

February 26, 2026

Church Happenings.

Pastor Nathan's Weekly Message

'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born from above.'

(John 3:3)

Poetically, Jesus is perhaps at his best in describing the feelings we can get when we glimpse the Kingdom Of God--the kingship of the King, Jesus Christ, official at last and all the world his coronation. He says it's like finding a million dollars in a field, or a jewel worth a king's ransom. It's like finding something you hated to lose and thought you'd never find again --like an old keepsake, a stray sheep, a missing child. When the kingdom really comes, it's as if the thing you lost and thought you would never find again is you.

Pastor Nathan's Video of the week.

[Click Here to Watch The video](#)



Session One: Our Problem with Shame. People often describe the feeling of "all eyes being on them," even though that is often an exaggeration. Describe the last time you had that feeling. What was going on in you at that moment?

Scan QR Code with your Camera to Watch.



An Outpouring of Gratitude for Pastor Nathan 📄

Pastor Nathan has recently received many heartfelt thank-you notes and cards from our church family and community. In return, he personally mailed cards back, expressing his appreciation for the encouragement he received.

This beautiful exchange reflects the love within our church family.

We are truly grateful for the many hours Pastor Nathan gives through prayers, visits, sermons, and quiet acts of care that often go unseen.

Thank you, Pastor Nathan, for all you do.

MESSAGE FROM CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR
SUE GAYNE

Save the Date:
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SUNDAY**
SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

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CE Update:



This coming Sunday, March 1st, is time for Coffee and Conversation with Rev. Richards.

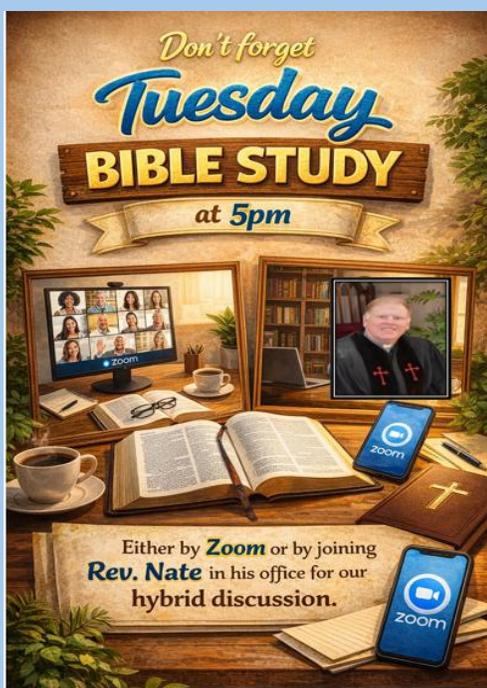
He has chosen the following video to discuss, *"Our Problem with Shame."* We can watch it together while drinking our coffee after Church, and then join in a discussion about the issues the video brings up.



Mark your calendars for BEACH DAY on Sunday, March 8th!

This is an intergenerational event after Church, with heat, sand, games and fun for all! Plus hot dogs, chips, cake, and this year, even possibly macaroni and cheese! Dig in your closets for your Hawaiian shirts and join in the fun!

Kathy Petersen, CE Chair



Don't forget Tuesday Bible Study, at 5 pm, either by Zoom or by joining Rev. Nate in his office for our hybrid discussion.

This week was particularly meaningful - Read Romans, Chapter 12, verses 9-21, to feel a bit better about coping with today's world. *"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."* The zoom link is easily available, just ask Marcel in the office, or talk with/email Kathy Petersen (dkpete04330@aol.com)

Kathy Petersen, CE Chair



BENEFIT

**FOR THE
UNITED COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER**

Hosted at the South Parish Congregational Church

9 Church St

Augusta, ME 04330

For More Info Call 207-933-8053

All Proceeds Go To Support
Resources For The Augusta
Unhoused Community



FREE TO THE PUBLIC

3/28/2026 **BRING YOUR BEST CHILI!** 4-6:00 pm



We received a **Character at Camp** grant from the American Camp Association, which supports high-quality character development at our camp!

We are excited to announce that Pilgrim Lodge has been awarded a national Character at Camp Grant from the American Camp Association, a competitive national initiative supported by Lilly Endowment, Inc. We will receive \$100,000 over two years to strengthen programming that nurtures integrity, community-mindedness and leadership.

Why we were selected:

Pilgrim Lodge was selected for this highly competitive grant because of our commitment to youth development and character growth. As one of 77 recipients across the country, Pilgrim Lodge is proud to join a national network of camps working with the American Camp Association to advance best practices in character development and share what makes camp a powerful setting for youth learning and growth.

What the grant supports:

This grant supports behind-the-scenes work that strengthens our existing programming including curriculum development, training for volunteers and staff, and evaluation tools to support the highest quality experience possible for Pilgrim Lodge campers. While all campers will benefit from enhanced programming, Pilgrim Lodge will launch a new Leadership-in-Training Program for high school-aged youth. These initiatives will be implemented through two new positions at camp, the Challenge Program Specialist and Leadership Mentor. At the same time, the grant supports facility upgrades to support programming including new low ropes course elements and an outdoor gathering space for community-building and activities.

Contact us with your questions: info@pilgrimlodge.org, 207-724-3200



Monthly Meetings & Events

- Trustees Meetings – 1st Tuesday of each month – 6pm
- Council Meetings – 3rd Tuesday of each month – 6pm
- Deacon Meetings – 4th Sunday of each month – after Sunday Service
- Pet Pantry – 2nd 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 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th 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

FEBRUARY 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
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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



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!

**East Coast Swing Dance Lesson Come dance, have fun, and learn some swing moves! Thursday, March 5 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!

A promotional graphic for Pilgrim Lodge's 2026 camp schedule. The background is a photograph of a diverse group of people, including children and adults, some with white foam on their faces, celebrating in a grassy field. A large, stylized green banner with white text arches over the group, reading "The 2026 Camp Schedule is HERE!". In the center of the banner is a circular logo featuring a green tree with a cross inside, surrounded by the text "PILGRIM LODGE" and "MAINE CONFERENCE UCC". At the bottom of the graphic, the website "pilgrimlodge.org" is displayed in a bold, green font, followed by the text "Registration will open on January 1st 2026" in a similar font.