



# 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**

### **August 6 Worship/ Communion**

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

**At Marjoram Park**

Genesis 32:22-31

*Theme: Wrestling with God*

### **August 13 - Worship**

Eleventh Sunday after

Pentecost

Matthew 14:22-33

*Theme: Jesus' rescue*

### **August 20 - Worship/ Communion**

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 15:11-32

*Theme: Geared toward heart  
transformations*

### **August 27- Worship**

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8- 2:10

*Theme: Female heroes & Pharaoh  
anti-heroes*

## **Calendar**

**NO Community Breakfast**

**Blessing of the Animals**

Sunday, Aug. 6 , Marjoram Park.

**Overcoming Racism Class**

Aug. 6, 4 p.m.; Nahant Public  
Library

**Caregivers "Connections"**

Tuesday, Aug. 15, at 11 a.m.

**Nahant Market by the Sea/  
Community Yard Sale**

Saturday, Aug. 19, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
and 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. respectively  
Volunteers needed!

## **History Buff on History Moments**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I've had the privilege of researching history relating to the church in Nahant and the deeper I dig the more fascinating the whole area becomes. Nahant and the church have amazing connections to America's history. Just the other day I was looking up our connection to Philips Brooks the author of "Little Town of Bethlehem" and found out he not only regularly preached in our church a number of summers, but also officiated a wedding in the church that included a visitor named Theodore Roosevelt. The wedding was for long time member Senator Henry Cabot Lodge's daughter Constance who married Augustus Gardner on June 14, 1892. Believe it or not Senator Lodge and Teddy Roosevelt had co-authored a children's book together and became lifelong friends—which brought Roosevelt to Nahant on a number of occasions. And on at least one occasion that we know of, Teddy came to our church and sat in one of our pews (we don't know which one).

And who could have guessed that when Teddy Roosevelt was here some forty-six years later, his cousin would also visit the church for the wedding of Nahant's Anne Clark to John Roosevelt the son of his cousin. At that time Teddy's cousin was known as President Franklin Roosevelt and he shared a pew (likely front row right) in our sanctuary with his equally famous wife Eleanor Roosevelt! A picture of the famous couple standing outside the entrance of the church is now hanging in the companion way.

There is one more wedding I want to mention. It was literally a royal wedding. On June 27, 1921 Prince Michael Cantacuzene married Nahanter Clarissa Pelham Curtis, the two met while attending Harvard. Other royalty in the wedding party included Princess Bertha Cantacuzene and Princess Ida Cantacuzene. These princesses and the royal groom were members of the Russian royal family. The prince was also the great-grandson of Ulysses S. Grant.

I was pretty jazzed to find out some pretty famous Roosevelts and Russian royalty have trod across the threshold to our church and sat in our pews. Speaking of pews, last month I mentioned another famous church member Henry Wadsworth Longfellow had a pew in the church. No one guessed which one. It was pew number 50 (which has a name plate of the Sewell family who rented it after Longfellow died). We will be marking the Longfellow pew with a sign and

some information about Mr. Longfellow for the open house. We will also mark the pew we are pretty sure President and Eleanor Roosevelt sat in for their son John's wedding.

Each Sunday in August we will be having "History Moments" as we celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of church in Nahant. Make sure to join us and invite others too.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Scott Elliott

### **WANTED: CARING VOLUNTEERS**

The Deacons, Moderator and Pastor are working together 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 a connection by sending and communication to those on their lists, and are also welcome to visit and pray and listen to them 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](mailto:secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org) or call 781-581-1202.

### **Peace Village cancelled**



We are sad to report that Peace Village has been cancelled due to lack of participation. Only three children had expressed interest, which is not enough to run the program.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who gave their time to planning and pledged their time as volunteers. Know we will be calling you back next year.

Despite the disappointment, we take this as a challenge to start early and redouble our efforts to show the public what a wonderful program Peace Village is and to bring it to Nahant in it's full four-day form.



Our sunflower patch took a big hit from a recent rainstorm but even though they're down — they're not out. They are still growing and so are we, albeit slowly. Our average attendance is 25, and we've invited 115 people and had 41 visitors since we started keeping track in the spring.

