



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

Nov. 5 Worship/Communion

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 5:1-12

Theme: The Beatitudes

Nov. 12 - Worship/ Stewardship Sunday

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 25:1-14

Theme: Stewardship

Nov. 19 - Worship

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew/Judges 4:11-17

Theme: Deborah and other women heroes/images

NOV. 26 - Worship/Reign of Christ

Twenty-First

Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 25:31-46

Theme: Inheriting the Kingdom of Heaven

Calendar

Community Breakfast

Friday, Nov 10, 8 a.m.

Paint Night

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m., NVC

Community & Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

First Church Swampscott, 40 Monument Ave.

Caregivers "Connections"

Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 11 a.m.

THANKS!



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am writing this on the heels of the October 15th Installation Service. Those of you who attended know what an uplifting God-soaked event that was! I am still smiling about the Spirit of that hour. It was wonderful! From the community choir to the bell choir to the guitar solo to the singing duet to the organ and trumpet to the hymns the music was uplifting and moving and set a Divine tone for the all the whole service. The welcome, readings and prayers were nicely done. The sermon was touching and powerful and the ceremony that followed was full of good people and good energy with Sacred words and tradition. The feast afterwards could not be beat. WOW! What a day! Thank you all for making it possible and to those who attended; And a special thanks to those who worked so hard to pull it all together. It was a very special service—not every new minister gets installed in such a grand and glorious fashion. I am very grateful.

At the risk of leaving someone off (I am so sorry if I did), I want to give a “shout out” of gratitude by name to the many people who were involved. I need to start with Jen and Chris who did so much work to make the day happen, those two dynamos are so critical to so much that happens day-to-day and somehow they found time and energy to do all sorts of work on the Installation. Music, however, is not their area of expertise but thankfully we had Marrit, Bill and Nancy C. coordinating and gathering music and musicians from the community, including Patty Clark who guided the choir so ably. Lisa seemed to be in almost every musical piece providing her many talents that helped make the music soar. Amy added her wonderful vocals and she and Lisa led the hymns in great fashion. Rich provided an exceptional classical guitar rendering of Bach. And while there are too many names of those in the community choir and bell choir, I would be remiss in not pointing out their efforts brought me to tears more than once with their ethereal almost otherworldly sounds. In a word, the music was outstanding.

It takes a number of pastors to install a settled pastor, and our service was no exception. The pastors involved in the service did such a nice job. Thanks to Rev. Alex Shea Will, Rev. Holly Brauner, Rev. Chris Hart and Rev. Patricia Long not just for their efforts at the Installation but for all the support they have provided to the church and to me since before I even arrived. I am also grateful for Rev.

Ken McGarry, and Rev. Bill Ingraham, UCC pastors who came to support us. I need to give a special note of thanks to my very dear friend Rev. Susan Maginn for her incredible sermon and the support she has provided and for her continuing service to our nation as a Navy Chaplain.

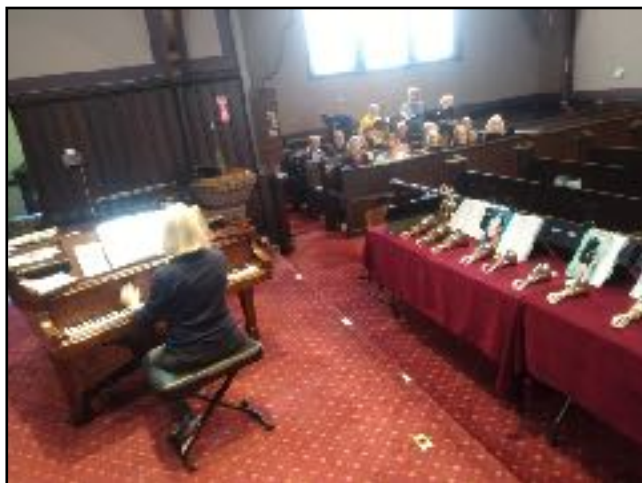
I need to also thank my soul mate, best friend, and beloved wife Nancy Marie for all of her support throughout my ministry— she is amazing! Finally, I want to close with thanks to God and to Jesus and the Holy Spirit. That Trinity brought us together. May it continue to inspire and lead us all along the way to BE LOVE in the world each day.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Scott Elliott, The Newly Installed Settled Pastor of Nahant Village Church



From Left: Rev. Ken McGarry, Rev. Patricia Long, Rev. Susan Maginn, (seated) Rev. Holly Brauner (also seated), Rev. Alex Shea Will, Rev. Scott, Rev. Chris Hart & Rev. Bill Ingraham with plush Jesus!



