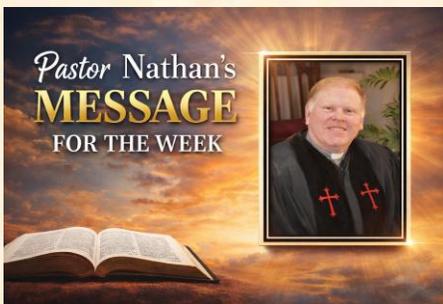




At South Parish Congregational Church, we believe church is more than a building — it is a family of people who care for one another and for our wider community. Whether you are visiting for the first time or have been here for years, **you are an important part of this community.**



*Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11: 25-27)*

Jesus' powerful announcement to Martha suggests that the church needs to embrace Jesus as the resurrection and the life not only at times of death, but also in the daily moments of human lives, because these moments, too, whether one names them so or not, are also lived in the face of mortality. John 11 asks the church to reflect that Jesus is the resurrection and the life not just for the crisis moment of death, but for all moments of life.



### **Church Trust Funds**

The Trustees will be meeting with the Investment Advisors who oversee the Church investment portfolios at the next scheduled meeting of the Trustees on April 7 at 6:00 pm. Any member of the Congregation that is interested in this part of Church finances is welcome to attend.

**-Dan Petersen, Treasurer**

**Pastor Nathan’s Video of the week.**



Scan QR Code with your Camera to Watch.



**The Problem of Pain**

Dakota Hauck

Description

Sacred Wounds is an invitation to meet God in the places we often try to avoid. In this series, Dakota Hauck guides viewers through a biblical and honest exploration of pain, suffering, and healing, revealing how God does not waste our wounds but transforms them into places of beauty, goodness, and truth. Rather than offering easy answers, this study creates space for lament, hope, and deeper trust in Jesus, helping participants discover how suffering can become a sacred place of formation rather than a sign of God’s absence.

[Click Here to Watch The video](#)



**It is the tradition at South Parish to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday with live, flowering Spring plants.**

**Plants can be brought on Sunday, March 29 through Thursday, April 2 from 8 AM to noon and left on the table outside the church office. There will be a sign up sheet where you can write whose memory the plants are being donated.**

**Also indicate if you will be taking your plant home after Easter or leaving it at the Church. Please write your name on the wooden sticks provided. Write a “K” if you plan to keep the plant or a “L” if you plan to leave it. Those left will be transplanted into the church garden.**

**Looking forward to an Easter brimming over with colorful flowers,**

**Deacons’ Board**



## **Missions Sunday**

On March 15th there was a meal after church service where there was discussion about all of the Missions that South Parish offers the community. Approximately 30 individuals stayed for mac and cheese, salad, rolls and dessert and the discussion was lively.

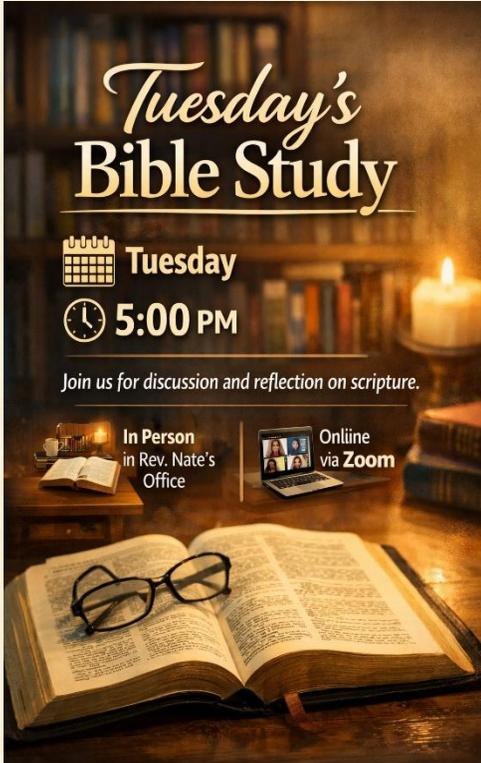
South Parish really does so much for the community!! Some of those outreach programs discussed included community dinners, a food pantry, a pet pantry, support of the Chef Program, and the Emergency Overnight Warming Center.

