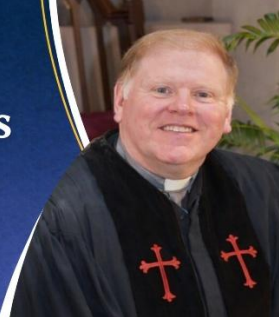


January 23, 2026

# Weekly Newsletter

Pastor  
Nathan's  
Weekly  
Message



Pastor Nathan Richards

PASTOR  
NATHAN'S  
Video of the  
Week.

## "Come, Follow Me"

*Matthew 4:12-23*

Dear friends,

In this week's Gospel, Jesus begins His ministry by calling ordinary fishermen to follow Him. His message is simple and urgent: **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."**

These words invite us to turn our hearts toward God and to trust that Christ is already at work in our lives.

Just as Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James, and John, He calls each of us today—right where we are—to walk with Him and to share His light with others. As we go into the week ahead, may we listen for His voice and follow with willing hearts.

Grace and peace,  
**Pastor Nathan Richards**

THE BEATITUDES  
SESSION FIVE - MATTHEW 5:7

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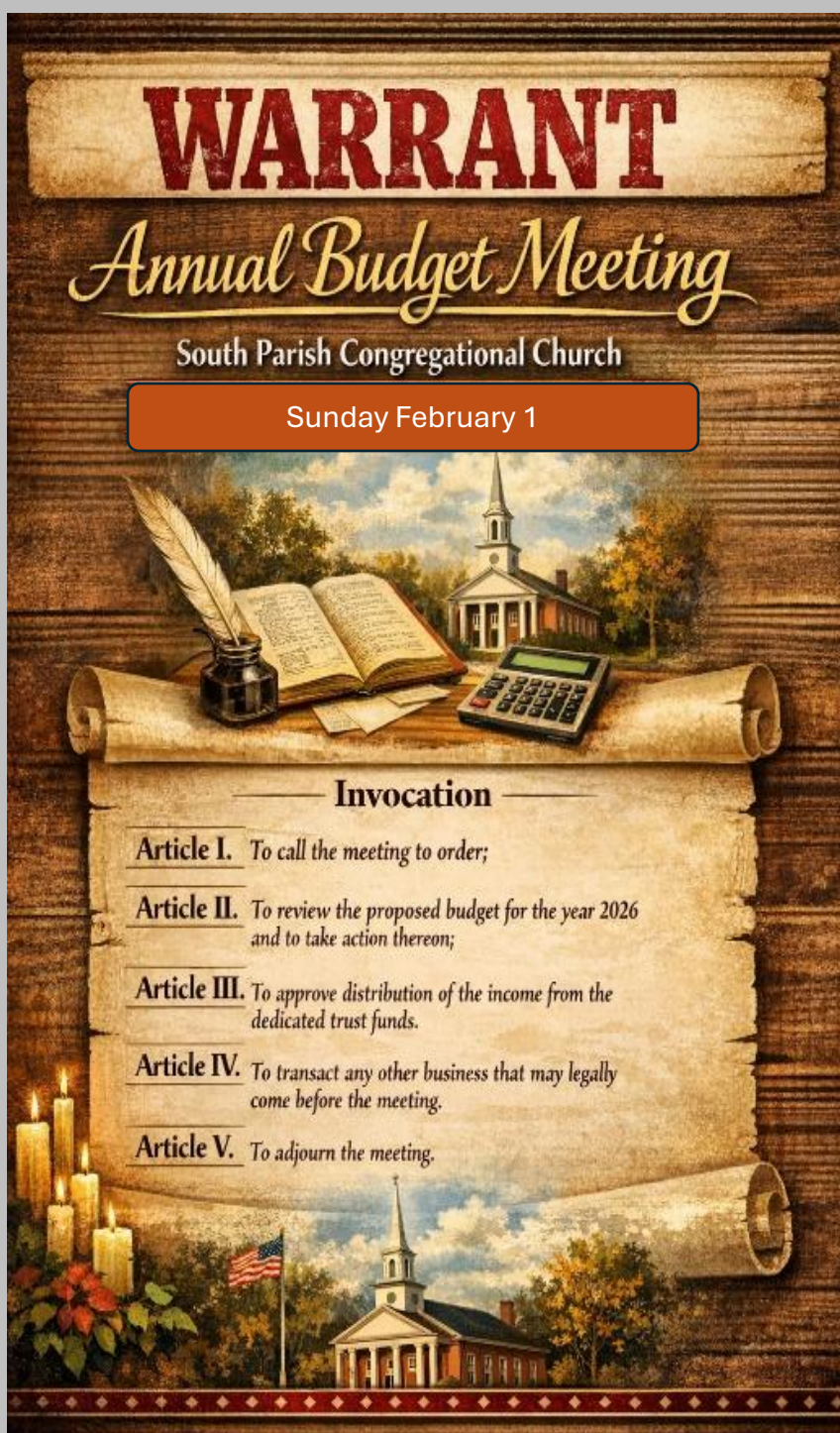
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## Description