HONORING THE SAINTS AMONG US

Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023



This year on Reign of Christ Sunday (November 26th) we are going to lift up the names of the saints of the church and close relatives of members who have passed away between last year's Reign of Christ Sunday (November 20, 2022) and this year's Reign of Christ Sunday. The names will be called out one at a time and as a chime rings out a family member or deacon will come forward and light a solitary candle in their memory. After those names are lifted up the gathered will be invited to come forward to light a solitary candle in memory of the saints in their life. It is a beautiful ceremony. If you have a close relative who passed away between 11/20/22 and 11/26/23 and would like their name to be lifted up please let the office know by November 20th. And you can do so by calling Chris at 781-581-1202, emailing her at secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org or simply catch her after church.

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY CHOIR

To celebrate Rev. Scott's Installation as the Settled Pastor, a group of 30 or so voices was assembled to join together in song. It truly was a "community affair." Singers First Church Swampscott, 7th Adventist Church Stoneham, St. Thomas Aquinas, Nahant, Threshold Singers, Marblehead, and Swampscott's Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lynn, as well as NVC alumni, came together for rehearsals on two Saturdays. We are particularly grateful to Patricia Clark, the Music Director at First Church in Swampscott, for leading the rehearsals and ably directing the choir. It was special to hear all those voices raised in song. We at NVC and the other churches/groups represented hope there will be other



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS



NAHANT COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Affordable Housing — A Key Racial Justice Issue of Our Time

Rabbi Margie Klein Ronkin, executive director of Essex County Community Organization or ECCO will present a discussion on affordable housing, “a key racial justice issue of our time,” at the November 10th breakfast, which kicks off at 8 a.m.

ECCO’s mission is to create a world where everybody belongs, where everyone thrives, and where we all have a say in the decisions that affect our lives. Affordable Housing is ECCO’s primary campaign.

The free breakfast is served at 8 a.m. with the presentation starting around 8:15. Please invite family and friends to a hearty breakfast, information about an important issue, and wonderful camaraderie.

Please note that there will be NO breakfast in December as we will be getting ready for our annual Christmas Fair on Dec. 2.

Due to the Veteran’s Day holiday, COA is closed and cannot provide transportation as usual.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30. If you have anything you think Council should or be aware of, please contact Jen McCarthy edwarthy@hotmail.com or 781-316-7309

WORLD HOLIDAY MUSIC NIGHT



The Nahant Village Church will host an evening of World Holiday Music on Wednesday, December 13 at 7 p.m. And the public is invited to participate. Let us know of any favorite holiday music from foreign lands that you would like to see included in the program. But don’t hesitate to suggest pieces of holiday or winter music of American origin as well, particularly if they are favorites but not often heard.

Organizers are planning a program with audience participation, instrumentalists, soloists, choir and of course organ and piano, as well as bells and chimes. Please contact anyone on the music committee, Amy Dow, Bill Thompson, Marrit Hastings or Nancy Cantelmo with suggestions; we look forward to getting your input. The night is sure to be a wonderful evening that will help get everyone in the holiday spirit.

CHIMING AT THE JOHNSON SCHOOL



Students at the Johnson School recently had a chance to tryout NVC’s chimes. Village Ringers Lisa Haley and Marrit Hastings demonstrated the chimes and led the students in playing the main melody of the Ukrainian Bell Carol. There was a lot of enthusiasm, and the students did extremely well. JES Music Teacher Scott Bullock plans to continue working with a small group of students with the goal of incorporating chimes in the JES holiday celebrations in December. Thank you JES for this opportunity! And thanks to Marrit & Lisa for this great effort!

BIBLE STUDY ANYONE?

