



The Pulpit Rock

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

November 2017

Nahant Village Church
Where Everybody Belongs

Sunday so we can dedicate them during worship.

When I am practicing **gratitude**, my heart and my mind are open to God's guidance. Included in this practice is gratitude for the difficult parts of life. They help us discover new pathways and new directions. Gratitude allows us to accept each other as we are.

Now thank we ALL our God, for heart and soul and voices!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Rev. Laura

November 2017

3rd Community breakfast 8:00 am

5th Twenty-second Sunday/Pent.

Communion Sunday

10:30 am - Worship

11:30 am - Fellowship

12th Twenty-third Sunday/Pent.

10:30 am - Worship

11:30 am - Fellowship

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

16th 9:30 am Worship at Jesmond

19th Twenty-fourth Sunday/Pent.

Gratitude Sunday Service

10:30 am - Worship

11:30 am - Fellowship

26th Twenty-fifth Sunday/Pent.

9:00 am - Parents, Children,
Spirit

10:30 am - Worship

11:30 am - Fellowship

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## December 2017

2nd Christmas Fair 9 am-2 pm

**3rd Hope 1st Sunday of Advent**

*Communion Sunday*

10:30 am - Worship

11:30 am - Fellowship

**10th Peace 2nd Sunday of Advent**

10:30 am - Worship

11:30 am - Fellowship

**17th Joy 3rd Sunday of Advent**

10:30 am - Worship

11:30 am - Fellowship

1-4:30 pm - Serve MBT

**24th Love 4th Sunday of Advent**

10:30 am - Worship

11:30 am - Fellowship



### **Gratitude is an Attitude**

November begins with All Saints Day, a day dedicated to **gratitude** for the saints in our lives. On November 5th we will honor our saints with candle light, names, and memories.

November 12th is dedicated to gratitude of children. We will baptize a child during worship, singing songs of **gratitude** and praise for the blessings of the Holy Spirit.

November 19th is our BIG Thanksgiving Sunday. We will honor the women and men who serve the Nahant community. The NVC Stewardship Campaign will come to a joyous ending with a dedication of pledges and offerings. The Bell Choir will join the NVC Choir as leaders of our music. Bring friends and come with an attitude for **gratitude!**

November 26th is HYMN **gratitude** day. We will sing old and new favorites with the accompaniment of Herman Weiss. Send in your HYMN suggestions to Susan Gilbert in the church office. Remember to order your New Century Hymnal before this

### Upcoming Events

**Monthly Community Breakfast**

November 3. at 8:00 am.

**Gratitude Sunday service**

November 19 at 10:30 am

**PCS gathering on Sunday**

November. 26 at 9:00 am

**Bible Studies**

Thursdays at 11am or

Sundays November 12 at 9:00 am

**Christmas Fair**

Saturday, December 2

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

### **Worship Themes for November**

**November 5th**

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pent.**

*Communion Sunday*

*Matthew 5:1-12; 1 John 3:1-3*

**November 12th**

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pent.t**

*Matthew 19:13-15; Matthew 25:1-13*

**November 19th**

**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pent.**

**Gratitude Sunday**

*Psalm 90:1-6; Luke 17:11-19*

**November 26th**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Ezekiel 34:11-16; Psalm 100*



## Northeast Association Women's Fellowship

The Fall meeting of this group will be held on Wednesday, November 1 from 9:30 to 1 p.m. at the First Church in Ipswich, 1 Meetinghouse Green in Ipswich. The program speaker is Carrie Schuchardt who for 27 years has been co-director with her husband John of the House of Peace in Ipswich—a community of hospitality and healing. An offering will be received for the refugee work of the House of Peace.

Reservations are required by Friday, October 27 by calling the Church Office at 978-356-2211. Several people from our Church are planning to attend this meeting. Let Trudy Joyce know if you'd like to carpool.

## November Community Breakfast

Friday, November 3rd

We are honored to welcome State Representative Brendan Crighton as our speaker. He was elected as our State Rep in 2014 and began serving in January 2015. He serves on several joint committees: Community Development and Small Businesses, Economic Development, Information Technologies, Public Health, and Revenues. He will talk about his experiences as a State Rep and issues that he is working on. This will be an open forum so come with a list of questions that you'd like him to address.



The free breakfast is served at 8 a.m. Plan to come for an informative presentation, a hearty breakfast and some wonderful camaraderie. Spread the word and bring a family member or friend. Transportation arrangements for elders to the breakfast can be made by calling the Tiffany Room a few days in advance.



## Gratitude Sunday

November 19th

Special worship service at the Nahant Village Church to express our gratitude to first responders, Town officials and staff, veterans, and others in Nahant who make our Nahant community so special and safe. The service will be held at 10:30 a.m.

