



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*

2023

Scripture Readings

July 2- Worship/Communion

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

At Marjoram Park

Matt 4:12-17

Theme: Going Fourth!

July 9-Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 3:1-21

Theme: Church in Nahant

July 16- Worship

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Matt 13: 1-9, 18-23

Theme: Sowing Seeds

July 23- Worship

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28: 10-19a

*Theme: God being in places we
don't know!*

July 30 - Worship

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Matt 13: 31-33, 44-52

Theme: God in small power

Calendar

Nahant Community Breakfast

Friday, July 2, at 8 a.m.

Caregivers "Connections"

Tuesday, July 18 at 11 a.m.

Nahant Market by the Sea

Saturday, July 15, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Volunteers needed!

Genesis Supper Club

Fridays, 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study is on summer hiatus



July

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The fireworks, food and fun of July have long made it my favorite month. Growing up the fun part always included going to the beaches along the Monterey Bay in California. We'd bask in the sun and play in the surf and sand for hours and come home tired and sunburnt and happy. We raised our children with fireworks, food, fun and going to beaches in July too, mostly along the Oregon coast when they were young, but later along the Space Coast of Florida. In Ohio our July fireworks, food and fun kind of tapered off, the children were gone and beaches were nine hours or more away. So Nancy and I have looked forward to Nahant and jump starting our July again and so far things are looking promising. If nothing else there are beautiful beaches and Jen's got the fireworks all lined up and has provided hints on where to best see them. The prospects for food sure looks good too—even if we only stay in Nahant there's Brett's Catering, Seaside Pizza and Tides all offer great

choices, plus there are so many types of other restaurants and grocery stores just off the Lynnway!

The fun part is looking great too. For sure this will include the beaches and walks along the sidewalks, hikes and biking along the sea cliffs of Nahant. But as long time history buff, I expect to have a lot of fun this July researching information for the 200th Anniversary of the church in Nahant. A taste of what is coming is in an article on page 4. A first draft of a sermon on the minister who brought church to Nahant is already done and boy was that fun! A sermon on the primary founders is planned for August and I will have fun in July putting that one together— their last name was Eliot, so you can be sure I am looking forward to it.

Another bit of fun is that I found the pew number that famed poet and educator Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882) used to rent and sit at in our church sanctuary. His pew is still there, but after he died another family took over the pew and it has a different name now. I thought it would be fun to have members guess the pew number. The first person to tell me the number I found will win their very own nose flute (Sorry, no one who knew the answer before July 1, 2023 is eligible). Once I have a winner we will put a notice up on the pew for all to see. Also check out the walls of the church for fun photos we find as we research the history— we've already put up

a great picture of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt standing in front of the church! And Chris and I set out some books in the Narthex that go all the way back to the start of the church!

The last bit of fun we have planned for July at church is a weekly History Moment disclosing history trivia about the Nahant Village Church, the Nahant Church and/or the Village Church. If you have a bit of church history trivia you like included please let me know. Our church has a rich history. Join us on Sundays to find out more!

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Scott Elliott

WANTED: CARING VOLUNTEERS TO WORK WITH THE DEACONS AND PASTOR

The Deacons are working with the Moderator and Pastor to create a team of church members who would be willing to keep in touch with a portion of the church membership and friends. Volunteers would provide spiritual care and connection by sending and communication to those on their lists, and are welcome to visit and pray and listen too if the occasion should arise. They will work closely with the Pastor and Deacons to keep them apprised of prayer and visitation needs and illnesses of NVC members and friends. If you're interested please contact Chris Stevens at secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org or call 781-581-1202.

TAG!

Sundays after service starting July 9

Beginning on July 9 Rev. Scott will be leading informal Talking About God (TAG) classes after social hour on Sundays when worship in the church. The summer classes will meet in Swansburg Hall at 11:30 am. No reading or other preparation is required. Bring questions you may have about God, Jesus, church, faith, prayer and anything else related to religion. Respectful and thoughtful talking about God is the aim of the classes. See you there!

COMMUNITY OVERCOMING RACISM CLASS

Sundays August 6-September 10

The Nahant Village Church, First Church in Swampscott & The Nahant Public Library, are working together to bring a free summer class for adults on overcoming racism. The six-week program will meet in the Nahant library Sundays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. starting August 6th.

