



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*

APRIL 2023 Scripture Readings

April 2 - Worship/ Communion

Sixth Sunday in Lent

Matthew 21:1-11

Theme: Palm Sunday

April 9- Worship

EASTER

Communion

John 20:1-18

Theme: Easter

April 16 - Worship

Second Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

Theme: Peace

April 23- Worship

Third Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:13-35

Theme: Experiencing Christ in others

April 30- Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23

Theme: The Lord is my shepherd

Calendar

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m.

with Communion

Nahant Community Breakfast

Friday, April 14, at 8 a.m.

Caregivers "Connections"

Tuesday, April 17, at 11 a.m.

Genesis Supper Club

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



WE ARE WORTHY

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Very early in April, Holy Week begins. Our Palm Sunday service on April 2nd will bring us back into the magnificent Nahant Village Church sanctuary with palms to wave and a special anthem by the hard working choir under the capable direction of Bill Thompson.

Communion will be served. The sermon will address the Gospel of Matthew's telling of the story of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and the nature of his protest that day. Later in the week on April 6th there will be a Maundy Thursday service in the Narthex with communion, soloist performances by Amy and Cal and a powerful reading of Mark's details of the hours before the crucifixion.

On April 9th we will hold an Easter Sunrise service at 6 a.m. (sunrise is at 6:14 am) at 405 Nahant Road overlooking the Canoe Beach area. The Sunrise service will include bagpipes, singing, communion, and a special reading of two Easter stories as the sun makes its way above the horizon to bring us light on Easter

morn. Then at 10:30 a.m. we will hold an Easter Service in the sanctuary filled with flowers, and special music with two choir anthems and an offertory with Rich Stevens playing classical guitar. The Easter sermon will discuss our stained glass Celtic cross, the words on the windows in the center of the church, the famous Easter text from John where Mary discovers Christ in a Gardener and where we might discover images of Christ today.

After the Easter service there will be an Easter Egg hunt for children. For Holy Week we have put up a special exhibit of images of Christ including a large plush Jesus that children (and children at heart) can have their picture taken with. Please join us at one or more of NVC's Holy Week events – and invite friends and family.

There's a lot going on at Nahant Village Church during Holy Week, did you know there is also a lot going on at the church in general? In addition to worship, there's a regular bible study on Tuesdays and bell choir practice on Mondays. We also just finished up a well attended Lenten book study and a new Wednesday book study will begin on May 3 at 7 p.m.. If you heard my sermon last week you also know that we've been working on making connections for missions and ministries with the Johnson School; North Shore Community College; My Brothers' Table; Nahant Police Department; Nahant Council on Aging; the Northeast Association of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ; local theatre; and Essex

County Community Organization.

That's a lot of possible new missions and ministries. If you'd like to help, we need time and talent, as well as monetary offerings to make them happen. Please reach out to Jen McCarthy at edwarthy@hotmail.com, Chris Stevens at secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org or myself at nahantpastor@gmail.com if you'd like to help. And please keep the church and our leaders in prayer as we discern where God is calling us and how to accomplish God's call.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Scott Elliott

**EASTER EGG HUNT IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING EASTER WORSHIP!**



Holy Week

Holy Week is quickly approaching.
Above is the schedule for NVC.
Sunrise service will be in the lawn of 405
Nahant Rd.

ANNUAL MEETING

Moderator Jen McCarthy has set the date and Church Council has approved May 21, 2023 for our next Annual Meeting. The meeting will take place in the sanctuary immediately following worship. It will be Zoomed but please make every attempt to attend the meeting in person.

NVC STATS



YTD

Visitors: 5

Seeds: 26

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

Now that we have a settled pastor, Church Council has been reinstated. The Council consists of the Moderator (Jennifer McCarthy), Clerk (Nancy Cantelmo) Treasurer (Marrit Hastings), Chair of Trustees (Bill Crawford), a Deacon (Rich Stevens), a Deaconess (Chris Stevens), and the Minister (Scott Elliott). Jen McCarthy did hold a seat on Council as a Deaconess but with the resignation of Maria Welsh as moderator, Council voted to have Jen fill the Moderator vacancy until the next Annual Meeting in May. The council plans to meet on the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m.



DON'T FORGET

In order to update our active rolls at NVC, we need you to return your membership form by April 15, 2023. If you haven't received a form or know someone who hasn't please contact Chris Stevens at 781-581-1202 or secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org and we'll get a form right out. If you're not a member and would like to become one, come chat with Rev. Scott Elliott. Please note that Church Council plans to vote at its April meeting to transfer to inactive status the names of those who have not affirmatively claimed to be an active member. And one needs to be a member to vote at the annual meeting in May. Thanks for your help with this!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

FUNDRAISING EVENT

There will be an NVC fundraiser, the first of the season at the Tides, Thursday, April 20. Mark your

calendar for a night out of fellowship, food & fun while all the while helping the church. Just order some dinner anytime between 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.

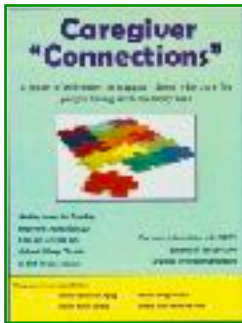
If you would like to make a monetary donation to help purchase scratch tickets for a raffle prize, please see/contact Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309.

CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

Tuesday, April. 18, 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.

LOOKING FOR RINGERS

The Village Ringers are looking for people who can read music and want to learn how to play bells. If that's you, please contact Marrit at 781-581-5691 or calhast@hotmail.com. Ringers practice every Monday from 5:15 to 6:15 or 6:30 and participate in occasional worship services and they'd love to have you come to try it out.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Friday April 14, 2023

8 a.m.

