



The Pulpit Rock

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

April 2017

April 2017

- 1st 8am - 12pm
Pre Easter Clean/Shine up
- 2nd Fifth Sunday in Lent**
Communion Sunday
10:30 am - Worship/CE
11:30 am - Fellowship
- 4th 7:00 pm - Council Mtg.
- 6th 12:00 pm - Bible Study
- 7th 8:00 am - Breakfast
- 9th Palm Sunday**
10:30 am - Worship &
Sunday School
11:30 am - Fellowship
- 11th 7:00 pm - Trustee's Mtg.
- 13th **Maundy Thursday**
5:30 pm - Soup Supper
7:00 pm - Skit by Rev. Laura

- 16th Easter Sunday**
6:00 am - Sunrise Service
7:00 am - Breakfast at NVC
10:30 am - Worship with
Village Ringers, Trumpets & Organ

- 23rd Second Sunday of Easter**
10:30 am - Worship/CE
11:30 am - Fellowship
- 30th Third Sunday of Easter**
10:30 am - Worship/CE
11:30 am - Fellowship

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- 5th 8:00 am - Breakfast
- 7th Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Communion Sunday
10:30 am - Worship/CE
11:30 am - Fellowship &
Annual Mtg.
- 9th 7:00 pm - Trustee's Mtg.



Dear Easter People,

This year, God points to the cross from many angles during the month of April.

For the first two weeks, the cross is highlighted as a tool for political executions, looming heavily before us. Mixed emotions surround the Jesus-people during these two weeks. Does he know he is to die?

Holy Week is a reminder that he is mortal and his followers are left feeling insecure and confused. On Good Friday, he takes his last breath in front of his mother and dearest women friends, with a God-sigh "Into your hands, I commend my spirit."

Easter Day transforms death into everlasting life; fear into hope; absence into presence. The cross transfigures from a tool for executions to a symbol of God's indelible mark in this world. New relationships with the risen Christ emerge everywhere.

The cross takes on new meaning during the last two weeks of April this year.

Signs of God's enduring love blossom in the streets, backyards, and hallways of our lives.

We are invited to experience it all! The suffering, dying, death, emptiness, and the resurrection! Everywhere! ALL OF IT!

Please walk with me from Palm Sunday into the drama of Holy Week. Have dinner with friends and neighbors on Maundy Thursday at 5:30pm. (April 13) Then follow Jesus and his friends into the Last Supper and a story about people who followed him in the shadows. Many of your friends are "actors" in this drama.

And then COME! CELEBRATE NEW LIFE AT 6:00am as the sun rises on April 16th EASTER!!!!

And again at 10:30 for our Traditional Easter Worship Service where we remember that Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

With Huge Gratitude and Persistent Hope,
Rev. Laura

Worship Themes for April

April 2, 2017
Fifth Sunday in Lent
"Jesus Wept"
John 11:1-45

April 9, 2017 ~ Palm Sunday
"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

~~ **April 16th ~ Easter Sunday** ~~
6:00 am - Easter Sunrise Service at
405 Nahant Rd., Overlooking Castle Rock
(Breakfast at NVC
following Sunrise Service)

10:30 am ~ Easter Worship Service
with Village Ringers, Trumpets,
Organ and familiar Easter Hymns!

April 23rd
Second Sunday of Easter
"The Gift of Forgiveness"
John 20:19-31

April 30th
Third Sunday of Easter
"Companionship"
Luke 24:13-35

The Boston Saengerfest Men's Chorus
Concert at the Village Church
April 30th @4PM



The Boston Saengerfest Men's Chorus celebrates its 25th anniversary with a concert to benefit the Nahant Village Church in a program of audience favorites from the last 25 years.

The concert will feature Nahant's own favorite international soprano soloist, Ute Gfrerer.



This will be Saengerfest's first appearance on the North Shore.

The Chorus has recently returned from a concert tour to Wales and London's Royal Albert Hall. Tickets are \$25 and can be obtained through the Village Church website (nahantvillagechurch.org), calling 781-581-1202 or at the door.

This is a NOT TO MISS EVENT.

The concert is sponsored by Ron Plotka in Swampscott. This means all of the ticket revenue can go directly to the Church.

One nice way to bring friends to our lovely Church is to invite them for dinner after the concert.

Invite people who are not members of the Church.

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Invite people from Swampscott, Lynn or Marblehead.

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Invite people who tell you

"I've never actually *been* to Nahant"

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We need to fill the Church seats to help fill the Church coffers in a year of tight budgets.



*Community Breakfast*

*This will be a wonderful afternoon of song.*

**Nahant Community Breakfast**  
**with Town Administrator, Jeff Children**  
*April 7th @ 8:00am*

He will present the Nahant FY 2018 budget and review the articles to appear on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

This budget and warrant presentation has become an annual event designed to provide the voting public with advance information related to the votes to be taken at the upcoming Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017. The free breakfast starts at 8 a.m.

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.

**All are welcome!**

**Holy Week**

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 5:30 pm - Soup Supper

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**10:30 am - Traditional Easter Worship Service**

**2017 Nahant Garden Club Scholarship**

The Nahant Garden Club is pleased to announce our offer of a \$2000.00 scholarship to a 2017 high school graduate who has been accepted to an accredited institution of higher learning. The applicant must be a current resident of Nahant and have been a resident for at least three years. Preference will be given to a course of study related to ecology, environmental engineering, conservation, landscape architecture, botany or horticulture. In the absence of applicants majoring in the above fields, the scholarship will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated significant contributions to civic and community service organizations.

Applicants must include: 1) A transcript of grades. 2) An autobiographical letter describing the applicant's accomplishments. 3) A copy of acceptance to an accredited institution of higher learning. 4) A letter of recommendation from a teacher or community leader. Please submit all requirements by May 15, 2017 to: Jeannie E. Buckley, 7 Walton Rd., Nahant, MA 10908. For more information please call 781-581-0389.