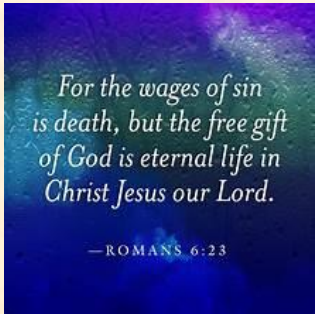


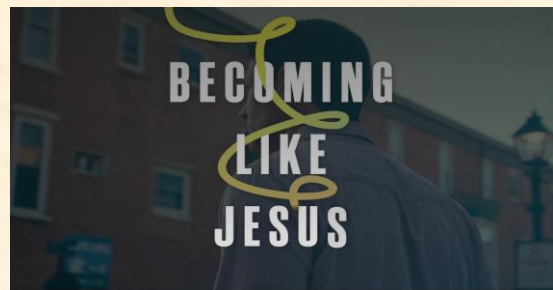


Here's what's happening in the life of South Parish and how God is working through our church this week.



For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

The power of sin is like a centrifuge. When at work in a human life, sin tends to push everything out toward the periphery. Bits and pieces of who we are go flying off until only a core is left. Eventually bits and pieces of our core go flying off until in the end nothing at all is left. "The wages of sin is death" is the Apostle Paul's way of saying the same thing.



Click on the picture to watch



Or scan the QR code:

Becoming Like Jesus
Matt Chandler
Description
The Christian life is not up and to the right but a lifelong series of highs and lows that the Holy Spirit uses to shape us into people who look like Jesus. In this six-session series, pastor and author Matt Chandler guides us through Jesus’s beatitudes found in Matthew 5. As we live out our Christian faith, Jesus develops in us a new way of living so we can be people who reflect God's kingdom.



Celebrations

Congratulations to the Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center!



We are proud to celebrate the **Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center** for receiving the **Shining Star Award** in recognition of its extraordinary dedication to our community.

Night after night, the staff and volunteers provide far more than a warm place to sleep. They offer compassion, dignity, hope, and a welcoming environment for neighbors experiencing homelessness during Maine's coldest nights. Their genuine care, quick response to challenges, and commitment to treating every guest with respect truly make a difference.

This award recognizes the heart of their mission—bringing light to those facing difficult times and reminding each person who walks through their doors that they are seen, valued, and cared for.

Please join us in congratulating the entire Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center team on this well-deserved honor. Thank you for being a shining light in our community and for making a lasting impact on so many lives.

Congratulations on your Shining Star Award!

Hub 6 (the Central Maine district for homeless and housing services) covers Kennebec and Somerset counties. They partner with the state to provide housing, reentry, and youth programs within the region.

A Message of Thanks from Julia Stone, Director & Rob Flannery, Manager



We are deeply honored and grateful to receive the **Shining Star Award**.

This recognition belongs not only to us, but to every volunteer, staff member, community partner, donor, and supporter who believes that everyone deserves a safe place, and to be treated with dignity and respect.

Each night, we witness the strength and resilience of our guests, and we are humbled to serve alongside so many compassionate people who make this ministry possible. It is through your kindness, generosity, and unwavering support that the Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center continues to be a place of hope and refuge.

Thank you to the Maine Homeless Response Coordinators for this meaningful honor. We accept it on behalf of everyone who has walked beside us in this mission.

Together, we will continue to shine a light of hope for those who need it most.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Julia Stone Director - Rob Flannery Manager -*Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center*



Fellowship time after church is a time to get people's stories. For the second Sunday in a row, we got privilege of hearing from Nira.

Nira told the round table of us that stayed to hear, about parents who migrated from Georgia. Her ancestors, she proudly tells everyone, were slaves.

When I told her that I would like to write about her for our newsletter, she said she would send me a letter. When it arrived a few days later, I found she had listed all of her family names and ages, as well as a newspaper article she wrote that was published in Central Maine Sunday paper in 2019, telling about her faith and her family.

Last week she brought “grannies” (granddaughters) because they like Pastor Nathan’s messages. Their names from her list, are Marcelle and Moira.

Nira regularly attends Manchester Community Church. Her son Michael is a regular at South Parish.

Another highlight of our round-table discussion was about this week’s sermon on “Prayer.” The question was asked, “How did you like it?” Everyone pitched in to answer.

