



# The Pulpit Rock

The Nahant Village Church ~ 27 Cliff Street, Nahant, MA 01908

October 2017

## October 2017

### 1st Seventeenth Sunday/Pentecost

Communion Sunday

10:30 am - Worship  
11:30 am - Fellowship

6th 8:00 am - Breakfast

### 8th Eighteenth Sunday/Pentecost

10:30 am - Worship  
11:30 am - Fellowship

10th 7:00 pm - Trustee's Mtg.

### 15th Nineteenth Sunday/Pentecost

10:30 am - Worship  
11:30 am - Fellowship

### 22nd Twentieth Sunday/Pentecost

10:30 am - Worship  
11:30 am - Fellowship

### 29th Twenty First Sunday/Pent

10:30 am - Worship  
11:30 am - Fellowship

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## November 2017

3rd 8:00 am - Breakfast

### 5th Twenty Second Sunday/Pent

Communion Sunday

10:30 am - Worship  
11:30 am - Fellowship

### 12th Twenty Third Sunday/Pent

10:30 am - Worship  
11:30 am - Fellowship  
1-4:30 pm - Serve MBT

### Nahant Village Church Where Everybody Belongs

This moment in time is an important chapter in the life of NVC. Your presence at events and in worship says that you believe that this church is good for the community and good for the world in which we live.

During our interim time together, we are affirming our identity as a faith-based community church. We are also discovering who we are capable of being as we head into the future. Two new initiatives are designed to help us look at these questions:

Parents Children and Spirit (PCS) is a monthly gathering of young families. On the last Sunday of the month at 9:00am, our worshipful experience is designed to encourage families with young children to sing, pray, and talk about Jesus-stories. The first PCS held on Sept. 24 included seven families, nine children, one puppet named Zebedee (father of the disciples James and John), a guitar, food, and lots of spirit! On October 26 at 9:00am, we will continue this journey. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

Compassionate Care Group is a monthly gathering of NVC volunteers and residents at the Jesmond. Hymns, prayers, scripture, and reflections connect us to the Holy Spirit and to one another. Everyone is welcome on Thursday Oct. 19th at 9:30.

Please come:

\*to our monthly Community Breakfast on Oct. 6 at 8:00am.

\*to Laity Sunday on Oct. 8th at 10:30.

\*to our Inclusive Language Sunday Oct. 15 at 10:30

\*to hear the Bell Choir on Sundays Oct. 15th and 29th.

\*to our PCS gathering on Sunday Oct. 26 at 9:00am

\*to Bible Studies on Thursdays at 11am or Sundays Oct. 1 and 15 at 9am

Laity Sunday is Oct. 8th with testimonies from the congregation and music from the NVC Choir!

Inclusive Language? Why is that important? On Sunday Oct. 15th we will consider the words we use in scripture, hymn, and prayer. During the fellowship hour everybody will have an opportunity to learn more about the topic, to discuss the New Century Hymnal, and to dedicate a new HYMNAL to someone you love or in honor of your family.

Please join Herman Weiss and Rev. Laura for this exciting opportunity to understand the ways we communicate with God and one another. If we vote to purchase the NCH, these hymnals will not replace the Red Hymnal; they will be a supplement.

In the Spirit of Hope,  
Rev. Laura

## Worship Themes for October

### October 1st

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Communion Sunday  
Ex 3:1-15; Rom 12:9-21

### October 8th

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

### October 15th

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Psalm 105:1-6; Matt 20:1-16

### October 22nd

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Psalm 78:1-4,12-16; Matt 21:23-32  
9:00am Parents Children and Spirit

### October 29th

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost  
Psalm 78:1-4,12-16; Matt 21:23-32



## October Community Breakfast

Friday, October 7th



The October 6th Nahant Community Breakfast will launch Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 8-14) with a presentation by Nahant Fireman Frank Pappalardo.

This year's campaign logo is: Every Second Counts – Plan 2 Ways Out. Education is a big part of the Nahant Fire Department's mission, including special Fire Prevention week activities.

The presentation will address topics such as fire hazards in your home, kitchen fires, life alert buttons, triad information, a home escape plan, smoke alarms, and dialing 911. You will gain helpful Fire and Life safety tips.

The free breakfast starts at 8 a.m. Please plan to come for a hearty breakfast, an informative presentation 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.

The November breakfast will feature State Representative Brendan Creighton so save the date.

### **Please consider walking for the 36th Annual Walk for My Brother's Table**

*Sunday, October 15th, 2017*

Reception at 1pm, walk begins at 1:30pm

On October 15th there will be a 3 mile fundraising walk to benefit My Brother's Table.

The walk will take place along the Lynn/Swampscott shore. It will start at the Church of the Holy Name located at 60 Monument Ave. in Swampscott, MA.

All are invited to participate by walking, sponsoring a walker, or forming a team.

Each walker will receive a prize  
and refreshments will be served.

Anyone unable to walk can participate in a Virtual Walk or by donating online at [www.mybrotherstable.org](http://www.mybrotherstable.org).

Submitted by

*Maria Welch, Rich Stevens – Co-Moderators*

*NVC – "Where Everybody Belongs"*



## Review and Progress

### Report on Interim Time at NVC

Greetings to you as we move into this Fall season of crisper air and the beautiful colors of New England foliage.

Rev. Laura Biddle, our Interim Minister started with us in January 2017. The Transition Team and Rev. Laura have been working on getting your thoughts and input about the future of the Nahant Village Church. So far, we have done this through the Questionnaire, the "Conversation" on May 21, and are currently finishing up interviews with various leaders in Nahant, such as the Johnson School Superintendent, the Library Director, the Town Manager, Rev. Patricia Long and others.

Compilation, recording and analysis of all of this input will help the Transition Team with answering the questions:

*Who are we?*

*Who is our neighbor?*

*Who is God calling us to be?"*

The answers to these questions and who we are becoming are vital in filling out "The Local Church Profile", which is the document in which we present our congregation to potential Settled Pastors.

The Transition Team recommended that we extend our Covenant with Rev. Laura for an additional year and this was approved by the Trustees. This is currently the amount of time we estimate it will take to get through the entire process.

The Transition Team appreciates your support of the work we are doing on your behalf. Please feel free to speak to any member of the Transition Team and to Rev. Laura.

With faith, love and hope,

The Transition Team,

*Christine Alexander, Nancy Cantelmo, Bill Crawford,  
Marrit Hastings, Jen McCarthy and Maria Welch.*

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Please join me and the Trustees in welcoming our new Administrative Assistant Susan Gilbert.

Susan and her family are residents of Nahant.

Prior to this position, Susan worked at Harvard University and Brandeis as an Administrator. She is personable and extremely talented. I am excited to begin working together on Tuesday October 3rd.

Swing by the church to meet and greet Susan on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays.

With much joy,

*Rev. Laura*



