



# 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*

## October 2022 Scripture Readings

### Oct. 2 - Worship/Communion

**Seventeenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

Psalms 137

*Theme: Free to Grieve*

### Oct. 9 - Worship Service

**Eighteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

*Theme: Planting Life*

### Oct. 16 - Worship Service

**Nineteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

Psalms 119:97-104 Luke 18:1-8

*Theme: Act Boldly, Live Justly*

### Oct. 23 - Worship Service

**Twentieth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

Joel 2:23-32 Luke 18:9-14

*Theme: Just Worship*

### Oct. 30 - Worship Service

**Twenty-First Sunday  
after Pentecost**

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

*Theme: Transforming Love*

## Calendar

**Nahant Community Breakfast**

Oct. 7 at 8:00 a.m.

**NVC Open House & Bake Sale**

Saturday, October 15

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Caregivers "Connections"**

Oct 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Support for caregivers of people  
living with memory loss.

**Bells on Mondays**

Beginning 4:45 p.m.

Advanced Ringers 5:15 p.m.

**Bible Study (via Zoom)**

Tuesdays at 10:00-11:00 a.m.

*See the insert for Zoom meetings  
and contact information*

Church Family & Friends,

Where is God? My father-in-law, John Glass, aka 'Pops', died this past March. While planning his funeral service, his son said,



"Over the past few days, sometimes I just walk outside, look up and say, 'Where are you Dad? Are you up there, Dad?' " It is hard to have a relationship with someone who is distant. Whether that person be in the same room or across the country or the world. Of course, technology makes it inexcusable for us to not be in regular communication with anyone we want at any time. The problem is that we allow unimportant matters take our attention away from important matters, especially when we open up our electronic devices or come home at the end of the day or watch TV or... you name it. The rolling news feeds, the suggestions about which video to watch next, the score updates, the 'I'll do it tomorrow/next week/ next month'. Then, next week becomes next month and next month becomes next year. But, you know all this....so, question: when was the last time you scrolled endlessly through the Good Book? Or spent as much time in prayer as you do in the NFL Red Zone or with the Desperate Housewives?

We read recently about a rich man who died and called out to Abraham in heaven to warn his brothers about what really matters. A good way to figure out what really matters is to read scripture and pray. Often. Let us make October a month of prayer in our

church. Pray for one another. Pray for the world, the environment, for a new full-time pastor, for those in the community who are no longer active members of our church community. Do it daily. Do it with love. Prayer is like a well. You need to dig a little bit every day to make it deep enough for when you need it. Otherwise, you will not have time to dig down deep enough when the drought comes. We have all felt funny kneeling down before God and saying something to the effect of 'I know You haven't heard from me in a while but...'

According to Google, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and, get ready, also: Domestic Violence Awareness Month; Eye Injury Prevention Month; Health Literacy Month; Healthy Lung Month; Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month; National ADHD Awareness Month; National Bullying Prevention Month; National Dental Hygiene Month; National Down Syndrome Awareness Month; National Physical Therapy Month; Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month.....how about if we make it NVC Prays Month?

Peace and Love in Christ,

Preacher Rusty



## A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Dear family and friends of the Nahant Village Church,



As most of you already know, a month ago I was involved in a serious car accident. By the grace of God, I am now up and walking around, ready to return to work. The Christian mystic, Meister Eckhart, once penned: “If the only prayer you ever utter is ‘Thank you’,

that would be enough.” I have often, very often, whispered his prayer these past four weeks. Of all the countless things I am grateful for (there are many), YOU, members and friends of NVC rise to the top of the list.

You have surrounded me with your love and prayers, thank you. I have literally felt uplifted by the power of Divine energy flowing through you. Thank you.

Daily for four straight weeks one among you, sometimes a few of you, offered me pastoral care. I have had the most succulent and healthy meals, and with each meal, I had the pleasure of visiting with you and getting to know you better. Some of you volunteered to drive me to doctors’ appointments, and physical therapy. Thank you. Some of you wrote cards, or send an e-mail or a text with loving thoughts and encouraging words. Thank you. I shall never forget how you remembered.

