



# The Pulpit Rock

The Nahant Village Church ~ 27 Cliff Street, Nahant, MA 01908  
where everyone is welcome



3rd Community Breakfast 8:00 am  
Meet & Greet Rev. Megan Snell  
Prayer Walk 12:30 pm

**5th Third Sunday of Easter**  
10:30 am *Worship/Communion*

6th Prayer Walk 6:00-7:00 p.m.

7th Prayer Services 10:00 am

**12th Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**  
10:30 am Worship  
1:00 pm My Brother's Table

13th Prayer Walk 6:00-7:00 pm

14th Prayer Services 10:00 am

**19th Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
10:30 am Worship

21st Prayer Services 10:00 am  
Prayer Walk 5:00-6:00 pm

**26th Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
10:30 am Worship  
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## JUNE

**2nd Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
10:30 am *Worship/Communion*

7th Community Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

**9th Pentecost Sunday**  
10:30 am Worship

**16th First Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am Worship

**23th Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am Worship

**30th Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am Worship

### Greetings!



I am so glad to have spent the month of April in worship and community with you all. Nicole and I are absolutely touched by your enthusiastic welcome! I am excited to be continuing our Resurrection unit with you all through the month of May. We will continue to look at what resurrection means in our faith, our lives, and the lives of those around us. Please be sure to join us in worship on May 12 (Mother's Day) when we will hear a testimony from Christine Smith about City Mission's Boston Lift Up program that helped her and so many other single mothers stay in their housing and kept them from becoming homeless. That's what resurrection looks like! It looks like the people of God coming together to enact love and justice and help a community of moms stay in their housing and raise their kids. There are two mission opportunities that we are invited to participate in with City Mission in the month of May. 1. You are invited to bring \$25 Target or Walmart gift cards to church to be given to participants in the program to buy items such as diapers, shoes, and groceries. You can slip those into the mail slot on Rev. Megan's office door before May 12 or bring them to worship on Sunday May 12. 2. After worship on May 12, we will have cards and pens all over the tables so that you can write an encouraging Mother's Day card to a mother participating in the Lift Up program. These will be given to the moms during their May meeting.

Throughout the month of May, I encourage you to join me for a prayer walk or prayer service as a way to invite the Holy Spirit into our ministry together. I would love to have a conversation with you and hear your story. I truly am excited to learn from you about what you've loved about this community of faith and what you yearn to participate in.

I encourage you to check out the church's newly launched podcast by searching for "Nahant Village Church" wherever you listen to your podcasts. Please rate/review/subscribe so that we can get the word out about our ministry here. Podcasts are a great way for people to "try out" our church before stepping foot through the door. It lowers the barrier to entry for people who may be anxious or fearful about entering into a new community. It is also a great way to share your faith with friends. Speaking of things online--I invite you to like/rate/review/share the Nahant Village Church Facebook page so that we can effectively share our faith and invite more people into the community.

I write this letter to you from a ministry conference where I am learning the ways of monastic spirituality from a Catholic sister and a world-renowned cello player. Ideas are stirring and I look forward to bringing back rich insights to our church community as we continue to grow in faith together.

Peace and Resurrection Joy,  
Rev. Megan

*See the last page of PR for community prayer times with Rev. Megan and for the many ways to get connected to NVC.*

## Co-Moderators Message

Some write that May is a month of new beginnings, possibility and growth. And some understand the word “may” as meaning “to yield.”

Here at the Nahant Village Church, May is a time of wishing Rev. Laura Biddle All the Best as she moves forward to new opportunities. And it is the time to welcome Rev. Megan Snell to her new beginning with us.

Rev. Megan is here at the Nahant Village Church to lead us and to walk with us on our journey as we pass into new beginnings, awaken to fresh possibilities and settle enthusiastically into new opportunities.

Our growth will be felt within ourselves, in community with each other and with God.

