



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*

November 2021 Scripture Readings

Nov. 7 Worship & Communion

24th Sunday after Pentecost
*Theme: Service of Remembrance
for our loved ones who have died*

Nov. 14 Worship Service

25th Sunday after Pentecost
Daniel 12:1-3; Mark 13:1-8
Theme: Praise the Holy One

Nov. 21 Worship Service

26th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalms 132:1-12; John 18:33-37;
Theme: A Wise Reign

Nov 28 Worship Service

First Sunday of Advent
Luke 21:25-36
Theme: Sign of Things to Come

Calendar

Worship Service

Sundays, 10:30 am in person and remote service via e-mail blast

Contemplative Circle

with Rev. Patricia Long.
Wednesdays 5:15-5:45 pm

A Memory Café

Thursday, November 18
10:00 am - Nahant Public Library

Nahant Village Voices

See article later in this issue

Bible Study (via Zoom)

Tuesdays @ 10:00-11:00 am

Genesis Supper Club

Fridays @ 5:00-6:30 pm

See the last page for Zoom meetings and contact information



Roger "Rusty" Chadwick

NVC Sunday Preacher

Dear NVC Family and Friends,
Why are you a Christian? Or, why should you become a Christian? Well, one way to answer these questions is to ask another question: Why do you live in New England? Were you born here? Did you move here? Did you intend to leave but never did? Did you come here to retire?

Autumn in New England is the time of year when many of us say, "This is why we live here." The colors, even of the ocean, shimmer into various shades by day and change into new ones overnight. Growing up, I had cousins living in Florida. They used to call to laugh at us every time we had a blizzard. You know what? They never called in August. This indeed is the best time of year: foliage, pumpkin-everything and holidays that run every few weeks right through MLK Day.

But, why do you live here? Or, let's try again: why are you a Christian (or why should you become one)? A few Sundays ago, October 17, we studied the Book of Job by reading

chapter 38 and using Jenga© blocks to discover that sometimes there are no answers yet, at the same time, we learned that the Book of Job, written roughly 2600 years ago (or maybe even a few thousand years earlier) describes the beginnings of the universe (Big Bang anyone? See also, Genesis 1:1 "Let there be light.") and what ocean floors look like and even that oceans once covered the mountains, and most shockingly that Earth is just an orb hung in space...things written thousands of years ago that were not even close to being known even 1,000 years later....yet all are in the Bible. So yes, Virginia, there is great knowledge and power in the Bible, especially in John 3:16: "for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that anyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

This story of His Son begins again, for us, at the end of November when Advent arrives. Will you be ready? Come and enjoy all the Lord has to offer. Come to church! Watch church! It all starts when you love your neighbor and one another.

May the Peace of Christ be with each one of you,

Preacher Rusty Chadwick



MUSIC NOTES

Bill Thompson, Organist



I am pleased to announce that the Trustees have approved the acquisition of a digital organ for the chapel.

Some modifications will be required to the chapel such as removing the old, defunct pipe organ that is not worth saving and making room for the new organ, but Cal Hastings is on top of that as usual.

The new organ will be a Rodgers Digital Instrument model 535. It is used but still very serviceable with a long life ahead for it. The benefits of the Rodgers 535 is that it will NEVER need tuning since it's mostly software driven. Other maintenance is minimal since there are few moving parts.

You will enjoy the variety of stops, the broad dynamic range, additional sounds that we don't currently have, even on the sanctuary organ such as chimes, and a multitude of instruments and effects available through the MIDI interface.

Call for pianists!

"We are seeking members or guests who play any kind of instrument to consider playing a solo during our services. If you have your own music with piano accompaniment, fine. For pianists, we will provide a collection of organ/piano duets for you to choose from so that no one feels pressured to perform above their comfort level.

So get those fingers moving, dust off your trumpet or clarinet and let the church office know of your interest. We'll be delighted to hear you share your talent."

CHAPEL ORGAN FUNDRAISER



Our Chapel soon will have the digital organ—mentioned above—to replace the ESTEY organ which has not been played for many years because of its poor condition. The cost of refurbishing the ESTEY is prohibitively expensive, and the Trustees have decided not to

undertake this project. To bring organ music back to the Chapel, Bill Thompson came up with the idea of replacing it with digital organ and found a refurbished one at a good price. The Trustees approved this acquisition at their October meeting.

