



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*

2023

Scripture Readings

June 4- Worship/Communion

TRINITY SUNDAY

At Marjoram Park

Gen 1:1-2:4a

*Theme: Taking time for the
Creator*

June 11-Worship

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Matt 9:9-13, 18-26

*Theme: Following Jesus stops
injustices*

June 18 - Worship

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-15

Happy Father's Day

June 25 - Worship

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21

Theme: Hagar

Calendar

Nahant Community Breakfast

Friday, June 2, at 8 a.m.

Book Study Group

Wednesdays, June 7 & 14

Potluck Supper, 6:30 p.m./Class, 7

Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 7 p.m.

Caregivers "Connections"

Tuesday, June 20 at 11 a.m.

Genesis Supper Club

Fridays, 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study (via Zoom)

Tuesdays at 10-11 a.m.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHURCH MEMBER?

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It wasn't clear before I arrived at Nahant Village Church how many active members there are. I was told it was around thirty-five or so. Recently the church leadership decided it was time to canvass people connected to the church and find out how many members there are. I was very surprised and pleased to learn there are actually ninety-four active members in this church. How wonderful is that? We are in the process of creating a new updated church directory of church members and friends. My understanding is that this will be the first church directory in a number of years, and since this summer we are celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of church in Nahant, getting a directory out as an anniversary special will be extra special. Please contact Chris Stevens

about getting a photo in the directory beside your name.

One of the things members and friends of churches do is form a community of faith that focuses on the presence of God in our lives, as well as how we can add to and be part of that presence in the community together. This includes, of course, more than claiming membership and being in a directory. As church members we need to provide five basic actions as often as we can in the life of the church. We should do them all and do them often. The first is to be in prayer — to have two way communications with God— speaking and listening to the divine. The second is to be present in the community, that is to attend worship and events and meetings regularly. The third is to respond to the blessings God provides with offerings of time, talent and treasures to God. The fourth is that we follow through with the offerings and give to the church money (if we are able) but just as importantly acts of service to the church (i.e., volunteer to do things). The fifth and final thing we do is tell others about the church and our form of Christianity and we invite people to worship and events and activities. May we all be more prayerful, present at church, provide offerings, serve the church and start inviting folks to our church or back to our church. This not only serves God and the church, but helps for and shape our own spiritual lives for the

better. I look forward to seeing and working and being with all of the members and friends of the church in the months ahead.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Scott Elliott

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Our Annual Meeting was held May 21, 2023. Rev. Scott opened the annual meeting with a prayer. Moderator Jen McCarthy outlined the three items for consideration by the membership.

1. Acceptance of the 2022 Annual Report
2. Request for a 4.7% Budget increase primarily for more Office Manager hours -- the church is now open almost every day of the week. Also approved were other minor line-item changes.
3. Review and approve the slate of nominees.

The three motions were voted approved unanimously by the 22 members who were in attendance.

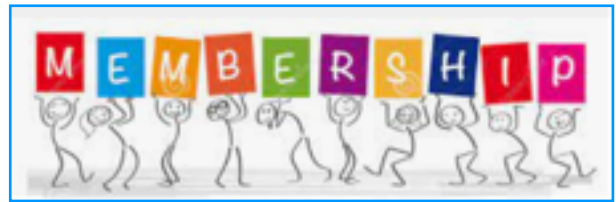
Rev. Scott led a brief installation service for the NVC officers.

During the budget presentation, Treasurer Marrit Hastings reported receipt of a substantial bequest to the church. This underscores the importance of planned giving and including the church in one's will. Marrit also provided some background information on the budget, including decisions made by the Congregation to hire a full-time minister and its impact on the annual budget. If you were unable to attend the annual meeting but would like to receive a copy of her outline, please let Marrit know or make a request through our Office Manager, Christine Stevens.