Bible study went on a summer hiatus and has yet to return but it could.



Rev. Scott has led a number of Bible studies and can lead one for NVC if there is interest. If you are interested in regularly participating in a Bible Study please answer the following questions and get them to the church office by December 1st.

A. Would you prefer an NVC Bible Study meet :

- once a week
- once a month

B. Other than a Thursday or Friday what days of the week would work best for you to meet for Bible Study?

- Saturday
- Sunday
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday

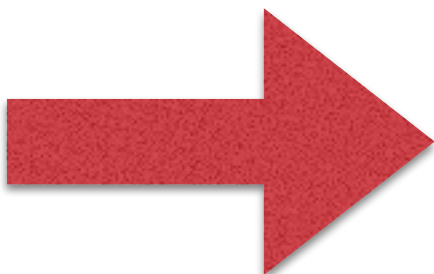
C. What times of the day would work best for you?

D. If the Bible Study is held at the church would you be able to attend:

- in person
- by Zoom

Email your answers to secretary@nahantvillagechurch.com or call Chris at 781-581-1202

SAVE THE DATES



A SERVICE OF COMMUNITY & THANKSGIVING

Sunday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

The First Church in Swampscott, 40 Monument Avenue will hold a service of community and thanksgiving on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. and you're invited! It is designed to be a night of "*Coming Together to Share Music and Words that Inspire.*"

And you may participate!



CALLING SINGERS!

Singers from the community are invited to join an interfaith choir to sing for this celebration service of thanksgiving, unity, and song:

Interfaith Choir Rehearsals

Thursday, November 16, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 19, 6:15 p.m. — Rehearsal,
7p.m. — service

For more information, contact Patricia Clark,
music@thefirstchurch.org

Nov. 10, 8 a.m. - Nahant Community Breakfast with Essex County Community Organization

Nov. 15, 6 p.m. - Paint Night with Martha Taylor in Swansburg Hall

Nov. 19, 7 p.m.- Ecumenical Community & Thanksgiving service at First Church in Swampscott, 40 Monument Ave.

Nov. 26, Reign of Christ Service, 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 2, 9 to 2 - Annual NVC CHRISTMAS FAIR

Dec. 3, Advent begins with a service of HOPE

Dec. 10, Second Sunday of Advent; Peace

Dec. 13, 7 p.m. - World Holiday Music Night, in the sanctuary at NVC

Dec. 17, Third Sunday of Advent; Joy with special guest preacher Rev. Alex Shea Will.

Dec. 24, 7 p.m. - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at NVC/ special music at 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 5. 8a.m. Community Breakfast with state Sen. Brendan Crighton & state Rep. Peter Capano

INSTALLATION DAY!



Oct. 15 was one year to the day that Rev Scott & Nancy Elliott first visited NVC. It was also the day that parishioners and ministers from across the north shore gathered for a moving ceremony that officially installed Rev. Scott as our pastor.

From the music to the sermon and the traditional installation ritual, it was a fabulous day — and so was the reception that followed! Here's a peek for those who missed the event.



“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”
Matt. 18:20




Nahant Village Church
Paint Night Fundraiser

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
 6:00 P.M. START
 ACTIVITY WILL BE LEAD BY
 MARTHA TAYLOR
 COST IS \$30
 LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
 RSVP BY NOV 8TH BY CALLING THE
 CHURCH AT 781-581-1202
 OR JEN MCCARTHY AT 781-316-7309

See you there!

NOVEMBER
 BIRTHDAYS

Donna Gramolino — 4
 Han Tan Parish — 11
 Rich Stevens — 21



COMPULSIVELY LATE CHURCHGOERS!
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS THIS WEEKEND!

OH NO! I'M THE FIRST ONE HERE!

MAKE SURE TO SET YOUR CLOCK BACK 1 HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT TO AVOID THE HORROR OF ARRIVING EARLY FOR CHURCH!

Daylight Savings Time is here! Don't forget to fall back on Nov. 5.



Dear Nahant Church,

Rejoice in the birth of our Lord and savior. May the blessings of Christ be upon you and your loved ones this season and into the New Year. Wishing that your Christmas sparkles with festive cheer, like the shining star that you are.