I have intentionally used this unfortunate situation to draw as much goodness from it as I can. Most of us find it difficult to be dependent upon others for basic needs, like rides, and food, and human connection. We love to give but receiving challenges us. What I learned, yet again, is that receiving is a type of giving. We take turns at giving and receiving in a loving community, a spiritual community, especially. Thank you. You have now passed the threshold of my heart where there is no way out. Your love and care for me is an easy leap to God’s love and care. Thank you.

May God continue to bless us as we journey together for the next few months. Blessed is the Pastor who will become your next spiritual leader.

Love,

Rev Patricia



## COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS

**October 7 at 8:00 a.m.**

### **Happy and Healed: The Power of Hypnosis**

Please join us for the October breakfast with a presentation entitled HAPPY AND HEALED – the Power of Hypnosis, presented by **Ute Gfrerer**. Whether you want to feel more confident and calm, sleep better, stop smoking, lose weight or reduce physical pain – hypnosis is a powerful tool to uncover hidden beliefs that are stored in our subconscious mind and prevent us from leading a happy, healthy and fulfilled life. In this talk, Ute will give us a deeper insight into the world of hypnosis and the power of the mind. Ute who lives in Nahant is a certified hypnotist and loves talking about this exciting subject. What is hypnosis and how does it work? Can anybody be hypnotized? And what actually happens in a hypnotherapy session? This and much more will be covered during this breakfast talk.



Elders can arrange for transportation to and from the breakfast by calling the Nahant Council on Aging a few days in advance of the breakfast. Their number is 781-581-7557.

Mark your calendars for future breakfasts:

- November 4 – Nahant Fire Department
- January 5 – Nahant Police Department

There will be no breakfast in December.

### **GUEST MUSICIAN SERIES CONTINUES**

Our organist, Bill Thompson, has arranged for a number of guest musicians to perform during the fall.

Below is a schedule of the upcoming musicians who will join us for worship.

9/18 Mary Jane Febonio, cello

10/9 Liz Jewell, Trumpet

10/23 - Rob Bethel, cello

11/6 Ambar Marte, Alto

11/20 - Ann di Sciullo, French Horn

12/4 - Janet Pohli, Soprano

12/18 - Lisa Putukian, oboe

### **OUR BELLS KEEP TOLLING**

Monthly on the 11<sup>th</sup> day at 11 am the Nahant Village Church bells toll eleven times to raise awareness of the environmental crisis. In September the bells tolled in the midst of the worship service both to commemorate the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of 9/11, as well as to raise concerns about climate change.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

## NEIGHBORS IN NEED



Once a year, the Church participates in the UCC's Neighbors in Need collection. This year's campaign focuses on Economic Justice. The collection will be taken on Sunday, October 2 and continue throughout the month of October. Look for the special Neighbors in Need envelope in your Sunday bulletins or make a donation earmarked for Neighbors in Need (NIN) on our [nahantvillagechurch.org](http://nahantvillagechurch.org) website. Thank you in advance for participating in this Neighbors in Need collection.

The Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD" offering focuses on economic justice. With inflation impacting all of our households, we wanted to provide a way to discuss this topic through a faith lens.

We will be featuring **Neighbors in Need on Sunday October 2, 2022**, as part of World Communion Sunday, but contributions can be made at any time during the month of October.

## CONNECTIONS MEMORY CAFE

Will resume on

**Thursday, Oct. 13, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

**At the Nahant Town Library**



The Nahant Council on Aging, Nahant Public Library and Nahant Village Church all wanted to help, so they formed a committee to make Nahant a Dementia Friendly Community. A

registry was set up at the police station, in case a loved one became disoriented while out alone. A Memory Café was started in 2019, giving people with dementia and their caregivers a place to enjoy activities together. But after a year and a half, COVID forced the Café to a screeching halt.

We are happy to announce the group plans to return to hold **Connections: A Memory Café on the second Thursday of the month, beginning October 13, 10:30-11:30**. People living with dementia and their caregiver will sing, laugh, tell stories, do crafts, and find new ways to relate to one another.

If you are interested in attending or finding out more information, please send an email to Mary Miner, Council on Aging, at [mminer@nahant.org](mailto:mminer@nahant.org) or call (781) 581-7557.

