



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

2026

Scripture Readings

Nov. 1 2026

All Saints Day
Matthew 5:1-12 &
Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Nov. 8 2026

24th Sunday after Pentecost
Matt. 25:1-3

Nov. 15 2026

25th Sunday after Pentecost
Matt. 25:14-30

NOV. 22 2026

Reign of Christ
Matt 25:31-46

NOV. 29

First Sunday of Advent
Mark 13:24-37

EVENTS

Coffee with the Pastor

Wed. Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Pot Luck Dinner

Wed. Nov. 4, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Community Breakfast

Friday, Nov. 6, 8 a.m.

Joint Meeting of Finance

Ministry & Church Council

Sunday, Nov. 8, 11 a.m., Sanctuary

Finance Ministry Meeting

Monday, Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Church Council Meets

Monday, Nov. 16, 6:15 p.m.

Caregivers Group

Tuesday, Nov 17, 11 a.m.

PB&J Day

Sunday, Nov. 22, after worship

Kindness Box Delivery

Monday, Nov. 23, NPD/
Harbormaster

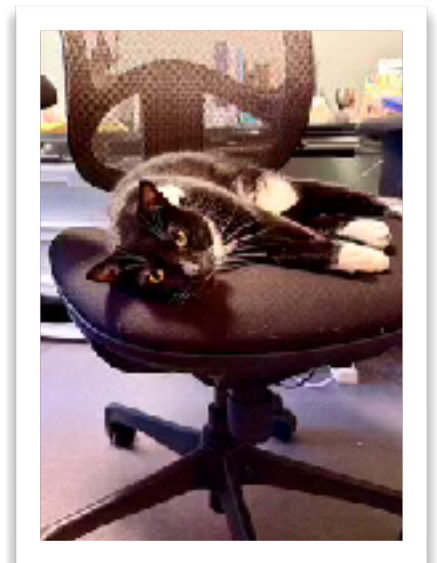
Dear Beloved Community,

It is hard to believe but Fall is here, and the holiday season is fast approaching. November is a time of gratitude both in our lives and in the life of the church. This time of year, is also associated with giving back and being good stewards of our resources. We are asked in the Bible to tithe back to God out of what we have so generously been given in this life. Stewardship season is a time of giving back. By now you have received our Stewardship mailing and if you have not, please reach out to the church office. On November 8th during the church service, we will bless the pledges for 2027!

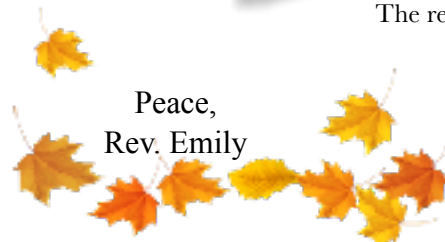
Our Kindness boxes have been well received by the DPW and NFD. We are so incredibly grateful for all they do for Nahant. In November, we will take a Kindness box to NPD and the Harbormaster. We are looking for individual snacks for the boxes as well as 'thank you' notes and home baked goodies. We will deliver the NPD and Harbormaster box on Monday, November 23rd. Hope this newsletter finds all well with each of you! Blessings always in this life!



We had such fun delivering the Kindness Box to NFD that we forgot to take any photos! But here is Jen McCarthy and Rev. Emily with the box before it went out the door!



The real boss!



Peace,
Rev. Emily

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO MAKE A PLEDGE?

Jen McCarthy, Moderator



Over the next few weeks, you will hear a lot about pledging and stewardship, so I thought I would take a few minutes to explain what those words mean and why they matter to our church.

Stewardship is the thoughtful care and sharing

of the gifts God has given us, including our time, talents, and financial resources. Making a financial pledge is one way we put that stewardship into practice.

Making a pledge is a way of saying, "I believe in the ministry we share together." It is a commitment of support that helps our church plan faithfully for the coming year—for worship, outreach, and all the ways we serve God and our community.

Please remember that a pledge is not a binding contract. We understand that life happens: jobs change, family needs arise, and unexpected expenses come along. If your circumstances change, your pledge can always be adjusted. What matters most is your intention to give as you are able.

Every pledge matters, and every household's circumstances are different. As you prayerfully consider your pledge, we invite you to think about what our church means to you and what you are able to contribute toward its future. Whether you give weekly, monthly, or annually, choosing an amount that is both meaningful and manageable is a personal decision. Gifts of all sizes work together to sustain our ministries, care for our neighbors, and strengthen our church community.

