



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*

*February 2022 Scripture Readings

Feb. 6 - Worship and Communion

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Luke 5:1-11

Theme: A Surprising Catch

February 13 - Worship Service

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Luke 6:17-26

Theme: Surprising Teaching

February 20 - Worship Service

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Luke 6:27-38

Theme: Love your Enemies

February 27 - Worship Service

Transfiguration

Luke 9:28-36 (27-43a)

Theme: Astounding Glory

Calendar

Worship Service

Sundays, 10:30 am in person and remote through Zoom.

Contemplative Circle

is on hiatus for now.

Stay tuned.

Memory Café

Connections - A Memory Café is on hiatus until further notice.

Please see the article later in this issue for more information.

Bible Study (via Zoom)

Tuesdays @ 10:00-11:00 am

Genesis Supper Club

Fridays @ 5:00-6:30 pm

See the last page for Zoom meetings and contact information

Dear Church Family-
Christmas. Another year over. A new one just begun. Recognize the words? John Lennon and Yoko Ono. They then ask a simple question... what have you done?



As Christians, we use more than January to reflect on our acts and our hopes. We have Advent and Lent to keep us focused. Through Christ's death on the Cross, we have the ability to no longer live in the past. We have the ability to live in the present and to live knowing our future is secure if we stay on The Way, the term used in the early church to identify the path for Christians.

The 'Breaking News' mentality of ever-present news cycles in print, TV, phone apps, you name it, would have us believe we live in unheralded times. Let me introduce (or remind you about) Martin Rinkart, a priest in a place that is now in Germany but was then in Saxony. Born in 1586, Rinkart lived in Eilenberg, a walled city of insignificant size. What is known as the 'Thirty Year's War' (30 years!) started while he was a Lutheran pastor. For 30 years, the only 'breaking news' was about more homes and fields being burned, more innocent civilians slaughtered and more refugees coming to Eilenberg. Too many. While the Swedish Army had the city under siege, the plague broke out and it is estimated that 5,000 citizens died in one year, including Martin's wife. Martin was the only pastor who lived.

Some days, he performed as many as 50 funerals. Eventually, Martin helped negotiate the sum of money that the Swedish Army accepted to end its siege.

Yet, here is the most amazing part: coming out of those darkest of times, Martin wrote a hymn of thanks and praise that you might hear on Sunday if you walk by a church with its doors open: Now Thank We All Our God.

To remind myself of Martin's story, I entered the search terms 'priest Germany plague 5000 funerals hymn' into Google only to find that one of the suggested further searches was 'how to open a funeral home'. Google and much of our culture only sees, nay, wallows in the negative. There is a reason that we, a people of The Cross, are a people of hope. Out of the darkest days, we see only resurrection possibilities. *In the darkest days of Winter, we see Spring.*

Though we are still not able to sing away in our pews, I urge you to listen to Martin Rinkart's most famous hymn and weave these words into your heart and life: *O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills of this world in the next.* Go, listen (<https://youtu.be/iLjJBFIXR0>) and be filled with love for God and one another!

Your Preacher,

Rusty Chadwick

MESSAGE FROM REV. PATRICIA



My friends,

For anyone death a few days before Christmas is tough. It is true for Joe Benson's family as well. We will dearly miss this gentle soul and oh-so-active brother in our church family. May he rest in peace.

By the grace of God, the members of Nahant Village Church have carried and supported Joe, Youngea, and John with visits, prayers, and plenty of love in his final days among us. My own fond memory is from two weeks ago. Joe and his wife, Youngea, attended our Contemplative Prayer Circle, and we had the privilege of hearing their grief, fear, and hope. We prayed with them and for them and carried them as they faced this powerful transition. Joe was clear that he was not afraid, and that he felt ready to transition from this life to his eternal home. His main concern was for his wife and her life going forward. The family spent the last two weeks exploring what would be best for all involved. May we continue to pray for clarity.

Yesterday, I visited with John, Youngae, and Andrew. Joe died at 4:00 a.m. at home under hospice care. The family plans to have a Memorial Service in the Spring at the NVC. It would be helpful for the family members if we could check in with Joe's wife, Youngea, for comfort and support. Olivia, Samantha, Betsy, and others have been over-the-top supportive for a long time. Cards and calls are also welcomed. The family will choose a charity for donations. Right now they are all set with food, and other material needs.

Thank you for the honor of overseeing the pastoral needs of the church.

Love and blessed Christmas,
Rev Patricia

MUSIC NOTES

Bill Thompson, Organist



First, thanks to those who approved and supported the purchase of the organ for the chapel.

Those who have been attending church in person have noticed the variety of sounds that are not available on the sanctuary organ.



I encourage anyone who would like to play the new instrument to do so. There's nothing musically you can do to harm the organ.

