



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*

JANUARY 2023 Scripture Readings

Jan. 1 - No Service

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Ps. 148/Matt 2:13-23

Theme: Cosmic Praise

Jan. 8 Worship/Communion

First Sunday after Epiphany

Matt 3:13-17/Ps. 29

Theme: Possibilities Unfolding

Jan. 15 -Worship Service

Second Sunday after Epiphany

John 1:29-42/Isa. 42:1-9

Theme: All That We Are

Jan. 22- Worship Service

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Matt 4:12-23/Isa. 9:1-4

Theme: Called Together

Jan. 29 - Worship Service

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Matt 5:1-12/Ps. 15

Theme: The Vision Beautiful

Calendar

Nahant Community Breakfast

Friday, Jan. 6, at 8 a.m.

Caregivers "Connections"

Tuesday, Jan. 17 at 11 a.m.

Support for caregivers of people living with memory loss.

Bible Study (via Zoom)

Tuesdays at 10-11 a.m.

Genesis Supper Club

Fridays at 5 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

*See the insert for Zoom meetings
and contact information*

WHAT WILL YOU DO?



Dear
Church Family-

*"Another year.
Over. A new
one...just
begun."*

Recognize the words? John Lennon and Yoko Ono. Then, they then ask a simple question...*what have you done?* I love those lines. Every year, they bring me back to the year just passed and push me to consider what I will do in the one to come. God asks you the same questions.

This year, how will you answer those questions? God asks this church the same questions. This year, how will you respond? Over the past two years, I have asked you to fill in the blank for this statement:
When the pandemic ended my church did _____.

Now, I would ask you to fill in two new blanks:

When the new shepherd came to pastor us, our church did _____.

And, I did _____ to help.

The baby has just been born but there is not much time. The Child's Name is Jesus because he will save his people from their sins (Luke 1:21). His name is Immanuel because God is with us (Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:23). Soon enough, He will be gone to the cross.

Come all ye faithful. God is with you. Feel the love. Feel the need to love one another. What will you do to make _____ happen?

Your Preacher,
Rusty Chadwick



For the first time in more than a decade The Nahant Village Church participated in the town's Annual Christmas Parade. And the reception from the crowd that lined the streets, according to one who was aboard the "float," was most warm hearted and welcoming!
Thanks to all who participated!

[NVC photo/Chris Stevens]

CONDOLENCES



We extend our sincere condolences to the family of Dorothy Johnson who passed away on December 10, 2022. She would have turned 93 in January. Both Dottie and her late husband Tom were very active in our church; we thank them for all they did to make this such a caring church community.

CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

Be on the lookout for an announcement regarding the 2023 Budget Meeting to be held sometime in late January. Until the budget is passed by the Congregation, the church is operating on a continuing resolution. This means that the Church will operate financially as it did last year until the 2023 has been approved.

CHRISTMAS EVE MAGIC

Christmas Eve brought pews packed with old friends and new, readings and candlelight and music that filled ones soul. But it is likely that what will be remembered most from the evening filled with peace, joy and love is the Children's Choir, led by Ute Gfrerer and Linda Hall. Kudos to all who participated!



COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS

Jan. 6, 2023, at 8 a.m.

The January breakfast will be held on Friday, January 6 at 8 a.m. It will feature a presentation by the Nahant Police Department. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know these first responders who keep us safe in our homes and community. Learn more about what they do, their plans and priorities. The Police Department will be happy to respond to any questions that you may have. Let's express our gratitude to each and every Nahant police officer and other department personnel.

We look forward to seeing you there for hearty breakfast, an informative talk and a get together with others in Nahant. Spread the word and bring family members and friends.

If you are an elder and need transportation to and from the breakfast, please make arrangements with the Tiffany Room a few days in advance by signing up or calling 781-581-7557.



FUNDRAISING

A big thank you to all who helped us to exceed our annual goal for fundraising this year. The Christmas Fair was very successful (thank you Jen, Christine and Amy for organizing it this year). It drew a lot of people who were so happy to gather again for a community event and do some holiday shopping. The lobster rolls once again were a big attraction. Other fundraising activities held this year included two bake sales, greens sales at the Nahant Holiday Fair, and some new ads for the 2022-23 placemat.

LAUGH BREAK

What do we have that Adam doesn't?

Ancestors!



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

CAREGIVER “CONNECTIONS”

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Nahant Village Church -
Swansburg Hall



The Caregiver Connections Support Group was formed to provide individuals who care for those with memory problems a forum to share experiences and to support each other. This Support Group meets monthly on the **third Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m - 12 p.m.** The Caregiver Support Group is sponsored by Nahant COA, Nahant Public Library, and Nahant Village Church. An experienced representative from Greater Lynn Senior Services will also participate. Please share this information with anyone who might benefit from participating. Contact Mary Miner of the Nahant COA at mminer@nahant.org for more information.



“City Lights” is about “A hapless but resilient tramp [who] falls in love with a blind flower girl on the tough city streets and hilarity and sweetness ensue. So mark your calendar get ready for a fun ride with Rob and Charlie amid the “City Lights.”

