



The Pulpit Rock

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

April 2018

- 1st Easter Sunday Services**
6:15 am *Sunrise Service* -
Easter Breakfast
10:30 am *Worship/Communion*
- 6th Community Breakfast
- 7th Ellingwood Chapel Fundraiser
Sanctuary 8:00 pm
- 8th Second Sunday of Easter**
10:30 am - *Worship Service*
11:30 am - *Soup Sunday*
- 10th Transition Team Mtg 3:00 pm
Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12th *Worship at Jesmond* 9:30 am
- 15th Third Sunday of Easter**
10:30 am - *Worship Service*
and *Congregational Meeting*
- 21st *Spring Flea Market* 9am - 2pm
- 22rd Fourth Sunday of Easter**
10:30 am - *Worship Service*
- 24th Transition Team Mtg. 3:00 pm
- 29th Fifth Sunday of Easter**
10:30 am - *Worship Service*
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10:30 am *Worship/Communion*
- 8th Transition Team Mtg. 3:00 pm  
Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10th *Worship at Jesmond* 9:30 am
- 13th Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
10:30 am *Worship Service*  
Serve at My Brother's Table
- 20th Pentecost Sunday**  
10:30 am *Worship Service*  
with the Village ringers
- 27th Trinity Sunday**  
10:30 *Worship Service*
- 29th Transition Team Mtg. 3:00 pm



### Wandering in Nature

*"To save our souls we need to reconnect with nature."* (Bill Plotkin)

What does it mean to **wander**? To take turns without direction. To be curious without an end. To celebrate the journey not the destination. To see beauty where we've never seen it before. To laugh in spite of our mood. To sing because we love singing.

**Wandering** is a spiritual practice.

**Nature** surrounds us wherever we are: The waves crashing on the cliffs. Birds chirping in a snow storm. Seals swimming along the icy coast. Clouds that open to bright blue skies. Trees that have grown for hundreds of years of through all seasons. A crocus that blooms and delights in the sun's glory. My spiritual practice for this Eastertide is to wander in nature, a practice that I

anticipate will connect me again for the first time, to the risen Christ. During this season of the Christian year, I WANT God's Holy Spirit to surprise me in the same way that resurrection surprises the disciples. I want Easter every day!

If we can trust that Jesus is with us in the journey, ready to surprise us whether we are struggling or celebrating, we may discover something about ourselves and our relationship with God by **wandering in nature**.

*"Now in our time, these three rivers flow together: Anguish for our world, Scientific breakthroughs, Ancestral teachings. From the confluence of these rivers, we drink. We awaken to what we once knew: We are alive in a living earth, the source of all we are and can achieve."* (Joanna Macy and Molly Brown)

Happy Easter!!

Rev. Laura

### Bible Studies



#### Beginning April 12

Bible studies will be on the Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. Please bring friends.

### Worship Themes for April



#### April 1 - Easter Sunday

Theme: Hallelujah!

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

#### April 8 - Second Sunday of Easter

Theme: Stay with Us!

Scripture: Psalm 133; Acts 4:32-35;  
Luke 24:13-35

#### April 15 - Third Sunday of Easter

Theme: Ghosts

Scripture: Psalm 4; Luke 24:36-48

#### April 22 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Theme: Back to the Boats!

Scripture: Psalm 23; John 21:1-14

#### April 29 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Theme: Whatever you Wish

Scripture: Psalm 22:25-31;  
John 15:1-8

## A message from your Co-Moderators

It's April already and what a busy month it is.



Joyous Easter is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Flea Market is April 21.

Earth Day is April 22

At Easter we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and his triumph over death, and how we can

manifest this in our own lives by stepping out of the darkness and into the light. We can feel the warm sun on our face as we take our first stroll into Spring.

With the warmth of the light our renewed energy will encourage us to participate in our church, our town, our environment and our spiritual growth.

We thank Jesus for all he has done for us and all that he has taught us.

“The day the Lord created Hope was probably the same day he created Spring.” Bernard Williams

Respectfully yours,

Rich Stevens and Maria Welsh



### April Nahant Community Breakfast Friday, April 6

The April 6th Community Breakfast will feature a presentation by the Nahant Police Department on Scams: how to detect, prevent, and protect against them. SCAMS are Scheming, Crafty, Aggressive, and Malicious! The presenters will be Police Chief Robert Dwyer and Officer Matt Morneau. This presentation was originally scheduled for January but postponed due to inclement weather.

