



The Pulpit Rock

The Nahant Village Church ~ 27 Cliff Street, Nahant, MA 01908
An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ
where everyone is welcome



- 2nd Community breakfast 8:00 am
- 4th Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
10:30 am *Worship/Communion*
- 8th Memory Cafe 10:00 am
- 11th Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:30 am Outdoor Worship
Veteran's Park
10:30 am Worship Service
- 18th Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**
10:30 am Worship Service
- 25th Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**
9:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship
at Marjoram Park
10:30 am Worship Service



- 1st 12th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:30 am *Worship/Communion*
- 6th Community breakfast 8:00 am
- 8th 13th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:30 am Worship Service
1:00 pm Serve at MBT
- 15th 14th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:30 am Worship Service
- 21st Fall Flea Market and Bake Sale
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- 22th 15th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:30 am Worship Service
- 29th 16th Sunday after Pentecost**
10:30 am Worship Service
3:00 pm Rev. Megan Snell's
Installation and reception



NAHANT -- There's a new minister in town and she is introducing different ways to pray.

Rev. Megan Snell joined the Nahant Village Church in April. Now, she's encouraging residents to gather outside at different places across town for 20- to 30-minute worship services.

"These serve as a chance for people to enjoy the natural beauty of Nahant and center themselves in gratitude and grace at the start of the week," said Snell, who has a Masters of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School.

Each Sunday morning service includes music, prayer and meditation.

The Nahant Village Church, which prides itself on being open and affirming, still holds worship services year-round on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Sunday sermons can be heard in podcast format or on Facebook.

The first outdoor worship program was on July 7 at the Town Wharf. This Sunday, July 21, it will be at the Sears' Pavilion at Bailey's Hill. On Aug. 11 the service will be at Veteran's Park, which is located at Castle and Nahant roads.

Snell will return to the Town Wharf for the final outdoor worship service Aug. 25.

Each begins at 9:30 a.m.

The outdoor worship services are meant to be informal, people are welcome to bring their children or dogs, and wear flip flops or jeans, said Snell.

"It's a come-as-you-are style of service, where people are invited to bring their

dogs and their cups of coffee," said Snell.

Snell, who has participated in United Church of Christ churches across the country, began her ministry in Nahant during Holy Week, leading Maundy Thursday service on April 18 and Easter Morning worship. By May, the California native held the blessing of the animals at the Wharf. She offers prayer walks around town, prayer services in the chapel and prayer through Facebook live on Mondays at 11:30 a.m.

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The Compassionate Care Group (CCG) consists of folks who meet monthly with Rev. Megan to plan for visitations, phone calls, and share news and updates. We meet the first Sunday of the month after worship.

If you know of anyone in need of our care, or are interested in joining the CCG please let Rev. Megan or a member of the group know. We invite you to send cards to people in the congregation who would appreciate a cheerful greeting, get well or just thinking of you message. Coming soon: Look in the Companionway for the list of people, various kinds of cards and the box to place your cards in. The CCG will address, stamp and mail them. If you know of someone who should be added to the list, please contact Rev. Megan directly.

Peace be with you,
Christine Alexander, (coordinator),
Margaret Alexander, Olivia Brand,
Marrit Hastings, Jen McCarthy,
Claudia Orleans, Samantha Scolamiero,
Christine Stevens and Betsy Winkler.

Connections, A Memory Café

Thursday, August 8, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
at the Nahant Public Library.

If you know of anyone concerned about memory loss, please spread the word about our efforts to make Nahant a more dementia friendly community. Sponsors are the Nahant Public Library and the Nahant Council on Aging.

“Connections” A Memory Café



Dance therapist and Lesley University professor Donna Newman-Bluestein will direct a movement for seniors presentation, as part of her work called Dance for Connection. We will also chat about summer, and will have an art project following the presentation.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 10:00-11:30
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FREE

Victorian Concert and Tea Sunday, August 11 at 1:00 p.m. Nahant Village Church

**Waltzes Old and New,
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.** Live
Concert with **Spare Parts**.
Set aside your dance shoes
and let Spare Parts (Liz
Stell, Bill Matthiesen, and
Eric Buddington) share

some favorite waltz melodies old and new, from the early 1700s to the turn of this century.

Formal Tea 2:30 - 4:00p

Informal Dancing, 4:00 - 5:00p

After tea, Spare Parts will return with a program of 19th and early 20th century tunes for dancing.

*Special Nahant Village Church discount: \$15 Concert and Tea/\$10 concert only. You can pay at the door. Email questions to danceweek@vintagevictorian.com



Nahant Community Breakfast Friday, August 2, 8:00 a.m.

Professor Barbara Beatty will present

Public Children, Private Children: How to Gain Support for Universal Preschool Education and Child Care.

Why, unlike almost all other developed countries, does the United States not provide public support for universal preschool education and child care? Professor Beatty will lead a discussion on concepts of young children as public persons with individual rights or private bodies “owned” by their parents, and on age and policy choices of universal or targeted programs and multiple or single providers. We’ll brainstorm about tensions in how to make our country more child- and family friendly.



Professor Beatty has more than 50 years of experience, as a kindergarten teacher in the Boston Public Schools, director of Lesley College’s laboratory preschool, historian of education and children’s policy, and author of *Preschool Education in America: The Culture of Young Children from the Colonial Era to the Present* (Yale, 1995). She is a Nahant resident.

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.

Service of Installation Reverend Megan Snell September 29, 3:00 p.m.