## NAHANT VILLAGE CHURCH OPEN HOUSE AND BAKE SALE

**Saturday, October 15**

**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Get ready to show your stuff!

The Nahant Village Church, 27, Cliff St., will throw open its doors to the public for an open house, Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

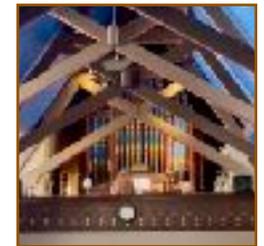
The historic building has a storied past and a vibrant present. Visitors will be invited to explore the sanctuary, which was built



in 1868 after the original Nahant Church was badly damaged in a storm in the 1850s. In the sanctuary you will also get a chance to learn about the bell choir and maybe even try your hand at ringing a bell or two. Come at 2 p.m. and hear a mini bell choir concert.



Up in the choir loft visitors will have the chance to see and hear the magnificent Hook & Hastings organ, circa 1878, and check out its unique carvings and hear about the choir as well. The choir loft also provides a fantastic birds-eye view of the sanctuary.



Back downstairs the chapel with its beautiful and historic stained-glass windows and spacious Swansburg Hall will also be open to visitors.

There will be a bake sale in the companion way with both sweet and savory items for purchase and fliers available about upcoming events and current programs.

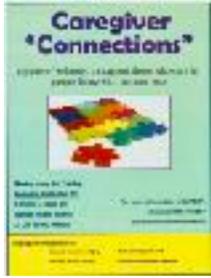
Come for the history, the curiosity, the food, come because you want to see the church in a new light just come. The Nahant Village Church's doors are open for you.

## CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

Tuesday, October 18

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

### Nahant Village Church - Swansburg Hall



The Caregiver Connections Support Group met for the first time at the Church on Tuesday, September 20. It 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 will meet monthly on the third Tuesday of each month from

11 to noon. In addition to the three sponsors of the Memory Cafe and Caregiver Support Group (Nahant COA, Nahant Public Library, and Nahant Village Church), a representative from Greater Lynn Senior Services will participate. She is experienced in leading caregiver support groups in nearby communities. Please pass the word and share this information with those who may benefit from participating. You may contact Mary Miner of the Nahant COA at [mminer@nahant.org](mailto:mminer@nahant.org) for further information.

### MY BROTHER'S TABLE

#### SIX MILLION MEALS WALK

October 23 Check in 1:30 p.m.

#### First Church, 40 Monument Ave, Swampscott

Please join My Brother's Table Annual Walk on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a 3-mile route along the Swampscott/Lynn Shoreline. The walk helps to nourish our neighbors in need. Check-in starts at 1:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 2 pm from The First Church, 40 Monument Ave in Swampscott. For more information and to register <https://mybrotherstable.org/walk-2/>.

My Brother's Table has served 6.1 million meals since opening its doors in 1982. The organization is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October. While hunger should never be celebrated, what MBT does celebrate is the loving and giving response to hunger which makes up the Table's story. MBT is a community program that relies on the community to survive, and they need our help in the fight against hunger. Let our Church be a big part of that!

If you do not plan to walk, you can make donations on line or make your contribution through the Church which provides annual financial support to MBT.



Southern New England Conference

United Church of Christ

Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

Sept. 10, 2022  
Dear members & leaders of Nahant Village Church,  
On behalf of the SNEC UCC Board of Directors,  
Thank you for your church's contribution to  
our collective mission to live the love & justice  
of Jesus together.  
Every contribution to our proportional  
giving for our church's wider mission ensure  
our collective yes to the new thing God is  
doing among us.  
Blessings!  
Josephine Hall  
Vice Pres

## October Birthdays

Calantha Sears	10/17
Rev, Teri Motley	10/19
Lucy Grimm	10/23
Andy Puleo	10/24
Nancy Whitman	10/27

### ~~~~~2002 ANNUAL MEETING~~~~~

If you recall a vote on a bylaw change at the 2002 Annual Meeting, please contact Marrit at 781-581-5691 or [calhast@hotmail.com](mailto:calhast@hotmail.com). In advance, many thanks.

