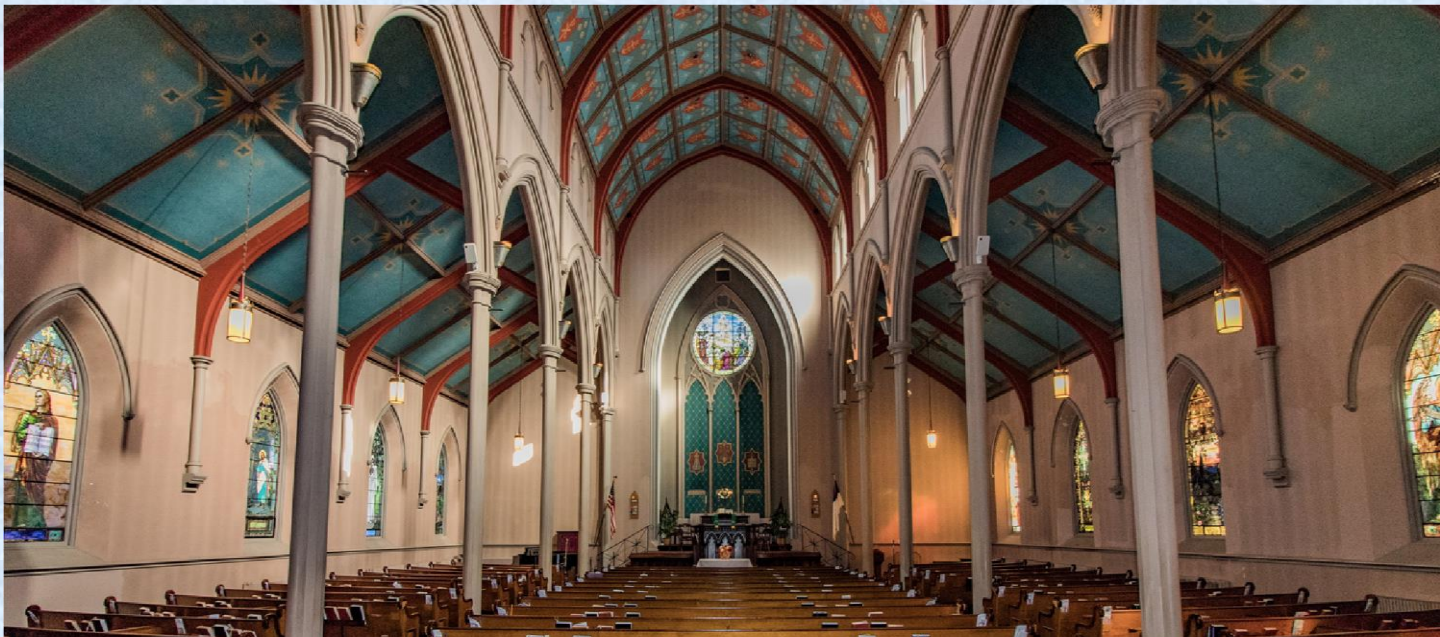


South Parish Congregational Church UCC

SUNDAY SERVICE
WITH PASTOR
NATHAN RICHARDS
July 13, 2025
10 am

BIBLE STUDY
EVERY TUESDAY
WITH PASTOR
NATHAN
5 TO 6 PM

Church office Hours
Monday thru
Wednesday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Thurs: 8 am to 12 pm



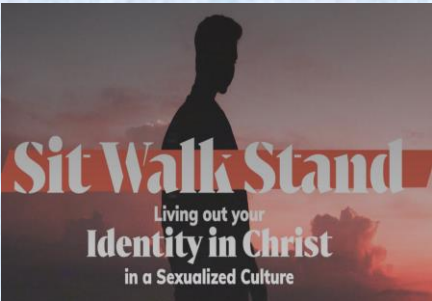
From Rev. Richards

...and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest ?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22: 35-39)

In the Christian sense, love is not primarily an emotion but an act of the will. When Jesus tells us to love our neighbors, he is not telling us to love them by responding to them with a warm, cozy, emotional feeling. We can produce a warm, cozy, emotional feeling on demand about as easy as we can a yawn or a sneeze. To the contrary, what I think Jesus is telling us is to love our neighbors deliberately in the sense that we are willing to work for their well-being... even if it means sacrificing our own well-being in the end. As Regina Clarinda puts it, "Love is the joy we get from God when we put (God's) benefit and the benefit of another person before our own."

