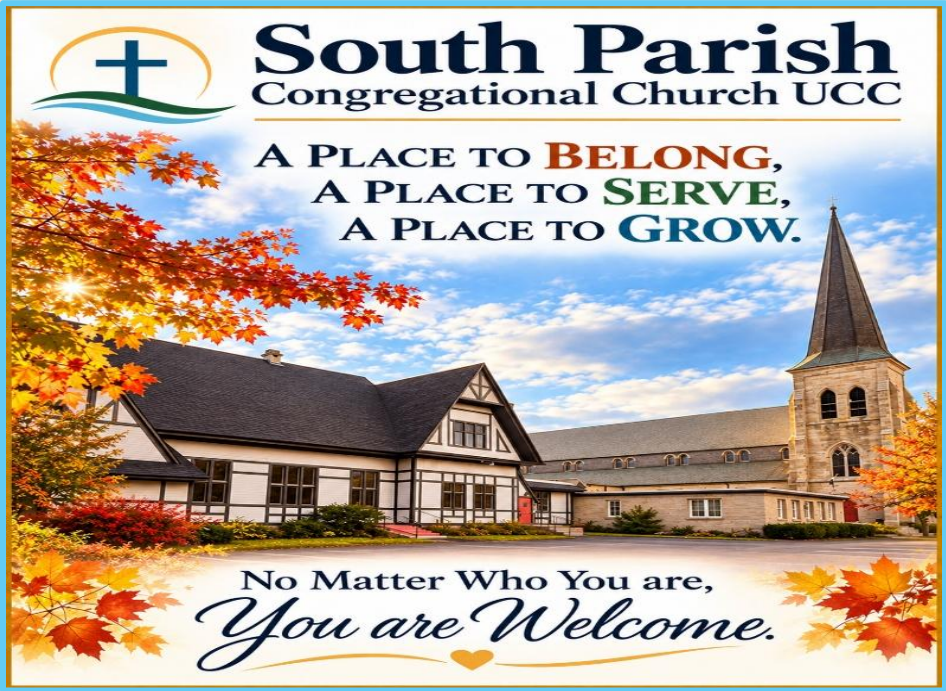


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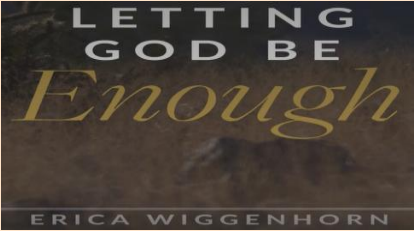
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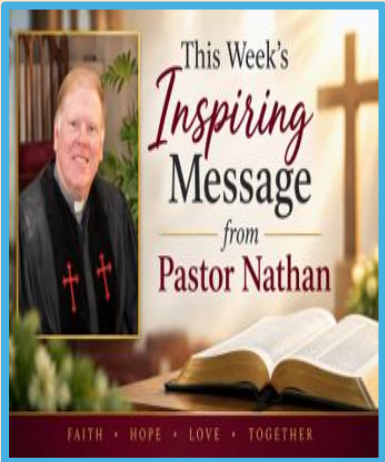


 Sunday October 18 Sunday Service at 10 am Coffee Fellowship Time After Sunday service Music Committee Meeting After Sunday Service Monday October 19 AA Meeting at 12pm Bridge Club at 1:00pm Line Dancing at 6pm Tuesday October 20 AA Meeting at 12pm Holly Mart Crafting at 2pm Bible Study at 5pm Council Meeting at 6pm	Wednesday October 21 AA Meeting at 12pm Thursday October 22 Men’s Breakfast at 6:30am AA Meeting at 12pm Friday October 23 AA Meeting at 12pm Comedy Benefit for the AEOWC 7PM Saturday October 24 AA Meeting
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Pastor Nathan’s Video Choice the week.
Letting God Be Enough - Erica Wiggernhorn
Everyone thinks you've got it together. But inside, you're asking, "Am I enough?" No matter how good we look to others, the nagging voice of self-doubt is hard to shake. We ask questions like:

- If people really knew me would they still accept me?
- Will I be rejected when I can't perform?
- Can I pull this off?
- What if I end up alone?
- Am I missing out on what life should be because I can't shake this



Then Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22: 21

While Matthew's Gospel is clear that loyalty to God is a different and higher category than loyalty to Caesar, this text is not instruction on how people who live in a complex world of competing loyalties may determine what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God.