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 May breakfast will feature Michael Rauworth who will take us on a journey in the Midwest on his motorcycle.

We look forward to seeing you at the breakfast.

Cal and Marrit Hastings

Community Breakfast Coordinators



## For *our* Fathers

An evening with Ute Gfrerer & Lisa Rosowsky

Performance at Nahant Village Church,  
Cliff Street, Nahant  
8 pm | Saturday April 7, 2018

admission \$25  
For tickets email [ellingwoodconcerts@gmail.com](mailto:ellingwoodconcerts@gmail.com)  
or call Jim Walsh 781-367-2007

*Two fathers—one an Austrian, one a French Jew—and a legacy of silence that their daughters turned into art.*

Austrian soprano **Ute Gfrerer** and Boston-area visual artist **Lisa Rosowsky** present an unforgettable evening of song and art in honor of their fathers, who lived through two very different experiences of WWII in Europe.

Gfrerer's father was a member of the Nazi Youth Party and a soldier, while Rosowsky's father went into hiding in France after his parents were arrested and sent to Auschwitz. Both daughters were left with a legacy of silence and grief, which they transformed into art and music.

Join them for a moving program of Holocaust-related songs—poems set to music by composers such as *Kurt Weill, Norbert Glanzberg, and Hermann Leopoldi*—matched with artwork that explores family history and memory.



Born in Boston, **Lisa Rosowsky** is a graphic designer and a mixed-media artist who works most often with fabric. She earned her AB from Harvard College and an MFA from Yale University. She has been on the faculty at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design since 1996, where she teaches graphic design, typography, and book design. When she is not teaching or writing, Lisa can be found working in her studio.



Austrian soprano **Ute Gfrerer** is widely considered to be one of the best interpreters of Kurt Weill's music. She has performed and recorded many of his works, including *The Threepeny Opera*, *One Touch of Venus*, *Lady in the Dark*, *Marie Galante*, and *The Seven Deadly Sins*. Her career has brought her to major musical centers around the world, including Barbican Hall in London, the Cologne Philharmonie, NHK Hall in Tokyo, Teatro Nacional in Guatemala City, Vienna Volksoper, and the Zurich Opera. Not only is Gfrerer a regular guest artist at the Kurt Weill Festival in Germany, she has also performed at the renowned Salzburg Festival in Austria, the Ellingwood Chapel in Nahant, and the Festival for Forbidden Music in Marseilles, France, where she discovered the Holocaust songs of Norbert Glanzberg heard in this program.

### Concert - Ellingwood Chapel Fundraiser Saturday, April 7 at 8:00 p.m.

in the NVC Sanctuary - Admission \$25

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### Congregational Meeting – Sunday, April 15

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 15 immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to consider and vote on a new mission statement for the Church that will be included in the Church Profile and to approve the proposed members of the Search Committee for a new settled minister.

This Church Profile will be presented to potential ministerial candidates. The new mission statement reads: **“Reach Up, Reach Out, Reach In”** – reach up to God, reach out to our neighbors, reach in with prayer



## Spring Flea Market and Bake Sale

**Saturday, April 21 – 9:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.**

It is not too early to start looking around your house for items to donate to our Spring Flea Market. They can be dropped off in our Chapel immediately after Easter. What sells well are lightly worn clothes as well as shoes and boots (women's, men's and children's), children's toys, household goods, china, vases, decorative pillows, you name it. Things we cannot accept include electronic equipment (computers, TVs and screens – these can be dropped off at the DPW for a modest fee), used bedding (sheets, etc.), and books. We will collect used jewelry but will not sell it until our December Christmas Fair.

Best drop off times are: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning when our Administrative Assistant is at the office or Sundays immediately after our 10:30 worship service. Other drop off times may be arranged by calling the Church Office at 781-581-1202. Clothing on hangers may be put on the coat rack in the hallway leading to the restrooms.

This is an opportunity for someone to chair or co-chair this event. Contact Marrit Hastings (781-581-5691) for more information. We also need a team of volunteers who are willing to sort, price, sell and afterwards pack up unsold items to be delivered to the Salvation Army, Lifebridge and other charitable organizations. There is a volunteer sign up sheet in the Companionway. It takes many hands (particularly on the 21<sup>st</sup>) to make this a successful Spring Flea Market and important fundraiser for the Church.