Just stay after church some Sunday or contact me to arrange a time during the week. I can be reached at 678-521-7200 or billinatlanta@gmail.com. Finally, anyone with a background in piano qualifies for free organ lessons on the chapel instrument.

WINTER IN PERSON WORSHIP AND ZOOM WORSHIP

We continue our winter worship in the Chapel, in person, at 10:30 a.m. We hope that you can join us! We do understand that with the COVID numbers climbing so high and quickly that some people are not comfortable with coming to worship in person.



We will be Zooming the service for people to log onto and watch the service live. We will continue to video the service and upload it to YouTube and send that link out as well, later Sunday evening. It is important for you to mute yourself when you sign on. One person will be running the zoom and doing the filming. The videographer will do her/his best to make sure if you are watching live, that your viewing experience is a good one. We may experience a few "technical" speed bumps early on, but we will get better with experience.

Thank you for your support and patience while we continue to learn new ways to bring you the weekly worship service during COVID times.

Join Zoom Meeting Link and Information

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86912048062?pwd=VG1xUW0wWVZ4YUUF4Qm9lOUFYU2VQUT09>

Meeting ID: 869 1204 8062

Passcode: 123456

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Also, the link for the Zoom service can be found on the NVC Web Home pages at

nahantvillagechurch.org



HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING WITHOUT A CHRISTMAS FAIR!

While we didn't have an in-house Christmas Fair at the NVC in December of 2021, various groups were able to hold fundraising events, in a kind of deconstructed fair.

At the Nahant Holiday Fair on November 27, Jen McCarthy, Nancy Cantelmo, and Susan Gilbert sold raffle calendars and seasonal greens. Thanks to Jen for collecting items and creating this successful calendar. Thanks to Robbie McGowan, Edie Hunnewell and Nancy Whitman for assisting with the greens creations.

The talented bakers of NVC produced their delicious goods, which were sold at various times in the NVC companionway, including November 27, December 5 and 11. So many contributed, but special thanks to Christine Stevens, Maria Welsh, and Samantha Scolamiero for leading this effort. Samantha and her group from the Genesis Supper Club also contributed herbs from the Nahant Community Garden.

Maureen Edison has been an important part of the NVC boutique and clothing sale for so many years. This year these events were held on the days of the bake sales. We thank Maureen for her help again this year, in addition to Marrit Hastings, Pam Motley, Christine Stevens, Marsha White and Samantha Scolamiero. Amy Dow has organized the Jewelry Table for many years. We thank her for her continued efforts this year.

Thanks to many who assisted with set up and clean up, including Marrit and Cal Hastings and Amy Dow. Thanks to Jen McCarthy and Susan Gilbert for publicizing these events.

The amount earned from this year's efforts totaled \$4737. The raffle calendar \$1595, the greens table \$1170, the bake sales \$1149, clothing sales \$799 and miscellaneous donation of \$4. Our goal had been \$5,000. With a \$50 donation coming in after the end of the year, we actually came closer to our goal. Thanks to all who helped out with their time and purchases!

A HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Maria Welsh, Rev. Patricia Long, Jen McCarthy, Nancy Cantelmo (on the screen), and Bill Crawford, gathered on your behalf, to be thanked and duly recognized for their hard and persistent work during Nahant Village Church's transitional time.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

It takes many people to have any service happen, but Christmas Eve always seems to be more hands on! As chairman of the Deacons, I need to give a special thank you to Chris Stevens, Roz Puelo, Cal Hastings, Rachel

McCarthy, and all of the Chadwick boys for their help with the Christmas Eve Service. Roz, Cal and the Chadwick boys helped with the greeting of guests, passing out candles and bulletins and Passing the Light. Chris and Rachel were my technology support! We worked together to live Zoom the Christmas Eve Service, which twenty-five people signed on to watch, as well as record it to be uploaded to YouTube. Also, I would



Chris Stevens placing the angel on high!

like to give Chris an extra thank you for helping decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Service. All the poinsettias, and manger figures looked so beautiful. Many of you have comment on the angel way up high on the windowsill. I'll never tell how it got there!

RAFFLE CALENDAR

Thank you so much to everyone who donated a prize to the Raffle Calendar Fundraiser. We have some great prizes graciously donated by the following people: Roz Puelo, Nancy Cantelmo, Bill Crawford, Brett and Tracy Henry, Jacquelin Early, Heath Goodwin, Chris Alexander, Peg Curran, Nahant Fire Department, Nahant Police Department, Chris and Rich Stevens, Tom and Cindy Costin, Amy Dow, Maria Welsh, Cal and Marrit Hastings, Eleanor Lowell, Amy Dow, Samantha Scolamiero, and Libby Olsen. Their generosity is greatly appreciated!