The Trustees invite anyone who would like to participate in this project to make a contribution to the organ fund.

This fund will help to defray costs. Simply indicate on your check or contribution that it is for the organ fund.

In advance, many thanks. We look forward to the organ's debut in the Chapel when we move back there after Christmas.

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR CHURCH

The brainstorming session that followed the Annual Meeting generated many ideas. It is so wonderful to plan and do things together again after a long COVID hiatus!

The annual Christmas Fair will have a different look this year. Select holiday activities will take place perhaps on differing dates as a continued safeguard against COVID concerns. Details about these events and how to donate are provided below.

MO EDISON'S BOUTIQUE

This has been a favorite at past Church fairs. Plans are in the making to hold another scaled down one in early December – just in time for the holidays. Mo is looking for clothing, shoes and accessories to sell that will make this holiday season super special. Please take a moment to look through your closets and see what you are willing to part with. You can call Mo at 781-592-0029 if you have items that you would like to donate to the Church and to arrange for a convenient drop off/pick up times.

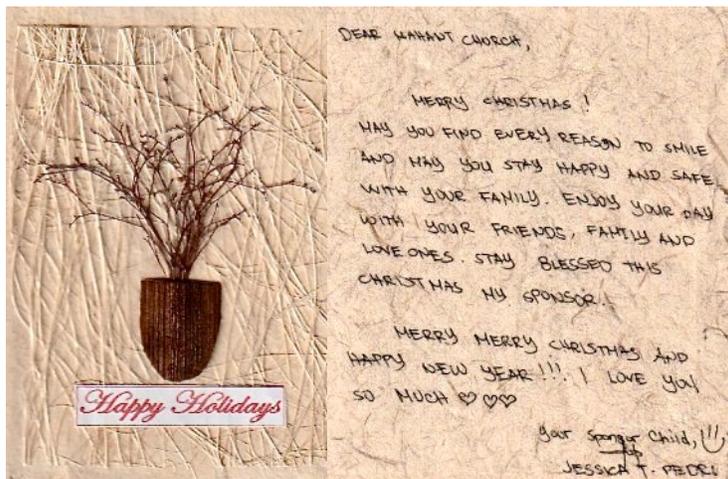
NVC FUNDRAISER AT NAHANT HOLIDAY FAIR

The 20th annual Nahant Holiday Fair will take place on Saturday, November 27th, at Town Hall. This year there will be a Nahant Village Church table, with two fundraising items. One is a Raffle Calendar, which contains prizes for each day of the month of January. Each day in January a name will be drawn from among those who purchased calendars and that person will win the prize for that day. These raffle calendars, at a charge of \$20/ calendar, will also be on sale at other locations in November and December. They will make great holiday gifts for your friends and family.

In addition to the Raffle Calendar, we will also be taking orders for wreaths and swags, which we will be on display at the Holiday Fair. We will not be able to sell all the beautiful greens and flowers that we had at our own fair but we will offer a few interesting items to be delivered in early December.

Please visit the NVC Table at the Nahant Holiday Fair and purchase some calendars and holiday greenery to brighten your Christmas season!!!

MISSIONS



A special collection will be taken starting in early December to provide White Christmas gifts to needy families with children at the Johnson Elementary School, as well as to others in our Congregation and Nahant who would appreciate a little help for Christmas. Please contribute to White Christmas by writing a check to NVC with White Christmas in the memo line instead of donating gift cards. Gift cards often are in differing amounts and that poses distribution challenges. In the past few years, NVC has purchased the gift cards with the funds that were donated – and this system works well.

Also, if you know of an individual or family that should be considered for a White Christmas gift, please contact Marrit.

We hope that you will join others in contributing this year to NVC's White Christmas.

Holiday Greetings from Jessica Pedro

Our sponsor child in the Philippines. Jessica, now 21 years old, reports that she is in her second year of college studying

Business Administration.