Not only did everyone answer that they liked it, they went on to say how it related to their own lives... How life experiences have shown them how prayer has proven to work for them. And how well Pastor’s way of teaching teaches them.

These chats amongst a group of Christians, tell the story of what our Church community is all about.



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

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Council Officers

Council President	Sandra Lind (2028)
Clerk	Open
Registrar	Ruth Riopell
Treasurer	Dan Petersen
Assistant Treasurer	Open
Financial Secretary	Joanne Winchenbach

Officers’ terms are 1 year, renewable indefinitely, except Council President, which is 2 years, maximum of 2 terms.

Council Members at Large

Rose Leavitt
Donna Cote
Sheldon Hussiere

Delegates to the Living Water Association, Maine UCC

Joanne Winchenbach
Karen Ellsworth

Members of boards are elected for 3-year terms, unless otherwise specified. No one shall serve more than six consecutive years as a member of a board. Terms expire in May each year at the date of the annual meeting.

Board of Christian Education

Shannon Richards 2029 (1st)
Heather Akeley 2027 (2nd)
Barb Drennan 2027 (2nd)
Sue Goodrich 2027 (2nd)

Board of Trustees

Mike Lund 2027 (2nd)
Tom Johnson 2029 (1st)
Dick Kimball 2029 (1st)
Eric Lind 2029 (2nd)
Karen Ellsworth 2027 (1st)

Board of Mission & Service

Joanne Wichenbach 2029 (1st)
Cindy Sloma 2029 (1st)
Marcel Caron 2029 (1st)
Sue Landreth 2027 (1st)
Chris Landreth 2027 (1st)
Donna Martin 2027 (2nd)
Sue Gayne 2027 (2nd)
Kathy Petersen 2029 (1st)

Board of Deacons

Jim Kidwell 2029 (2nd)
Ellie Kidwell 2029 (2nd)
Denise Appleby 2028 (1st)
Tabitha Appleby 2028 (1st)
Sue Whipkey 2028 (4th of 6 possible 1-year terms)
Rob Flannery 2029 (1st)
Beth Sirabella 2029 (1st)
Sue Goodrich 2029 (1st)
Mark Goodrich 2029 (1st)

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- *Minister:** The Minister is the spiritual leader and administrator of the Church. Ex officio member of all boards and committees. The minister Directs and supervises all church staff.
- *Church Council:** made up of church officers, board chairs and three at-large Members. The council oversees all programs of the church. Meets monthly.
- *Executive Committee:** made up of board chairs, council President, Minister, Treasurer and Clerk. The Executive Committee takes action Necessary between meeting of the church Council and serves as the Personnel committee.
- *Deacons:** responsible for care of the Sanctuary, visitation and worship, assisting minister regarding the spiritual needs of the church, Accepting new members, Minister to those in need, Arrange for temporary Pulpit supply and appoint/oversee pastoral services.
- *Trustees:** the trustees are responsible for budget and physical plant, acquiring and disposing of property, authorizing expenditures less than \$10,000, Proposing and maintaining a budget and overseeing the Viles' Fund.
- *Missions & Service:** Missions and service are responsible for coordinating All special offerings and mission giving. Responsible for Missions outreach Plans.
- *Christian Education:** Responsible for Youth and Adult education; maintain Sunday School teachers, curriculum, and supplies. Represent the church in educational efforts with other organizations.

OFFICERS

- *Church Council President:**
Lay leader of the church. Presides at Council meetings and business meetings of the church.
- *Treasurer:**
Keeps accounting of funds received and disburses as appropriate. Is a Member of the Council and Trustees and provides current treasurer's reports monthly
- *Financial Secretary:**
Receives and deposits pledges, contributions, and income. Provides an Accounting of money received to the treasurer.
- *Registrar:**
Keeps records of new, active and end of membership; records all baptism information; records Marriage information; records any member deaths.
- *Clerk:**
Keeps records of Church Council meetings. Gives notice to upcoming meetings as needed. Conducts church correspondence as necessary.



Community News

SAVE THE DATE

FOR A

Comedy Night!

THE AUGUSTA EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT WARMING CENTER

34 BRIDGE STREET, AUGUSTA ME

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.



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



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 - Pei Pantry 4:30 Community Meals 7pm AA Mtg
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