



# 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*

**2024**

## Scripture Readings

### March 3 Worship/Communion

Third Sunday in Lent

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

*Theme: A sermon on the foolishness of Jesus' Way*

### March 10

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

*Theme: Snakes & vipers & the remedy God offers*

### March 17

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

*Theme: Humans evolving understanding of Godj*

### March 24

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

### March 31

Easter Sunday

### Nahant Community Breakfast

Friday, March 1, 8 a.m.

### Lenten Movie Series

Wednesdays; potluck at 6, movie at 6:30

### Daylight Savings

Sunday, March 10th

### Caregivers Group

Tuesday, March 19, 11 a.m.

### Maundy Thursday

Thursday March 28, 7 p.m.

### Easter Services

March 31

Sunrise - 6:15 a.m.

## MARCHING INTO HOLY WEEK



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have been having a wonderful time in our "Gospel According to Hollywood" Lenten class sharing a potluck meal and watching and talking about major motion pictures that depict the story of Jesus. We started out with some silent films and in March we are progressing into the more modern "talkies." The discussions of the films and Jesus' story and God have been deep and fun and full of the Spirit. We have four more movies left and all are welcome to attend and participate. Please consider joining us on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for dinner, the movies start at 6:30. The rest of the movie line up is: March 6, *Jesus Christ SuperStar*; March 13, *The Gospel According to St. Matthew*; March 20, *The Miracle Worker: The Story of Jesus*; and March 27, *Godspell*.

At the end of our Lenten services and Lenten class and discussions the Nahant Village Church will make way for Holy Week with services on a Palm/Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter. I hope that you will consider attending and sharing in

the hope and joy that the first Holy Week and every Holy Week since has offered. Here are more details: On Palm/Passion Sunday (at 10:30am) we will have service in the beautiful sanctuary with greenery, words and music befitting the Holy day. Then from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. we will host an ice cream social for Nahant children & families complete with crafts, a visit with the Easter Bunny and an egg hunt!

On Maundy Thursday (7 p.m.) we will have an evening service in the Narthex as we consider the Gospel of Mark's telling of the Passion story with song, prayers, readings and communion.

Early Easter morning (6:15 a.m.) we will meet in Bob Risch's front yard at 405 Nahant Road and celebrate the rising of the Son with Word and Song and communion in our annual Sunrise Service. Sunrise Service will be followed by our traditional continental breakfast back in Swansburg Hall.

Later Easter Morning a glorious Easter service (10:30 a.m.) filled with special music and flowers, scripture and a sermon, is planned.

As the days get longer and spring shows signs of coming, Nahant itself becomes a place where Awe and Wonder are clearly more visible, giving us glimpses of God virtually everywhere. It's an excellent season to, in addition to our services, take time for the Creator by stopping and noticing and giving thanks, as well as sharing in worship and fellowship in Nahant Village Church services.

Enjoy March, God is in it all!!!

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Scott Elliott

## POP QUIZ

### What time do you want church?

We are considering keeping church services at the same time all year round and we'd like to hear from you what time you'd like that to be. Please fill out the following poll and email your answers to [secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org](mailto:secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org) or call Chris Stevens at 781-581-1202.

Would you like church to start year round (with **no** change in the summer hours) at:

10 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

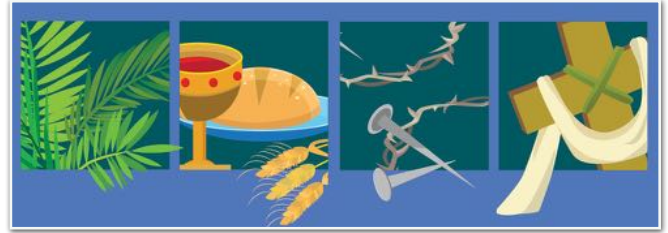
10:30 a.m.

No preference

No change

(I like the 10:30/9:30 split)

Thank you for your input!



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL & EGG HUNT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY,**

**SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. AT NVC**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28 7 P.M. IN THE NARTHEX**

**SUNRISE SERVICE, MARCH 31, 6:15 A.M. 405 NAHANT RD.**

**EASTER, MARCH 31, 10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

ALL ARE WELCOME  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS &  
FAMILY!