We have been fortunate to raise over \$1,500 from this fundraiser. The winners thus far are:

Jan. 1 - Pamela Motley, Jan 2 - Wendy Payne,
Jan 3 - Susan Edwards, Jan 4 - Kathy Famulari,
Jan 5 - Betsy Watchel, Jan 6 - Susan Edwards,
Jan 7 - Robyn deStefano, Jan 8 - Betty Gooding,
Jan 9 - Ken Carangalo, Jan 10 - Maureen Edison,
Jan 11 - Beth Walls, Mary Magner Jan. 12,
Jan. 13 - Mia Corinha, Jan. 14 - Nancy Cantelmo,
Jan. 15 - Cal & Marrit Hastings,
Jan. 16 - Nancy Whitcomb, Jan. 17 - Beth Walls,
Jan. 18 - Ellie Lowell, Jan 19 - Diane O'Connor,
Jan. 20 - Robyn deStefano, Jan. 21 - Nancy Cantelmo,
Jan. 22 - Chris Alexander, Jan 23 - Amy Dow

Thank you to everyone who purchased a calendar. I hope January was a lucky month for you!

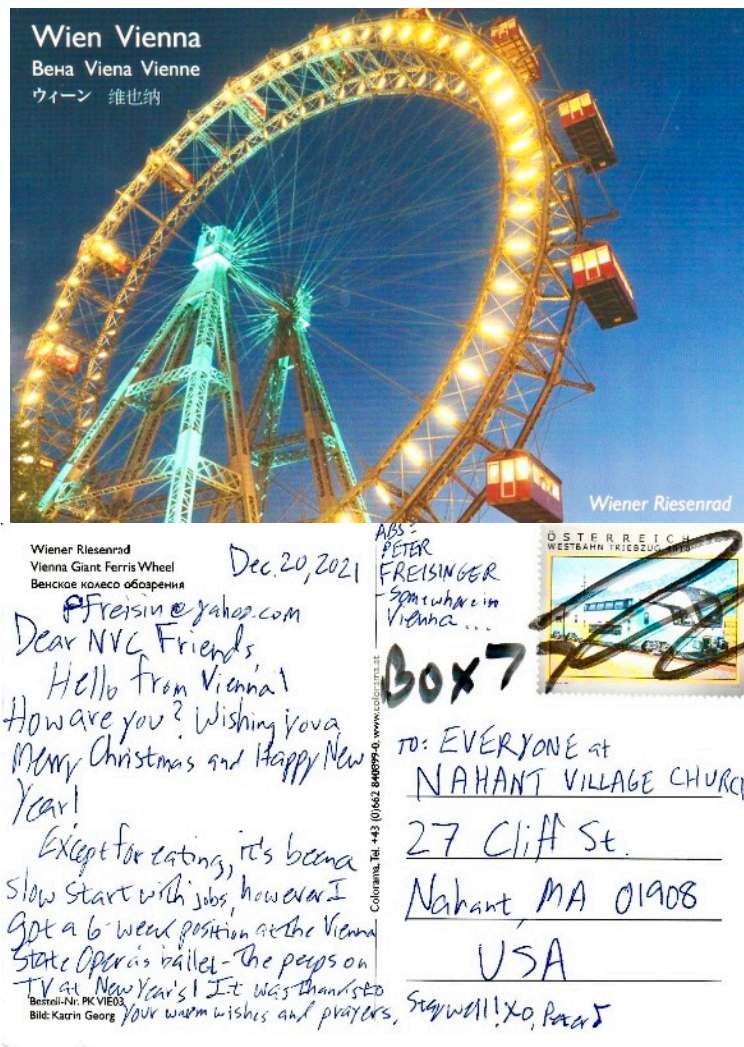


SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Following Sunday Service

We will hold a Valentine's Day Bake Sale on Sunday, February 13, 2022 after the worship service. If you would like to donate an item to this fundraiser, please contact Chris Stevens at cstevens@wickedlocal.com or phone her at 781-254-6827.

Please stop by between 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. to get a sweet or savory treat for your valentine!



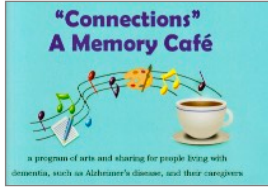
OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you would like to receive a set of weekly offering envelopes, please contact Marrit Hastings. These envelopes are useful particularly when contributing cash donations. Using Offering envelopes enable us to keep track of your contributions and to send you the periodic reports for you giving.

MY SUNDAY OFFERING	
Name	_____
Address	_____

CONNECTIONS A MEMORY CAFÉ

is on hiatus until further notice



Attendance at the monthly Memory Café gatherings has been extremely low most likely due to pandemic concerns. Because of this, the sponsors decided to suspend the monthly gatherings for a couple of months.