The group in the room was challenged to think about what next. That same challenge goes out to all. How do you want to be involved and what ideas do you have?

Another lunch meeting will be scheduled but don't hesitate to email your thoughts to the office or [gaynesns@gmail.com](mailto:gaynesns@gmail.com).

Thank you,

Sue Gayne



### Tuesdays Bible Study

📅 Tuesday

🕒 5:00 PM

Join us for discussion and reflection on scripture.

You may attend:

- **In person** in Rev. Nate's office

- **Online via Zoom**

Let's walk through these hard times together, grounded in faith and strengthened by love.

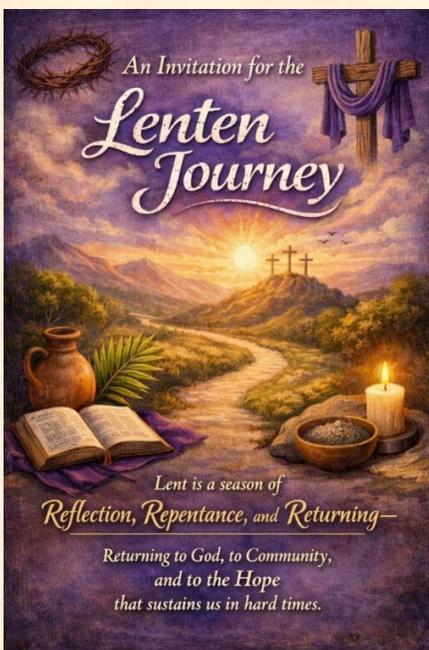
The zoom link is easily available, just ask Marcel in the office, or talk with/email Kathy Petersen

[\(dkpete04330@aol.com\)](mailto:dkpete04330@aol.com)

**Everyone is welcome — whether you've studied the Bible for years or are just curious.**

### FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Once again, I thank you all so much for your amazing generosity. The pantry really needs almost nothing! The one or two things that would be welcome are hearty soups, and the always needed ravioli's---preferably pull-top lids, if you can find them. This is distribution week, and we have been averaging between 25-30 individuals/families utilizing this service. They thank you!



**Lent is a season of reflection, repentance, and returning— returning to God, to community, and to the hope that sustains us in hard times. As we walk this sacred season together, many people around us may be longing for comfort, meaning, and connection, even if they don't yet have the words for it. Sometimes, the most faithful thing we can do is extend a simple invitation.**

**Know someone who could use encouragement? Invite them to join you this Sunday.**

**A friend, a family member, a neighbor—your**

🕊 Sunday Service | 10:00 AM

📍 South Parish Congregational Church UCC

📍 9 Church Street, Augusta, ME

👉 Reach out with intention

👉 Invite with humility and love

👉 Walk alongside someone this Lent

May this season be one where God uses our small acts of faith to bring light, healing, and hope.

*Thank you for being a welcoming, Lenten people.*

**Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center**  
*Current Needs*

Thanks to our community, our shelves are **FULL of clothes!** Now, we need the following items:

- Snacks
- Laundry Pods
- Trash Bags (White – Tall Kitchen)
- Paper Towels
- Lysol / Disinfectant Spray
- Trash Bags (Black – 33 Gallon)
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Coffee
- Powdered Creamer & Sugar
- Disposable Coffee Cups
- Tissues
- Ibuprofen

**Monetary Donations Urgently Needed!**

Mail checks to:  
Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center  
9 Church St.  
Augusta, ME 04330

Or Donate Online: [CLICK HERE](#)

Thank you for your support & generosity!  
Together, we can keep the center open for those in need.

THE AUGUSTA EMERGENCY OVERNIGHT WARMING CENTER  
34 BRIDGE STREET, AUGUSTA, ME

**DONATIONS DROP-OFF LOCATIONS**

**SOUTH PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OFFICE**  
9 CHURCH ST, AUGUSTA  
MONDAY – THURSDAY  
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**WARMING CENTER (BEHIND THE CHURCH)**  
34 BRIDGE ST, AUGUSTA  
DAILY  
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY!

**Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center – Current Needs**

The Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center continues to provide a warm, safe place for our neighbors during the cold months. Because of the incredible generosity of our community, many people have found comfort, care, and support during difficult times.

We are especially grateful for the outpouring of clothing donations. Thanks to the kindness of so many in our community, our shelves are currently full of clothes, and we are truly thankful for that generosity. At this time, we kindly ask that no additional clothes, blankets, or sheets be donated.

However, there are several everyday supplies that help us keep the center running smoothly and comfortably for our guests.

**Current Needs:**

• Snacks	• Laundry Pods	• Trash Bags (White – Tall Kitchen)
• Trash Bags (Black – 33 Gallon)	• Paper Towels	• Toilet Paper
• Lysol or Disinfectant Spray	• Coffee	• Powdered Creamer
• Sugar	• Disposable Coffee Cups	• Tissues
• Ibuprofen	•	•

In addition to these supplies, monetary donations are very much needed to help keep the center open and operating.

Checks can be mailed to:

**Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center**  
9 Church Street  
Augusta, ME 04330

You may also donate online by clicking the link [here](#) or scanning the QR code.

Every donation, whether supplies, financial support, or prayers helps us continue offering warmth, safety, and dignity to our neighbors in need.

Thank you for your continued compassion and support of the Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center. *Director Julia Stone, Manager Rob Flannery*

# Finding Peace in Uncertain Times

With everything happening in the world right now, many of us are carrying anxiety, fear, and weariness in our hearts. If you're feeling overwhelmed, you're not alone—and you don't have to walk through this season by yourself.



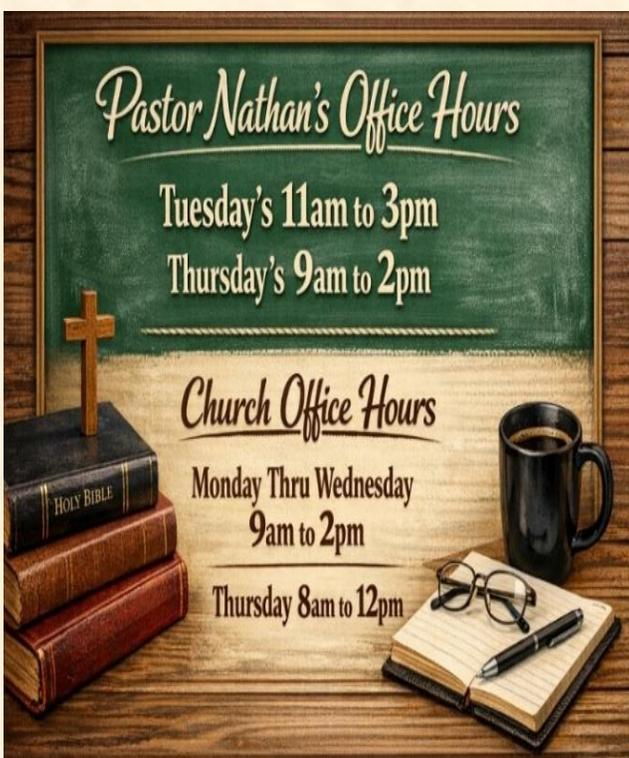
**Finding peace doesn't mean having all the answers, it means knowing you don't have to face uncertainty alone. Join us for a quiet, hope-filled time of worship, reflection, and community as we seek comfort and strength together.**

**🕊 Sunday Service | 10:00 AM**

**📍 South Parish Congregational Church UCC**

**📍 9 Church Street, Augusta, ME**

**All are welcome. Come as you are.**



**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**



AUGUSTA  
FARMERS MARKET  
AT MILL PARK



# Indoor Winter Farmers Market

## November-April

### TUESDAYS 3-5:30PM

at Buker Community Center  
22 Armory St, Augusta, ME 04330

We accept Cash, Credit/Debit, SNAP/EBT, Harvest Bucks and Bumper Crop coupons



3-5:30pm | Buker Community Center

Fresh greens, bread, eggs, meats, honey, and St. Patrick's Day meals!