**What does it mean to be blessed? And, more importantly, how do we become someone who is blessed? The kind of life God is calling us to may not look the way we imagined, but it will be better than we could have hoped.**





**The annual budget meeting for South Parish Church will be held on Sunday, February 1 immediately following the service.**

**It is important for members to stay after the service for a few minutes to learn about the proposed budget for 2026 and then to vote to approve a budget. Anyone who is not a member is welcome to stay for the discussion, but only members can vote. A copy of the proposed budget will be available on Sunday at the service.**

## **A Get-Well Card for Lucille Mills**

Our church family is invited to gather together in care and compassion for Lucille Mills, who has been in need of healing and encouragement. After Sunday's service, a get-well card will be available to sign in the Marge Grover Room.

Whether you know Lucille well or have only seen her in passing, your kind words and prayers can make a meaningful difference. Even a simple signature or short message is a beautiful way to remind her that she is held in love by this community.

Please take a moment to stop by and add your name. Let's surround Lucille with warmth, hope, and the strength of our shared faith.





Update from the  
Official Greeter  
Nelson Leavitt

With frigid temperatures, I thought turn out would be very light. Not so, for South Parish Church and especially for Green Street Methodist Church. Green Street was celebrating two long-time members, now over 90 years old, who are moving away. Their celebration was held in the Grover room and lasted for our entire fellowship time. It was a joy to join with them, and this greeter got to meet several of them.

A first time attendee, Michael from Belgrade came in hopes to see Phil Floyd. After Michael saw the Grover room packed with people, he said he had a specific time to meet someone, so he couldn't stay.

Michael left his email address so he will receive our newsletter.

Donna Martin got some time off by The Lind team, and others. All together with "spoils" from Green Street, it was a feast to remember.

There were leftovers aplenty, to be shared with folks at the Warming Center, with the help of Deacon Rob.

We admire and thank all of the people who turn out no matter what the temperature. Yes, some were unable to be there, but it was surprising how full the pews were.

Your Greeter, *Nelson Leavitt*





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Over the past (nearly) 35 years, I have seen several Sexton's serve the Church. Each, and in their own way, have provided excellent care of the facilities. Richard **"Dick" Kimball** "not only keeps everything neat, clean and orderly, he also fills in as our preacher.

As far as I know, that is a unique situation, which no one has ever done before him.

Dick has been on the job over seven years. He says it has been the perfect job for him and certainly he is the perfect man for the job.

Serving in the pulpit, for us, is like the cherry on the top. Thank you, Pastor Richard Kimball.

One final note; if you were in Church, you heard Pastor Richard praise me for the job I am doing. Of course, my human first response is to accept and be proud of accomplishments.

My accomplishments, however, are by the Grace of God. By Grace, and gifted with long life, God led me while I learned how to be His conduit with people. He instilled in me a need to step in to help outsiders be noticed and welcomed.

God deserves praise for our Church full of members who each do their part in making South Parish a church of choice for many.