### **COMMUNITY OVERCOMING RACISM CLASS**

**Sundays August 6-September 10**



The Nahant Village Church, The Nahant Library, First Church in Swampscott & ECCO (Essex County Community Organization), 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 book 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](http://nahantvillagechurch.org) or <https://nahantlibrary.org/>

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS



## NO COMMUNITY BREAKFAST FOR AUGUST!

Please note that there will be **no breakfast in August** due to renovation work. But the line up for subsequent months is as follows:

- \* September 1 – Historic Preservation Specialist Lynne Spencer on the 200<sup>th</sup> history of church in Nahant.
- \* October 6 – Elder Attorney Brian Snell on Getting Your Affairs in Order.
- \* November 3 – Rabbi Margie Klein-Ronkin, Executive Director of Essex County Community Organization (ECCO) – creating a world where everybody belongs, where everybody thrives, and where we all have a say in the decisions that affect our lives.

So please join us and note, there will be no breakfast in December due to our annual Christmas Fair.

## COMMUNITY YARD SALE!

Saturday, Aug. 19th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



The Nahant Village Church will hold a community yard sale Saturday, Aug. 19th from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. And you can participate in one of two ways!

Rent a space for \$20 and sell your items, pocket the money and share in some great fellowship.

**OR**

Donate your gently used, not broken, totally usable items to the Nahant Village Church and we'll sell them and put funds toward future projects!

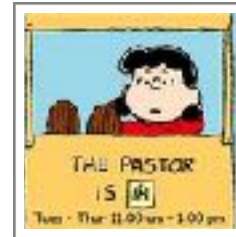
It's a win win either way!

Items can be dropped off the week of August 14.

For more info, to rent a space or drop off items, email [secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org](mailto:secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org) or call 781-581-1202.

## 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](mailto:Nahantpastor@gmail.com). Rev Scott is very good about coming out to visit members — **but he won't know you want a visit if you don't ask for one.**



## VILLAGE RINGERS

The Village Ringers will once again participate in the August 27 worship service with a piece called "Solid Rock." Saturday, September 30 will be the next opportunity to hear us ring in a mini concert that will be part of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House.

The Village Ringers brought chimes to the Nahant Market by the Sea where they did demos and encouraged children and adults to try them. Chimes could be seen and heard everywhere – there were some real enthusiasts and budding musicians among the young. We made some good contacts and hope to once again explore a chime program for elementary school children at the Johnson School this fall.

We continue to look for individuals who read music, would like to try a new instrument and be part of the Village Ringers. It is really fun. So try us out. Contact Marrit at 781-581-5691 or [calhast@hotmail.com](mailto:calhast@hotmail.com).



Marrit Hastings & Rich Stevens  
playing the chimes during the  
Market-by-the-Sea.



## COME SING WITH US

We are putting together a small group of singers to participate in the October 1 worship service which marks the end of our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and/or the October 15 (2PM) installation of Rev. Scott Elliott as our settled minister. There will be two or three rehearsals prior to those dates. Be on the lookout for a questionnaire that asks about best times for rehearsals, as well as your availability. Or contact Marrit at 781-581-5691 or [calhast@hotmail.com](mailto:calhast@hotmail.com) if you are interested in joining us for these festive occasions.



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 - Sara Christie  
12 - Nancy Cantelmo  
24 - Maureen Edison  
25 - Hunter Hanson

### LALIBERTE LIFE

**Gala: Aug. 4**

**Exhibit opens to the public Aug. 5**

Norman Laliberte was a neighbor and friend to the Nahant Village Church. We often saw him walking his little dog around the neighborhood. Over the many years Norman was with us, he enjoyed sitting at coffee hour after worship service, chatting with us and leaving behind a napkin or bulletin which he had embellished.

We knew Norman was a world recognized and admired artist, but we also knew him as open and friendly to those in the place he lived and loved- Nahant. His art evokes superlatives- fantastical and magical, dazzling in color and radiating in light and love.

His vibrancy showed itself from the imaginative socks and hot pink sweaters he wore to the bright and

striking colors he applied to his art. He designed 88 banners for the Vatican Pavilion at the 1964 World's Fair and became the most recognized banner artist in

North America.

