

Quips of the Week

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South Parish Congregational Church UCC

Pastor Nathan Richards Message:

At that present time, there were some present who told Jesus about the Gaileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them." Do you think that because these Gaileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Gaileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." (Luke 13:1-5)

Jesus' warning strikes at our most vulnerable point. Try as we might, none of us can protect ourselves or those we love from every danger: disease, accidents, crime, emotional disorders, or random violence. The bright side of the warning in Luke 13:1-5 is that Jesus affirms that these calamities are not God's doing. On the other hand, however, they should stand as graphic reminders that life is fragile and that any of us may stand before our Creator without a moment's notice. What would you do if you had only a year to live, only a short time in which to make up for wrong doings and opportunities missed? Jesus teaches us that we are to live each day in such a way that we will have no fear of giving an account of how we used God's gift.



**Pastor Nathan's Choice of
Video of the Week
"Priorities"
Kaitlyn Cey**

This week, Pastor Nathan has chosen a truly inspiring devotional video.

Description

The foundation of Kingdom leadership is understanding your position as a child of God and allowing your life to be shaped by the ways of God's Kingdom. As you do, you will emerge as the leader you were destined to be.

Becoming a leader in God's Kingdom means to lead like Jesus. This is the most important thing you can do for yourself and those you were born to impact. Kingdom leaders know that they have been created on purpose for a purpose, and they use their gifts to contribute to positive change in the world. However, we can all get distracted and discouraged on our way to becoming the leader God created us to be. When this happens, we need to stay focused on God's purpose for our lives so we can access the clarity, courage and confidence we need to keep moving forward.

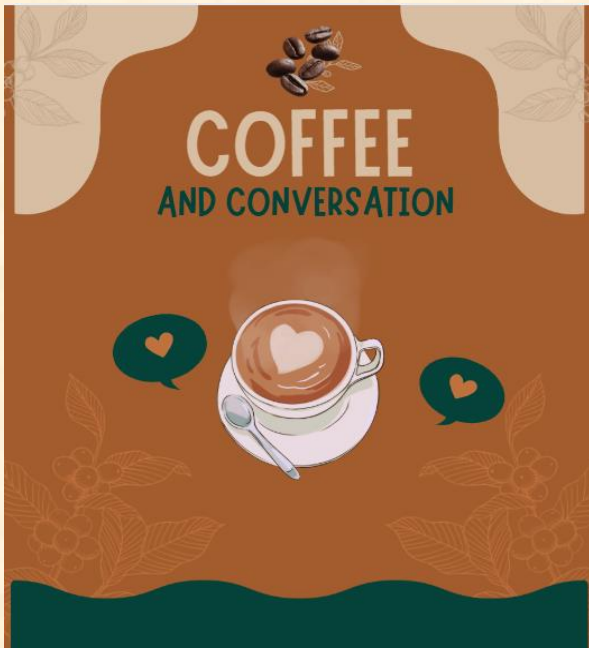
In this video series, Kaitlyn shares her own personal examples and provides tools for you to apply to your life as you embrace the adventure of leading and living in God's Kingdom as you have been designed to do. You will be empowered to clarify what is truly important, gain the courage to pursue your calling, and access the confidence to take action in your world for the good of others.

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Or scan the QR page which will take you to the Videos.



CE Update:



Our first "*Coffee and a Video*" session went quite well this past Sunday. Rev. Nate showed a 5-minute video, "*Mental Health Toolkit Anxiety*," and many people stayed to watch, and then discuss ways of dealing with anxiety. It really was worthwhile, people were very engaged, and we decided to repeat it monthly.

However, that name is very awkward, and I think I will change it to "*Coffee and Conversation*" - has a better ring to it.

I would encourage everyone to explore the "*Rightnow Media*" website - it is available to all Church members for no charge to you (CE pays for it). I would really like to know if people are using the site and finding it helpful. Rev. Nate puts weekly recommendations in Happenings. If you don't know how to get it, email Marcel and he can give you the information. It's very easy. - if I can do it, you can.

Thank you,
Kathy Petersen, CE Chair

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LENTEN LUNCHESES SOUPS DU JOUR THIS WEEK'S SOUPS

ZUPPA
TOSCANA

HADDOCK
CHOWDER

**EVERY FRIDAY FROM MARCH 7TH TO APRIL 11TH
TIME: 11:00 AM TO 12:30 PM**

**LOCATION: SOUTH PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC
ENJOY A MEAL OF SOUP, HOMEMADE BISCUITS, WHOOPIE
PIE, AND A BEVERAGE FOR \$10.00.**

Join Us for Lenten Lunches at South Parish Congregational Church UCC
A Season of Reflection and Fellowship

Embrace the spirit of Lent with us at South Parish Congregational Church UCC, where community and tradition come together over a warm meal. Our Lenten Lunches offer not just a culinary delight, but a chance to connect, reflect, and find solace in the company of others.