Nelson Leavitt

✦ YOU'RE INVITED TO INVITE! ✦

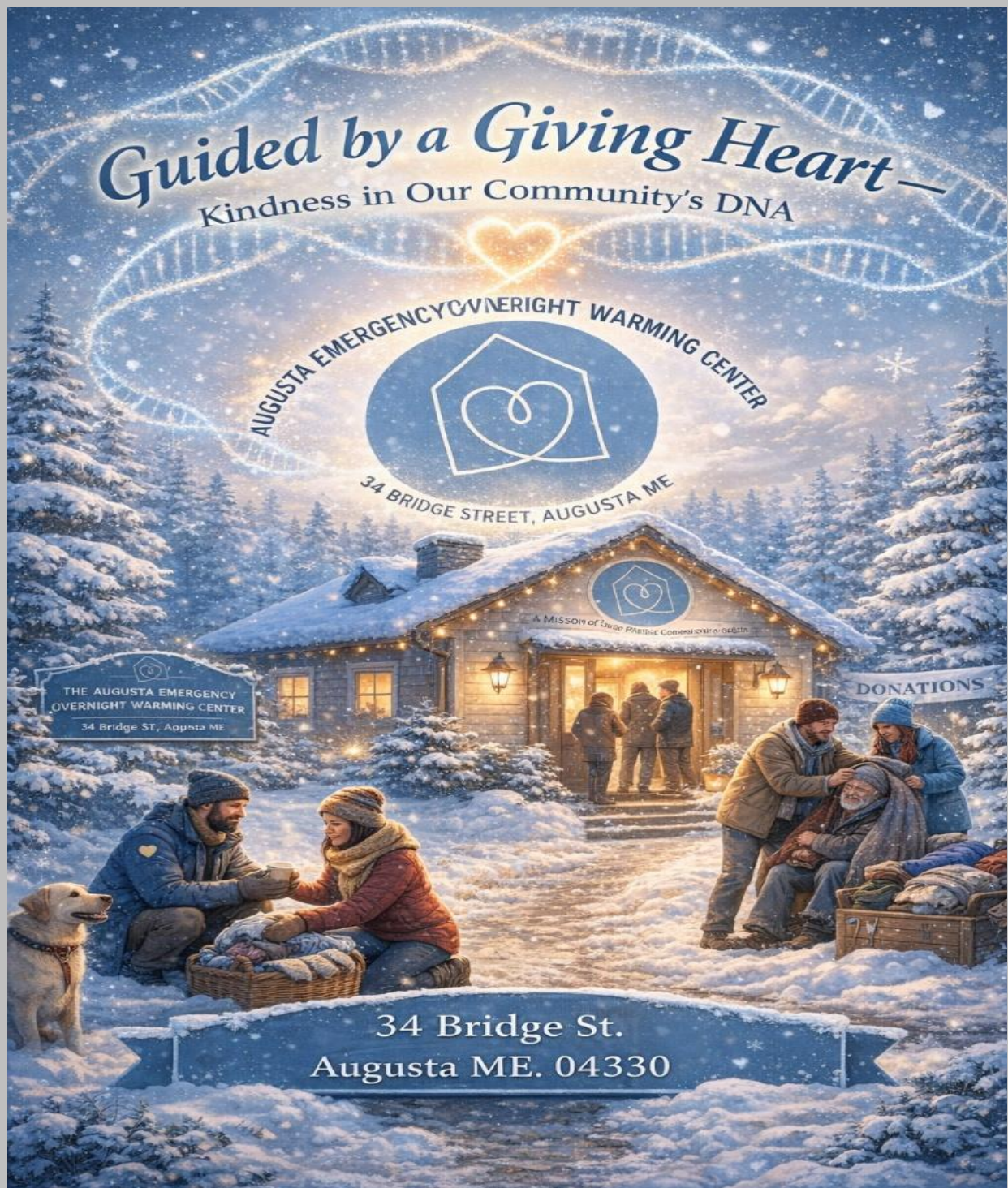
## Share the Joy of Sunday Worship

This week, help us extend the warmth of our church family by inviting someone to join you—a friend, a neighbor, or a loved one who might need encouragement or a place to belong.