The sponsors of the Memory Café — the Nahant Public Library, the Nahant Council on Aging, and the Nahant Village Church — plan to meet in March or April to assess how best to move forward with increased attendance and participation. Contact Sharon Hawkes or Marrit Hastings if you have ideas for interesting programming or outreach to caregivers of individuals experiencing memory loss. Until the Memory Café monthly gatherings resume, there are helpful resources for caregivers at the Library.

We will keep you posted on how the Memory Café plans to move forward when planning for the coming year gets underway.

GENESIS SUPPER CLUB



The Genesis Supper Club held a meaningful Hanukkah gathering via Zoom and continues to meet Friday nights from 5pm to 6:30 pm. We welcome new members to join us

during the winter months in the New Year.

Have you ever had dinner with Jesus? Join us to find out how easy it is! We welcome you to join us in exploring the benefits of a plant based diet. We will be inviting guest lecturers on plant-based eating, mushroom identification, different types of "living water", sprouting, dehydrating and much more.

Our herbal offerings of homemade pot pourri have been a big hit at the recent bake sales.

We also pray for one another and our greater community and world. This group has been a life line for many during the isolation of the pandemic.

If you need help getting set up on Zoom, please contact our church administrator, Susan Gilbert, at 781-581-1202 or at secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org. She will provide you with the name of a volunteer to help you. You can join us via phone as Olivia Brandt and Flo Sigourney, so you don't need computer skills to participate.

NAHANT VILLAGE VOICES

We will start up Nahant Village Voices again in 2022 meeting in person in the chapel during the winter months. Please send an email to us to sign up for our announcements at NahantVillageVoices@angelic.com. We look forward to featuring musical performances as well as poets and spoken word artists.

CONTEMPLATION CIRCLE

Attendance for the Contemplation Circle has been low due to COVID concerns, so Rev Patricia has suspended the Contemplation Circle for the time being. Stay tuned for updates on pastoral care.

COMPASSIONATE CARE CIRCLE



The Compassionate Care Circle invites you to participate in this heart-filled ministry. Your participation can be as easy as signing a greeting card or as dedicated as visiting a church elder once a week. Soon Rev. Patricia Long will

commission lay people to deliver communion monthly to members who are home bound or ill. We are setting up a dedicated area for people to sign greeting cards as they come and go from church. Some will be addressed to specific people, while others can be used to greet new comers. The idea is to practice being as welcoming as we profess to be.

Some of our new NVC members mentioned that the outreach of our Compassionate Care Group is one of the reasons they kept coming back and eventually joined the CCG.

Please contact Rev. Patricia long if you would like to be involved in the rewarding mission of Compassionate Caring in our church community and beyond.

*Dear Compassionate Care Group,
I want to thank you all for the work
you do keeping in touch with folks
that need a caring word. You are
all great. NVC can be so proud of
you all.*

May your holidays be merry and bright

*I wish you all a very Merry Christmas
and all the best for 2022.*

Much love

Tuesday Joyce



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

PLEASE WISH OUR
JANUARY BIRTHDAY
FOLKS A BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

**Polly Bradley, Robin deStefano,
Edie Hunnewell, Dorothy Johnson,
Trudy Joyce, and Glenn Sanphy**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bill Thompson	02/06
Bill Crawford	02/10
Paul Richardson	02/19
Pattie Aswad	02/28

Dear Village Church Community,

Thank you so much for your Christmas gift to my family. The gift cards were put to good use eating an abundance of food!

There are really no words to describe how amazing the people of this town and your Church are. The well wishes, prayers and generosity are so appreciated. Love, Lisa & Family

Warmest thoughts and best wishes
for a wonderful holiday season and
a very Happy New Year.

Thank you from all of us at the Johnson School for the generous donation to our families in need of \$2,000 in gift cards. They were distributed among the 10 families and are much appreciated! Thank You! Cheryl DiStasio



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Many thanks for your very generous donation.

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**Items from both January and February are included in this issue. We publish a monthly issue when there is enough content. If you would like to submit an item of interest to the congregation for consideration in an upcoming issue, please email your submission to secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org.*



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Call the Church at 781-581-1202 to leave a message. Contact Rev. Patricia Long for urgent Pastoral Care, or Jennifer McCarthy for other church needs. Phone messages at the Church are checked regularly and forwarded to the appropriate individual on our Team.

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or 781-599-3977 or 617-794-6477)
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You are invited

Sunday Worship Service in the Chapel

Sundays @10:30 am

Live Zoom Sunday Service

Live Zoom Service

Meeting ID: 869 1204 8062

Passcode: 123456

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Nahant Village Voices

On Hold until the new year

Click below to join on Zoom

NahantVV

Meeting ID: 810 8610 6763

Passcode: NVV

Passcode: 697582 (phone)

We would *Love* for you join us!