



# The Pulpit Rock

The Nahant Village Church ~ 27 Cliff Street, Nahant, MA 01908  
where everybody belongs

## JUNE 2018

- 1st Community Breakfast
- 3rd Blessing of the Animals  
9:00 am Marjoram Hill Park
- 3rd 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am *Worship/Communion*
- 10th 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am Worship Service
- 12th Transition Team Mtg. 3:00 pm  
Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
- 14th Worship at Jesmond 9:30 am
- 17th 4th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am Worship Service  
Father's Day/Music Appreciation



- 24th 5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am Worship Service
- 26th Transition Team Mtg. 3:00 pm

## JULY 2018

- 1st 6th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am *Worship/Communion*
- 8th 7th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am Worship Service  
1:00 pm Serve at My  
Brother's Table
- 10th Transition Team Mtg. 3:00 pm  
Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12th Worship at Jesmond 9:30 am
- 13th Community Breakfast
- 15th 8th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am Worship Service
- 22th 9th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am Worship Service
- 29th 10th Sunday after Pentecost**

### We love our animals!!

Bunnies, cats, dogs, guinea pigs, chickens, ducks, fish, frogs, even stuffed animals have a special place in our hearts. We will run with them, cuddle with them, pet them, clean them and feed them. We vacuum hair and fur, wash our clothes after a severe shedding, throw silly objects for them to fetch, teach them tricks, sleep with them, talk to them, and spend lots of money on vet bills.

We love our animals so much! Which is why we are celebrating them in a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday June 3rd, 9:00 am at Marjoram Hill Park, Town Wharf. Come with your beloved friends. If a pet has died and your heart still holds their memories, bring a photo, and we will bless your heart and your eternal friend.

Also, this month, come BE a friend to one another at NVC. Join us on Sunday June 10th for a 3rd Conversation with the Transition Team during worship at 10:30. Celebrate our friendships that are filled with the Holy Spirit!

On Sunday June 17th, we will honor our singers and ringers, and my sermon will be a dialogue with fathers in our congregation. After worship, I hope

you will join me for a "rock skipping contest" at the beach.

June Promises to be a delightful month of celebrating life!!

Much love,  
Rev. Laura

### Seeking Summer Soloists

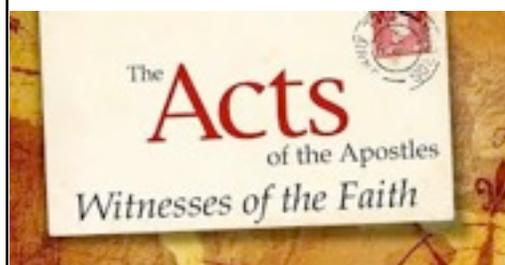


As we approach summer the music program of Nahant Village Church will begin its seasonal transformation. While there is more beautiful music to come from the Choir and

Bell Ringers, our summer schedule will begin after the June 17 service, which will celebrate their many musical gifts to the church. During the following weeks through September 9, we will be seeking anyone who would like to participate with a solo for voice or instrument or both. Groups of two or more are also welcome. Beginning on June 10, we will provide sign-up sheets in the companionway for volunteers. Regardless of your level of expertise, you will have a positive and fun experience, and I will help in any way to ensure that you do. All best for a wonderful summer!

Herman Weiss,  
Organist-Choir Director

### Worship Themes for June



**June 3, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
Theme: Leaping with Joy  
Scripture: Acts 3:1-16

**June 10, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
Theme: The Cornerstone of our Life Together  
Scripture: Acts 4:1-11

**June 17, 4th Sunday after Pentecost**  
Theme: To be a Father  
Scripture: Acts 4:13-22; Acts 5:12-16

**June 24, 5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
Theme: This is Really Good News!  
Scripture: Acts 8:25-40

## A message from your Co-Moderators



Summer begins in June, the month with the greatest amount of daylight hours in our Northern Hemisphere.

With days getting longer, we're enjoying the sunlight, doing

more outside and feeling more energetic.

We begin to awaken more of the gifts and talents we were born with and our inner divine light shines through us in the kindness and courtesy we extend to others.