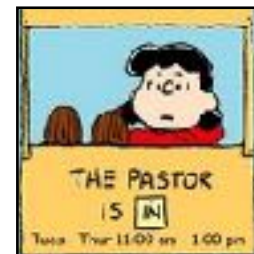


The class isn't a college or a religious course, and there are no prerequisites to attend. It will center around an exceptional called "Waking up White

and Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Cambridge resident Debby Irving. Buy the book or borrow a copy from the library, read the first 53 pages and attend the first session. Multiple copies of the book will be available.

The Overcoming Racism classes are free and open to the community. For more information, go to nahantvillagechurch.org or ask Rev. Scott.

HOMEBOUND OR OTHERWISE WANT A VISIT?



If you or someone you know would like Rev. Scott to visit all you have to do is let it be known by calling 781-581-1202 or emailing him at Nahantpastor@gmail.com. Rev Scott is very good about coming out to visit members — **but he won't know you want a visit**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Friday July 14, 2023

8 a.m.

Swansburg Hall



B E SAFE AND PREPARED

Learning how to be prepared for natural disasters, large scale public health issues and other emergencies is the topic of the July 7th Nahant Community Breakfast. How to take ACTION will be presented by the Nahant Police Department and Emergency Response Team. They will help you identify risks and create a plan to ensure the safety of everyone in the family and neighborhood when an unexpected disaster or emergency presents itself. The presentation comes at an opportune time as hurricane season is already underway. Peak hurricane season is from mid-August to late October. Police Chief Tim Furlong, Carl Maccario, and Mike Halley will be on hand along with the Regional MEMA representative Matt Kolhonen.

The free breakfast starts at 8 a.m. with the presentation starting at about 8:15. Transportation arrangements for elders to and from the breakfast may be made by calling the Tiffany Room a few days in advance. Their phone number is 781-581-7557.

Please note that there will be **no breakfast in August** due to renovation work to both entry ways to the Church. This work will ultimately make the church entrances universally accessible. This exterior work is supported by a grant from the Community Preservation Act.

Spread the word to family and friends and join us for a hearty breakfast, an informative presentation and wonderful camaraderie.

SAVE THE DATE & YOUR STUFF

Community Yard Sale coming Aug. 19! Rent a space or donate your items to NVC to sell. It's a win/win either way. For more info email secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org or call

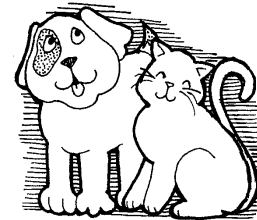
781-581-1202.

MUSICIANS WANTED



Summer services are underway and we are looking for local musicians add to our worship services with voices and /or instruments. Please consider sharing your talents and enhancing our music ministry. It would be greatly appreciated. Services begin at 9:30 a.m. in July and August. Contact Bill Thompson, church organist, through the church office, at secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org or by calling 781-581-1202 to learn more. And you need not be a member to participate so tell your musically inclined friends as well!

A BLESSING FOR ANIMALS SERVICE



August 6 at 9:30 am
Marjoram Park

All the pets of Nahant are invited
(but must be accompanied by owner and under control).

Come, be blessed

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NAHANT VILLAGE CHURCH**

United Church of Christ

If it rains, the service will be held in the sanctuary, 27 Cliff Street.



July 2, 2023 History Moment

COME SING AND CELEBRATE

Several upcoming events will provide an opportunity to sing: an Open House, September 30, followed by a worship service on October 1. These two events are part of the 200th anniversary celebration marking the first church gathering in Nahant. The third event is Rev. Scott Elliott's formal installation as our Settled Pastor on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. Our hope is to have lots of music as part of these celebrations. If you sing, we'd love for you to join us! There will be two or three one-hour rehearsals. Be on the lookout for a formal announcement in which we will ask about best times to rehearse. We look forward to raising our joint voices in celebration of these important milestones for Nahant.

Contact Marrit at calhast@hotmail.com for more information or to sign up.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Ellie Lowell
- 14 - David Callard
- 15 - - Rex Antrim
- 23 - Peter Foukal
- 26 - Lillie Johnson
- 26 - Rev. Scott Elliott
- 31 - Katharine Carter

AYLA BROWN COMING TO NVC

Tickets will go on sale soon for Ayla Brown who, along with her husband Rob Bellamy, will perform Saturday Sept. 30, in the sanctuary!
SO SAVE THE DATE!!

Starting today, through Oct. 1 we are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the first church services in Nahant. We are working on pamphlets, displays and even swag to that we will have at the Nahant Market by the Sea and in the church.

