



Here's what's happening in the life of South Parish and how God is working through our church this week.

This Week at a Glance

- **Worship This Sunday:** Join us July 19 at 10:00 AM at 9 Church Street, Augusta.
- **Scripture Reflection:** Matthew 19:24 invites us to reflect on wealth, dependence on God, and true purpose.
- **Celebrations:** Learn about Riverside Baptisms and how to take the next step in your faith journey.
- **Community News:** Visit the Augusta Farmers' Market at Mill Park on Tuesdays from 2:00–6:00 PM.
- **Pet Pantry:** A heartfelt thank-you to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Farmingdale for their generous pet food donation.
- **Bible Study:** Weekly Bible Study is taking a summer break and will resume in September.
- **Calendar:** See the July 2026 calendar for upcoming church events and reminders.



SPCC Worship This Sunday

Sunday July 19th 10:00AM

9 Church St. Augusta Maine.



"Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than it is for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Matthew 19:24) The problem with being rich is that since you can solve with your checkbook virtually all of the practical problems that bedevil ordinary people, you are left in your leisure with nothing but the great human problems to contend with: how to be happy, how to love and be loved, how to find meaning and purpose in your life. In desperation, some rich people are continually tempted to believe that they can solve these problems too with their checkbooks, which presumably is what led Jesus to remark one day to a rich man the quote from Matthew 19:24.



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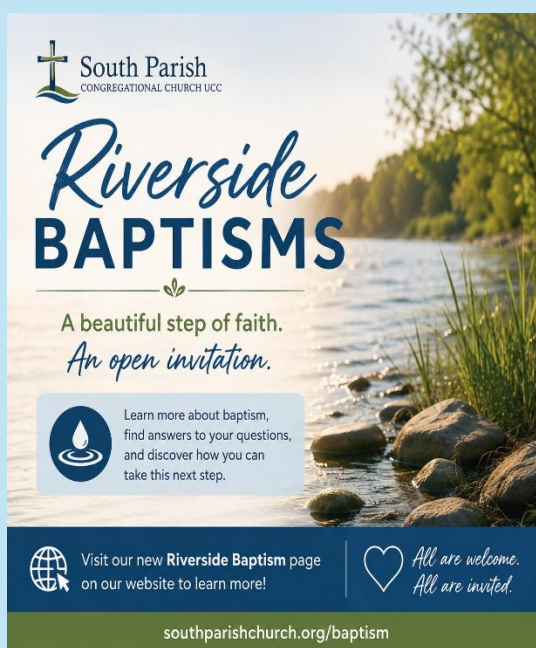
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It’s the common phrase that most parents say to themselves when it comes to raising a child: “it happened so fast.” Parenting is a tough job. Knowing how to move from parenting your teen to parenting your adult child is just as tough as any other stage of parenting. Let Linda Weir be your guide. Linda brings three decades of experience in college ministry and walks parents through the stages of releasing your child into the college/adult world. Linda will show you



Celebrations

Rejoicing in New Life Through Baptism



Have you been thinking about baptism?

We're excited to introduce our new Riverside Baptisms page on the South Parish Congregational Church website. The page shares what baptism means, answers common questions, and explains how you can take this meaningful step in your faith journey.

This summer, Pastor Nathan Richards is offering Riverside Baptisms in a beautiful outdoor setting. Whether you're exploring faith for the first time, renewing your commitment to Christ, or have simply never been baptized, this invitation is for you.

You don't have to be a church member. You don't have to have a perfect life. Baptism is a response to God's love and an opportunity to publicly declare your faith. The page also includes information about:

What to expect during a baptism Frequently asked questions How to request more information How to schedule a conversation with Pastor Nathan

While the page highlights our summer Riverside Baptisms, it will remain a year-round resource for anyone who is interested in learning more about baptism. As the seasons change, the page will continue to offer an open invitation for those considering taking this important step of faith.

We invite you to visit the new page, learn more about baptism, and share it with family, friends, and neighbors who may be looking for a church home or wondering if God is calling them to take this next step.

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New on Our Website: Riverside Baptisms

<https://southparishchurch.com/baptisms-riverside>



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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." — Matthew 28:19



SAVE THE DATE

FOR A

Comedy Night!



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.