Jessica's most recent letter can be found with the above card and pictures in the people section of the gray book in the Companionway.



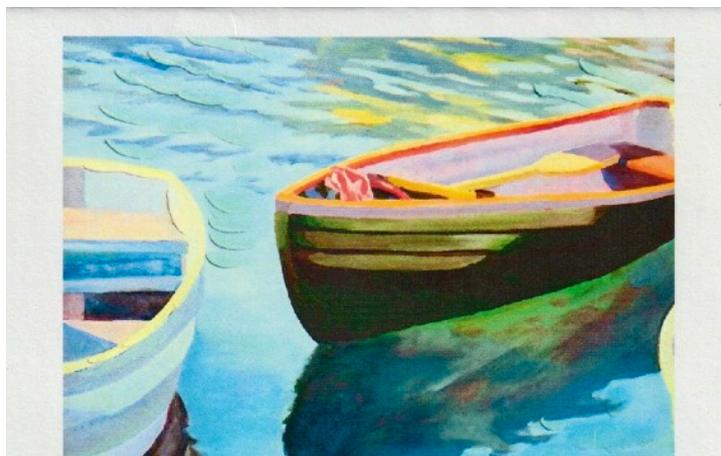
BROTHER'S TABLE ANNUAL WALK



This year's fundraiser will be a virtual event with the opportunity to walk your own route at your own convenience between October 24 – November 14. Please join in and support this very important non-profit organization that feeds about 75,000 meals per month. Online registration and event details can be found at

www.mybrotherstable.org/walk.

Thank you in advance for supporting My Brother's Table. Thus far this year, our Church has contributed \$1,000 to the organization and hopes to double this by the end of this calendar year. Monetary contributions are always welcome!



Hi Marrit - BEWELL and SAFE!
 Greetings to all -
 Check in for pledges due - ^{is} anything left toward a needy cause -
 Very much enjoyed the latest meeting - great to know the great things going on now - and plans for the future.
 Pleased to hear from Rev. Patricia Long - and the meetings from the Compassionate group - such a joy to receive!
 Upward and onward - So appreciative of Rev. Rusty - and the efforts of the PLANKING COMMITTEE!
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O U T R E A C H

FARMER'S MARKET



Donna Gramolini
helped to dry the oregano
we harvested.

The Genesis Supper Club jump started our fundraising/outreach activities at the Nahant Farmer's Market that was held in Nahant on Saturday, October 9.

We were proud (and surprised) to be the only vendor to be offering fresh produce at the event!

We shared fresh picked bouquets and herbs

from our home and community garden plots. We raised over \$60 to donate to the church. Perhaps more importantly we offered "Dates with Jesus" and "Dates with Daniel" to anyone interested. Medjool dates -- a food eaten during Biblical times -- were wrapped in plastic and people received instructions on how to mindfully eat their date keeping Jesus or Old Testament



Samantha's sprouted lentils with **Chris Alexander's** home grown tomatoes, cucumbers and garden herbs



**Youngae & Joe Benson,
Dennis Scolamiero, and
Flo Sigourney**

figures in mind. Imagine enjoying your date with Jesus sitting beside you as your dining companion! The GSC shared their booth with the newly renamed Compassionate Care Circle since many members overlap. Eight of us contributed to the success of our outreach booth.

Thank you to the organizers and volunteers!

Thank you, Flo Sigourney, for coming up with the idea. There were handouts to familiarize people with events at NVC. Many thanks to the organizers, workers and donors of herbs to this fun filled event – Christine A. and Christine S., Flo, Lisa, Maryam, Nicole, Olivia, and Samantha.

NVC's table also provided an opportunity for many people in town to sign a giant, beautifully decorated card for Calantha's 100th birthday in mid-October. Thank you, Nicole, for this wonderful creation.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

It is time to rejoin the annual Christmas Parade in Nahant. Dressed in white, we will be 'ANGELS' singing a Christmas Carol. There is a signup sheet in the companionway or you can call Christine Stevens to let her know that you want to participate. The parade will be held on Saturday, December 18. It stages in front of our Church. As we have done in the past, NVC will be offering hot chocolate or coffee to all participants provided it is deemed safe to do so. And yes, there will be Legal Seafood clam chowder as well.

