



# 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

## July 2021 Scripture Reading

### July 4 Worship & Communion

Isaiah 49:6, 8-12

Matthew 5:14-16

Matthew 5:13

**Theme: As a City on a Hill**

### July 11 Worship Service

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalms 24; Amos 7:7-15;

Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Psalms

**Theme: God Inspired Joy**

### July 18 Worship Service

Acts 3:1-10

Acts 3:11-12, 17-22

**Theme: becoming bold to  
preach the Word of Life**

### July 25 Worship Service

1. Acts 4:32-37

2. Acts 5:1-11

**Theme: Possessions**

## Calendar

### Worship Service

Sundays @ 10:30 am in person  
(subsequently broadcast via  
YouTube and Zoom)

### Nahant Village Voices

(via Zoom)

Saturday, June 12, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

### Bible Study (via Zoom)

Tuesdays @ 10:00 - 11:00 am

### Genesis Supper Club

(via Zoom)

Fridays @ 5:00-6:30 pm

See the last page for  
Zoom links and information.



## A Message from Rev. Jeff MacDonald

### Holy Remembering Gets Us Ready to Beat Goliath

One of the best-known stories of the Bible recalls the clash between David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17. Their respective armies were at war when Goliath, the Philistine, issued a challenge. He would individually fight the Israelites' chosen warrior. Whichever side should lose must become servant to the other.

We know the outcome: the Israelite David, a teenager, prevails over the Philistine giant by firing a slingshot and stoning him in the forehead. It's a story invoked in youth sports leagues and corporate boardrooms alike to underscore lessons of brains over brawn, or small and nimble over big and bulky.

But David would never have won were it not for another quality that he displays en route to getting permission to take on Goliath. It's a quality that helps him see beyond hurdles to a victory that God would deliver in a unique, unforeseen way. That quality is memory. More specifically, it's memory of God's provision.

In remembering how the Lord has blessed him with surprising victories in the past, he convinces Saul that he is divinely equipped for Goliath. It's how he prepares himself spiritually to enter the battle with confidence.

"Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down,

rescuing the lamb from its mouth," David tells Saul. "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine."

Holy remembering is a spiritual discipline that must be practiced consistently if it's going to be a reliable source of strength for us, just as it was for David and the Israelites of ancient times. The casual days of summer are perfect for fostering remembrances as we see people we haven't seen in a while. Even a fleeting brush with favorite summer activities can jog the memory banks and deliver hours of joyful reminiscing.

I encourage you to also do some regular, intentional remembering in this season. Go the extra the step to recall: when have I seen no way out of a predicament, yet a way emerged with God's fingerprints all over it? When in the past did our church face hard times, recommit to making disciples and find that God gave the growth by watering what our ancestors planted? When was I led to reaffirm my walk with Christ and find my soul refreshed?

Have fun with it, as you might with any project that you put your mind to. Get specific. Pull out a notebook. Write down what you recall. Bring your notes to church. Read them over as you settle into your pew for worship. When you chat with others after worship, bring up what you've been recalling and how it expands your perspective on today. You might say something like:

"You know, do you remember that time when our church \_\_\_\_? Here's what I remember..."

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“You know, I’ve been doing some remembering. Let me tell you how it’s changed my outlook.”

Conjuring memories can not only fun but also profoundly powerful. By God’s grace, the process can do a mighty spiritual work inside us. It can build up our confidence in God as we recall along the lines of: “oh yeah, there was a time when we did recommit to a particular way of discipleship and fruits did emerge... that’ right, hmmm... God did provide that time, and this other time too...”

This July, let’s recall how David and Goliath isn’t ultimately a story about being clever or nimble. It’s about being empowered, even for the most daunting of tasks, by proactively remembering God’s faithfulness and following where that leads. Good wishes for a most refreshing July.

Your brother in Christ,  
The Rev. Jeff MacDonald  
Interim Minister

## EXCITING NEWS FOR NVC SUNDAYS

Greetings Nahant Village Church Family and Friends-

This is where I am supposed to write several paragraphs filled with something cheery and thoughtful in order to inspire you to pray always and insure you return to sit in your pews to continue the necessary work to make this church a true living example of Christ’s love.



