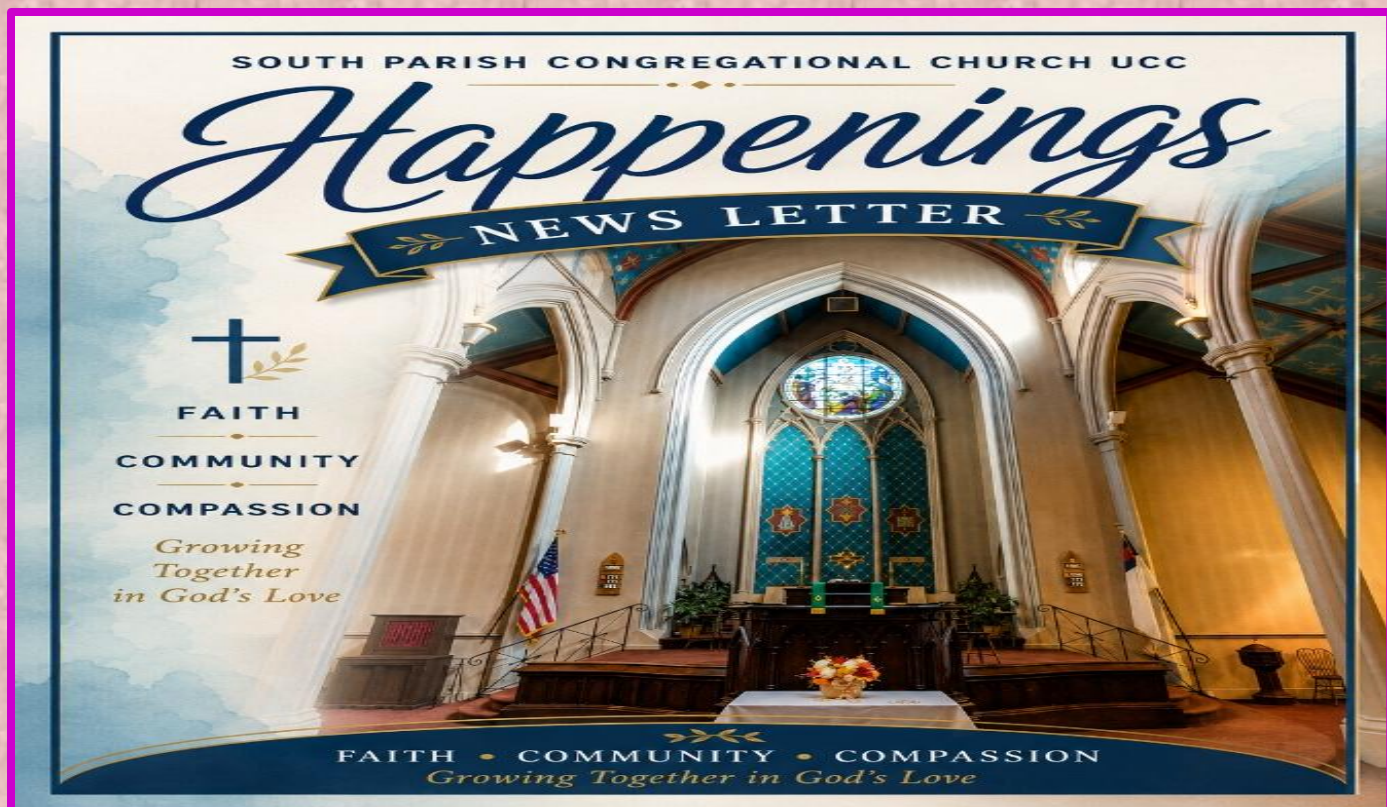
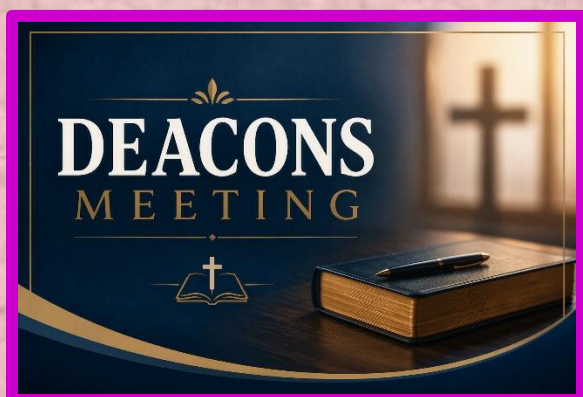




August 27, 2026

- WORSHIP WITH US at 10:00 AM\
- INPERSON AND ON YOUTUBE OR FACEBOOK
- ALL ARE WELCOME!
- PASTOR'S MESSAGE
- LOOK INSIDE FOR PASTOR NATHAN'S MESSAGE AND INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
- THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SOUTH PARISH
- UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! DON'T MISS OUT WHAT'S AHEAD



Deacons Meeting

The Deacons will hold their monthly meeting this Sunday immediately following worship service.

Thank you to our Deacons for their continued care, support, and service to our church family.

Pastor Nathan's
WEEKLY
INSPIRING
MESSAGE

FAITH. HOPE. LOVE.
Guided by God's Word.

Each week, Pastor Nathan shares a message of hope, encouragement, and truth from God's Word.

Be Encouraged
Find inspiration for your faith journey and strength for your everyday life.

Apply. Live. Share.
God's Word is for our lives today—let it guide, transform, and equip us to make a difference.

Join Us!
Sundays at 10:00 AM
In Person & on YouTube
All are welcome!

