



The Pulpit Rock

The Nahant Village Church, 27 Cliff Street, PO Box 77, Nahant, MA 01908
*An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ
where everyone is welcome*

2024

Scripture Readings

April 7 Worship/Communion

Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

Theme: Beloving Jesus

April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher Jen McCarthy

Theme: Christ Among Us

April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

1John 3:16-24

Theme: Tending to Need is Love

April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

*Theme: Knocking Down all
Barriers to Love*

Nahant Community Breakfast

Friday, April 5, 8 a.m.

Caregivers Group

Tuesday, April 16, 11 a.m.

Paint Night

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.

Craft Fair

Saturday May 4, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 19, immediately
following worship

WELCOME TO EASTERTIDE



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
We have just finished “The Gospel According to Hollywood” a six week long Lenten class that included exquisite food (NVC does potlucks really well!), a wonderful, six great movies about Jesus (that were all very different) and discussions about them all. If we ever do this Lenten class again I highly recommend attending! As our class was wrapping up we had a meaningful Palm/Passion Sunday in the Sanctuary with wonderful music and a sermon on both the Palm Parade welcome and the week of Passion Jesus experienced. Later in the afternoon we hosted a very successful Ice Cream Social and egg hunt for Nahant children and families– with a special visit by the Easter Bunny, crafts, a story and singing.

On Holy Thursday we hosted a powerful Maundy Thursday service in Swansburg Hall that we shared with our brothers and sisters from the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Greater Lynn Area. Rev. Victoria

Weinstein co-officiated the service as we read the Passion Story from the Gospel of Mark, prayed, sang, heard good music and shared communion.

On Easter a number of us welcomed the sunrise with word, song and communion as the bagpipe music of Chris Whitlock welcomed us and the sun. Afterwards there was a great breakfast at the church. At 10:30 we gathered for our traditional Easter Service, with a sermon, readings and exceptional music by Rich, Ute, the Nahant Women’s Choir, Tanya Blaich, the bells, Cal, and Bill – and the gathered also sang Easter hymns as well.

In short, March was packed with a lot of things going on which culminated in our wonderful Easter service. But Easter is not over in March. On the church liturgical calendar we are in Eastertide all of April. It’s traditionally a time of celebrating the resurrection of Christ. The color of the paraments are white reflecting the celebration. The Lectionary lessons lift up the resurrection, the acts of the apostles and early church formation and lessons. Eastertide lasts for fifty days until Pentecost (May 19th, the same day as our annual meeting). We hope that you will join us in the continuing celebration of the resurrection and Good News on Sundays at 10:30 in the Chapel.

Your Brother in Christ,
Rev. Scott Elliott



**Horatio
Hollis
Hunnewell
1930-2024**

It's with great sadness that we mark the passing of longtime NVC parishioner Hollis Hunnewell. He died Feb. 25, at the age of 94. Hollis sang in the choir here for many years and served on the Board of Trustees. We will miss what his obituary noted was his "one-of-a-kind sense of humor."
Keep Edie and family in your prayers.

A KEYBOARD FOR THE CHAPEL



The new keyboard also briefly graced the Narthex for the Maundy Thursday service.

The chapel now features a brand new Casio Privia keyboard, a gift from Alik Tolchinsky and Inna Semeina. This is a weighted keyboard and replaces the one that Amy Dow so graciously loaned the church for many years. Thank you, Alik and Inna, for your generosity and for this

wonderful instrument. A dedication ceremony was held during the March 10 worship service, where the congregation prayed, "May God continue to be experienced in the visual beauty of the instrument and the music it produces through the talent of musicians like Inna."

Thanks are also in order to Amy not only for the loan of her keyboard but also for leading a crew of volunteers to assemble the piano after it arrived. Volunteers included David Parish, Cal and Marrit Hastings, and Andy and Roz Puleo.

PLEASE RESPOND TO OUR POP QUIZ

What time do you want church?

We are considering keeping church services at the same time all year round and we'd like to hear from you what time you'd like that to be. Please fill out the following poll and email your answers to secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org or call Chris Stevens at 781-581-1202.

Would you like church to start year round (with **no** change in the summer hours) at:

- 10 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m.
- No preference
- No change
- (I like the 10:30/9:30 split)

Thank you for your input!

ANOTHER PAINT NIGHT!

April 24, 6:30 p.m. at NVC

Join us for the next Nahant Village Church Fundraising Paint Night! Lead by artist Martha Taylor, no talent needed, no judgements made. The cost is \$30, light

refreshments will be provided and you will absolutely have a blast!

Please RSVP by April 17 by calling the church at

781-581-1202 or

Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309



- Kevin Bailey - 4
- Dunbar Livingston - 5
- David Parish - 16
- Bruce Walker - 18
- Ute Gfrerer - 19
- Mary Livingston - 22
- Carl Jenkins - 24
- Rob Alexander - 27

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST: ALL ABOUT SCAM!

April 5, 8 a.m.



Join us on Friday, April 5 for the next Nahant Community Breakfast with the Nahant Police Department. The focus will be on scams—a topic all of us should be well versed in.