By making a pledge, you help our church leaders plan wisely for the year ahead and ensure that our

church remains a place of faith, care, and community for all.

As we enter this season of reflection and gratitude, please take some time to prayerfully consider your pledge. We are deeply grateful for your continued support and for the many ways you contribute to the life of our church.

You may return your pledge card by mail or place it in the offering plate on Sunday. Our Stewardship Sunday will be November 8, when Rev. Emily will offer a blessing over all the pledges received. We kindly ask that you return your card by that date. However you choose to give, please know that your generosity and faithfulness are a blessing to our entire community.

NEXT UP FOR KINDNESS

Nahant Police Dept. & Harbor Master

Two down and plenty to go! We are onto our next kindness target. We will be collecting snacks, drinks and thank you cards for the Nahant Police Department & the Harbor Master. Yes Marianna get's her own little box!

Both departments do all they can to keep us safe on land and sea so please show your appreciation by picking up an extra box of snacks when you're out shopping or simply write a note, draw a picture or share a memory with them in a card.

Rev. Emily and anyone who would like to join her will deliver the box on Nov. 23, 2026.

There will be a decorated box in the office and/or on the altar where cards and snacks can be dropped off.

Thank you for your participation!
Let's keep this chain of goodwill going strong!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

What do you know about Nahant's Beaches?



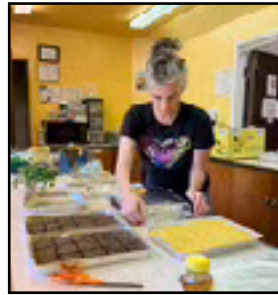
Vi Patek will lead a discussion about Nahant's beaches at the Nahant Village Church on Friday, November 6th at 8 a.m. She will ask those present what they know about our beaches and is inviting everyone to bring any photos they have of the beaches, particularly older ones, which should generate interesting discussions. Vi will also present information and talk about Nahant S.W.I.M.'s years of work cleaning the beaches and the results we can see today.

Breakfast is served at 8 a.m. Vi's talk will begin around 9:15. Please come for the information, the camaraderie and the great food! And bring friend—all are welcome!!



Rev. Patricia Long — 3
Donna Gramolino — 4
Han Tan Parish — 11
Rich Stevens — 21
Anne Weymouth — 23

COOKING WITH OUTREACH



Outreach Ministry (formerly Missions Committee) has been cooking with gas for The Haven Project. The Lynn base nonprofit works with homeless young adults, ages 17-24, and among the many services they provide is a drop-in dinner every Tuesday and Thursday. On Oct. 26 we made chicken enchiladas, black bean and corn salad, corn bread and brownies for the "kids."

We hope to do this at least once a month. If you would like to contribute or help in anyway please chat with Lisa Haley, Emily Potts or Chris Stevens or contact Chris in the office at 781-581-1202 or at secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org.



RING IN THE SEASON

Celebrate the magic of the holidays with an evening of music, song, and festive cheer on **December 9, 7 p.m.** in the Sanctuary at the Nahant Village Church!

The **Singing Sea Stars** children's choir and the **Nahant Seaside Sirens** join forces for a joyful musical celebration featuring Hanukkah favorites, Christmas carols, lively canons, and a wonderful mix of instrumental performances. Enjoy the sparkling sounds of the **Village Ringers**, bell choir, the beauty of **violin, flute and organ music**, and special vocal performances in a program that celebrates the many colors of the season.

From traditional melodies to spirited rhythms and unexpected musical delights, this community concert promises warmth, variety, and plenty of holiday spirit. Bring your family and friends and join us as we ring in the season together. All are welcome!

FROM THE FINANCE MINISTRY

The Finance Ministry meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., excluding July and August. This month we met on October 5 to avoid the Columbus Day holiday on the 12th.

Our members are Rex Antrim, David Parish, Carl Jenkins, Roz Puleo, Rich Stevens and Adam Hatfield. Rex, Dave and Roz serve on the Building and Grounds subcommittee. Carl is on the Finance Advisory Committee with Chris Rogers. Rich is the recording secretary and also represents Finance Ministry on the Church Council. Adam also consults on Building and Grounds and donated his crew's time in the cleanup effort this summer.