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
— Psalm 119:105

SOUTH PARISH
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC
Growing Together in God's Love

(Jesus) said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it."

(Matthew 16:15–18)

Pastor Nathan Richards

Peter is the foundation rock on which Jesus builds the new community, the church. The name "Peter" means "stone" or "rock". In Aramaic its pronounced *Cephas*; in Greek *Petros*. In English, the word *Petrified* is a derivative. Thus, the strict translation of this passage should be: "You are Rock, and on this rock, I will build my church." The understanding of this text should not point to the church as a human achievement, or to the church as some kind of fellowship of like-minded people. To the contrary, it should be understood that God, through Christ, grants revelation that generates faith in individuals, even giving us a new name, identity, and nature to continue God's good work, including the authority to make decisions in our Lord's name.

CALLING ALL WREATH MAKERS!

Holly Mart is looking for someone, or a couple of people, who can make **40–50 plain Christmas wreaths** for our holiday sale the first Saturday in December.

Wreath sales are one of our top fundraisers, and we'd love to get everything lined up soon! We'll take care of the decorating; we just need plain wreaths. Pricing is negotiable.



If you make wreaths or know someone who does, please reach out as soon as possible at

lindsandy50@gmail.com.



Please feel free to share this with anyone who might be interested!

Sandy Lind





**PETS DESERVE TO LIVE WITH
THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE THEM.**

Help us make sure that happens.



Today, the Pet Pantry helps individuals and families experiencing financial hardship keep their beloved pets fed and cared for. Last year alone, we provided food for **558 dogs and 1,249 cats — 1,807 animals in all!** 🐶 🐱

Your support can make a real difference. Donations of **pet food, essential supplies, or financial gifts** help local families continue providing the love and care their pets deserve during difficult times.

💙 **Every donation helps. Every bag of food matters. Every act of kindness makes a difference.**

Your generosity not only supports pets and their families — it also helps honor Amy's memory by continuing a mission of compassion, comfort, and hope in our community.

📍 **Donations may be dropped off at:**
South Parish Congregational Church
9 Church Street
Augusta, ME 04330

🕒 **Donation Hours:**
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:00 AM–3:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM–12:00 Noon

🐾 **Please consider helping a pet stay with the family who loves them.**
Thank you for your kindness and support! ❤️

— Ann Buxton
The Amy Buxton Pet Pantry



Help Someone Get to Church! Can you help provide a ride to Sunday worship?

Some of our church family members are no longer able to drive themselves to church, but they would still love to join us for worship each Sunday.

We are looking for volunteers willing to occasionally pick up and bring a church member to Sunday service at 10:00 AM—and bring them home afterward.

Even helping once, a month could make a meaningful difference!

♥ If you can help, please speak with the church office or let Pastor Nathan or Rob Flannery Chair Deacon know.

A simple ride can help someone stay connected to their church family.





THIS WEEK'S
**VIDEO
MESSAGE**

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from
**Pastor Nathan
Richards**



 **WATCH NOW**



FAITH. HOPE. LOVE.
Guided by God's Word.

CLICK THE PICTURE OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO WATCH.

<https://youtu.be/boMsTe8xuYU>





Annual Meeting is almost upon us!!

Friday October 2nd and Saturday October 3rd
Pilgrim Lodge, West Gardiner

Have you registered yet?

Still undecided?

See Marisa' video below

[Welcome Video](#)

Visit our website for [Details and Registration](#)

Childcare will be offered at Annual Meeting.

Deadline to register for childcare is September 1st.

Questions?

Contact Kimberly at kpoisson@maineucc.org



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_70qflh5jE



Jameson, who is from Pittston, came to the church service for the first time today. He left his contact information so he will receive the newsletter and the invitation to come back. He will get a follow up contact to find out how he liked the service.

Kosal and Kwan (mother and son) from Vassalboro came to church for the first time today. She said her husband Jon will be attending with them soon.

We had a nice chat at Fellowship. They liked the sermon very much. The sermon was about patience. Kwan hasn't had any experience with fishing, which Pastor Nathan used as example of learning patience.

Fishing has very much been a part of my life, and I certainly remember it teaching me lessons in patience, over and over again!

They also want to receive the newsletter, so left their contact information.

Rose and I also had a nice chat with Larry & Laura from Readfield. Laura is on the schedule to be baptized in the Kennebec. So watch for the date and attend if you can. It is very supportive when Christians turn out to witness the public statement of accepting Christ through baptism.

SOUTH PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1 12pm - AA 5pm - BS 6pm - TRUSTEES	2 12pm - AA 4pm - GST	3 6:30am - Men's B 12pm - AA	4 12pm - AA MG Rm	5 12pm - Dirigo 4:30pm - C MEALS 7pm - AA
6 <u>New Member</u> 9am - GST UMC 10am - SPCC	7 12pm - AA 1pm - BCLUB 6pm - L Dancing	8 12pm - AA 5pm - BS 6pm - GS Members	9 11am - P Nathan A 12pm - AA 4pm - GST	10 6:30am - Men's B 12pm - AA	11 12pm - AA MG Rm	12 9am - PET 12pm - Dirigo 4:30pm - C MEALS 7pm - AA
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STAY CONNECTED WITH SOUTH PARISH

There’s always something happening at South Parish!



Worship with us: Sundays at 10:00 AM



9 Church Street, Augusta, Maine

Stay connected throughout the week for worship, community events,
outreach opportunities, and more.

Have something to share in Happenings?

Send announcements, events, photos, or information to the church office.

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Faith • Community • Caring • Serving