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Many thanks to all who contributed to the White Christmas Fund this year. We were able to bring Christmas cheer to seven families at the Johnson Elementary School, a total of 17 children, as well as to some of our parishioners. A total of \$4,400 in White Christmas gifts were distributed, partly paid for by White Christmas contributions and donations made to the Communion Offering Fund.

In 2023, we hope to restart the special Communion Offering collection on the first Sunday. This fund was established several years ago to extend a helping hand to individuals and families in our congregation or community who are experiencing difficult times. It is a wonderful fund; and we want to be able to continue offering a helping hand in upcoming months.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes will be available, to those who requested them, for pick up on Sunday, January 8 which is our first worship service in 2023. If you have not made a request for envelopes, you can still do so by contacting Treasurer Marrit Hastings.

The envelopes are especially helpful for individuals who place cash contributions in the offering plate. By using an offering envelope, the treasurer can record it as your contribution and provide you with a statement at year end which you can use for tax purposes.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 — Gertrude (Trudy) Joyce
- 6 — Robin deStefano
- 10 — Glenn Sanphy
- 14 — Edie Hunnewell
- 15 — Polly Bradley
- 17 — Rachel McCarthy
- 18 — Libby Olson

We hope that all of you have a Happy Birthday and wish you all the best for the coming year.

Save the Date!

Friday, March 10 at 7 p.m. NVC will show Charlie Chaplin’s “City Lights,” which will once again be accompanied by the musical improvisations of organist Robert Humphreville.



The Chadwick family lit the Love candle during the fourth week of Advent, Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022.

[NVC photo/Amy Dow]



The Swansburg Family wished everyone at NVC a Merry Christmas!



Amy Dow (left) not only donated her truck as a “float” for the annual Christmas parade, she and Rev. Patricia rode in the back, along with Chris Stevens (not pictured) tossing candy and good wishes to those along the route.

[NVC photo/Chris Stevens]



Elisabeth Foukal works on custom made bracelets during the Annual Christmas Fair. Below, Janet Dolan checks out the Greens Table.

Co-Chairs, Jen McCarthy, Amy Dow and Chris Stevens would like to thank

everyone who participated and visited the fair, which was held Dec. 3, 2022. Your efforts made it a rousing success and a ton of fun.

Thanks ❤️

[NVC photos/Chris Stevens]



Well, look who stopped by a recent Genesis Supper Club meeting during a chilly night in December. From left, Marsha White, Ted, eating a carrot!, and Han Parrish.

[NVC photo/Chris Stevens]



OUR BELLS KEEP TOLLING

Monthly on the 11th day at 11 am the Nahant Village Church bells toll eleven times to raise awareness of the environmental crisis.

SCHEDULING ACTIVITIES AT NVC

It is great to see more activity at our church, and we anticipate that this will increase in the coming months. In order to avoid scheduling conflicts, please let Christine Stevens know about your plans so that she can enter it on the master schedule. Meetings that are held at the church should be included on the schedule.

Any new initiatives or events to be held at the church need to be brought before the Leadership Team as well as Trustees for their review and approval. This is to ensure that there are no scheduling conflicts and that the planned event is in keeping with the church's overall mission.

If for some reason a planned activity is cancelled, it is the responsibility of the leader/chair of that group or meeting to inform its participants accordingly.

ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICES

We **Zoom** all of our worship services live each Sunday, so if you can't attend in person, you are welcome to join us on Zoom. Meeting ID 869 1204 8062 Password: 123456.

We also record each service, so you can watch the service later when you have time. You can visit our website www.nahantvillagechurch.org for all of the YouTube links. To navigate to the archive of services, click on WORSHIP under the blu banner, then click on On Line Worship Services.

BIBLE STUDIES

Join on Zoom Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m
A link is available on the NVC Home page at
<https://www.nahantvillagechurch.org>
Meeting ID: 838 6095 4980
Passcode: 01908



SCRIPTURE READERS

Have you ever wanted to read read scripture during the Sunday Worship Service? If so, please email Jen McCarthy at edwarthy@hotmail.com. We'd love to have you!

VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE HOUR



Coffee hour following Worship has resumed in Swansburg Hall. If you would like to volunteer to oversee the Coffee Hour, which takes about 30 to 45 minutes. Coffee is made and food is provided. Volunteers will just do a light clean up and clean out the coffee pot. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jen McCarthy.



GENESIS SUPPER CLUB

The Genesis Supper Club is back after a hiatus and meeting in person, Friday nights from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Swansburg Hall. Everyone is welcome to join for a potluck, gluten free vegan meal (and don't let the word "vegan" scare you). Meeting information is available on the Nahant Village Church Webpage at nahantvillagechurch.org. or contact Samantha at 978-530-7633 with questions.



NAHANT VILLAGE CHURCH

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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Olivia Brand - 781-584-8112 or 717- 816-5046

You are invited

**Sunday Worship Service
in the Sanctuary
Sundays @10:30 am**

Live Zoom Sunday Service

Live Zoom Service

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)

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Passcode: 01908

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Village Ringers

Beginners 4:30 p.m., Advance 5:15 p.m.

Swansburg Hall

NahantVV

Meeting ID: 810 8610 6763

Passcode: NVV

Passcode: 697582 (phone)

We would *Love* for you join us!