Rather, Jesus simply declares that the distinction between what belongs to Caesar (as some things do) and what belongs to God (the ultimate loyalty) must be made and leaves the reader in light of Jesus' own life and teachings to actualize the distinction.

Many Hands, One Mission



PEOPLE WHO CARE. NEIGHBORS WHO SHARE.

Together, We're Helping Feed Our Community

The Hands and Hearts Behind the Help

South Parish's response to hunger is made possible by a community of caring people who give in many different ways.

Our **mission leaders** work behind the scenes to organize programs, coordinate resources, and respond to changing needs. Their dedication helps keep these vital ministries moving forward.

Our **volunteers** give their time and energy to prepare meals, serve our guests, organize food, assist visitors, and make sure people are welcomed with kindness and dignity. Whether they spend an afternoon in the kitchen or help behind the scenes, their contributions make a meaningful difference.

Our **donors and supporters** provide the food, financial contributions, supplies, and other resources that allow these ministries to continue. Every donation, whether large or small, helps us respond to the needs of our neighbors.

And to everyone who shops, cooks, carries, organizes, serves, cleans, contributes, or simply lends a helping hand:

Thank you. You are an essential part of this work.



Saturday December 5th from 9am to 1pm.

Several people signed up to coordinate tables at Holly Mart, but we still need several more to make this Holly Mart a success. We also need lots of donated items. See below for the list of tables.

- Crafts
- Jewelry
- Art
- Books & puzzles
- White Elephant items (household items, holiday decorations, home décor, outdoor items, etc.)
- Wreaths
- Pies and cookies

We will also be accepting higher-value items for raffles and silent auctions. If you would like to help in any way, please let me know!

✉ **lindsandy50@gmail.com**
☎ **207-441-3816**

Thank you for helping make Holly Mart a success!

Sandy Lind



With the rising cost of fuel this season, we will be lowering the temperature in the facilities and sanctuary to help reduce heating expenses. We encourage all worshippers to bring a sweater, light jacket, or other warm layers to stay comfortable during Sunday services.

Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated. By working together, we can be good stewards of our resources while continuing to gather as a faith community each week.

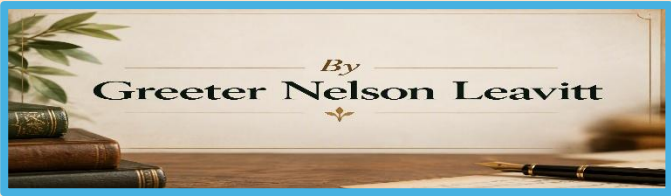
"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
Galatians 6:2

Thank you for being part of our church family. We look forward to worshipping with you each Sunday.



It is needed for volunteers to sign up for refreshments after the Church Service on Sundays. I will be more than happy to show any willing person how to use the coffee machine. There is a sign up sheet in the kitchen where you can pick the date you can do at your convenience. Thank you.

Donna Martin



October 11, 2026 Greeter Report

By Nelson Leavitt

Sometimes a simple conversation can become a blessing. While shopping at Walmart, Rose and I met a woman named Diana. What began as a discussion about magnesium supplements turned into a meaningful conversation about life, friendship, and faith.

Diana, recently retired and feeling disconnected from friends and family, shared that she had been looking for a church home. We invited her to visit South Parish, and to our delight, she joined us the very next morning. Many of you had the chance to meet her during fellowship.

