



The Pulpit Rock

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



- 1st All Saints' Day
- 2nd Community Breakfast 8:00am
- 4th 24th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:30 am *Worship/Communion*
12:00 pm Compassionate Care
Training - Part Two
- 6th Election Day
- 8th Worship @Jesmond 9:30 am
- 11th 25th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:30 am Worship Service
Veterans Day Service/Bells
1:30 p.m. My Brother's Table
- 13th Search Committee.3:00 pm
Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18th 26th Sunday after Pentecost**
Gratitude Sunday
10:30 am Worship Service
with the Village Ringers
- 22nd Thanksgiving Day
- 25th Reign of Christ**
10:30 am Worship Service
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## December 2018

- 2nd **First Sunday of Advent**  
10:30 am *Worship/Communion*
- 8th NVC Christmas Fair**
- 9th Second Sunday of Advent**  
Worship @Jesmond 9:30 am  
10:30 am Worship Service
- 11th Worship@Hathorne 10:00 am  
Trustees Mtg 7:00 pm
- 16th Third Sunday of Advent**  
10:30 am Worship Service
- 23rd Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
10:30 am Worship Service
- 24th Christmas Eve Service**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,  
The month of November is filled with ways to express our gratitude.

All Saints Sunday, November 4, we gather with gratitude for all the people we love who have died. We will light tea candles and name our beloveds.

November 11, we will honor and show our respect for Veterans by ringing our church bell eleven times at 11:00am followed by the prayerful music of our Village Ringers.

November 18, we will raise the roof with thanksgiving for the many people who serve as leaders and volunteers in Nahant. Included in this service of gratitude is appreciation for the loving support of families and friends.

November 25 is the last Sunday of the church year. We will celebrate who we have become and give thanks to our very own leaders.

I want to personally thank the Transition Team for their loving and unending support of my ministry during this interim time. BIG shout-out to Chris Alexander, Marrit Hastings, Maria Welch, Jen McCarthy, Bill Crawford, and Nancy Cantelmo!!

Also I am grateful to Rev. Patricia Long for her wisdom and guidance! And to Rev. Teri Motley for her help. Herman Weiss for his grace and musicianship. Diane Gaucher for her leadership and enthusiasm. Susan Edwards for loving our children! Andy Puleo for always being there. Susan Gilbert for caring about the details and going with the flow.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Laura

### Compassionate Care Training

Session Two of the Compassionate Care Training will take place on **Sunday, November 4 at 12:00 p.m.** Feel free to bring a bag lunch.

### Worship Services

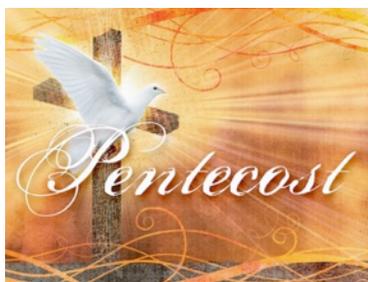
Join the Reverend Laura and the Compassionate Care Group at the **Jesmond Nursing Home** in Nahant on **Thursday, November 8th at 9:30 a.m.**



**Bible Studies** will meet at a new time on **Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.**

*Everyone is welcome.*

## Worship Themes for November 2018



**November 4 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Theme: This Story Belongs to You  
Scripture: John 11:32-44

**November 11 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Theme: Women Veterans  
Scripture: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

**November 18 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Theme: Do Not Worry  
Scripture: Matthew 6:25-33

**November 25 - Reign Of Christ**

Theme: Who Are We Now?  
Scripture: Mark 13:1-8

## A message from your Co-Moderators

This November, let us be thankful that all around the world, people feel the same way.

### Buddhism

Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.

### Confucianism

Surely it is the maxim of loving-kindness: Do not unto others that you would not have them do unto you.

### Judaism

What is hateful to you do not to others. That is the entire Law, all the rest is commentary.

### Islam

No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself.

### Native American

The Universe is the Mirror of the People, and each person is a Mirror to every other person.

### Hinduism

This is the sum of all true righteousness: deal with others as thou wouldst thyself be dealt by. Do nothing to thy neighbor, which thou wouldst not have him do to thee after.

### Bahá'í Faith

If thou lookest for justice, choose thou for others what thou chooses for thyself.

### Christianity

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

We may celebrate Thanksgiving in November, but our gratitude for the Golden Rule is within us every day.

Respectfully Yours,

Rich Stevens and Maria Welsh

## Special Veterans Celebration - November 11

Join us for a special service on Sunday, November 11 to honor our veterans. At 11:00 o'clock the church bells will toll for one minute, followed by a silent reflection. This will occur on the 11th day of the 11th month at 11

a.m. Originally, the ringing of the bells commemorated the signing of the Armistice Treaty of Versailles which signified the end of World War I in 1918. The Nahant Woman's Club and other Woman's Clubs are trying to bring back this tradition, and NVC agreed to participate. In addition to the tolling of the church bells, the Village Ringers will participate in a musical tribute to our veterans.

