



Using Our Gifts for God's Glory

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

— 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

One of the greatest blessings of South Parish Congregational Church is the many individuals who generously share their God-given gifts in service to God and one another. Every week, members and friends of our church offer their time, talents, and hearts in countless ways. Some teach, some lead, some organize, some serve behind the scenes, and others offer words of encouragement and compassion. Together, these gifts strengthen our congregation and help us share Christ's love with our community.

The Apostle Peter reminds us that the gifts we have received are not meant to be kept for ourselves, but to be used in service to others. Whether those gifts are visible or quietly offered behind the scenes, each one plays an important role in the life and ministry of the church. This week, we would like to recognize one individual whose gifts have enriched our worship and touched the lives of many people through the Ministry of Music. Through her talent, dedication, creativity, and faithful service, she helps lead us in praise each Sunday and encourages us to lift our voices in worship.

We are grateful to spotlight and celebrate the ministry of **Marcia Gallagher**.

A Gift of Music: Thanking Marcia Gallagher for Her Ministry



South Parish Congregational Church is truly blessed to have Marcia Gallagher serving as our Music Director and Accompanist. While many people recognize her extraordinary talent as a pianist, organist, and vocalist, those who worship with us regularly know that Marcia brings so much more to our church than musical excellence.

Each Sunday, Marcia helps create a worship experience that is engaging, welcoming, and meaningful. She has an exceptional ability to adapt in the moment—whether extending a hymn when the congregation is singing enthusiastically, adjusting to unexpected changes during a service, or helping worship flow smoothly when plans change. Her flexibility and professionalism allow worship to feel natural and Spirit-led.

Marcia is constantly looking for ways to encourage greater congregational participation. One example was her suggestion to move the piano to a more visible location, allowing worshipers to see her and enabling her to better connect with the congregation. This simple change has helped create a more interactive and inviting worship experience, encouraging everyone to join their voices in song.

Her musical gifts are remarkable. Not only is she an accomplished pianist and organist, but she is also a gifted vocalist whose performances regularly receive compliments from viewers of our livestream services. Week after week, her music inspires, uplifts, and enhances our worship. Behind the scenes, Marcia is equally dedicated and organized. She carefully coordinates substitute musicians when she takes a well-deserved break, ensuring that the music ministry continues seamlessly. Her attention to detail and commitment to excellence help make our worship services successful every week.

Marcia's musical journey began after attending the University of Maine at Augusta in the 1980s, where she launched her professional music career. Over the years, she has performed with rock bands, soul bands, jazz ensembles, and as a solo keyboardist and vocalist. She has served as an accompanist, organist, and musical director for community, high school, and professional theater productions. In addition, she has taught private music lessons since her teenage years and has worked throughout Central Maine as a music educator from kindergarten through high school.

A resident of Hallowell often considered Central Maine's music mecca, Marcia has been an important part of the local music community for many years.

We are deeply grateful for Marcia's talent, dedication, creativity, and faithful service. Her music enriches our worship, strengthens our congregation, and helps us lift our hearts in praise each and every Sunday.

Thank you, Marcia, for all that you do!



Church Office & Pastor Vacation Notice

Please note that the South Parish Congregational Church office will be closed from Monday, June 29 through Friday, July 6.

Pastor Nathan will also be on vacation during this time. However, he will be leading a Zoom Bible Study on Tuesday, June 30, at 5:00 PM. Watch for the Zoom link and details.

For emergencies, please email southparish@gmail.com. We will be checking email throughout the day and will respond as quickly as possible.

If you have Marcel's phone number, please feel free to call him directly for urgent church-related emergencies.

Thank you for your understanding. We wish everyone a safe and blessed week!

South Parish Congregational Church UCC
9 Church Street • Augusta, Maine



Pastor's Nathan's Video Message.

In this episode of the Mental Health Toolkit 2.0, we discuss Family Emotional Wellness. We are currently parenting and partnering in a culture that is overstimulated, underslept, and often just one notification away from losing it. In this episode, family therapist C.J. Varghese shares from both professional expertise and personal experience about what families actually need to stay emotionally well. He reframes the struggle of the modern family, noting that most families aren't broken; they are simply tired.

[TO LISTEN TO PASTOR NATHAN'S VIDEO CHOICE, CLICK HERE](#)



**Enhancing Worship Through
Technology**
*Working together to strengthen our
online ministry and reach more people
with the message of Christ.*

As many of you know, South Parish recently began using new camera equipment to enhance our online worship services and improve the viewing experience for those who join us through YouTube.

With any new technology, there is often a learning curve and a few unexpected challenges along the way. During our recent livestream, we experienced some lag and performance issues about ten minutes into the service. After reviewing the situation, our technology team determined that the issue was not with the new cameras, but with the aging laptop being used to process the livestream.

The good news is that our team is already working on solutions. For this Sunday's service, Sheldon has graciously offered the use of his laptop to help ensure a smoother broadcast while we continue evaluating options for a more powerful replacement computer. We are hopeful that funding can be identified to purchase updated equipment that will better support our growing online ministry.

We are incredibly grateful for the dedication of the volunteers and team members who have invested countless hours researching, testing, and implementing these improvements. Their commitment helps us extend our worship beyond the walls of our church and connect with members, friends, and visitors who may not be able to join us in person.

Change often brings challenges, but it also brings opportunities. We are excited about the future of our livestream ministry and confident that these improvements will help us provide an even better worship experience for our online community.

Thank you for your patience, encouragement, and support as we continue this journey together.




WATER
changes lives.

Our homeless neighbors need water.
We are collecting bottled water to help keep people safe, hydrated, and healthy.

 **DROP OFF LOCATION:**
South Parish Congregational Church
9 Church St., Augusta, ME

 **DROP OFF DAYS & TIMES:**
Monday – Wednesday
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

 **Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center**

Thank you for making a difference.

Bottled Water Needed for Our Homeless Neighbors

The Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center is seeking donations of bottled water to help support individuals experiencing homelessness during the hot summer months. Access to clean drinking water is essential, and your generosity can make a real difference.

Donations of bottled water may be dropped off at:

South Parish Congregational Church
9 Church Street, Augusta, ME

Monday–Wednesday
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Thank you for helping us care for some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Every bottle helps!

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monthly Meetings & Events

- Trustees Meeting 1st Tuesday - 6PM
- Council Meeting 3rd Tuesday - 6PM
- Green St. UMC Members Meeting 6PM
- Deacon's Meeting 4th Sunday - 11:30AM
- Pet Pantry 2nd Saturday - 9AM

Weekly Meetings & Events

- Bible Study - Tuesdays - 5PM
- Sunday Service - Green St. UMC - 9AM
- Sunday Service - SPCC - 10:00AM
- AA Meetings - Mon thru Friday 12PM & 7PM
- Men's Breakfast - Thurs - 6:30AM
- Community Meals - Sat 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th - 4PM - 5:30PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 2026	1	2	3	4	5	6
	12pm - AA MTG 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	12pm - AA Meeting 5pm - Bible Study 6pm Trustees Mtg	12pm - AA Meeting 4pm Green St 5pm AL-ANON	6:30am - Men's Breakfast 12pm - AA Mtg	12pm - AA Meeting	4:30pm - Community Meals 12Pm - 4:30pm Dirigo Braiders Guild Meeting
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