New vendors, CSA shares, and local favorites.

**EBT/WIC accepted. Bring a reusable bag.**



**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



### **An Invitation Can Change a Heart**

So many people around us—friends, family, neighbors, coworkers—are carrying heavy burdens right now. Anxiety, fear, and uncertainty are real, and sometimes all it takes is a simple invitation to help someone feel less alone.

This Sunday, we have an opportunity to open the door a little wider.

**Know someone who could use encouragement? Invite them to join you this Sunday.**

A kind word, a shared post, or a personal invitation could be exactly what they need.

At **South Parish Congregational Church UCC**, we gather to find comfort in Christ, strength in community, and peace for the journey ahead.

 **Sunday Service | 10:00 AM**

 **South Parish Congregational Church UCC**

 **9 Church Street, Augusta, ME**

 Reach out to a friend

 Invite a family member

 Offer to sit with them

**You never know how God might use your invitation to bring hope and healing.**

***Thank you for being a welcoming and loving community.***

### Monthly Meetings & Events

- Trustees Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month – 6pm
- Council Meetings – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month – 6pm
- Deacon Meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month – after Sunday Service
- Pet Pantry – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 12pm 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
Email: [southparish@gmail.com](mailto:southparish@gmail.com)  
Phone: 207-622-0552

Webpage: <https://southparishchurch.com/>

Donations Scan QR Code with your camera.



**SPRING**  
*Fling*  
**DANCE PARTY**

**It's been a long winter! Lets get out and party with some friends!**

**April 10, 2026**

**7:00-11:00 PM**

**South Parish Congregational Church  
9 Church St., Augusta  
tickets \$10 per person**

**Dance to music by Jason B**

**Please feel free to bring a snack or dessert**

**This event is sponsored by your Central Service Office in conjunction with District 12  
47 Portland St., Portland ME 04101**

**FMI: Dana 207-459-0126  
Heidi 207-756-2118**

March

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10am - Green St. 10am SPCC UCC 2pm Shakespeare MG Rm	2 12pm - AA Meeting 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	3 12pm - AA Meeting 5pm - Bible Study 6pm Trustees Mtg	4 12pm - AA Meeting 4pm - Green St 5pm - AL-ANON	5 6:30am - Men's 12pm - AA Mtg	6 12pm - AA Meeting	7 4:30pm - Community Meals 7pm - AA Mtg
8 10am - Green St. 10am - SPCC UCC 2pm Shakespeare	9 12pm - AA Meeting 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Mtg 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 Mtg	13 12pm - AA Mtg	14 9am - Pet Pantry 12pm Baby Shower 4:30pm - Community Meals 7pm - AA Mtg
15 10am - Green St. 10am - SPCC Mission Sunday after Service 1pm MG RM Shakespeare	16 12pm - AA Meeting 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Meeting 6pm - Line Dancing	17 12pm - AA Meeting 5pm - Bible Study 6m Council Mtg	18 12pm - AA Meeting 4pm - Green St 5pm - AL-ANON	19 6:30am - Men's 12pm - AA Mtg	20 12pm - AA Mtg	21 4:30 Community 7pm AA Mtg
22 10am - Green St. 10am - SPCC 11:30am Deacon's Mtg	23 12pm - AA Meeting 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Mtg 6pm - Line Dancing	24 12pm - AA Meeting 5pm - Bible Study	25 12pm - AA Mtg 4pm - Green St 5pm - AL-ANON	26 6:30am - Men's 12pm - AA Mtg	27 12pm - AA Mtg	28 7pm - AA Mtg  4pm to 6pm Chili Chowder Contest
29 10am - Green St. 10am - SPCC	30 12pm - AA Mtg 1pm - Bridge Club 6pm - AA Mtg 6pm - Line Dancing	31 12pm - AA Meeting 5pm Bible Study				