I share this story to encourage all of us to extend invitations whenever the opportunity arises. A warm welcome can make all the difference.

I am also looking for a greeter helper, someone who can arrive a little early on Sundays and enjoys welcoming newcomers. If that sounds like you, please let me know.

P.S. A young man visited Sunday, arriving late and leaving early. If you spoke with him or know who he is, please let me know.

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A BENEFIT FOR

Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center

Being unhoused is no joke



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

DOORS 6 PM

SHOW 7 PM

\$20 ADVANCE

\$25 AT THE DOOR

Augusta Elks Club Lodge 964

397 Civic Center Drive, Augusta, ME

Hosted by Beth Sirabella

The Warming Center is a mission of the South Parish Congregational Church.

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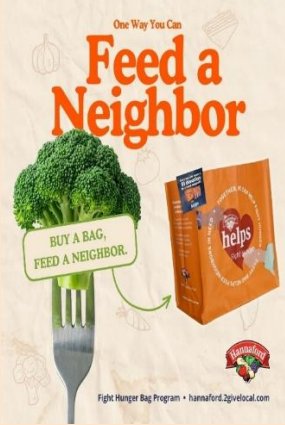
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Augusta Angel Food Network at South Parish Church has been selected again as a nonprofit partner in the Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag Program.

This time, your organization will receive \$1 for each \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag sold throughout the month of November 2026 at the following Hannaford location(s):

118 Cony Street, Augusta ME



CONNECT WITH SOUTH PARISH
Whether you're looking for a church home, seeking spiritual support, exploring opportunities to serve, or simply wanting to learn more about our community, we would love to connect with you. At South Parish Congregational Church, UCC, you'll find a welcoming community rooted in faith, fellowship, and service.

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Augusta, Maine 04330
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🌐 **Website:** [South Parish Church](#)

WORSHIP WITH US
Join us for worship every Sunday at **10:00 a.m.** as we gather in faith, prayer, music, and fellowship. Whether you join us in person or online, we invite you to be part of a welcoming community where all are valued and loved.
Sunday Worship • 10:00 a.m.
In Person & Online – on Youtube. <https://www.youtube.com/@southparishchurch9971/streams>



Scan the QR Code to watch.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES
Your generosity helps support:

- Community Meals
- Pet Pantry Ministry
- Worship & Music
- Faith Formation Programs
- Community Outreach
- Building Care & Mission Projects

Give Online

Scan the QR code below to support the ministries of South Parish.



Or visit our online giving page:
https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=CN228KTYMTXBQ

STAY CONNECTED

Scan to visit our website, view upcoming events, watch messages from Pastor Nathan, and learn more about the life of our church.



<https://southparishchurch.com/>

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South Parish Congregational Church, UCC

Faith • Fellowship • Community

♥ A place to belong, grow, serve, and share God's love with others.



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October 2026



All times Eastern Time
New York

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	1 6:30am - Men's B 12pm - AA	2 12pm - AA MG	3 12pm - Dirigo 4:30pm - C MEALS 7pm - AA
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CALENDAR LEGEND
(ABBREVIATIONS)

■ GST UMC

= Green St. United Methodist Church

■ SPCC

= South Parish Congregational Church

■ BCLUB

= Bridge Club

■ L Dancing

= Line Dancing

■ Men's B

= Men's Breakfast

■ AEOWC

= Augusta Emergency Overnight Warming Center

■ C Meals

= Community Meals

■ Dirigo

= Dirigo Rub Brading

■ BS

= Bible Study

■ AA

= Alcoholics Anonymous

■ AA MG

= Alcoholics Anonymous Men's Group

■ GS Members

= Green Street Members Meeting

■ TRUSTEES

= Trustees Meeting

■ Council Mtg

= Council Meeting

■ Pastor

= Pastor Program

■ PET

= PET Program/Event

Calendar is subject to change. Please check weekly announcements for updates.