Please join us in the celebration of Rev. Megan’s Installation to the Nahant Village Church. “There is a sacred rite performed in our denomination called a Service of Installation. A new leader has been found. This leader always begins her ministry with a sense of hope and possibility. Those who led her to serve in the position chose her from among all others, and believe about her that her unique gifts, skills, vision, passion, talent set her apart from all others – and they, too, see hope and possibility.” from the UCC Website

Save The Dates For Upcoming Special Events

Outdoor Worship Services

Our summer outdoor worship program continues in August. On **August 11 at Veterans Park at the intersection of Nahant and Castle Roads**, and **August 25 at Marjoram Park**. The service starts at **9:30**.

The Church's regular worship is held at 10:30 a.m.

The NVC Fall Flea Market Sept 21, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Nahant Village Church will be holding its Fall Flea Market on Saturday, September 21. It will feature a bake sale and a boutique of designer clothing. Also, to get everyone in the mood for the upcoming holidays, we will have a special table featuring Advent and Christmas items. So come do your holiday shopping early. Ten percent of the proceeds will be given to a local charity.

As always, we are looking for lightly worn clothes and accessories, small household appliances and goods that are in working order, china and glassware, vases, wall hangings, gift items, you name it. We cannot accept any used bedding (pillow, sheets, pillow cases), TV's, keyboards and other electronics. Used bedding is in great demand at local animal shelters; and electronics can be recycled at the Nahant Public Library.

Best drop of times are Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You may call Marrit Hastings at 781-581-5691 or e-mail her at calhast@hotmail.com with any questions or need a different drop off time.

The Tides Fundraiser October 3, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Join us at the Tides on October 3 to help make this event a smashing success for our church! Raffles, beautiful baskets, gift certificates, collectibles, and much more!

The Tides donates 10 percent of the total sales during the fundraiser to the NVC, so come and eat dinner!

Call Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309 for information or to donate a raffle item.

Sign Up for Weekly E-mail from NVC

Would you like to receive weekly E-mail notices about the activities and services at NVC? If so, sign up on the NVC Website or e-mail your contact information and permission to Secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org.

Monday Facebook Live Prayer

Rev. Megan speaks live on the Nahant Village Church Facebook page on **Monday mornings at 11:30 a.m.** with church announcements, poetry, and prayer. Start your week off on a positive note and tune in each Monday to watch live or watch at any point during the week. This is a great way to share what's happening at Nahant Village Church with neighbors and community members.

We invite you to "like" the NVC when you visit us on Facebook.

NVC Podcast

Sunday sermons can now be found in podcast format on all major podcast platforms. We encourage you to tune in anytime, subscribe, and share with friends or those unable to attend worship on Sunday. Search "Nahant Village Church". *You may link to Rev. Megan's podcasts from the lower half of the NVC Home page or by clicking on the "Worship" tab from the Home page.*

Called to Serve?

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the ministries of the Nahant Village Church? Do you feel the Spirit stirring you to feed the hungry (in the world and in coffee hour)? to organize the church for justice in the world? to pray aloud? to share your stories? to teach? Or, maybe you just want to learn more about what this church is all about. To talk about how you might want to become more involved at Nahant Village Church, email rev.megansnell@gmail.com.

Children's Faith Formation Survey

Are you looking for a place where your children, grandchildren, or neighbor's kids can learn about God? Where they can encounter nature, music, and story in a sacred way? Where they can learn about Jesus' life? Where they can find acceptance and belonging in community? Are you looking for a church that will teach, love, and celebrate your children?

If so, I invite you to fill out this survey so that the Nahant Village Church can be sure to meet the spiritual needs of the kids and families in this community (and beyond).

If you've got kids in your life (birth-17), please take a few moments to fill out this [survey](#).

A Special Word of Thanks

It took a VILLAGE to put it all together – thanks to all who took part in the celebration and fitting farewell for Trudy. Enjoy a report on the celebration with accompanying photos on the reverse page.

Celebrating Trudy

It was a bittersweet celebration Sunday as friends gathered to honor Trudy Joyce and wish her a blessed farewell before she heads off to Colorado.

Trudy's been a long-time member of the Nahant Village Church family.

For Jen McCarthy, Trudy's party was about coming full circle. Jen said when she was a kid Trudy and her husband Phil had been her Sunday School teachers. She shared memories of field trips. Later when Jen became a deacon Trudy was chairman of the board. Now as chairman herself, Jen said it seemed only fitting that she would be on hand to give the woman who ushered her into the church a fond farewell.

Beth Walls said she recently learned that Trudy had an amazing professional career as a scientist before joining NVC and is the holder of 12 patents. That brought Ute Gfrerer up to the podium. Ute, like many, is a lover of Trudy's butter cookies. When she decided she needed to eat better she asked Trudy if she could make her cookies with a specific sugar substitute. Trudy admitted she struggled with making the chemistry work but she produced two batches of cookies for Ute, one with the sugar substitute and one without.

"I ate them both," Ute said.

Nancy Cantelmo also presented Trudy with a certificate from the UCC honoring her for her dedication as a delegate to the Northeast Association.

As the speeches came to a close Trudy took to the podium to thank everyone for coming out just for her. She said while the event was not a surprise, since it was postponed from the previous week to extreme heat, the people who showed up and the number of people who showed was a surprise.

Trudy said she moved to Massachusetts from Illinois in 1968 and 30 years later landed in Nahant. Along with serving the town on a number of different committee's and boards, she said she was truly grateful for the extended family, she built over the years through her work with the wider church as a delegate to the Northeast Association.

She also "enjoyed turning my chemistry skills into baking skills."

Trudy said she couldn't get patents for her recipes but knowing that they were making people happy was all the encouragement she needed to keep baking.

Before the party was turned over to cake and coffee Trudy thanked everyone for coming.

"Thank you so much for all you've done for me throughout the years," she said. "Thank you all very, very much."