We hold the door open for someone, help carry their groceries, or acknowledge their presence by simply looking into their eyes and smiling or saying, "hello."

It's important to extend that kindness to ourselves too. Have you ever looked into your own eyes in the mirror and said something like, "I'm trying as hard as I can. I'm doing a good job. I will continue to do so."

Kindness or courtesy can be a very small gesture that makes a big difference in someone else's life. Often, when we show kindness to someone, they pass it on to another person, and that person in turn passes it on and on and on. So our small action starts a ripple effect that truly affects the world around us.

Our greater world becomes filled with a bit more joy, courtesy and grace. We have helped divine energy grow in the world simply by sharing our inner light with others around us.

Respectfully yours,

Rich Stevens and Maria Welsh

## Our thoughts are with the family and friends of Susan Mary (Eggeman) Seymour



Sue had many loves. She loved her family and friends, our Church, bible studies, and the Nahant Community. She loved to garden, both planting and arranging, and her floral arrangements are well known around town. Sue loved to laugh, had a quick wit, and always had a funny story to share.



## Nahant Community Breakfast

Friday, June 1 at 8:00 a.m.



The breakfast will feature a presentation by the President of North Shore Community College, Dr. Patricia Gentile. She is the fourth president of NSCC and the first female CEP. Dr. Gentile will provide an update on all the exciting and innovative programs happening at the

college. Anyone who has driven past the Lynn Campus knows that the beautiful new extension along Broad Street opened this academic year adding 32,000 square feet to the campus. At the September Grand Opening Ceremony, MA Secretary of Education Jim Peyser called NSCC a "scrappy and strategic college" when referring to many of the initiatives started under President Gentile's administration. Those initiatives have made a significant difference to the residents of the North Shore, especially focused on the Gateway City of Lynn.

The free breakfast starts at 8 a.m. All are welcome and please feel free to bring a family member or friend. We offer a hearty breakfast, an informative presentation, and wonderful camaraderie.

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.

*Cal and Marrit Hastings*

Community Breakfast Coordinators



## Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, June 3 at 9:00 a.m., Marjoram Park

You are invited to join the the Nahant Village Church and neighbors for a "Blessing of the Animals" community event. The Rev. Laura Biddle will perform the blessing on Sunday, June 3, at 9:00 a.m. in Marjoram Park, Town Wharf. Please keep in mind the diversity of the animal kingdom, please use leashes and carriers as appropriate.



## Taking Stock – Looking Toward the Future An Invitation for June 10, 2018

The NVC Transition Team in putting the finishing touches on the NVC Profile, to be posted on the UCC website and to be sent to potential candidates for NVC’s Settled Minister position. This Profile will present information about the Village Church, the job requirements, and our expectations for our new Minister.

We invite you to attend the **“Third Conversation” with the NVC Congregation on Sunday, June 10 at 10:30 a.m. in Swansburg Hall.** The Profile currently in draft form might propose an alternative model for the Minister’s position, including his/her work schedule. During this Third Conversation, we will review where we are, look toward the future, and solicit input on this subject from you and the Congregation at large. The Transition Team believes that the new NVC Minister should reside in or near Nahant, so as to carry on our excellent working relationship with the Nahant community. The Team also states a strong preference for the Settled Minister to reside in the Parsonage.

Our discussion on June 10 will be accompanied by a slide presentation. Paper copies of that information will be available at the close of this meeting. If for some reason you are unable to attend this meeting, we can provide you with the handouts upon request. In addition, if you’d like to discuss this matter personally with a member of the Transition Team, they will make themselves available to meet with you.

On Sunday, June 24, following the 10:30 worship service in the Sanctuary, there will be a follow-up meeting of the Congregation which we encourage you to attend. The Transition Team wants to have the opportunity to know and understand the Congregation’s feedback, prior to finalizing the NVC Profile.

In advance, WE THANK YOU!

The NVC Transition Team

Christine Alexander (Team Leader) Nancy Cantelmo, Bill Crawford, Marrit Hastings, Jen McCarthy, Maria Welsh, and Rev. Laura Biddle

## Volunteer Opportunities at My Brother's Table

My Brother's Table is looking for volunteers: drivers to pick up Greater Boston Food Bank and other donations (using the MBT van); receivers to unload the food deliveries; lunch

and dinner volunteers to help prepare and serve the meals; and administrative volunteers to help with mailings and office coverage. For more information, please contact Joanne Champa at 781-595-3224.