PASTOR'S OFFICE
HOURS
TUESDAY
11 AM TO 3 PM
WEDNESDAY
9 AM TO 2 PM

Pastor Nathan’s Inspirational Video Choice This Week.



[Click Here to Watch](#)

Sit Walk Stand: Living Out Your Identity in Christ in a Sexualized Culture

Ted Shimer

Description

A study in the book of Ephesians about how to sit, walk and stand in our identity in Christ. In Sit, Paul unpacks a believer’s position in Christ. In walk, Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of their high calling. In stand, believers are instructed to prepare for the enemy’s attacks. The Ephesians lived in a sexualized culture which has great application for today’s believer in a pornified world.

Ted Shimer guides us through this six-session series looking at the practical implications of our union with Christ: we are in Christ and Christ is in us. Paul not only explains the truths about our position in Christ but he gives practical steps to make living out our identity in Christ a lifestyle.]

AMY BUXTON PET
PANTRY
JULY 12
9 AM TO 10 PM

SOUTH PARISH
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
COMMUNITY DINNER

4:30 PM

MEN’S BREAKFAST
THURSDAY JULY 10
6:30 AM
MARGE GROVER
RM.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

July needs for the food pantry are the usual suspects, which are: Crackers, packs or in sleeves. Pudding cups, all flavors Fruit cups, all flavors. The individual servings or pop-top cans are best. Soup, particularly chicken noodle. Ravioli’s and the ilk, always! Thank you for your continued support. It is so greatly appreciated

 Fellowship Friday – Every Last Friday of the Month

Come enjoy a time of food, fun, and fellowship with our church family!

Schedule:

 Lunch at 12:00 PM — Each month we visit a local restaurant.

 Games at 1:00 PM — We reconvene at the church for games and good company.

 To find out where we're dining this month, contact:

- Donna Martin — 626-0184
- Ellie Kidwell — 622-4895

We Hear A Call



94th Annual Meeting
Maine Conference, UCC
October 17-18, 2025

...a way in the wilderness

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ~Isaiah 43: 18-19

The Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center

A Mission of South Parish Congregational Church UCC



Kennebec Savings Bank has offered a \$9,500 matching grant to help us raise \$18,000 to continue operations and Prepare for winter.

What We Do All Year

Even in summer, we're hard at work helping our community and preparing for winter.

Your support helps us buy critical supplies, plan winter operations, and care for neighbors in need all year long. And right now, your gift will be matched—but only until July 31.

 **Double your impact:**  **Donate now:** [Click Here](#)
Scan the QR Code with your camera to donate





Help Us Bridge the Gap: Request for Toiletry Donations

Dear Church Members and Community,

In times of need, it is our collective compassion and generosity that truly make a difference. We are reaching out to you, our kind-hearted neighbors, to help us support those who are facing challenging circumstances. Bridging the Gap, our neighbor community outreach program, is in urgent need of donations, particularly toiletries such as **toilet paper** and **size 6 diapers**.

Why Your Help Matters

These essential items are crucial for maintaining dignity and hygiene, especially for families with young children. By contributing, you are directly aiding individuals and families in our community who are struggling to make ends meet. Your donation, no matter the size, can provide comfort and relief to those who need it most.

How You Can Donate

You can drop off your donations in the church lobby at 9 Church St. Augusta the following times:

- **Before or after Sunday services**
- **During office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 3 PM**

Every contribution counts and brings us one step closer to ensuring that no one in our community goes without these basic necessities.

Thank you for your kindness and willingness to help. Together, we can bridge the gap and make our community stronger and more compassionate.

With gratitude, South Parish Congregational Church