Breakfast is served at 8 followed by the presentation around 8:15 a.m. Spread the word and invite family members and friends for a hearty breakfast, an informative presentation, and wonderful camaraderie.

Transportation of elders may be arranged by calling the Tiffany Room a few days in advance of the breakfast. Their number is 781-581-7557.

We hope to see you there.

Spring **Craft Fair**

Saturday, May 4, 2024

9 - 2 PM

Nahant Village Church

27 Cliff Street

Nahant, MA 01908

Come find the perfect and unique gift for "Mom" as Mother's Day is the next weekend.

Local Vendors, Artisans & Creators!

Also available the day of the fair:

Lobster Rolls

Bake Sale

Lottery Raffle

EASTER FAMILY EVENT A SUCCESS

Our first ice cream social and Easter Egg hunt was a huge success. We had over 30 children, along with their parents and one large rabbit join us for Easter crafts, cookie decorating, make your own sundaes, a story and song as well as an egg hunt in the Narthex and Sanctuary (see page 4 for more photos). It was great to see so many children and families laughing and hopping along in Swansburg Hall, the chapel and Sanctuary!

A big thank you to Roz Puelo, Marrit Hastings, Nancy Marie Elliott, Rev Scott, Amy Dow, Chris Stevens and Jen McCarthy for helping to set up, supervise the event, and clean up!



SAVE THE DATE – TUESDAY MAY 14

There will be an informal gathering at NVC with organizers of Seaglass Village, a community of seniors in Marblehead, Nahant, and Swampscott helping each other maintain their independence. This is an opportunity to learn more about Seaglass and ask any questions that you may have. Refreshments will be served at this 11 a.m. get together.

If you'd like to help support this non-profit organization, come to the Tides Restaurant for dinner or take out on Thursday, April 25, from 4 to 6 pm. Contact Marrit Hastings for more information about the May 14 gathering with Seaglass.

NVC IN ACTION!



Library Director Nori Morganstein braved the breakfast crowd in March bringing news of what's going on at the Nahant Public Library! If you missed her stop by the library and say hello!



You can fit 7 full lawn bags in the back of Cal's SUV without putting the seats down — just in case you were wondering!

It was a windy, cold morning for a yard clean up but Cal, Marrit & Chris got it done in time for Easter!

SCENES FROM OUR FIRST ICE CREAM SOCIAL & EGG HUNT!



A great time really was had by all ❤️



ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICES

We **Zoom** all of our worship services live each Sunday, so if you can't attend in person, you are welcome to join us on Zoom. Meeting ID 869 1204 8062 Password: 123456.

We also record each service. You can visit our website www.nahantvillagechurch.org for all of the YouTube links. To navigate to the archive of services, click on **WORSHIP** under the blue banner, then click on On Line Worship Services. You can also find services posted on the church's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/TheNahantVillageChurch>

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE HOUR

All you need to do is serve coffee and treats, provided by you, or other volunteers immediately after worship and then clean up. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jen McCarthy.



WANT A VISIT?

Rev. Scott is happy to visit members and is willing to travel — all you have to do is ask and schedule a date & time! Let him know by calling 781-581-1202 or emailing him at Nahantpastor@gmail.com. because — **he won't know you want a visit if you don't ask!**

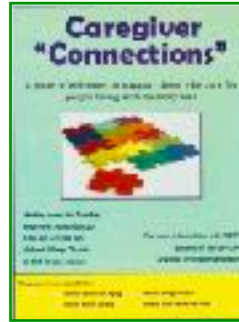


CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Nahant Village Church - Swansburg Hall



The Caregiver Connections Support Group was formed to provide individuals who care for those with memory problems a forum to share experiences and to support each other. This Support Group meets monthly on the **third Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m - 12 p.m.** The Caregiver Support Group is sponsored by Nahant COA, and Nahant Village Church. An experienced representative from Greater Lynn Senior Services will also participate. Please share this information with anyone who might benefit from participating. Contact Mary Miner of the Nahant COA at mmminer@nahant.org for more information.



WE NEED LITURGISTS ON SUNDAYS

No experience necessary!

If you would like to participate in the worship service by leading responsive prayers, reading scripture and announcing hymns, please contact Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309 or call the NVC office at 781-581-1202 or sign up electronically by clicking on this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054FADAF28AAFC1-liturgist>





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CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Hours

Saturday-Thursday - 9 a.m. -noon/1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - noon.

Phone messages are checked regularly.

In case of an emergency contact Jen McCarthy at
781-316-7309

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Minister: Rev. Scott Elliott -nahantpastor@gmail.com

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Church Council

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You are invited to ...

Sunday Worship Service in the Chapel
Sundays @10:30 am

or to Live Zoom Sunday Service

Live Zoom Service

Meeting ID: 869 1204 8062

Passcode: 123456

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

A link is available on the NVC Home page.

Caregiver “Connections”

Third Tuesday of the month

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

NVC - Swansburg Hall

Village Ringers

Mondays @ 5 p.m.

Swansburg Hall

Trustees

Second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.

NVC Library

Church Council

Third Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

NVC Library

We would *Love* for you join us!