MBT is the largest soup kitchen on the North Shore. Our Church provides food and serves a meal six times a year made possible through the generous donations of our Congregation and Church volunteers.



## Mother’s Day Labyrinth Walk and Prayer Meditation

Following church service on Mother’s Day, we had a special opportunity to see and hear about one of two canvas labyrinths recently gifted to NVC by Mia Corinha and Barb Ducharme of Nahant. More than a dozen of us took advantage of this opportunity to walk in silence through the inward path, resting at the center and slowly exiting with a sense of calmness and refreshment.



## Northeast Association News

### Northeast Association Women's Fellowship Spring Meeting

When Olivia Brand and I accepted NEAWF member Gertrud Joyce's invitation to attend the Spring Meeting on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at Byfield Parish Church in Georgetown, MA as visitors from the Nahant Village Church, we had no knowledge whatever of the New England Seafarers Mission. We wanted to come because we'd so enjoyed another NEAWF meeting last year with our friend Trudy. We are profoundly glad we joined her again.

The entire program illustrated the *HEART* acronym, which Rev. Stephen Cushing explained during his presentation as the goal of the New England Seafarers Mission.

The *H* - for hospitality - was evident from the moment we entered the pleasant room where we registered and enjoyed refreshments.

The *E* - for encouragement - could be felt in the air as old friends greeted each other and we met members.

The *A* - for advocacy - was displayed throughout the spiritual part of the program conducted in the gorgeous Byfield Parish Church, culminating in an offering to benefit the New England Seafarers Mission

The *R* - reconnection - which the Seafarers mission provides for those in need - is something we felt through Rev. Cushing's lecture replete with photographs...

Finally, the *T* - teaching - describes the learning experience our group shared and discussed while enjoying an excellent luncheon before we departed for home.

The work, Rev. Cushing and his wife Sharon continue to do at the Seafarers Mission, deserves our attention and appreciation. It is good to know about who they are and what they have been providing on land for those who toil on the sea and come to the Seafarers Mission. It is necessary and inspiring work.

Several years ago, The Rev. Teri Motely also worked with the Seafarers to attend to their spiritual and other needs to make their visit to Boston Harbor more comfortable after spending months at sea.

We look forward to future NEAWF events and will encourage friends to join us for the Fall Meeting in November.

Thank you.

Maureen Lynch Edison

Trudy Joyce

## Spotlight on Gertrud (Trudy) Joyce

Gertrud (Trudy) Joyce has been instrumental in our Church for a very long time. While Trudy is famous for her outstanding cookies and pies, she and her late husband Phil performed important functions for our Church for many years. They represented our Church as official delegates to the then Essex Association of the MA Conference of the UCC. The Essex Association became the Andover-Essex Association and now is the Northeast Association.



Official delegates review Ordination Papers of future ministers in Ecclesiastical Council meetings, and attend ordinations and installations of UCC Ministers in the Association. Trudy and Phil also attended numerous Association meetings and Conferences sponsored by the UCC. It gave our Church a vote in important matters concerning the future of the UCC. For several years, Trudy served on the Board of Directors of the former Essex Association and served on the Committee on Formation (overseeing students interested in ordination).

We want to thank the Joyces for their many years of service as delegates and the endless hours they devoted to their responsibilities. We are so blessed that Trudy is continuing in this role as our Church's delegate. She also is a member of the Northeast Association's Women's Fellowship. Rev. Patricia Long, who has a strong interest in our NVC, accompanies her.

You can read more about last year's activities of the delegates to the Northeast Association in an addendum to the 2017 Annual Report. The NEA report inadvertently omitted this report but is now available as a separate document to be inserted in the Annual Report. Also, please pick up and insert a corrected copy of the Nominating Report which includes Trudy's name as our official delegate to the Northeast Association. We extend our sincere regret to Trudy for these oversights. Of course, Trudy, being Trudy, easily forgives the oversight.