

# February 12, 2026

## Church Happenings.

### Pastor Nathan’s Weekly Message

*Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. (Matthew 17:1-3)*

The transfiguration story recalls and confirms Peter's confession (16:16). The story also recalls the baptism of Jesus, and the voice from heaven designating him as both the Son of God and the Suffering Servant. This commission is reconfirmed as Jesus begins to instruct his disciples on the meaning and cost of discipleship. The one who is to be crucified is also the divine and glorious one, and vice versa.

### Pastor Nathan’s Video of the week.

[Click Here to Watch The video](#)



In this course, Dr. Nijay Gupta delves into the often-overlooked stories of women leaders in the early church. As you explore the historical context of women's roles in Scripture and its ancient context, you'll gain fresh perspectives on familiar biblical texts, discover the significant contributions of women like Deborah, Phoebe, Prisca, and Junia, and engage with important discussions about the roles of women in leadership. The course also addresses challenging passages that seem to limit women's participation in leadership, offering a fresh perspective on these texts. Whether you're a student, scholar, or simply someone curious about the Bible, this course will deepen your knowledge and appreciation of the diverse individuals who shaped early Christianity.

### Join us for Ash Wednesday

We invite you to join us for our Ash Wednesday service on **Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30 PM**. Come begin the Lenten season together in prayer and reflection. All are welcome.



## **WARM HEARTS CREATE WARM HANDS**

**Critical Need:** Mittens & Winter Gloves (men's sizes especially)

**Drop-off:** 34 Bridge St. (after 5:30 PM) • 9 Church St. (Mon–Wed, 9–2) please call if unsure.

### **Questions:**

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### **A Shared Journey in Faith and Fellowship**

At **South Parish Congregational Church, UCC**, we are grateful for the opportunity to share our space—and our ministry—with **Green Street United Methodist Church**. When the Green Street congregation faced the difficult decision to close their church building due to financial challenges, our church was honored to offer the use of our **chapel and church facilities**.

What began as an act of hospitality has become a meaningful and life-giving partnership. It has truly been a joy to welcome the Green Street congregation into our church home. Sharing space has allowed us to build relationships, learn from one another, and experience the beauty of **two different faith communities working side by side**.

Though our traditions may differ, our shared commitment to Christ, compassion, and service has brought us together in powerful ways. Seeing our building filled with worship, fellowship, and community throughout the week has been a blessing to all.

This partnership reflects who we strive to be as a church—open-hearted, supportive, and responsive to the needs of others. We give thanks for the Green Street United Methodist Church and for the ways this shared ministry has strengthened both congregations.

We look forward with gratitude to continuing this journey together, trusting that God is at work among us.



CE Update:



1. Join us on Sunday, March 1st, after Church, for our next installment of Coffee and Conversation!

Rev. Richards will show a brief video from *Right Now Media* and will then lead us in a discussion of the video's message.

Previous conversations have been interesting and very worthwhile.



2. Mark your calendars for March 8th, find your sunglasses and Hawaiian shirts, and come join in the fun in the sun after Church on March 8th, BEACH DAY!

Heat, sand, balloon volleyball, hot dogs and chips, cake - what more can you ask for in March! This is a multi-generational event, aimed at the "kid" in all of us.

Kathy Petersen, CE Chair

PROJECT FRESH START  
DONATION REQUEST



BATH TOWELS



QUEEN SHEET SETS



BAKEWARE



SMALL APPLIANCES

12 SPRUCE STREET, AUGUSTA

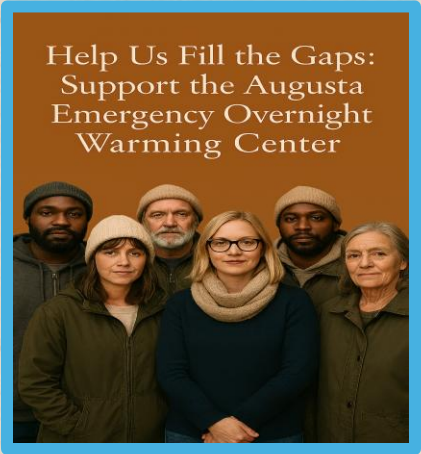
TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS:  
2–4 PM  
SATURDAYS: 9–11 AM

Bath towels, Queen sheet sets, Bakeware (cookie sheets, cake pans, muffin tins, etc.) and Small appliances (toasters, coffee makers, microwaves, etc.)

If you’re able to donate, items can be dropped off at:

- 12 Spruce Street, Augusta
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Fridays: 2–4 PM
- Saturdays: 9–11 AM

Your generosity helps us provide comfort, dignity, and a fresh start for our neighbors. Thank you for supporting our mission and spreading kindness throughout our community.



**Because of generous grants, the Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center can open each season and provide warmth, safety, and dignity to our guests. We are very thankful for this support.**

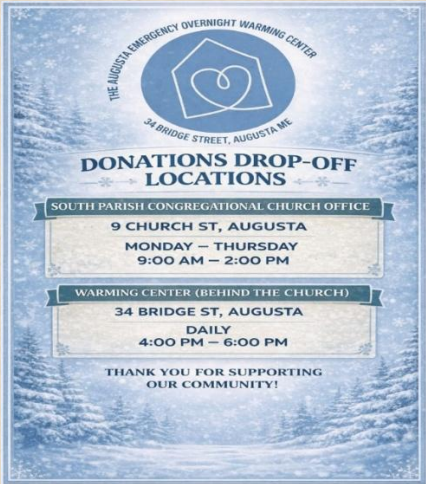
We have also been blessed with many donations of food, clothing, and other supplies. These gifts are incredibly helpful and deeply appreciated.