The cleanup this summer cleared the way for replacing the framing and floor in the basement of Swansburg Hall. We are grateful for all the volunteers who helped out and also for Gennaro Anguilo for donating a dumpster for the effort.



We have a few projects that are advancing beyond the idea stage. David Parish has led the way getting bids for a new HVAC unit for the chapel and rebuilding the side egress stairs.

We have accepted one of the four bids for the HVAC and will proceed with the installation after making some necessary repairs where the unit will go.

Roz Puleo has been working on solutions for making our church interior handicap accessible, and we should be getting a proposal soon for some lifts to accomplish that.

The Finance Ministry wishes to express gratitude for your support as Stewardship Sunday approaches and we prepare for the 2027 budget.

With thanks, Rex Antrim, Chair

~CHRISTMAS FAIR~ JOIN IN THE HOLIDAY FUN!

Our Annual Christmas Fair is quickly approaching, and preparations are getting underway! This special event is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and it brings our church and community together. And there are many ways you can help make it a success.

We are currently collecting jewelry for our Jewelry Shop, along with gift cards and scratch tickets for our raffles. These are always among our most popular prizes! If you would like to donate a gift card, we ask that it has a value of \$25 or more. Scratch tickets of any value are welcome and appreciated.



Please also save the date for our annual Greens Assembly Party on Wednesday afternoon, December 2. Join us for some holiday cheer as we prepare greens for the fair. The Assembly party will be from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. in

Swansburg Hall.

Of course, we will need plenty of help on Saturday, December 5th, the day of the fair! From setting up and selling to cleaning up afterward, there is a job for everyone. Even if you can give just half an hour, your time makes a difference and is greatly appreciated.

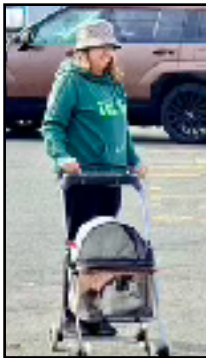
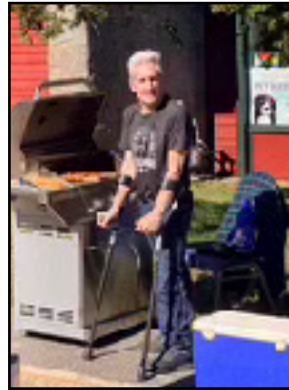
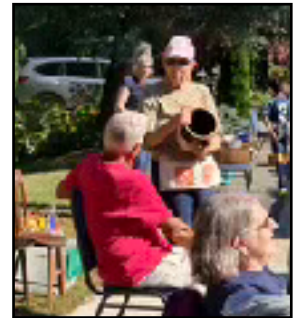
If you have questions, ideas, or suggestions, or would like to volunteer, please reach out to Jen or Chris. We would love to hear from you!

Thank you for the generosity, creativity, and care you bring to this beloved church tradition. We look forward to making it a wonderful day together!

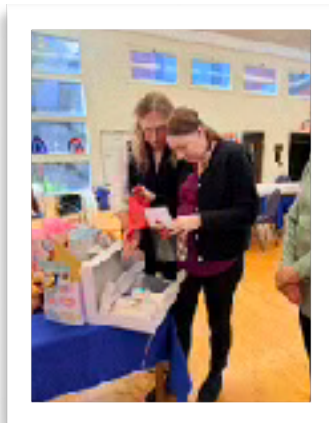


NVC's Annual Flea Market/Yard Sale fell on a gorgeous Oct. 3 and residents happily turned our "junk" into their treasures! Thanks to all who participated!!!

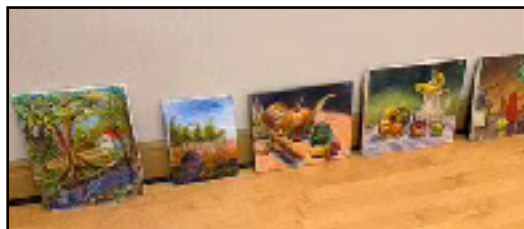
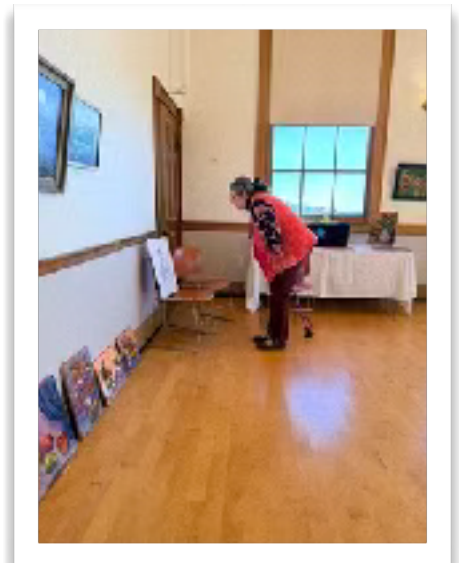
It was a beautiful Oct. 4 morning for the Blessing of the Animals at