OUTDOOR HALLOWEEN BAKE SALE

On Sunday, October 31 from noon to 2 pm, the outdoor bake sale took place, featuring baked goods and savory items. Thank you Christine S. and Samantha for coming up with the idea and making it a reality.

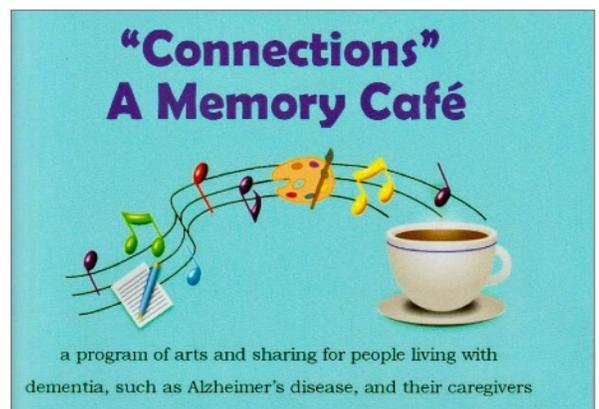
BEHIND THE SCENES

Much work is done behind the scenes to make our Church a welcoming place. A big thank you and blessings to all who keep things working smoothly and get things done.

CONNECTIONS—A MEMORY CAFÉ

**Thursday, November 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
at the Nahant Public Library**

The Nahant Memory Café has opened its doors again. No reservations are needed— simply come to the Library. The Memory Café is sponsored by the Nahant Library, Council on Aging and our Church. Volunteers are needed to make reminder phone calls, help with program planning and hands on art projects, as well as serving as a host or hostess and bringing refreshments and healthy snacks. Contact Marrit Hastings to learn more about this NVC Outreach Project and how you can help.



PASTORAL CARE

The **Rev. Patricia Long** provides pastoral care, meets with the Compassionate Care Circle and leads Communion Services until a settled minister is on board. Rev. Patricia's office hours at the Church are Wednesdays 3:00-5:00 p.m., and Thursday 9:00-11:00 a.m. When possible, please make an appointment in advance to be sure that Rev. Patricia is not visiting someone at home or in the hospital.

CONTEMPLATION CIRCLE

Rev Patricia holds a Contemplation Circle on Wednesdays 5:15-6:00 p.m. in the Chapel at the NVC. "In a religious context, the practice of contemplation seeks a direct awareness of the Divine which transcends the intellect, often in concert with prayer or meditation." Rev Patricia believes that this form of communion with God is not a special gift for a few but a free gift available to all who pause and pay attention in silence. She also states that the energy during the silence can heal, develop compassion, and change how we experience others, the world, and ourselves. All are welcome to "sit in the silence until the silence silences us".

COMPASSIONATE CARE CIRCLE

This church committee dropped the term "group" from its name and became a circle in order to expand our reach and make it more welcoming and easy to participate. At the Nahant Farmer's Market we provided a giant 100th Birthday greeting card for Calantha Sears that townspeople could sign.

The card was made by Nicole Ferro a new member of Bible Study and was enthusiastically signed by everyone who knows Calantha at the market. We are still looking for others who would like to sign and mail cards to our elderly neighbors and friends who are isolated at home or in nursing homes.

Please contact Olivia Brand or the church if you would like to take part in our Caring Circle of Friends.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Would you like to sponsor a flower arrangement for the altar during Sunday worship? If so, please contact Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309 or by email at edwarthy@hotmail.com.

Please include the Sunday date for your order and your special message, which will be included in the Sunday Service Bulletin.