When & Where

Every Friday from March 7th to April 11th

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Location: South Parish Congregational Church UCC

Savory Menu Selections

Indulge in our *Soup du Jour* with a delightful rotation of comforting flavors. This week, savor our delicious Zuppa Toscana and Haddock Chowder. Each bowl perfectly pairs warm, freshly baked biscuits and a Whoopie Pie dessert.

Why Attend?

- **Community Connection:** Share in the joy and companionship of fellow attendees.
- **Nourishment:** Enjoy healthy, homemade meals prepared with care.
- **Reflection:** Take time to pause, reflect, and rejuvenate your spirit during this sacred season.

Whether you're a long-time member or new to our community, we warmly invite you to join us for these special gatherings. Let's journey through Lent together, one meal and one moment at a time.

We look forward to welcoming you!

A Special Invitation

In the Marge Grover Rm
Following Sunday
Service on March 23rd
On behalf of the
Members of
The Green Street UMC

Green Street Church members would like to invite South Parish members to fellowship after church in the Margery Grover room following your service on March 23rd.

We will supply the food and set up a coffee hour in appreciation of the warm welcome we have received here at South Parish. The chapel, music room, and office have been perfect for our needs in this time of transition.

We cannot express how thankful we are and blessed by your hospitality!

We are excited to meet and chat with you all.



Support Augusta's Emergency Overnight Warming Center

HELP US PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES FOR THOSE IN NEED

Call for Donations: Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center
The Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center, located at 34 Bridge St, Augusta, ME, is reaching out to the community for essential supplies to support those in need during the colder months. Your generous contributions can make a significant difference in the lives of individuals seeking warmth and comfort. Below is a list of current needs:

Food and Beverage Donations

- **Coffee, Sugar, and Powder Creamer:** Help keep our guests warm and energized.
- **Peanut Butter:** A protein-rich staple that is both filling and nutritious.
- **Cheese & Crackers Snacks:** Convenient and satisfying snacks.
- **Breakfast Bars and Snacks:** Easy-to-eat items for a quick boost of energy.
- **Vienna Sausage and Sardines:** Non-perishable protein options.

Paper Products and Cleaning Supplies

- **8-12 oz Coffee Cups:** Essential for serving hot beverages.
- **Toilet Paper and Paper Towels:** Basic necessities for hygiene and cleanliness.
- **Disinfectant Wipes and Disposable Gloves:** Important for maintaining a clean and safe environment.

Health and Comfort Items

- **Tums:** For relief of minor stomach discomforts.
- **Socks:** A crucial item for warmth and comfort, especially during the winter months.

Your contributions can be dropped off directly at the center after 5 PM. or call 207-441-1451 to make arrangements Each item you donate not only meets a practical need but also shows a gesture of care and compassion. Thank you for your support and generosity. Together, we can ensure that everyone in our community has access to warmth and comfort during these challenging times.

Make Our Community Stronger



CAPITAL AREA NEW MAINER PROJECT (CANMP)

70 State St, Augusta, ME



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ Family Mentor Teams
- ✓ Better Housing Program
- ✓ Community Events
- ✓ Fundraising
- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Language Support
- ✓ Administrative Support

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- 🌐 www.newmainersproject.org
- ✉ newmainerproject@gmail.org
- 📍 70 State St, Augusta, ME

- If you're passionate about building a more vibrant, connected community in central Maine, we need your help.
- Each volunteer role creates lasting bonds of friendship and understanding between new Mainers and long-time residents.
- Scan the QR code below to start your journey with us and discover how you can make a difference in your community.

VOLUNTEER



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Capital Area New Mainers Project (CANMP) Volunteer Opportunities

Jon Godbout and Noor Alnaseri from the Capital Area New Mainers Project (CANMP) shared their volunteer needs at the recent Interfaith Group meeting. CANMP is dedicated to supporting New Mainers as they integrate into the community. Here are some ways you can help:



Resource Connection, Support and Centralized Helping Fund (CHeF) is a Bridging the Gap program that offers guidance, support, and resources. With the Centralized Helping Fund (CHeF) we are able to support individuals on a case-by-case basis when they have hit a financial hardship.

Support the CheF Fundraiser: Every Dollar Counts! Join Us in Making a Difference

Are you ready to be a part of something meaningful? We invite you to join hands with us in the CheF Fundraiser, where together we can create a brighter future for those in need. Our goal is to raise an ambitious \$5,000, and with your help, we can achieve it!

Why Your Contribution Matters

Your donation, no matter the size, has the power to transform lives. Each dollar you give brings us one step closer to providing essential resources and support to those who need it most. Imagine the impact we can make together—your generosity will ripple through communities, bringing hope and opportunity.

How You Can Help

- **Donate:** Every contribution, big or small, helps us reach our goal.
- **Spread the Word:** Share our mission with friends, and family, and on social media.
- **Get Involved:** Volunteer with us or participate in our fundraising events.

Make a Positive Impact Today

Your support is not just a donation; it is an investment in a better tomorrow. Let us come together and show our unwavering support for this worthy cause. Join us in this journey of compassion and solidarity.

Thank you for your generosity and support. Together, we can make a difference!

Donate now and be a catalyst for change!

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