The truth is, the Great Advocate, the Holy Spirit, waits for you, seeks you and your church, for there is much work to be done. The words of our Lord should haunt us, “You visited me, you fed me, you gave me drink.” We know what needs to be done. The question is: how do we do it? How, God, do you wish to use me and this church?

Our worship discussions will continue by asking how many shoes might turn us into goats, look to the Book of Acts to learn how the first churches began then recall the warnings to the seven churches in the Book of Revelation. In between, starting on July 4, we shall study the most important ‘American’ sermon to find inspiration and clear reminders of how that speech ripples down to us today. NVC, God waits for you. Start by keeping the Sabbath holy. Come to church! And, above all, love one another.

Peace through Christ,  
Roger ‘Rusty’ Chadwick  
Your Cheery and Thoughtful Sunday Preacher

## A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ORGANS AND THEIR CHARACTERISTICS

Dear Friends,  
Hello!

As you know, we have a wonderful instrument at NVC, a Hook and Hastings pipe organ. It was built in 1878, and is opus 925, which means it's the 925th organ built by the company. It has two manuals (keyboards) and pedals for the bass notes, and has 15 ranks (a rank is a set of pipes producing the same timbre for each note).

Though our organ is powered by electricity, it is a tracker organ, meaning when a key is pressed, a mechanical action is activated, somewhat like a piano. But on the organ, the depressed key lets air into a pipe or several pipes. The tone of completely electric organs is generated by electronic circuits that send the sound through a loudspeaker.

There is much to learn and appreciate about organs. I hope this basic description inspires you to read more about the king of instruments!

Sincerely,  
Peter Freisinger

## COVID UPDATES FOR NVC

The Leadership Team has been carefully watching the local and state guidelines, restrictions and numbers of cases for COVID-19. At this time, with enough people are vaccinated and the numbers of new positive cases so low, we can safely make wearing a mask optional during worship and while in the church. We encourage people to do what they feel comfortable with. If you want to wear a mask, wear a mask. If you are vaccinated and don't want to wear a mask, then you will not need to. If you are not vaccinated, we would like to strongly encourage you to continue to wear a mask while in the Nahant Village Church building.

We have been in communication with many other churches in our area. Many of them are not even open yet for in person worship. And the ones that are open, are not still not having any Congregational singing yet. After hearing this, and seeing on the CDC website that group singing still isn't encouraged, we have decided to continue with not allowing Congregational singing at this time. In the meantime, we will be adding a soloist and the occasional musician to the work with our music director, Peter Freisinger, to enhance the music during worship.

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### NVC ANNUAL MEETING

The 2021 Annual meeting will take place immediately following the worship service on **September 19, 2021**.

### NAHANT COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER!



After a long hiatus, we plan to restart the monthly breakfast program on **Friday, September 10 at 8 a.m.** So please mark your calendar and plan to join us. Details about who our speaker to follow.

### MUSIC COMMITTEE NEWS

Our Church Musician, Peter Freisinger, has decided to leave our Church and travel to Vienna, Austria to try his luck there. We have enjoyed Peter's musical talents and hard work for the two years that he was with us. Please join us on Sunday, August 15 to wish him well and safe travels.

The Music Committee has started a search for an organist to take Peter's place.

## NVC GARDENING WORK CONTINUES

Improvements continue to be made to the church and parsonage gardens, as well as the garth. We extend our thanks to Amy Dow, Cal and Marrit Hastings, Andy Puleo, as well as Lisa Haley who recently came to help. They have spent endless hours trimming bushes, removing weeds, and spreading bark mulch. Considerable help is being provided by Richard Melanson Landscaping. Roz Puleo brightened the garth with fresh flowering plants which she potted in one of the planters. Thank you, Roz. There are two other planters that could use some sprucing up. Let Cal or Amy know if you want to volunteer to do this or help with that.