St. Thomas Aquinas will toll bells at 11 a.m.



## Nahant Community Breakfast Friday, November 2 at 8:00 a.m.

The next breakfast will be held on Friday, November 2 featuring an informal

“Meet and Greet”

with newly appointed Town Administrator Tony Barletta and

Pete Capano who is

slated to become our

new State Representative the following week. We are honored with this opportunity to get to know these individuals better, as well as what they see as priorities for our Town.

If there are specific questions that you would like either of them to address, we ask that you submit your question(s) to us in advance so that we can share that information as a courtesy to our guests of honor.

The free breakfast starts at 8 a.m. Please plan for an informative get together, a hearty breakfast, and wonderful camaraderie. All are welcome. 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.

There will be no December breakfast because of the Christmas Fair! See more information on the Christmas Fair later in this issue.



## Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 4, 2018

Remember to set your clocks back before bedtime!



Please join us on November 18 for a special worship service at the Nahant Village Church to express our gratitude to first responders, Town officials and staff, veterans, and others in Nahant who make our Nahant community so special and safe.



**Northeast Association  
Women's Fellowship**  
*Of the MA Conference of the United Church of Christ*

**Fall Meeting**

Wednesday, November 7, 2018  
9:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Byfield Parish Church  
132 Jackman St.  
Georgetown, MA 01833

Registration 9:30 Coffee, tea and assorted breads.

Luncheon and Program \$7.00 per person

Program Speaker **Andrea Boylan Paluszczek MSW**  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
Author of *The Elijah Project*  
The workbooks have become international  
Film Writer

Worship Leader **The Reverend Brent Fugate**  
Senior Pastor Byfield Parish Church

Reservations **Byfield Parish Church Office 978-352-2022**  
By Friday November 2, 2018

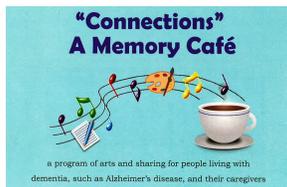
An offering will be received to provide *The Elijah Project* workbooks for women in Cuba.

Join Trudy Joyce at the semi-annual **Northeast Association Women's Fellowship** of the MA Conference of the United Church of Christ Fall Meeting on **Wednesday, November 7, 9:30 am–1:00 pm**, at the Byfield Parish Church, 132 Jackman St., Georgetown, Massachusetts. Registration at 9:30 a.m.

For reservations, contact the Byfield Parish Church Office at 978-352-2022 by Friday, November 2, 2018.

### Nahant's Memory Cafe

This is a new program of arts and sharing for people living with dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and their caregivers. It will meet monthly on the second **Thursday** of the month. The first meeting will be on **November 8 from 10 to noon** at the Nahant Public Library. It is sponsored by the Library, Council on Aging and



the Nahant Village Church. If you know of anyone with memory problems, please spread the word about this new initiative. For more information, call 781-581-0306 or email [shawkes@nahant.org](mailto:shawkes@nahant.org).

### My Brother's Table: Mission and Service

My Brother's Table in Lynn is the largest soup kitchen on the North Shore. For over 30 years, MBT has provided meals to those in need. On the second Sunday every other month, you will find a collection envelope for My Brother's Table in the Bulletin. This collection makes it possible for our Church to provide meals six times during the year. Your generous donations and volunteer service helps support this important mission.



This month, you can join in the camaraderie and offer a helping hand by volunteering to serve at MBT on **Sunday, November 11, from 1:00. to 4:30 p.m.** The signup sheet is available in the companionway.

My Brother's Table has an extensive wish list to help others in need. Included on the list are: reading glasses, socks (adult sizes), heavy duty gloves, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and so on. For a complete list go to the website of My Brothers Table. Donations can be placed in the MBT basket in the companionway.

## Upcoming Events

### Christmas by the Sea Fair December 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Note date change to Saturday, December 8 (not the 1<sup>st</sup>). Many thanks to those who have volunteered to chair a table:

- Bake Sale – Maria Welsh and Lenora Brauner
- Christmas Boutique – Maureen Edison
- Christmas Wreath – Swampscott Boy Scouts (not yet confirmed)
- Greens – Robbie McGowan
- Jewelry – Amy Dow
- Silent Auction – Herb Motley
- Snack Bar – Jen McCarthy

Chair persons are needed for: Gifts and Raffles. Help also is needed with the setup and take down of the fair. Please contact Marrit if you willing and able to pitch in. As we did last year, we plan to have special activities for children and hopefully a visit by Mrs. Claus.

Donations are needed for the Christmas Fair, as well as volunteers to support each of the tables. Signup in the companionway and indicate what you might bring to the fair. We ask that you bring things of value for the Silent Auction – antiques, art work, a day on a sailboat or weekend at a ski or summer resort, to just name a few.