**A simple invitation can brighten someone's week.**

Let's keep being a welcoming, loving, **Connected** community. See you Sunday—and bring someone along to share the blessing!





## Guided by a Giving Heart — Kindness in Our Community's DNA

Today, we experienced a beautiful reminder of the compassion that lives among us. A woman came into our shelter with a heartfelt donation — money and clothing to support those in need.

When I asked what inspired her generosity, her answer was simple and powerful: *"I'm a nurse... helping people is in my DNA."*

Her giving heart shines through in everything she does, and today she chose to extend that kindness to our community.

We are deeply grateful — not only for her donation, but for the example she sets. Her act of kindness reflects the same spirit shown by so many others who support our mission. Each person who gives, in any way, carries the same giving heart within them.

Thank you to everyone whose generosity helps us continue this work. You remind us that compassion truly is part of our shared DNA. 💙

Julia Stone, Director





## South Parish NURSERY SCHOOL

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📞 **Call today to schedule a visit!**  
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# MEETINGS & EVENTS



## Monthly Meetings & Events

- Trustees Meeting – 1st Tuesday • 6 PM
- Council Meeting – 3rd Tuesday • 6 PM
- Green St. UMC Members Meeting – 2nd Tuesday • 6 PM
- Deacons Meeting – 4th Sunday • After Sunday Service
- Pet Pantry – 2nd Saturday • 9 AM



## Weekly Meetings

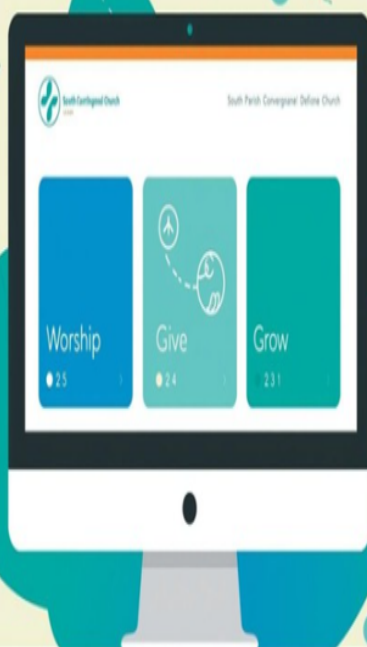


- Bible Study – Tuesdays • 5 PM
- Sunday Service – Green St. UMC • Every Sunday • 9 AM
- Sunday Service – SPCC • Every Sunday • 10 AM
- AA Meetings – Mon–Fri • 12 PM; Mondays • 6 PM; Saturdays • 7 PM
- Community Meals – 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 5th Weeks • 4:30 PM
- Men's Breakfast – Thursdays • 6:30 AM
- Line Dancing – Mondays • 6 PM
- Rehearsal – Green St. UMC • Wednesdays • 4 PM



## Stay Connected with South Parish Online Worship • Learn • Give • Grow

Church Website



Watch Sunday Services Online.  
Join us live or catch up anytime!

### Links to Watch

YouTube



<https://www.youtube.com/@southparishchurch9971>

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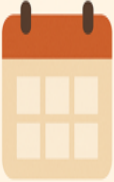
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Scan the QR codes below or on  
our bulletin board to watch!

### PASTOR NATHAN'S OFFICE HOURS


Need a moment of prayer, a listening ear, or a friendly hello?



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays:  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wednesdays:  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Wed: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Thursday: 7:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

SOUTH PARISH

► Church Office Hours

► Looking to connect with Pastor Nathan for prayer, conversation, or pastoral care? He welcomes visits during his dedicated office hours:

► Tuesdays: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

► Wednesdays: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

► Whether you're seeking spiritual guidance or simply want to say hello, Pastor Nathan is here for you.

►  Church Office Hours

For general inquiries or administrative support, the church office is open:

► Monday–Wednesday: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

► Thursday: 7:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

► Let's keep building a community of care, connection, and grace, one conversation at a time.

Family, South Parish Congregational Church Office Calendar South Parish Congregational Church UCC Public Jan 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)						
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