The flower boxes in front of the minister's office are badly decayed. Soon we will have new longer lasting vinyl replacements and will need some help with planting them. The new flower boxes are being paid for by NVC's Memorial Board.

### LAY SPEAKERS

The Nahant Village Church is looking for lay people to speak to the Congregation (5-10 minutes) about how faith affects their lives or professions. We are looking for scientists, doctors, lawyers, contractors, artists, musicians, and

any other professions to offer to share their experience with how faith affects their jobs or lives. We are hoping this will bring in a wider audience to Sunday Worship. Contact Elisabeth Foukal at [eefoukal@comcast.net](mailto:eefoukal@comcast.net) or 781-581-7537

### SCRIPTURE READERS NEEDED

If you would be interested in signing up to be a reader for a Sunday over the summer, please contact Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309 or you can send an email to [edwarthy@hotmail.com](mailto:edwarthy@hotmail.com)

### 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](mailto:edwarthy@hotmail.com).

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



## NVC GROUPS AND CLUBS

### BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 10 am via Zoom. All are welcome!

### THE GENESIS SUPPER CLUB

Fridays from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

### NAHANT VILLAGE VOICES

To find out more about the Village Voices program schedule, contact [NahantVillageVoices@angelic.com](mailto:NahantVillageVoices@angelic.com)

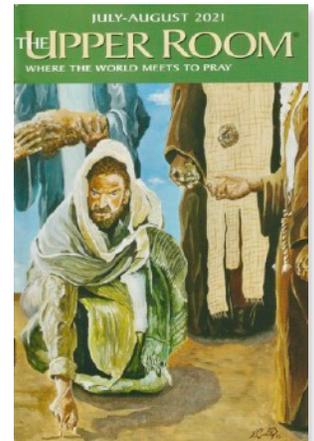
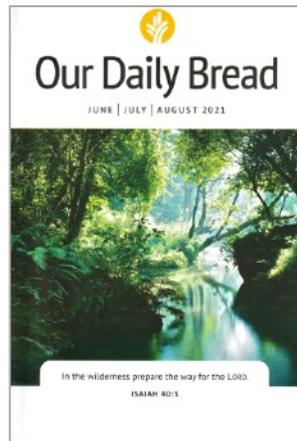
### COMPASSIONATE CARE GROUP (CCG)

The Compassionate Care Group continues to support about two dozen members of our community on an ongoing basis. The exact number of people we serve fluctuates monthly as needs change and some of our beloved friends find their way to Heaven. And yet, we know that there are still folks who may need a helping hand or a spiritual life that we haven't reached yet. It might just be YOU, even if you have been a church member for a long time. If you haven't received a card or call from us lately, you may not be on our list.

This year has been so challenging for all of us and we aim to do more acts of kindness during this time. If you are interested in using your gifts of caring to help your neighbors in small and tangible ways this is a great time to join us and learn best practices. Please contact Olivia Brand at [olivia.f.brand@gmail.com](mailto:olivia.f.brand@gmail.com) to learn more about this opportunity and training date or to share a care need that yours or someone you care for may have.



## DAILY DEVOTIONALS



If you would you like to receive one of the daily devotional booklets "Our Daily Bread" or "The Upper Room," please email your request to Susan Gilbert at [secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org](mailto:secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org) or phone the church at 781-581-1202 to leave a message.



*Happy Birthday*  
wishes to everyone born in the month of  
**JULY!**

July 02 — Ellie Lowell

July 14 — David Callard

July 17 — Cal Hastings

July 23 — Peter Foukal

July 31 — Katherine Carter



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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Call the Church at 781-581-1202, anyone on the Leadership Team, or Rev. Jeff for any urgent pastoral care or other needs. Phone messages at the Church are checked daily 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

**Genesis Supper Club**

Fridays @ 5:00-6:30 pm

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Meeting ID: 881 0920 8580

Passcode: 01908

**Nahant Village Voices**

Saturday, June 12

Click below to join on Zoom

**[NahantVV](#)**

Meeting ID: 810 8610 6763

Passcode: NVV

Passcode: 697582 (phone)

We would *Love* for you join us!