Norman's art has been displayed in many galleries, museums and shows, yet he frequently reached out to friends and



neighbors with loving and supportive letters which he typed and embellished with stamps, stickers, seed packets, love and encouragement. The shapes and colors he used to form his iconic birds and animals, fruits and flowers, men and women inspired a group of friends to organize the exhibit called Laliberte Life!

This exhibit is sponsored by the Nahant Historical Society, to which Norman had been very generous with his art. The exhibit will open with a sold out gala on Friday evening August 4<sup>th</sup> at the Nahant Community Center, 41 Valley Road, Nahant. It will open, free to the public on Aug. 5, running through October 15<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. -4 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. Showings at other times may be arranged. The exhibit features various examples of Norman's artwork, including his wonderful letters and the typewriter he used. Photographs of Norman in the process of creating a collage as well as the piece itself will also be a special feature.

Outreach to young people was important to Norman. We have arranged to work with students at Girls Inc in Lynn and at the Johnson School in Nahant. Along with their teachers, we will tell them about Norman, show them his work, and then help them to create works of their own, based on Norman's inspiration.

For more information, on the exhibit, visit the Historical Society website at <https://nahanthistory.org/> or call 781-581-2727 and speak with Nancy Cantelmo, Lynne Spencer or Emily Potts, members of The Committee for Laliberte Life!

# NVC IN ACTION

## TRUSTEE'S CORNER

Lots of work is planned and/or being done around our building, including

\*Painting of walls and ceilings in Swansburg Hall

\*Replacing the seal on the stained-glass windows in the chapel, repairing exterior window sills, and repairing and repainting of the chapel interior now stained from water damage

\*Repairing ceilings in the robing room to remove years of debris left behind by various animals who were (unwelcome) occupants of that space. To prevent this from happening in the future, we need your help to not leave entry way doors unattended because it invites birds and squirrels to come inside.

\*Work on both entry ways to the church to make them universally accessible will begin in mid- August and be completed at the end of September. It will restore the entry way to the Sanctuary to closely resemble what it looked like in the past.

In addition, the Trustees approved restoration work on the Hook & Hastings organ in the Sanctuary, which will start in January. This historic organ was a gift from Mrs. Appleton and Mrs. J. Arthur Beebe, in memory of William Appleton, a founder of the original church. The organ was installed in 1879 and the Appleton Family Crest can be found on both sides of the keyboard. This restoration work will be done by Andover Organ Company who restored, maintained and tuned the organ over many years.

Work on bylaw revisions is expected to resume in early November.

The Council on Aging will not be holding luncheons here while its kitchen is being renovated, as we had all hoped, because the church lacks handicap accessibility to Swansburg Hall and the bathrooms. While plans have been developed to make a number of areas ADA compliant, it is costly and will require a capital campaign to fund, before this can be launched.



NVC set up at the Market-by-the-Sea in July where we handed out fliers, rang chimes, talked to practically everyone and sold 10 chairs for a total of \$200! It was a great day! And we'll be back this month, Aug. 19 so come by and say hi!



Nicholas Carronero proved to be a stellar ambassador for the Bell Choir during the Market-by-the-Sea. He showed anyone who would listen how to ring the chimes!



ICYMI: Swansburg Hall is looking sharp with its new coat of paint thanks to Dean Palombo and Fred White. The guys endured some serious heat to bring us this fresh look!



## 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](http://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.

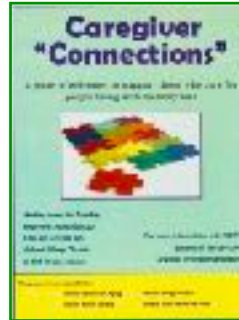


## CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

**Tuesday, August 15 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](mailto: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>





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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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*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.

**Overcoming Racism Class**

Five Sundays 4 p.m. -5 p.m.

Starting Aug. 6

**Bible Study**

Tuesday 10-11am On summer hiatus

**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. On summer hiatus

**Village Ringers**

Mondays @ 5:15 p.m.

Swansburg Hall

We would *Love* for you join us!