## A CHANCE TO SING

### Join the Palm Sunday Processional!

On Palm Sunday we will have a small choir processional — come join us!

There will be two rehearsals immediately following worship on Sundays, March 10 and March 17. Palm Sunday is on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact Marrit if you are interested in joining so we can get you a recording of the part that you will sing in advance of the first rehearsal. This is a one time gig as the group will not be singing Easter Sunday. We hope you will join us for the Palm Sunday Processional (which will also feature piano and handbells).



Over the past year, we have been working hard to offer free community events for all to enjoy. This year, we have several dates set. We will be celebrating Easter with an egg hunt and ice cream social with the Easter Bunny on March 24. Then we'll celebrate Cinco de Mayo a few days late on May 10<sup>th</sup> bringing back the very popular Taco Night and adding a twist with coffee and dessert served over Bingo!

We also have a summer picnic planned for July 12<sup>th</sup> and a family fun night Oct. 20 with Pumpkin Decorating and dinner (costumes are optional). We'll wrap the year with Supper with Santa on Tuesday Dec. 17.

Volunteers are always needed for these events even if it's to donate a loaf of bread, salad or dessert. If you are able to help, please talk to Chris Stevens 781-581-1202 or Jen McCarthy 781-316-7309.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

March 1, 8 a.m.



Join us on Friday, March 1 at 8 a.m. for a Meet and Greet with Nahant Public Library's new director, Nori Morganstein. Other upcoming breakfasts include a presentation by the Nahant Police Department (April 5) and a talk by Nahant Town Administrator, Tony Barletta, on the state of Nahant and upcoming Town Meeting (May 3).

Breakfast is served at 8 a.m. Invite family members and friends for a hearty meal, informative talk and wonderful camaraderie. Transportation of elders to and from the breakfast may be arranged by calling the Tiffany Room at 781-581-7557 a few days in advance of the breakfast.

We hope to see you there.



Atty. Brian Snell talked about the importance of having things in place like a living will, general durable power of attorney and a healthcare proxy, during last month's community breakfast.



## SOUP SUNDAY IS BACK

Sunday March 10, 2024

We have two Soup Sundays planned. The first will be on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Chris Stevens will be making tomato soup and Jen McCarthy will be making delicious grilled cheese sandwiches. Rumor has it that Rich Stevens may also provide a second soup on this day! The second Soup Sunday will be on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Soup will be provided by Rex Antrim and Jen McCarthy. If you would like to make a soup, please see Jen McCarthy or give her a call at 781-316-7309. Soup Sundays will take place during our regular coffee hour immediately following worship. There is no charge for a bowl of soup, but there will be an In-Kind donation jar out. Any money put into the jar on March 10<sup>th</sup> will be donated to My Brother's Table. Money donated on April 7<sup>th</sup> will be donated to our White Christmas Fund. Just a reminder that the White Christmas Fund helps us provide families in need with some financial help at Christmas. This is an important mission of our church. Last year we helped over 20 Nahant families with children to have a merrier holiday season.



Chris Stevens — 3  
Carol Crawford — 4  
Marrit Hastings — 17  
Lynne Spencer — 26  
Susan Gilbert — 28

## NVC IN ACTION!



A group of volunteers met recently to develop an outline for this year's fundraising events. Each year, when we pass the budget, we do so with the understanding that we will need to do some fundraising to help with the projected shortfall. This year the fundraising goal was set at \$15,000. We are excited about the events we have planned. There are more paint nights, Tides Fundraisers, Bingo Nights, flea markets, concerts and of course our annual Christmas Fair coming our way this year.

Several of these events are what we call a "light lift" meaning that they don't require a lot of volunteers to run the event, such as a paint night or Tides fundraiser. Other events are what we call "Heavy lifts" meaning that they will require many volunteers to make them successful, such as the Flea Market and Christmas Fair. One event in the works is a May 4th Spring Crafters Fair. Similar to Christmas, we will rent tables to local artists to sell their products. That part of the event will run itself. But we are also planning to have a bake sale, and limited snack bar as well as a lottery ticket raffle. We will need volunteers for this event to be successful. So please mark your calendars and if you're able to volunteer let Chris Stevens, 781-581-1202 or Jen McCarthy, 781-316-7309 know.

### MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



On Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup>, after enjoying our pre Lenten pancakes after worship service, thirteen people worked together in Swansburg Hall to make sandwiches and bags for My Brothers Table in Lynn. This is a particularly challenging time for them as the guests of MBT are being served from trailers until dining room renovations are completed.

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (200) were made and wrapped in packages of 2 sandwiches. Bags for the PB&J sandwiches were filled (100) and another 100 bags were made to be filled at MBT. Lunch bags, with additional condiments, were made (100) to be filled with meat sandwiches at MBT. We all enjoyed the experience of working together, knowing it was for a good cause. Some people asked when we could do it again!!

On Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>, the bags and sandwiches were delivered to the delight of the MBT staff! It was a great way to start off their week with a good supply already made. A win-win situation for all involved!! Many thanks to all who participated. Stay tuned for our next MBT assembly party, preceded by soup instead of pancakes!



Chris Alexander & Roz Puleo (left) were just two of the many volunteers that made last summer's community yard sale a success!

In December, Chris Stevens, Marrit Hastings & Jen McCarthy helped the big guy pull off a wildly successful "Supper with Santa" event that brought 80 mostly new visitors, including lots of children, into our church!



## TRUSTEES CORNER

The Trustees met on Tuesday evening, February 13. We reviewed and approved the financial report from the Treasurer, as well as a draft report for the NVC annual report.

We discussed the recently formed Bylaws review committee, and the board felt strongly that the Trustees should be represented on that committee, and approved Rex Antrim to be that representative. Others on that committee are Rev. Scott, Marrit Hastings, Chris Rogers and Carl Jenkins.

We discussed the utility costs at the church and the parsonage. The recent bills were quite high for both gas and electric. We will look into choosing a new supplier which will reduce some of the costs.

The Trustees also resumed the discussion on getting solar electricity panels installed on the flat roof. Previous inquiries through Resonant Energy indicated that we don't use enough electricity at the church to warrant the cost of solar installation, but we can use energy generated to supply the parsonage as well, and also provide help with others in community who need help covering their electric costs. We will follow up on that.

Our next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

I will try to post an agenda in advance in an attempt to keep the membership and friends informed.

Peace, Rex Antrim

## CHURCH COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The Church Council met on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The Council consists of Jennifer McCarthy (chair), Marrit Hastings (Treasurer), Rex Antrim (Trustee), Chris Stevens (Deacon) and Rich Stevens (Deacon) and Scott Elliott (Minister), Nancy Cantelmo has stepped down as the Church Clerk, so Jen is in the process of finding an interim clerk until our Annual Meeting in May. The meeting started with the groups all giving a brief update about what is going with their Board or Committee. We then moved onto planning upcoming events for the church and worship services. The planning for our annual Sunrise and Traditional Easter Services is well underway. We are looking into updating the letterhead for the church's stationary. And we are also discussing the time worship begins during the summer and possibly making it a unified time throughout the year (see poll on page 2).

(Council continued)

A questionnaire will be going out to the Congregation to include your thoughts and input about the start time of worship. Council also wants to remind people that write ups for the Annual Report are due into the Office Manager by the end of March. Our next meeting will be March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

## A HAPPY BLAST FROM THE PAST



It was the picture above, Clinton Norton and Erika Crawford, circa 2004, serving up ice cream during what was then the annual Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social, sponsored each year by the Crawford family, that inspired the Deacons to revive the tradition this year on Feb. 18. But was it serendipity or the Lord at work that with no prior knowledge of the event Erika and (later) her son, Nathaniel & husband Christian (not pictured), happened to come to church that very Sunday! What a joyous surprise!



## 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](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>

## 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](mailto:Nahantpastor@gmail.com). because — **he won't know you want a visit if you don't ask!**

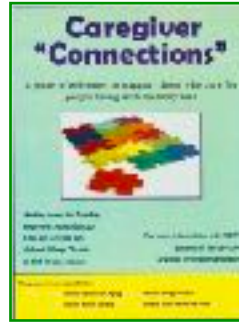


## CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

**Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

**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, 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/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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Moderator

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*You are invited to ...*

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

**or to 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 p.m.

Swansburg Hall

**Trustees**

Second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.

NVC Library

**Church Council**

Third Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

NVC Library

We would *Love* for you join us!