THE GENESIS SUPPER CLUB

As the growing season winds down we are celebrating the physical and spiritual fruitful harvests of this active NVC Group. We have been meeting in the community garden behind the school on fair weather Friday afternoons with up to 12 people attending to share a vegan meal. Some of the photos from our summer season are shown here: meals, harvests and friends. We will be meeting at members homes in the future and zooming in others who are not comfortable gathering in person

BIBLE STUDIES

Our dedicated study group is going strong even without a clergy leader. Between six and 10 people regularly attend via zoom or phone, and we always welcome drop-ins and new members. We are reading entire books from the old Testament. Having read Ruth and Esther over the summer, we followed with the book of Jonah during the Jewish Holidays and are currently reading Ecclesiastes. We augment our own interpretations with readings of scholarly websites. It is always a lively exchange followed by a devoted prayer time. Margaret Alexander facilitates the meeting remotely from Vermont and we are so grateful. We want our church community to know that we regularly include you in our prayer time as well as the Leadership team and the minister search committee and the minister who will come and lead Nahant Village Church through divine guidance and grace.

NAHANT VILLAGE VOICES

Our poetry and music series is on hiatus until the New Year, we will do some filming with Mo Edison and others during the fall. If you are interested in sharing your writing, music or other artistic talent please contact NahantVillageVoices@angelic.com

HOLIDAY DISPLAY

We will again be displaying the creche set donated by the family of master ceramicist Cecil Pettis of Swampscott. If you are willing to help set up the figures and decorate by helping paint/create a set for this special holiday scene, please contact the church office. We are also looking for very large (refrigerator sized) boxes to use as backdrops.

SCRIPTURE READERS

If you would like to signing up to read scripture on Sunday, please contact Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309 or you can send an email to edwarthy@hotmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER

WORSHIP OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, November 7 at 10:30

The first Sunday in November is traditionally known as All Saints Day. Rev Patricia will hold Worship of Remembrance on Sunday November 7, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. It is an opportunity to remind us “life has not ended for those who have died, it has changed”, which means the relationship continues. During worship we will have a sacred reading of names and the tolling of bells, in addition with the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

If you would like your loved one’s name announced in prayer, please e-mail the administrative assistant in the office at: secretary@nahantvillagechurc.org before Thursday, November 4.

It is important that you e-mail Susan, and not call in, so we can have the correct spelling of names. Please join us.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ALICE HALL

**Saturday, November 13
at 11:00 a.m.**



***Alice Newberry Hall
1926-2021***

Alice Hall, resident of Nahant for over 70 years, passed away at home in Swampscott on March 14. A memorial service will take place in the Sanctuary on Saturday, November 13 at 11:00 a.m.

Alice and her husband, George, raised their four children, George Jr., William, Marion, and Susannah, in their Nahant home overlooking Nahant

Harbor. As avid sailors, they cruised the Maine coastline for one to two weeks every summer

In addition to being a longtime member of the Nahant Village Church, Alice was an active member of many civic and charitable organizations including the North Shore Association for Retarded Children, the Great Lynn Mental Health Association, the Lynn Home for Woman and the North Shore Wellesley Club. She served on the Nahant School Committee in 1980-81.

THANKSGIVING MORNING

Thursday, November 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Rev Patricia will lead us in a brief prayer of thanksgiving and invite us to join her on a **Turkey Trot** following the prayer. We will walk from NVC down Willow Road, up Ocean Street, and back to the church via Nahant Road and Cliff Street. This form of pastoral care in which we care for both body and soul simultaneously will center us for our family meal. Can't do the whole walk? No problem, meet us along the way. Should be fun!



Rev. Patricia Long	11/03
Donna Gramolini	11/04
Doug Frauenholz	11/06
Pam Wilson	11/17
Sue Edwards	11/20
Rich Stevens	11/21
Marilyn Wellington	11/28



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Call the Church at 781-581-1202 to leave a message. Contact Rev. Patricia Long for urgent Pastoral Care, or Jennifer McCarthy for other church needs. Phone messages at the Church are checked regularly and forwarded to the appropriate individual on our Team.

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You are invited

Sunday Worship Service

Sundays @10:30 am

Remote Service

*will be available on the NVC website,
YouTube, and the NVC Facebook page.
We will send an e-news blast this afternoon.*

Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 10:00 am
Click below to join on Zoom

NVCBible

Meeting ID: 838 6095 4980
Passcode: 01908

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Nahant Village Voices

On Hold until the new year
Click below to join on Zoom

NahantVV

Meeting ID: 810 8610 6763
Passcode: NVV
Passcode: 697582 (phone)

We would *Love* for you join us!