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## SEEKING BELL RINGERS



If you play or have played a musical instrument and know how to read music, you may want to join the Village Ringers for the Fall, Advent and Christmas season. We are rehearsing an exciting line up of bell pieces but could use a few more ringers. We rehearse Mondays from 5:15 to 6:30 or so and may start a mid week rehearsal with a small subset of the group (most likely during the day time). Contact Marrit Hastings (781-581-5691 or [calhast@hotmail.com](mailto:calhast@hotmail.com)) if you'd like to sit in on a rehearsal and find out what it is all about, or if you'd like to join. We'd love to expand our ranks.

## CHURCH CALENDAR UPDATES

Please submit information for events (including meetings) name, date, and time to the church assistant at [secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org](mailto:secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org). The AA will check to make sure the dates are available and post the event on both the Church Website and on the master calendar that will be posted in various locations around the church.

## 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](http://www.nahantvillagechurch.org) for all of the YouTube links. To navigate to the archive of services, click on WORSHIP under the blu banner, then click on On Line Worship Services.

## COMPASSIONATE CARE CIRCLE

*Make someone's day; please sign a greeting card.*

Do you know someone who may appreciate a birthday wish, a get well wish, or a note of cheer? If you do, please use the sign-up sheet to give us her or his name. Thank you

## GENESIS SUPPER CLUB

The Genesis Supper Club meets in person on Friday nights from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Zoom and phone meeting information is available Nahant Village Church Webpage at [nahantvillagechurch.org](http://nahantvillagechurch.org).

## SCRIPTURE READERS

Would you like to read the scripture during the Sunday Worship Service? If so, please email Jen McCarthy at [edwarthy@hotmail.com](mailto:edwarthy@hotmail.com).



## VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE HOUR



Coffee hour in Swansburg Hall has resumed following our Sunday worship services. If you would like to volunteer to oversee the Coffee Hour, which takes about 30 to 45 minutes. Coffee is made and food is provided. Volunteers will just do a light clean up and clean out the coffee pot. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jen McCarthy.

## BIBLE STUDIES



Join on Zoom Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m  
A link is available on the NVC Home page at  
<https://www.nahantvillagechurch.org>  
Meeting ID: 838 6095 4980  
Passcode: 01908



## NAHANT VILLAGE CHURCH

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Call the Church at 781-581-1202 to leave a message. Contact Rev. Patricia Long for urgent Pastoral Care, or Jennifer McCarthy for other church needs. Phone messages at the Church are checked regularly and forwarded to the appropriate individual on our Team.

**Church** – 781-581-1202

**Preacher:** Roger “Rusty” Chadwick

**Pastoral Care:** Rev. Patricia Long  
781-941-6663 or [revpatsylong@gmail.com](mailto:revpatsylong@gmail.com)

### Leadership Team

**Jen McCarthy** (Chair) - [edwarthy@hotmail.com](mailto:edwarthy@hotmail.com)  
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also Board of Deacons Chair

**Nancy Cantelmo** - [nlc31@comcast.net](mailto:nlc31@comcast.net)  
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Memorials/Music Committee Chair

**Bill Crawford** - [crawfordwm@verizon.net](mailto:crawfordwm@verizon.net)  
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Board of Trustee Chair

**Maria Welsh** ([mariawelsh@ymail.com](mailto:mariawelsh@ymail.com))  
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### Treasurer

**Marrit Hastings** - ([calhast@hotmail.com](mailto:calhast@hotmail.com))  
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**Andy Puleo** - [andynahant@aol.com](mailto:andynahant@aol.com)  
or 617-293-3913)

### Compassionate Care Circle

**Olivia Brand** - 781-584-8112 or 717- 816-5046

*You are invited*

**Sunday Worship Service  
in the Sanctuary  
Sundays @10:30 am**

**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.

**Bible Study**

Tuesdays @ 10:00 am

Click below to join on Zoom

**NVCBible**

Meeting ID: 838 6095 4980

Passcode: 01908

**Contemplative Circle**

on hiatus for now. Stay tuned.

**Genesis Supper Club**

Fridays @ 5:00-6:30 pm

Join on Zoom

**GenesisSupperClub**

Meeting ID: 881 0920 8580

Passcode: 01908

**Nahant Village Voices**

Date to resume TBD

Click below to join on Zoom

**NahantVV**

Meeting ID: 810 8610 6763

Passcode: NVV

Passcode: 697582 (phone)

We would *Love* for you join us!