



The Pulpit Rock

The Nahant Village Church ~ 27 Cliff Street, Nahant, MA 01908

March 2017

March 2017

3rd 8:00 am - Breakfast

5th First Sunday in Lent

Communion Sunday

10:30 am - Worship/CE

11:30 am - Fellowship & Soup Sunday

9th 12:00 pm - Bible Study

12th Second Sunday in Lent

10:30 am - Worship/CE

11:30 am - Fellowship

1:00 pm - Serve MBT

14th 7:00 pm - Trustee's Mtg.

16th 12:00 pm - Bible Study

19th Third Sunday in Lent

10:30 am - Worship/CE

11:30 am - Fellowship & Soup Sunday

23rd 12:00 pm - Bible Study

6-9 pm - Tides Fundraiser

26th Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:30 am - Worship/CE

11:30 am - Fellowship

30th 12:00 pm - Bible Study

Interim Minister's Reflections for Lent

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

During these eight weeks, I've enjoyed learning about who you are and from where you have come.

I have learned that the NVC community is inclusive, generous, intelligent, kind, and compassionate. You love music, prayer, and you are enthusiastic sojourners; you follow Jesus as seekers of justice and makers of peace. You sincerely enjoy each other's company and receive newcomers with a warm welcome. And you love food!!!

There have been some changes that you might have noticed. The minister's office has been painted and the furniture rearranged. Our webpage is refurbished with new photos and an added "Pastor's Blog." Facebook is current and lively. Our hope for this next season of interim ministry is to

notice who is here, who is coming, and who feels like they belong. Wearing name tags will be important!!!

"Healing and Hope" is our theme for Lent. Each week, we will consider ways that we are healed through our relationship with God. On Palm Sunday we will be commissioned by Jesus to carry hope into this mixed up world of ours.

After a soup supper on Maundy Thursday, April 13th, please join me for a traditional worship service and an original skit titled "Following Jesus in the Shadows."

Bible Study on Sundays at 8:30am or Thursdays at noon. Both are open to the public!!

God Bless You, with love,

Rev. Laura Biddle

Interim Minister

April 2017

7th 8am - 12pm

Pre Easter Clean/Shine up

2nd Fifth Sunday/Epiphany

Communion Sunday

10:30 am - Worship/CE

11:30 am - Fellowship & Soup Sunday

7th 8:00 am - Breakfast

Worship Themes for Lent

March 5, 2017

Communion Sunday

Wilderness

Matthew 4:1-11

March 12, 2017

Go From Your Home - I will show you the way

John 3:1-17 ~ Bell Choir

March 19, 2017

A Lesson from Love

John 4:5-42

March 26, 2017

Astonishing Love

John 9: 1-41 ~ Community Choir

April 2, 2017

Jesus Wept

John 11:1-45

April 9, 2017 ~ Palm Sunday

Worship moves back to the Sanctuary

Mixed Emotions

Matthew 21: 1-11

April 13, 2017 ~ Maundy Thursday

5:30 pm - Soup Supper

Followed by a Skit by Rev. Laura titled "Following Jesus in the Shadows"

April 14, 2017 ~ Good Friday

12 - 3 pm ~ Good Friday Service. A Ecumenical Service at

Washington Street Baptist Church in Lynn

Easter Sunday, April 16th

6:00 am - Easter Sunrise Service at 405 Nahant Rd., Overlooking Castle Rock
(Breakfast at church following Sunrise Service)

10:30 am ~ Easter Worship Service



March Breakfast

Friday, March 4th @ 8:00am



The March Nahant Community Breakfast will feature a presentation by Interim Minister, Rev. Laura Bidle, entitled

*"A Minister's Wandering
from Broadway to Seminary
to Prison and Beyond."*

She will talk about how she combined creativity, justice, and healing in her ministry. Folk tunes from the 60's will help illustrate her story.

Sitting tall on her father's shoulders in a cathedral in 1974, Rev. Laura was inspired by eleven Episcopal women at their illegal ordination in Philadelphia. Six years later, when women could be ordained legally, she embarked on a journey that led her from New York's Off-Broadway stages to seminary.

Her ministry has included working with God's most vulnerable: women in prison, abused families, homeless veterans, and military families grieving suicide.

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.

The Healing Tree

Many thanks for all the cards, get well wishes and other expressions of support displayed here on my "Healing Tree."

All these are helping me enormously in the recovery of my recent surgeries. I am on the mend and doing well. Thanks for keeping my spirits high. I hope to rejoin you soon in church.

Peace and blessings,
Marrit Hastings



PS...The "Healing Tree" is a (clever) adaptation of my "Christmas Tree" which I have used over the years to display a myriad of wonderful Christmas cards and greetings.

April 30th benefit concert

The upcoming benefit concert by the Boston Saengerfest Men's Chorus featuring Ute Gfrerer as the soloist is a very important fundraiser for the church.

A group of people have been busy for months soliciting advertisements for the concert booklet and raise as many funds as possible for the Church. A considerable amount of work remains to be done, and you can help in one or more of the following ways:

- Make a tax-deductible contribution to the Church and be listed in the program booklet as a Friend (\$50) or Patron (\$100)

- Spread word about the concert to family and friends; ask them to save the date and buy tickets at \$25 each

- Help promote and sell tickets

Share any and all ideas with the concert organizing committee: Cal and Marrit Hastings, Herb Motley, and Clinton Norton.

All hand on deck

There will be a pre-Easter work party on Saturday, April 1st from 8am to noon to spruce up the church and, weather permitting, the grounds.

There will be coffee and goodies in the morning and pizza for participants at noon. Bring small vacuum cleaners, dust cloths, furniture polish, windex, paper towels, rakes, leaf bags, gloves, and other favorite cleaning tools or supplies.

This once-a-year effort gets us ready for Palm Sunday and Easter when we return to have Sunday Worship Services in the Sanctuary. We hope to see you there.

Buildings and Grounds

Looking ahead to the Tides Fundraiser on Thursday March 23rd!

If you have items to offer for the Raffle, please contact Christine Alexander, Moderator, who is running this event. Gift certificates from your favorite merchant, gift baskets, art, jewelry and more make great raffle items.

Also, please save the date of Thursday March 23rd, from 6pm to 9pm.

See Chris at church or call her at 781-864-5367.

*Thanks for your help in making this
a success for our church!*



The Nominating Committee...

...consists of Chris Alexander, Bill Crawford, Marrit Hastings, Calantha Sears, Maria Welsh and Betsy Winkler.

If you have interest in serving and being considered for a committee or board or have any questions, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee or call Chris Alexander, Chair at 781-864-5367.



† ORDER YOUR EASTER PLANTS NOW †

This year the altar and sanctuary will be decorated with a variety of plants for Easter.

The cost per plant is \$10.00.

If you would like to have one or more plants,
please complete the form below and send it with your check to:

Nahant Village Church
PO Box 77
Nahant, MA 01908

Please make your check out to Nahant Village Church.

This form, and your check, may also be placed in the offering plate.

THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS APRIL 10TH.

We are requesting that you
TAKE YOUR PLANT AFTER THE EASTER SERVICE
so that you may enjoy it at home.

Any plants that are left after the service on Easter
will be given to an ill or shut-in person ~
unless you specify otherwise.

I wish to purchase the following for Easter (April 16th).

_____ lily

_____ tulip

_____ daffodil

_____ hyacinth

_____ hydrangea

I would like my name printed in the bulletin as follows:

In memory or celebration (please select one) of: _____

Given by: _____