Rev. Megan has the ability to understand the many different points of view that each of us express. We feel her presence, light, and grace as she opens to get to know us, communicates with us, and prays with us.

The word “may” also means “to yield.” We ask: “May I help you?” “May I carry that for you?” “May I pray with you?”

May we yield to the New. ... To God and to the spirit within us that opens to God’s grace and possibility.

God walks with us and is present in every moment of our lives.

Welcome Rev. Megan!!

Respectfully yours,  
Rich Stevens and Maria Welsh

## NVC Annual Meeting and 2019 Annual Reports

The Annual Meeting will take place following worship service on May 5. The 2019 budget was approved unanimously after the Budget Meeting on March 3.

## The Compassionate Care Group



The Compassionate Care Group will meet with Rev. Megan following the Annual Meeting on Sunday May 5th after worship. If you are interested in finding out more about what this

group does or think that you might be interested in joining us, please feel free to come to the meeting!

If you have any questions or have someone who could use our care please contact Rev. Megan Snell or Chris Alexander at 781-864-5367.

Chris Alexander, Coordinator



## Nahant Community Breakfast Meet The Reverend Megan Snell Friday, May 3 at 8 a.m.

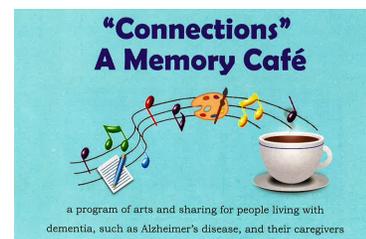
Please join us for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> breakfast which will provide an opportunity to Meet and Greet Rev. Megan Snell, our new settled minister. She will talk about her journey to Ministry, her current doctoral work and interests and aspirations.

The breakfast is free and all are welcome. Please spread the word and bring a family member or friend.

Arrangements for transportation of elders to and from the breakfast may be made by calling the Tiffany Room a few days in advance of the breakfast at 781-581-7557.

## Connections, A Memory Café

The next Memory Café will be held on **Thursday, May 9**, from **10 a.m. to noon** at the Nahant Public Library. If you know of anyone concerned about memory loss, please spread the



word about our efforts to make Nahant a more dementia friendly community. Other sponsors are the Nahant Public Library and the Nahant Council on Aging.

As part of this program, the Library recently sponsored several events on Dementia and Alzheimer, including the reading of two excellent books—*On Pluto* and *And Every Morning the Way Home Gets Longer and Longer*. The author of *On Pluto* was at the Library on April 13<sup>th</sup> with an inspirational lecture about the disease.

## Community Build a Bed Event

Would you like to form a team of to build a bed at the “A bed for Every Child” event? If so, please sign up on the web page:

[abedforeverychild.org](http://abedforeverychild.org).

Location: The First Church in Swampscott  
40 Monument Ave.

Date: Saturday, June 1, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.



## Extending A Helping Hand

Matthew ViDetta, a Nahant call firefighter, recently lost his home in a devastating fire. Given his connection to Nahant, our Church donated a total of \$1,000 to the ViDetta family: \$500 from the Communion Offering



Fund; another \$500 came from the free will offerings given at the monthly breakfasts. Matt expressed his most sincere thanks for these gifts. He was astonished by our expression of care.

## Spring Flea Market

Many thanks to all who helped with and participated in the Spring Flea Market. The Flea Market raised \$3,383. Both the bake sale and boutique were very successful raising close to \$1,000 each. Special thanks go to Lenora Brauner and Mary Welsh who led the bake sale and to Maureen Edison who was at the helm for the boutique (both in the acquisition of donations and sales).