Always wishing you a good health my sponsor and happy life. Thank you so much for everything. I love you always.

Wishing you a lovely Christmas season and a very Happy New Year!

LOVE; JESSICA T. PEDRO

MERRY CHRISTMAS
By
Happy New Year!

Jessica Pedro, the young woman NVC supports, sent an early Christmas card wishing a "Christmas that sparkles with festive cheer"! She also included a report noting that she only has one more semester of college left before starting what sounds like an internship! Congratulations Jessica on all your hard work!



NVC IN ACTION

FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Nahant Village Church have continued to monitor the progress of the handicap accessible project. There have been some delays along the way, but access to the Sanctuary entrance is now complete.

The contractors hoped that the next phase would be a relative breeze, but have encountered surprises and obstacles, including a concrete base of at least two feet in thickness in front of the companionway doors. That required bringing in additional equipment to break up the mass and once that was out of the way, the contractors exposed rot under the front entry caused by years of water infiltration. They are dealing with that now.

Until that is repaired and the walk to the companionway entrance is complete, access to the church is through the doors at the Narthex and the entrance on the North side of the building.

Thanks are due to Lynne Spencer, and Cal and Marrit Hastings for expediting payments to the contractors, and also to Cal for unlocking the side door in the mornings.

Thanks also for your patience and support during this project.



Work on the second entrance hit a bit of a snag when about two feet of cement was discovered just outside the companionway doorway.

Among the other items we have considered at recent Trustees meetings are solar electric panels on the flat roof and outdoor lighting for the front of the church. Plans are also in place now for our annual Stewardship campaign.

With gratitude,
Rex Antrim, chairman

FUNDRAISING UPDATE & FAIR

APPEAL

Year to date, we have raised almost \$5,000 of the \$15,000 that was ambitiously budgeted for 2023.

Money has been raised through a variety of fundraising activities such as:

- * Yard Sale — \$2,464
- * 200th Ann. Open House/Concert — \$1,418
- * Tides — \$400
- * Silent Movie — \$367
- * Sunday School Chairs — \$280
- * Miscellaneous — \$90

A big thank you to Jen McCarthy and Chris Stevens for leading most of these fundraisers, and to those who helped out or came to the events.

While we are only a third of the way to our goal the annual Christmas Fair is rapidly approaching and it represents our biggest money maker.

So we ask for all hands on deck to make this year's fair once again an overwhelming success. There are many ways to participate.

The fair is Dec. 2, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. We need volunteers for set up, clean up, to bake for the bake table, to help out with the gift table, a clothing boutique and more.

If you'd like to participate, please contact Chris Stevens at 781-581-1202 or Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309, or email secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org. We appreciate your time.



STEWARDSHIP

If you haven't already — you will be receiving your stewardship letter shortly.

Please take the time to thoughtfully respond and return your cards. You can drop them in the mail or in the collection plate at church — just be sure to drop them with us



MY BROTHER'S TABLE

Are you interested in meeting to discuss how NVC can increase help for/at My Brother's Table in Lynn. Then let us know by writing your name on the sign up sheet in Swansburg Hall or emailing Chris at secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org. or calling her at 781-581-1202.

ADVENT POTLUCK & BOOK

DISCUSSION

“The First Christmas” by Marcus Borg & John Dominic Crossan

Rev Scott is planning a four-week book discussion on “The First Christmas.” The idea is to share a meal together at 6:30 p.m. followed by a book discussion at 7 p.m.

If you are interested sign-up in Swansburg Hall or let the office know by contacting secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org or calling 781-581-1202.

We need at least 10 people interested to hold the class. If enough sign up the first class will be held Nov. 28. For questions or more info contact Rev. Scott — the book can be found new or used on amazon.com



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, Nov. 21, 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 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
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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.

Caregiver “Connections”

Third Tuesday of the month

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

NVC - Swansburg Hall

Village Ringers

Mondays @ 5:15 p.m.

Swansburg Hall

Trustees

Second Tuesday of each month

NVC Library

Church Council

Third Monday of each month

NVC Library

We would *Love* for you join us!