We are working on a big day for September 30th with an open house, bake sale, fun activities and an evening concert with local American Idol contestant and musician Ayla Brown. And each Sunday we hope to have short Church History moments. Today's Church History Moment is a very quick overview.

In 1820, the same year the Nahant Hotel opened, some Bostonians convinced a fresh Harvard Divinity School graduate, Rev. Samuel May, to lead summer worship services in Nahant. Those first church services in Nahant were held in a school/library building. Next week Rev. Scott is planning a sermon around those first services and Rev. Samuel May so we will hear more about that later.

Bostonians decided open a summer church on this spot called "The Nahant Church." In 1851 a second church, called the Village Church, began in its own location on Nahant Road. In 1957, the churches decided to unite and merged their names becoming the Nahant Village Church.



Miss Davis Cornelia Foukal tried out the bells after watching her grandmother Elisabeth Foukal perform with the Village Ringers on a recent Sunday.

NVC IN ACTION

TRUSTEE LEADERSHIP CHANGE

The Trustees recently elected Rex Antrim to take over the chairmanship from William (Bill) Crawford. Bill served in this capacity since 2015 and will remain on the Board as a Trustee to serve out his two-year term. We are very grateful for his many years of leadership.

Rex moved to Nahant in 1955 and lived next to the church parsonage until 1960. Rex and Nancy were married in the Nahant Village Church garth in 1974 and lived in Washington state until 1977.

Nancy went to Sunday School in the Village Church and the Nahant Village Church. Rex joined the church by affirmation of faith in 1980, taught Sunday School for several years and also served as Sunday School Superintendent with Nancy. They also attended Bible Studies conducted by Reverend Ed Swansburg for years. Rex previously served on the Board of Trustees in the 1990s.

Our church has benefited in the past not only from Rex's leadership but also his outstanding carpentry skills. Over the years, he has undertaken numerous church restoration projects pro bono. He continues to be a great asset as it relates to Buildings and Grounds issues. Rev. Scott, Church Council and Trustees look forward to working with Rex as the church tackles the challenges that lie ahead.

Rex and Nancy are parents of Heidi Fiore and Austin Antrim and grandparents to Corey, Callia and Frederick. When time permits, he and his family enjoy sailing.



Thank you to everyone who came out to help paint chairs on a muggy June Saturday. The pieces of church history will go up for sale at the Market by the Sea on July 15th. Come by and claim your chair (for \$20). Or see Chris Stevens to reserve one before they go public! We'll let you know when they're ready for inspection!



Co-Directors Jen McCarthy and Rev. Scott have been busy making plans and spreading the word about Peace Village. But they could use our help. Peace Village is a fabulous 3-day adventure in learning about peace through nature, music and the world around us. It is planned for Aug. 14-16 but will only work if we have kids to teach. Please spread the word, share our brochures and encourage the youngsters in your life to sign up at

<https://www.nahantvillagechurch.org/>





BELLS

The Village Ringers will be participating in worship services held every **fourth Sunday** of the month. Please consider becoming a ringer. Join them Mondays at 5:15 for a rehearsal. All we ask is that you can read music, and can come to weekly rehearsals.

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, so you can watch the service later when you have time. 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>

BIBLE STUDY
IS ON SUMMER
HIATUS

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.

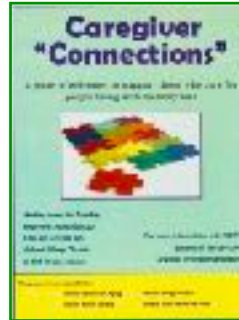


CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

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, Nahant Public Library, 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 mminer@nahant.org for more information.



GENESIS SUPPER CLUB

The Genesis Supper Club meets most Friday nights from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join for a potluck, gluten free vegan meal (and don't let the word "vegan" scare you). For meeting information contact Samantha at 978-530-7633.

WE NEED READERS ON SUNDAYS

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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Compassionate Care Circle

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You are invited

Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary
Sundays @9:30 am (thru Labor Day)

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.

Book Study/“Remedial Christianity”

Each Wednesday, May 3 - June 7

Potluck at 6:30 p.m./Class at 7 p.m.

Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Meeting ID: 838 6095 4980

Passcode: 01908

Caregiver “Connections”

Third Tuesday of the month

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

NVC - Swansburg Hall

Genesis Supper Club

Fridays @ 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Village Ringers

Mondays @ 5:15 p.m.

Swansburg Hall

Nahant Village Voices

Meeting ID: 810 8610 6763

Passcode: NVV

Passcode: 697582 (phone)

We would *Love* for you join us!