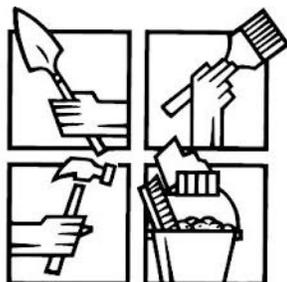
We shared approximately 10% of the proceeds of the flea market (\$300) with The Haven Project in Lynn. As noted in their thank you letter:

“The support of the Nahant Village Church will allow us to help more homeless young adults in Lynn, Salem and surrounding cities to develop the skills they need to become self-sufficient. The importance of being able to meet the needs of our clients and bringing them closer to stability, which is our goal for every client, is invaluable and will change their trajectory.”

The April breakfast focused on the mission and accomplishments of The Haven Project. We are proud to support in a small way the important work that they do.

## Work Party

Thanks to those who came and participated in the annual work party to clean the church in anticipation of Palm Sunday and Easter. A lot was accomplished but more works remains to be done. If you are interested in pitching in .for an hour or two, contact either Cal or Marrit Hastings for an assignment.



## Elizabeth Peterson Palmer Scholarship

The **2019 Elizabeth Peterson Palmer Scholarship** in the amount of \$500, will be awarded to a 2019 high school graduate with a connection to the Nahant Village Church. To request an application, please e-mail [secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org](mailto:secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org). Please mail the applications, along with the accompanying materials, to:

Nahant Village Church  
Awards Committee  
P. O. Box 77  
Nahant, MA 01908

**All applications must be received by May 15th, 2019**

## Nahant Woman's Club Scholarship

The **Nahant Woman's Club** announces its annual scholarship award. One \$2,500 award will be made to a member of the high school class of 2019 who will be enrolling in an accredited two or four-year college. Applicants must be a resident of Nahant. The award is based on academic record, financial need, community service and extra-curricular activities. Interested seniors should send a letter of application along with a high school transcript and evidence of college acceptance to:

Nahant Woman's Club Scholarship  
c/o ML Cort  
One Maolis Rd.  
Nahant, Ma. 01908-1212

Although not specifically required, letters of recommendation, photos, and articles about extra-curricular activities, etc. are welcome and will be considered.

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## Library Renovations

This is a work in process—Trustee Amy Dow generously took on this project and has been working hard to prep the walls and window sills for painting. Lynne Spencer, also a Trustee, is providing the paint for this project. New carpeting will be installed after the painting work is finished. Stay tuned!





**with Rev. Megan  
Schedule for May 2019**

**Community Prayer**

As we enter into a new season of ministry together, I invite you to join me in praying for our church, our community, and what our next steps in ministry will look like together. These times (see below for May) of prayer will also be opportunities to get to know one another and to dream and discern about where/how we may be called to serve together.

Rev. Megan

**Prayer Walks**

We will begin and end at the church and spend time walking together in conversation and prayer:

Friday, May 3, 12:30-1:00 p.m.;

Monday, May 6, 6:00-7:00 p.m.;

Monday, May 13 6:00-7:00 p.m.;

Tuesday, May 21 5:00-6:00 p.m.

**Prayer Services in the Chapel**

We will gather in the chapel for devotion and prayer on Tuesdays 10:00-11:00 a.m. - May 7, May 14, May 21



**The Many Ways to Get (and stay)  
Connected with NVC**

**Monday Facebook Live Prayer**

Rev. Megan will be live on the Nahant Village Church Facebook page on **Monday mornings at 11:30 a.m.** with church announcements, poetry, and prayer. Start your week off on a positive note and tune in each Monday to watch live or watch at any point during the week. This is a great way to share what's happening at Nahant Village Church with neighbors and community members.

**NVC Podcast**

Sunday sermons can now be found in podcast format on all major podcast platforms. We encourage you to tune in anytime, subscribe, and share with friends or those unable to attend worship on Sunday. Search "Nahant Village Church". A link will also be posted on the church website soon.

**Sign Up for Weekly E-mail from NVC**

Would you like to receive weekly E-mail notices about the activities and services at NVC? If so, you may send an e-mail with your contact information and permission to [Secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org](mailto:Secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org), or sign up on the NVC Website (soon).