## Hymn Sing - November 26

There will be a hymn sing as part of the November 26th worship service so save the date. Also, please take a minute before that date to leaf through the Red and New Century Hymnals and jot down your favorite hymns.

## Christmas Fair - Saturday, December 2

Please join us for a traditional social and pre-Christmas celebration at the NVC. Thanks to all.



## Christmas Eve Service

December 24 7:00 pm

Invite your family and friends for Bells, Flute, and violin music, and to join in Christmas Carols and candle lighting.

## New Century Hymnal

We are very pleased to announce that on Sunday, October 15, the congregation unanimously approved the purchase of new hymnals. The vote was 23-0 in favor. Although these new hymnals will not replace our current hymnals, they will be a special addition to our current music as they contain all-inclusive language. This hymnal is in addition to our Red Hymnal.

This is an opportunity to dedicate a new hymnal to someone you love, in honor of, or in memory of. The cost of the new hymnal is \$25.00. Yellow forms to place your order for the new hymnal can be found in the Narthex and Companionway and can be left with a check (Memo Line New Hymnal) in the Treasurer's mailbox (on the Administrative Assistant's door) or given directly to Susan Gilbert, our new Admin Assistant. A sample book plate is shown on the back of the form.



## Many, Many Thanks

for your support of the

Tides Fundraiser for NVC

We had a really great evening of Fun, Food, and Fellowship at the Tides Fundraiser! Much appreciation to all who donated raffle items! And thanks to everyone who came and had dinner and bought raffle tickets! The church made \$932.00 on the raffles and together with the Tides 10% donation the total amount raised was \$1,232. What a wonderful way to support the programs and ministries of our church! Thank you!

## Potluck Supper

Eight people gathered in Swansburg Hall for a potluck supper and bingo night on Saturday, October 21st. Jen McCarthy skillfully led the bingo games, with unique prizes provided to winners by Lissa Stempek. Many

## ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA NOW



The altar and sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Eve Service on Sunday, December 24th.

The cost per poinsettia is \$12.

Please make your check out to the Nahant Village Church.  
Please complete the form below and send it with your check  
***no later than Monday, December 18th*** to:

Nahant Village Church,  
PO Box 77, Nahant, MA 01908  
Attn: Lissa Stempek

The form and check may also be placed in the offering plate.

We are requesting that you TAKE YOUR POINSETTIA AFTER THE  
SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

(Any poinsettias that are left will be given to someone who is  
ill, homebound and unable to get out to church.)

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### POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) for Christmas.

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

In memory (or in celebration) of:

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Annual Christmas Fair Needs YOU!



By the time you read this our Christmas Fair on Saturday December 2. will be **ONLY 4 WEEKS** away! It's time to pour on the steam and share in the Christmas spirit!

Thank you to those who have already volunteered for a table or to help out:

**Bake Sale and More Table:** Lenora Brauner, Christine Stevens & Maria Welsh

**Clean-up:** Maureen Edison, Teri Motley, Chris Stevens

**Crafts and Gift Table:** Chris Alexander & Pam Motley

**Finance:** Marrit Hastings

**Greens Table:** Robbie McGowan

**Jewelry Table:** Amy Dow, Jackie Meuse, Lissa Stempek, Elisabeth Foukal (name bracelets)

**Publicity:** Kristen Standish

**Snack Bar:** Jennifer & Rachel McCarthy

### CRITICAL NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS for the following tables:

**Fair Coordinator:**

**Raffle Table:**

**Santa (or Mrs. Santa!)**

**Set-Up, Breakdown:**

**Silent Auction:**

**Please contact Chris Alexander (781-864-5367) or Maria Welsh(781-581-2015) if you are considering or willing to volunteer for any of the above.**

There are plenty of things everyone can do to help! **There will be baskets in the companionway for your donations.**

You can:

- Make/buy something to donate to the **Craft/Gift** Table.
- Find some **jewelry** in those boxes and drawers, dressers and closets. There's a box for donations in the Companionway or see Lisa Stempek.
- **BAKE!!** Bake some Cookies, Candy, Cakes, Pies. Folks just love the goodies made by NVC bakers.
- Help out the day of the fair wherever needed.
- **Talk about the fair! Encourage family, friends and neighbors to come to the fair.**
- **COME TO THE FAIR!! SATURDAY DECEMBER 2, 9AM-2PM**

Sign-up sheets for volunteers and donations are in the Companionway.

And last but not least, a **HUGE** thank you to all of you who are working, making, creating, cooking, donating and coming to the Fair!