Bridging the Gap, Augusta, Maine

Bridging the Gap Monthly Report JUNE 2026

TOTAL UNDUPLICATED INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN 2026 TO DATE: 2,634
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS REPORTING "NO PERMANENT RESIDENCE": 116 (An increase of 11 since last month)

SERVICE STATISTICS FOR JUNE

- Addie's Attic**
- Total Households served: **285** (same month 2025: 261 = 47.5% increase)
 - Total unduplicated individuals served: **969** (same month 2025: 817 = 18.6% increase)
- Basic Essentials Hygiene Pantry:**
- Total Households served: **314** (same month 2025: 293=7% increase)
 - Unduplicated individuals served: **1,093**(same month 2025: 1,248= 12% decrease)
 - Percentage of individuals who are New Mainers: **38.24%**
 - Total New Mainers served **418** (same month 2025: 337 = 24% increase)

RESOURCES, SUPPORT AND CENTRALIZED HELPING FUND (CHEF):

The Resource Department handles multiple calls a day. The nature and outcome of each call is different. People might be directed to a different or additional resource; asked to call back with more information so BTG can better assess and assist; or BTG might agree to assist financially. BTG often works with other funding sources to fully meet a request that is beyond what BTG can support alone. When other agencies' funds are depleted, BTG must be even more discerning.

Number of calls/emails/walk-ins received: **60+** Number of individuals directly served: **48**

Note: The number of individuals served represents hands-on cases, sometimes in collaboration with another program/agency, and/or BTG supported the individual financially. It does not represent the number of individuals who simply received a pamphlet or phone number.

MAY ALLOCATIONS FOR CENTRALIZED HELPING FUND (CHEF):

JUNE 2026	AMOUNT	YEAR TO DATE 2026	YTD AMOUNT
Recovery Housing	\$ -	Recovery Housing	\$ 1,500.00
Rooming House	\$ -	Rooming House	\$ -
Rental Assistance	\$ 577.00	Rental Assistance	\$ 7,024.36
Security Deposit	\$ 500.00	Security Deposit	\$ 1,448.00
Housing Other (Hotel)	\$ -	Housing Other (Hotel)	\$ 196.20
Utilities	\$ 600.00	Utilities	\$ 4,193.06
Heating Assistance	\$ -	Heating Assistance	\$ 2,440.50
ID/Birth Certificate	\$ -	ID/Birth Certificate	\$ -
Car Repairs	\$ 200.00	Car Repairs	\$ 610.89
Gas	\$ 150.00	Gas	\$ 540.00
Taxi/Concord/Greyhound	\$ -	Taxi/Concord/Greyhound	\$ -
Phone/Phone Service	\$ -	Phone/Phone Service	\$ 48.48
Food Card	\$ -	Food Card	\$ -
Other	\$ 676.08	Other	\$ 1,088.10
MONTHLY TOTAL	\$ 2,703.08	YEAR TO DATE TOTAL	\$ 19,089.59



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



Pet Pantry

A Heartfelt Thank You!

The Amy Buxton Pet Pantry at South Parish Congregational Church extends our sincere thanks to the members of **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Farmingdale** for their generous donation of pet food.



Your kindness and willingness to support families and their beloved pets in our community are deeply appreciated. Donations like yours help ensure that pet owners facing financial challenges can continue to care for their faithful companions with dignity and hope.

Your generosity reminds us that when neighbors come together in service and compassion, lives are touched in meaningful ways. Thank you for partnering with us to make a difference for both people and their pets.

With heartfelt gratitude,
The Amy Buxton Pet Pantry
South Parish Congregational Church UCC
9 Church Street • Augusta, Maine

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed." — Proverbs 19:17

If you know the donation occurred recently, you could even include a photo of the donated pet food with this post. It makes a wonderful community recognition piece and highlights the impact of their generosity.



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



Calendar July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 12pm - AA Meeting	4 4:30pm - Community Meals 7pm - AA
5 9am Green St. 10am SPCC UCC	6 12pm - AA MTG 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	7 12pm - AA Meeting 5pm - Bible Study 6pm Trustees Mtg	8 12pm - AA Meeting 4pm Green St	9 6:30am - Men's Breakfast 12pm - AA Mtg	10 12pm - AA Meeting	11 9am - Pet Pantry 4:30 Community Meals 7pm AA Mtg
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