However, many important daily needs cannot be met without monetary donations. Financial support allows us to provide transportation, help guests care for their pets, and cover planning and administrative costs that keep the center running year after year.

Grants help us open our doors—but monetary donations help us meet people where they are and support their next steps forward.

If you are able, please consider making a monetary donation. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us care for our neighbors when they need it most.

Thank you for standing with us and helping keep compassion in action. ❤️



**Our Winter Market runs from November through April.  
Tuesday's 3pm-5pm  
Winter Market Location: The Buker Center -22 Armory Street,  
Augusta, Maine**

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!



## **Greeter report February 7, 2026**

### **Nelson Leavitt**

So many good things happened today!

Lexi took her first turn at providing goodies for fellowship time. Donna has been providing most of it for a long time with others stepping up from time to time, and we thank them too. Lexi told me that she at one time had a catering service. Her expertise was obvious in the preparation and food she presented. Thank you, Lexi!

Again today, there was one person attending for the first time that I met, and I believe another two that I didn't meet. They came with members who cared for them and made sure they felt welcome. So perhaps there were three?

One man that I talked with had come from the Warming Center. He came looking for a way to break clear of his addiction. We talked about how that could be done with the help of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. He told a story of loss of everything after he had acquired many assets and a family. He will remain nameless for now, but God knows him and he needs our prayers.

Beth Sirabella joined the conversation and gave inspiration and ideas for help. From her I learned about Angel, which offers consulting help to those in need. It is located on Spruce St, on the east side. Also, Beth told about attending Al-Anon, which now holds meetings on Wednesdays at our church. She told me about how valuable it is to talk with others who have been down the same road as she has. There are many of us that can relate to that! Thank you, Beth!

Best of all, I watched our son Christopher talk with one of the newest. He told me they share a past of addiction. To know these connections, happen during our fellowship time is an inspiration to all of us. Thank you, Christopher!

### **East Coast Swing Dance Lesson**

Come dance, have fun, and learn some swing moves!

**Thursday, February 19**

**6:30 PM**

**9 Church St., Augusta**

**\$5.00 donation**

*(Enter by the Glass Door near the flag)*

No experience needed—just show up and enjoy!

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monthly Meetings & Events

- Trustees Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month – 6pm
- Council Meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month – 6pm
- Deacon Meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month – after Sunday Service
- Pet Pantry – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month – 9am

Weekly Meetings & Events

- Line Dancing Every Monday at 6pm
- Bible Study – Tuesdays – 5pm
- Sunday Service – Every Sunday 10am
- AA Meetings Mon – Fri 10pm Monday Evening 6pm and Saturday 7pm
- ALA-ANON Every Wednesday 5:30pm
- Men’s Breakfast Every Thursday at 6:30am
- Swing Dancing Classes Every Thursday at 6:30pm
- Community Meals 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

Pastor Nathan’s Office Hours  
Tuesday’s 11am to 3pm  
Thursday’s 9am to 2pm

Church Office Hours  
Monday Thru Wednesday 9am to 2pm  
Thursday 8am to 12pm

FEBUARY 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10am - Green St. 10am - SPCC UCC	2 12pm - AA Meeting 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	3 12pm - AA Meeting 5pm - Bible Study 6pm Trustees Meeting	4 12pm - AA Meeting 4pm - Green St 5pm - AL-ANON	5 6:30am - Men's 12pm - AA Meeting	6 12pm - AA Meeting	7 4:30pm - Community Meals 7pm - AA Meetings
8 10am - Green St. 10am - SPCC UCC 2pm Shakespeare	9 12pm - AA Meeting 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	10 12pm - AA Meeting 5pm - Bible Study 5pm - Zoom Bible	11 12pm - AA Meeting 4pm - Green St 5pm - AL-ANON	12 6:30am - Men's 12pm - AA Meeting	13 12pm - AA Meeting	14 9am - Pet Pantry 4:30pm - Community Meals 7pm - AA Meetings
15 10am - Green St. 10am - SPCC UCC 2pm Shakespeare	16 12pm - AA Meeting 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	17 12pm - AA Meeting 5pm - Bible Study 5pm - Zoom Bible 6m Council Meeting	18 12pm - AA Meeting 4pm - Green St 5pm - AL-ANON	19 6:30am - Men's 12pm - AA Meeting	20 12pm - AA Meeting	21 9am - Green St. 4:30pm - 7pm - AA Meetings
22 10am - Green St. 10am - SPCC UCC Shakespeare Group 11:30am Deacon’s Mtg	23 12pm - AA Meeting 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	24 12pm - AA Meeting 5pm - Bible Study 5pm - Zoom Bible	25 12pm - AA Meeting 4pm - Green St 5pm - AL-ANON	26 6:30am - Men's 12pm - AA Meeting	27 12pm - AA Meeting	28 7pm - AA Meetings