## Northeast Association

### Women's Fellowship Spring Meeting

The Spring Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 25** from 9:30 to a PM at the Byfield Parish Church, 132 Jackman Street, Georgetown, MA 01833. Program speakers are directors of the Seafarers Mission in Boston. Reservations are required by Friday, April 20 – call 978-352-2022. Contact Trudy Joyce for more information or to arrange for carpooling



## Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

The **2018 Elizabeth Peterson Palmer Scholarship** in the amount of \$500, will be awarded to a 2018 high school graduate with a connection to the Nahant Village Church. The application deadline is Tuesday, May 15. Applications should be sent to Nahant Village Church, Awards Committee, P. O. Box 77, Nahant, MA 01908. The Award committee will consist of Nancy Cantelmo, Edith Richardson, and William Crawford.

**Nahant Woman's Club Scholarship** in the amount of \$2,500 to a member of the high school class of 2018 who is a Nahant resident and is enrolling in an accredited college. Application deadline is Tuesday, May 15. For more information contact M.L. Cort, One Maolis Rd.

The **Nahant Garden Club Scholarship** in the amount of \$2,000 scholarship to a student entering college who will be studying ecology, environmental engineering or conservation. Applications are due May 15. For more information, contact Jeannie Buckley at 781-581-0339.



## The Tides Fundraiser

A round of applause for Jen McCarthy who with help from Rachel took the lead on the March 26<sup>th</sup> fundraiser at the Tides Restaurant. There were lots of raffles that, together with monetary contributions, brought in \$696 to NVC coffers. A big thank you to all who participated in the raffle (by donating items and buying tickets), as well as those who came to the Tides to share a meal with parishioners, family, and friends. We will be receiving additional funds from the Tides Restaurant that donates 10% of the price of meals served from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. to the fundraising party. It was a fun fun(d)raising event!

## Many Thanks

To all who joined the Spring work party: Joe Benson, Bill Crawford, Mayra Fox, Cal and Marrit Hastings, Jen McCarthy, Robbie McGowan, Andy Puleo, Chris Rogers, Paula Souza, Chris Stevens, Marilyn Wellington, and Maria Welsh. Only indoor work could be done due to the weather. Once spring arrives, there are some outdoor tasks to be tackled—raking leaves, etc. Contact Andy or Cal for specific assignments.



## Have you ever wondered how the beautiful flower arrangements appear on the altar?

This is how it happens: If you would like to have flowers in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a milestone, or to recognize a special occasion, call Lissa Stempek at 339-440-4067 to place your order; or you may call the Church Office at 781-581-1202. It's that simple!

When you place your order, you may request a certain type of flower or a color scheme, and the type of container you would prefer for the arrangement. The arrangement can be in the regular church vessel, in a glass vase, in a basket, or you may request to use a container from your home. If the flowers you desire are not in stock, there may be an additional charge.

You will need to decide on the date for your flowers to be placed on the altar, the wording to be included in the Bulletin to acknowledge the name(s) of who the flowers are dedicated to and who dedicated them.

We place the order with Welch Florist. They do a spectacular job, very creative and professional, and always have the best interest of our congregation in mind.

Chris Alexander, a member of the Altar Team, picks up the flowers and delivers them to Church on Saturday, so they will be fresh for Sunday morning. Another Team Member is Susan Gilbert, our Administrative Assistant, makes sure that the wording you have chosen is acknowledged in the Bulletin.

The cost for the arrangement is \$37.50. The check should be made out to Nahant Village Church with a memo "Altar Flowers" and given or sent to Lissa Stempek, 17 Prospect Street, Nahant, MA 01908.

In 2017, twenty-seven of the fifty-two Sundays had fresh flowers on the altar. Twenty people participated, and of the twenty, two donors ordered flowers two times, three donors did it three times, and one donor did it four times.

Would you like to be part of the statistics for 2018.

## SOUP SUNDAY



## A big thank you to those who made Soup Sundays possible:

Chris Alexander, Rex Antrim, Olivia Brand, Nancy Cantelmo, Carold Crawford, Jen McCarthy, Teri Motley, Paula Souza, Chris and Rich Stevens, and Nancy Whitman. Special thanks to Jen McCarthy for organizing the soup Sundays and to the Hastings for donating the French rolls.

Soup Sunday donations totaled \$311 this year. These funds will be used to support Mission related projects. In the past, Soup Sunday monies have funded summer scholarships for middle schoolers in our congregation.