A big thank you to the following people who accepted the nomination, and voted to serve on a Boards of the NVC: Moderator: Jennifer McCarthy,

Treasurer: Marrit Hastings, Clerk: Nancy Cantelmo, Trustees: Bill Crawford, Lynne Spencer, Elisabeth Foukal, Rex Antrim, David Parish, Cal Hastings, Amy Dow, Deacons: Rich Stevens, Chris Stevens, Roz Puleo, Pauline White, Han Parish, Robin deStefano,

Missions: Sandy Schulenburg, Nancy Cantelmo, Religious Education: Margaret Alexander, Teri Motley, Flo Sigourney.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Church Council in conjunction with the Clerk concluded that our efforts to clarify our membership has been very successful. Ninety-four people have contacted us to proudly say they are a member of the Nahant Village Church. We have also identified that we have 14 active friends of the church. A friend of the church is someone who may come to church or help run a church sponsored event but are not a member of the church. We have moved forty-nine people to the inactive list. Those forty-nine people received a letter from the Clerk informing them about the change in their membership status. Anyone who was moved to the inactive list can easily be moved back to the active list by contacting the church. For more information contact NVC Office Manager Chris Stevens at 781-581-1202 or secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org

BELLS

Starting this month, the Village Ringers will be participating in worship services held every **fourth Sunday** of the month. Please consider becoming a ringer. Join them Mondays at 5:15 for a rehearsal and see what you think. All we ask is that you can read music, are interested in becoming part of a small ensemble, and can come to weekly rehearsals.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Friday June 2, 2023

8 a.m.

Swansburg Hall



My Brother's Table in Lynn will be the topic of this month's Community Breakfast chat. The mission of this organization is to nourish the Lynn community every day through hospitality, free meals, and unconditional love. Founded in 1982

MBT, the largest soup kitchen on the North Shore, has provided over 6.87 million hot, free meals as well as outreach to men, women and children in need.

Executive Director Diane Kuzia Hill and former Director Mary Magner will be on hand at the June 2 breakfast to give a presentation on the organization.

My Brother's Table has been and continues to be one of NVC's most important mission projects. For many years, our church provided food for meals, as well as volunteers who helped with the preparation, serving and clean up. Our support now is through monetary contributions since the COVID period made it difficult to continue with food deliveries. However, the volunteer effort has been continuous, spearheaded by Nancy Cantelmo. Thank you, Nancy. We greatly appreciate all that you have done and continue to do in support of MBT.

If you are an elder and need transportation to and from the breakfast, please make arrangements with the Tiffany Room a few days in advance either by signing up or calling 781-581-7557.

Also mark your calendar for the July 7th breakfast which will focus on Emergency Preparedness—a reminder that the New England hurricane season is not far off.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

Visiting a Christian school, I walked into the cafeteria and there on the table was a plate of fruit. Next to it was a sign that said "Take one. God is watching."

Next to the fruit was a plate of cookies, which had a sign next to it, written by a student, that said "Take as many as you want. God is watching the fruit."

NVC & THE COMMUNITY GARDEN



Once again, our church will be renting two garden beds in the Nahant Community Garden. Thank you to Margaret Alexander for stepping up to oversee the garden beds, saying this will be fun. If you would like to get involved, please talk with Margaret or give the church a call at 781-581-1202 and we will get your contact information to Margaret and she will reach out to you

NVC STATS



Attendance: 31
Visitors YTD: 27
Seeds YTD: 69

MOVE THE NEEDLE

The numbers are going up but slowly. Please, invite a friend, a family member, a stranger to church —Be the change!!

NVC'S SUMMER HOURS & SERVICES



Nahant Village Church will move into summer mode starting Sunday June 4 and continuing through Labor Day. That means Sunday service will begin at 9:30 a.m. Also, the first service of each month for June, July, August and September, will be outdoors at Marjoram Park, adjacent to the town wharf. Please wander over and join us in the sunshine and sea air and please bring your own chair if you are able



Organist Bill Thompson was joined by his twin brother Robert during the May 7 church service. The pair treated parishioners to duet during the offertory and Robert performed “Turo,” a hymn he composed, for the postlude.



A LITTLE VISIT DOWN MEMORY LANE

Nancy Motley Adams stopped by on a recent day in May to revisit the church she attended during the summer in her youth. Nancy is sitting in the pew that bears her family name. She said she wanted to see the stained glass windows in the sanctuary, and told a story of how her grandmother came to choose the verses on each window. It was the summer the windows were being created and her grandmother was sick in bed. To distract her someone suggested she find bible verses for each window - and she did! Nancy, a second cousin of our own Herb Motley, is 97-years-old, was visiting from Dover and is utterly charming!