A baby shower for Kaisu & Layla
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with 2 cakes for 2 babies!



It was an afternoon of old friends, swapping stories and art while Celebrating the Art of Youngae Benson hosted by NVC & The Nahant Historical Society



ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICES

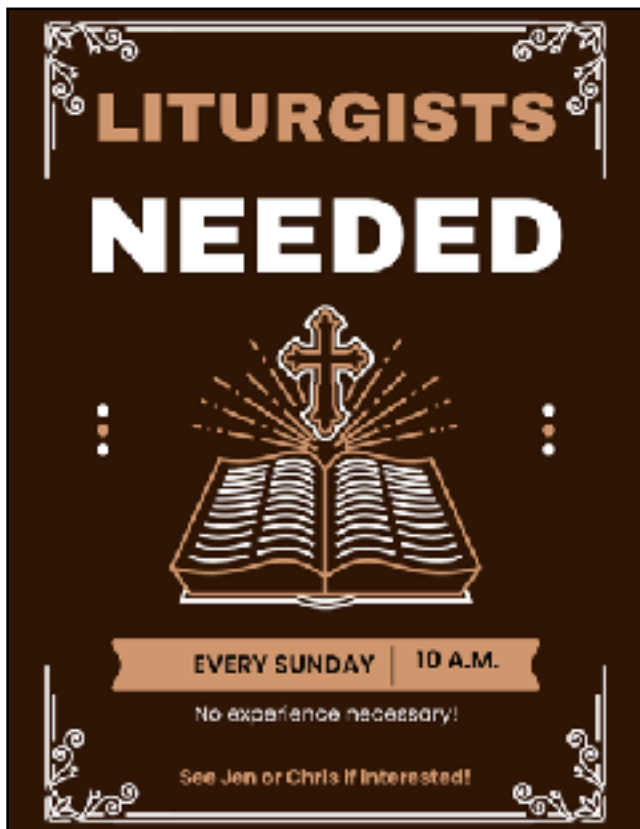
We **Zoom** all of our worship services live each Sunday, so if you can't attend in person, you are welcome to join us on Zoom. Meeting ID 869 1204 8062 Password: 123456.

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>

WANT TO FEEL PART OF THE SERVICE BE A READER!!

If you'd like to participate in the worship service consider being a liturgist one Sunday. No experience necessary! You lead the responsive prayers, read the scripture lesson and announce the hymns. It's easy and rewarding! Contact Jen at 781-316-7309 or Chris at 781-581-1202 if you're interested. Or simply reach out to us at church.



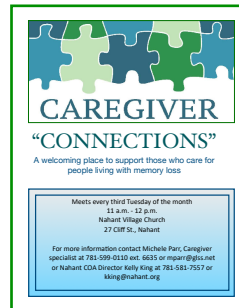
CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

Tuesday, Nov. 17

, 2026

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Nahant Village Church
Library**



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 Kelly King of the Nahant COA



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WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT WITH REV. EMILY

If you would like to come in and visit with Rev. Emily, please email her at nvcminister@gmail.com or call the church office at 781-581-1202 to set up a time! We would love to see you so please don't hesitate to call or email!





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CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday - 9 a.m. -noon/1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - noon.

781-581-1202

Phone messages are checked regularly.

In case of an emergency contact Rev. Emily Kellar at
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You are invited to ...

Sunday Worship Service in the Chapel

Sundays @10 a.m.

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 - Library

Village Ringers

Mondays @ 5 p.m.

Swansburg Hall

Finance Minstry

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

NVC Library

Church Council

Third Monday of each month, 6:15 p.m.

NVC Library

Membership

If you'd like to become a member of the church
contact or Rev. Emily J. Kellar at 781-581-1202 or

Chris Stevens at

secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org

We would *Love* for you join us!