Swansburg Hall



Town Administrator Tony Barletta will give his annual State of Nahant & Budget presentation during the April 14 Community Breakfast (NOT April 7 since it is Good Friday). It is a great overview of warrant articles to be taken

up at the May Town Meeting, as well as an opportunity to ask questions.

Breakfast is served at 8 a.m. and the presentation will start about 8:15. Come and bring a friend, all are welcome.

Elders can make arrangements for transportation to and from the breakfast by calling the Tiffany Room at 781-581-7557 a few days in advance of the breakfast. We are grateful to the Council on Aging for providing this invaluable service.

SAVE THE DATE: Also mark your calendar for the May 5th breakfast which will focus on preliminary plans to create a "Peace Village" in Nahant this summer. The four-day camp is aimed at teaching and exposing elementary school-age children to peaceful practices. It's done through fun, outdoor activities, classes, music and interfaith stories of peace and fellowship. The presentation will be given by NVC's Rev. Scott who has participated in, organized and led several peace villages in Oregon and Ohio. This would be the first Peace Village in MA.

ALSO ON FRIDAY MAY 5TH



Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo at NVC. The Deacons will host a Taco Bar on May 5th from 5p.m. - 7 p.m. Have some dinner, a mock margarita and maybe an ice cream sundae!

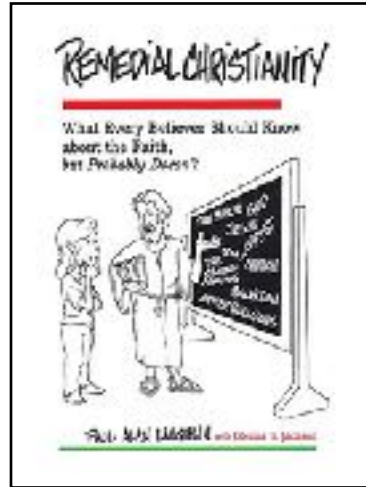


Did you know that in the summer of 1820 our first church services were held in Nahant?

Because of COVID we were unable to celebrate the 200th Anniversary — so we are planning to do so this summer. If you'd like to help, please let Rev Scott (nahantpastor@gmail.com) Jen McCarthy (edwarthy@hotmail.com) or Chris Stevens (secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org) know.

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>



NEXT UP: EVERYTHING YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

FAITH

Starting May 3 thru June 10, 7 p.m.

Due to the success of the Wednesday night Lenten book study, there will be a second book study each

Wednesdays starting May 3 at 7 p.m. and running thru June 11 The book we will be studying is “*Remedial Christianity: What Every Believer Should Know About the Faith, but Probably Doesn't*” by Paul Laughlin. Rev. Scott highly recommends this book to both new and longtime Christians, calling it well written, informative, humorous and even provocative. New and used copies can be found online. (If cost is an issue a book will be provided free upon timely request). This class will only be held if enough people sign up, so please sign up on the list posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

PARKING



In order to make our church as accessible as possible to all for church services and other events, we ask that you not block the two entrances to the church. These spaces are to be used only for drop offs.

There is a reserved handicap space at the west end of the church

property which provides wheelchair accessibility through our neighbor's yard.

We expect that accessibility to the church will improve when the two entry ways to the church are modified with Community Preservation Act grant funding that was approved at the 2022 Town Meeting.

Let's all be mindful of each other and our differing needs. Thank you for your cooperation.

—Buildings and Grounds Committee



THANKS 🙏

A huge thank you to Han Parish, Marsha White and Roz Puleo for helping with Coffee Hour each week. It is greatly appreciated!

We also would like to thank Maria Welsh for all the time she has served as the Moderator of Nahant Village church. Maria has stepped down from the position to help take care of her family. We are so grateful for Maria's leadership, love and compassion during her time as Moderator.

A NOTE FROM MARIA



Dear Members of the Nahant Village Church,

It has been my pleasure to serve as Moderator, and be dedicated to the Nahant Village Church.

After prayerful reflection and walking with God through what our family has

lived the past few years, I have decided to resign as Moderator.

I have enjoyed my service to the congregation and have many dear friends at NVC. I look forward to the time when I can participate in NVC events again.

Sincerely Yours,
Maria Welsh

Thank heavens
our Village
Ringers are
hands and
shoulders above
the rest!



LAST CALL: Do these keys look familiar? They were found in the bottom of a drawer in the office. If they are yours or you know who they belong to please contact Chris Stevens at 781-581-1202.



April Birthdays

- 4 Kevin Bailey
- 5 Dunbar Livingston
- 19 Ute Gfrerer
- 22 Mary Livingston
- 24 Carl Jenkins
- 27 Rob Alexander



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.

SCHEDULING ACTIVITIES AT NVC

It is great to see more activity at our church, and we anticipate that this will increase in the coming months. In order to avoid scheduling conflicts, please let Christine Stevens know about your plans so that she can enter it on the master schedule. Meetings that are held at the church should be included on the schedule.

Any new initiatives or events to be held at the church need to be brought before the Church Council as well as Trustees for their review and approval. This is to ensure that the planned event is in keeping with the church's overall mission.

If for some reason a planned activity is cancelled, it is the responsibility of the leader/chair of that group or meeting to inform its participants accordingly.

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

Coffee hour following Worship has resumed in Swansburg Hall. If you would like to volunteer to oversee the Coffee Hour, which takes about 30 to 45 minutes. Coffee is made and food is provided. Volunteers will just do a light clean up and clean out the coffee pot. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jen McCarthy.



GENESIS SUPPER CLUB

The Genesis Supper Club is back after a hiatus and meeting in person, 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.



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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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Moderator

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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)

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Genesis Supper Club

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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!