TIDES NIGHT

Our Tides Night fundraiser was a great success. We raised just over \$800 dollars between the raffle and the 10% donation from the restaurant. Thank you to all who came out and supported this event. We are planning another one for the fall.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Joel Marie
- 3 - Youngae Benson
- 6 - Lisa Haley
- 8 - Susan Hooper
- 12- Elisabeth Foukal
- 20 - Carl Christie
- 29 - Laurel Laliberte



**Be fun like Amy or trucker, like Rev. Scott
Whatever your look —
Get your wings on with us!**

NVC IN ACTION

Trustees Actions in May

The Trustees regular meeting in May was a busy one where the following issues were tackled:

Accessibility

Met with Universal Accessibility Architect to review bids for the work to be done to restore the walkways to more resemble what they looked like in the past and to make them universally accessible to those with limited mobility. The architect is checking with the successful bidder regarding the timing of project. This work is funded in part by a \$40,000 grant from the Community Preservation Act.

Meetings with the the Council on Aging continue regarding interior accessibility issues. The COA is considering the use of our facilities while their kitchen is renovated. There currently is no start date for the project.

Air Conditioning

New air conditioning is up and running in the companionway. There is a plan is to build a fence outside between the chapel and the companionway door to disguise the compressor, as well as the trash barrels.

Painting Projects

A request for proposals was issued and a bidders conference held on May 3rd. Three contractors attended; two submitted bids. The immediate projects concern:

- * repainting of the companionway doorway
- * repainting of the walls and windows sills in Swansburg Hall
- * caulking the stained-glass windows in the east wing of the Sanctuary to stop the leakage and repair/repaint the interior wall

Other projects that will occur at a later time include caulking the stained-glass windows and repair of window sills in the chapel, followed by repainting of the interior wall that has water damage.

Repairs and painting of the exterior of the chapel is next on the agenda.

The Trustees next meeting is Tuesday, June 13, 7 p.m.

Church Council Actions in May

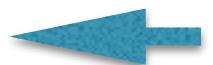
At our last meeting we discussed:

- * Planning some fundraising events for the summer and fall seasons; Keep an eye out — we have some fun things planned!
- * Updating membership numbers; we have 94 official members and more than a dozen active friends.
- * Planning for the Annual Meeting, which went off without a hitch — thank you everyone who participated!



CINCO DE MAYO SUCCESS!

About 35 people, including a dozen new faces, came out for Free Taco Friday on Cinco De de Mayo and stayed for friendly banter and fellowship!





OUR BELLS KEEP TOLLING

Monthly on the 11th day at 11 am the Nahant Village Church bells toll eleven times to raise awareness of the environmental crisis.

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, so you can watch the service later when you have time. 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>

BIBLE STUDIES

Join on Zoom Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m

A link is available on the NVC Home page at

<https://www.nahantvillagechurch.org>

Meeting ID: 838 6095 4980

Passcode: 01908

VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE HOUR

We need coffee hour volunteers! Coffee hour following Worship takes 30 - 45 minutes, including clean up. All you need to do is serve coffee (deacons will make it) and treats, provided by you or other volunteers and at the end, clean out the coffee urn, put everything away and wipe down the counters and tables. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jen McCarthy.

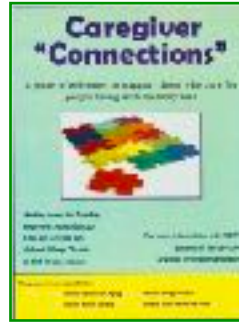


CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

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, Nahant Public Library, 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 mminer@nahant.org for more information.



GENESIS SUPPER CLUB

The Genesis Supper Club meets most Friday nights from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Swansburg Hall. Everyone is welcome to join for a potluck, gluten free vegan meal (and don't let the word "vegan" scare you). Meeting information is available on the Nahant Village Church Webpage at nahantvillagechurch.org. or contact Samantha at 978-530-7633 with questions.

LITURGISTS WANTED

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

Church – 781-581-1202

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Church Council

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Compassionate Care Circle

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You are invited

Sunday Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Sundays @10:30 am

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.

Book Study/“Remedial Christianity”

Each Wednesday, May 3 - June 7

Potluck at 6:30 p.m./Class at 7 p.m.

Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

Meeting ID: 838 6095 4980

Passcode: 01908

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Third Tuesday of the month

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Genesis Supper Club

Fridays @ 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Village Ringers

Mondays @ 5:15 p.m.

Swansburg Hall

NahantVV

Meeting ID: 810 8610 6763

Passcode: NVV

Passcode: 697582 (phone)

We would *Love* for you join us!