### Save the Date

### Silent Movie Night

### Saturday, January 26

A Potluck Supper will precede the movie "Ella Cinders" will be shown, with live piano accompaniment by Rob Humphreville – a NOT TO MISS EVENT. Ella Cinders is a 1926 American silent comedy film, directed by Alfred E. Green, starring Colleen Moore and co-starring Lloyd Hughes. Tickets are \$15 if bought before January 1, \$20 thereafter. Advance tickets are available at the November Nahant Community Breakfast and the December Christmas Fair.

### Please Excuse our Appearance

In early October, panels from several stained-glass windows (one in the Sanctuary and four in the Chapel) were removed for restoration/repair. Here the panel from the stained-glass window in the East nave is being removed. The white board panels that were put in their places will be removed once the restoration work has been completed.



### **Search Committee Update**

The past two years have been a period of transition for the Village Church. We have been blessed by the Interim Ministry of Rev. Laura Biddle, who has joyfully led our congregation and helped to shepherd us through some difficult decisions and transitions. Most notable was the decision to move forward to a part-time ministry due to financial constraints that were caused by the loss of some of our major financial supporters. Our Church's Profile went live in early September inviting resumes of ministers interested in being considered for the position. At present, the Search Committee is reviewing several profiles of promising candidates and conducting interviews. Prayerfully, this Committee hopes to bring its search to a successful conclusion soon – leading to a congregational vote, the installation of our next settled minister, and a new chapter in the Church's life.

### **New Leadership Team**

The Transition Team that formed after Rev. Larry retired is evolving into a new leadership team. It will be chaired by Nancy Cantelmo. Other members of the team are: Joe Benson (Clerk), Bill Crawford (Trustees), Marrit Hastings (Treasurer), Jen McCarthy (Deacons and Search), Rich Stevens and Maria Welsh (Co-Moderators). Nancy Cantelmo will represent Memorials and the Music Committee. Rev. Laura will serve in an ex-officio capacity. The team will meet on a monthly basis unless issues require more frequent deliberations. Please feel free to contact anyone on the team if you have any joys and concerns that you would like to share or questions that you would like to pose.

### **Wondering what to do with leftover Halloween Candy?**

The Compassionate Care Group would love to have candy donations for the Jesmond Nursing Home. Please deposit any leftover candy in the donation basket in the companion way.

### **Thank Your for the Tides Fundraiser**

A very special thank you to Jen McCarthy for her efforts in arranging and running the Tides Fundraiser last month. The proceeds from the raffles and donations totaled \$660. This amount does not include the additional donation for the Tides.

### **White Christmas**

Let's Share Some Christmas Cheer by participating in our traditional **White Christmas** which brings some holiday cheer to needy individuals and families with children.

Donations of gift cards to food or clothing stores (not to exceed \$50 each) will be greatly appreciated. Please make sure that your name appears on your donation, so that we can properly credit this on your year-end giving statement.

If you prefer, donations also can be made by check, with White Christmas written in the memo line. The donations are given to needy families at the Johnson School, individuals or families in our congregation, and others. Some of the White Christmas gifts are made in the form of a delivery of oil to help keep the family warm.

Also, let us take this opportunity to thank our staff for all they have done in the past year: Rev. Laura, Herman, Andy, Sue Edwards, and Susan Gilbert. If you wish to donate, please write in "Staff Gifts" in the memo line of your check.

Donations for White Christmas and/or Staff Gifts must be received no later than Sunday, December 16.

Help show compassion for those in need: If you know of any one in need that should be considered for a White Christmas gift, please share this information with someone on the Leadership Team.

### **Special Thank you**

From the MA Conference of the UCC for our Church's response to the call to make a gift to the Gas Explosions/Fires Response & Recovery Fund in the Merrimac Valley. "This is still very much an unfolding situation." Check the MACUCC website at [macucc.org/explosions](http://macucc.org/explosions) to find updates and support requests as needs arise. NVC Parishioners have donated \$215 thus far. If you have not already done so, you can still make a contribution to this recovery effort. Kindly make checks payable to Nahant Village Church with Merrimac Valley in the memo line.

### **Order your Poinsettias for the Christmas Eve Service**

Help make the NVC altar awash with the color of the season and take your Poinsettias home following the service for a beautiful holiday decoration.

Please use the order form attached and order early. The deadline for ordering is Monday, December 17.



## ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA NOW



The altar and sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Eve Service on Monday, December 24th.

The cost per poinsettia is \$12.

Please make your check out to the Nahant Village Church.

Please complete the form below and send it with your check ***no later than Monday, December 17th*** to:

Nahant Village Church,  
PO Box 77, Nahant, MA 01908  
Attn: Lissa Stempek

The form and check may also be placed in the offering plate.

**We request that you take your poinsettia after the service on Christmas Eve.**

*(Any poinsettias that are left will be given to someone who is ill, homebound, or unable to get out to church.)*

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### POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) for Christmas.

I would like my name printed in the bulletin as follows: In memory (or in celebration) of:

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_