaven, Jane. There is no service planned, at Jane's request. Cards can be sent to her devoted friend, Irma Wilhelm, at 21 Hackmatack Lane, Hallowell 04347.

Joanne Winchenbach and Kathy Petersen

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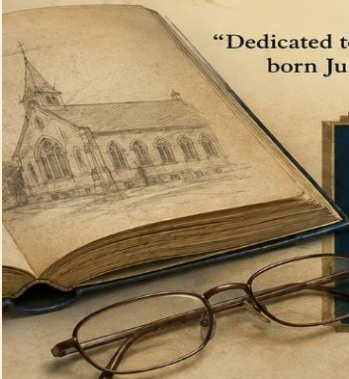
Stained Glass Windows

Installed between 1890 and 1910



“The Ascension”

“Dedicated to the Memory of James Ware Bradbury
born June 10, 1802, died January 6, 1901”



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This page invites you to explore the rich heritage of South Parish Congregational Church through her outstanding work.

Simply click the link below or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to discover the stories, history, and beauty she has so thoughtfully preserved.

[Click here to see Jany Coryell's work](https://southparishchurch.com/timeline-history)



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DON'T LOOK BACK

GETTING UNSTUCK AND MOVING FORWARD
WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE

Click on the picture to watch



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Don't Look Back

Christine Caine

Description

Move Confidently into the Purpose God Has for You. With a rallying cry to “remember Lot’s wife,” Bible teacher Christine Caine motivates us to stop looking back, to let go, and to move forward into what God promises for our lives.

HOLLY MART

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I know it’s going to be 90 degrees this weekend, but it’s never too early to start thinking about Holly Mart. If you are a crafter, or if you will be doing some decluttering, this is your reminder to keep Holly Mart in the back of your mind. We will start meeting in the fall to firm up plans but you can start putting items aside to be donated to Holly Mart. Also, mark your calendars for **December 5th** for Holly Mart! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sandy Lind



FOOD PANTRY PLEA

The church food pantry needs your help. I have been notified by the church treasurer that the pantry has expended all of its allotted funds for the year already. So both monetary and food donations are desperately needed to help us through the next several months. I know we are all suffering sticker shock with the price of food, gas, rent, and utilities, but if you can possibly see your way to chip in, every small bit helps. The number of individuals/families served on distribution day has been holding steady around 27-28, though once a couple of months ago, we had 51. Marcel says the number of people coming into the office for help has ticked up, and I know I restock the kiosk 2-3 times a week. So, unsurprisingly, the need is great!

Food items that are particularly popular and nutritious too, are canned soups (tomato, mushroom, chicken noodle most often chosen), ramen soup, stews, tuna, meal kits, Raviolis, Vienna sausage, pudding and/or fruit cups, oatmeal packets, Kraft macaroni and cheese, juice, and water. Pop top lids are helpful if you can find them.

Thanking you in advance for any help you are able to offer,

The South Parish pantry staff 9 Church St., Augusta, Me 03440 Email: southparish@gmail.com

Church greeter report

—†—
July 26, 2026
By Nelson Leavitt

Report from Greeter August 2, 2026 by Nelson Leavitt

Words in the sermon, stimulated actions within me. The words were, (paraphrased) “When inspired by God to take action, listen and take action right away.”

In recent days, I had been hearing words and not paying attention. The words were saying, check with people who are missing to make sure they are OK. So as soon as possible I called my neighbor Ruth Hanson, because I knew she had been missing for a while. I was relieved when she answered right away. Then, I found out she was not coming to church because the walking distance is more than she can do with a weak heart. Since she lives very close to us, I guaranteed that we can help.

Then, as I listened, she asked about Bob Jordan, Bob needs our prayers and cards. You may remember, Bob lost his wife Harlean recently and had returned to church, often bringing one of his daughters. But that is changed now, at least for a while.

When words stimulate our caring attitude, sometimes God within us pushes us to action.



Bible Study Takes a Summer Break

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Bible Study throughout the past year. We have enjoyed growing together in faith, sharing meaningful conversations, and strengthening our walk with Christ.

Our weekly Bible Study is now taking a break for the summer and will resume in September. We look forward to gathering again to explore God's Word, encourage one another, and continue learning together.

Until then, we encourage you to spend time in Scripture, prayer, and worship throughout the summer months.

Watch for details on the September start date in upcoming church bulletins, newsletters, and on our Facebook page. Have a blessed, safe, and joy-filled summer!

South Parish Congregational Church UCC



Community News

SAVE THE DATE

FOR A

Comedy Night!

THE AUGUSTA EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT WARMING CENTER
34 BRIDGE STREET, AUGUSTA ME

A Mission of South Parish Congregational Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

TO SUPPORT THE AUGUSTA EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT WARMING CENTER
A MISSION OF THE SPCC.

PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND LAUGHTER!

HELD AT THE AUGUSTA ELKS CLUB LODGE 964
397 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
AUGUSTA, MAINE

ELKS 964

COME SOON!!

TICKET INFORMATION
COMEDIAN LINEUP
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
RAFFLE & AUCTION DETAILS
AND MORE!

LAUGH. GIVE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
Together, we can help keep our neighbors warm.



Farmers' Market at Mill Park

Come Shop From Neighboring Farms and Businesses at The Augusta Farmers Market! Located right in the heart of Augusta, Maine and year-round.

Join us every Tuesday to shop for local, fresh, quality delicious products from the area's best local vendors. You can find anything from fresh vegetables and meats to fresh-baked breads and other baked goods, fruit, spices, flowers, honey, and maple syrup from our farms and kitchens!

Come visit our tight-knit community of small, local Maine businesses and farms!
Mill Park. 1 Water Street, Augusta, Maine. 2pm - 6pm



Calendar August 2026

South Parish Congregational Church Calendar

Aug 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
9am - GSt. UMC 10am - SPCC 11:30am -	12pm - AA 1pm - BClub 6pm - L Dancing	12pm - AA 1:30pm - P Nathan 4pm - BS	12pm - AA 4pm - GST	6:30am - Men's B 12pm - AA	12pm - AA MG Rm 1:30pm -	12pm - SPPC 4:30pm - C MEALS 7pm - AA
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9am - GSt. UMC 10am - SPCC 2pm - GS Event	12pm - AA 1pm - BClub 6pm - L Dancing	12pm - AA 4pm - BS 6pm - GS Members	11am - P Nathan A 12pm - AA 4pm - GST	6:30am - Men's B 12pm - AA	12pm - AA MG Rm	12pm - SPPC 4:30pm - C MEALS 7pm - AA
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9am - GSt. UMC 10am - SPCC	12pm - AA 1pm - BClub 6pm - L Dancing	12pm - AA 1pm - Pastor 4pm - BS 6pm - Council Mtg	9:30am - GST 12pm - AA 4pm - GST	6:30am - Men's B 12pm - AA	12pm - AA MG Rm	12pm - SPPC 2pm - Kerya & 7pm - AA
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