



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*

June 2022 Scripture Readings

June 5- Worship/Communion

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

Theme: Gathered and Scattered

June 12 - Worship Service

Trinity Sunday

Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31

Theme: Wisdom Calls

June 19- Worship Service

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a

Theme: In God's Presence

June 26 - Worship Service

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Acts 16:9-15

Theme: Pick up the Mantle

Calendar

Worship Service

Sundays, 10:30 am in person in the Sanctuary - remote via Zoom.

Nahant Community Breakfast

June 3 at 8:00 a.m.

Hamill/Webster Wedding

Saturday, June 4, 11:00 a.m.

Memorial Service for Dennis Scolamiero

Friday June 17, 11:00 a.m.

Memorial Service for Joseph Benson

Saturday, June 18, 11:00 a.m.

Bells Mondays

Beginning 4:45 p.m. followed by bell choir at 5:15 p.m.

Bible Study (via Zoom)

Tuesdays at 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Genesis Supper Club

Fridays @ 5:00-6:30 pm

See the insert for Zoom meetings and contact information

Dear Nahant Village Church Member and Friends,

You have hired Pastor Chris Hart as our Church Consultant because you are committed to the renewal necessary to bring NVC into an active present, a hopeful future, and a strong respect for generations past who



did their part for us. Thank You. The question ever present before us as we embark on this leg of our journey is: "Where are you leading us, O God?" We in the United Church of Christ believe that "God never puts a period where a comma belongs."

The following individuals have generously said "Yes" to being active members of what we are now calling: the Nahant Village Church Renewal Teams. They will meet monthly with Pastor Chris and weekly as individual teams for the next six months. If they can rely upon your prayers, your best critique, and your continued support, it will be the wind beneath the wings as we fly together. We intend to be transparent and open to your input. As the title of a good book to read at this times suggests: **If You Want To Walk On Water You've Got To Get Out of the Boat** (Ortberg)

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Jen McCarthy
Nancy Cantelmo
Bill Crawford
Maria Welsh

VISION/IDENTITY TEAM

Ute Gfrerer
Linda Hall
Linda Jenkins
Carl Jenkins
Han Parish
Flo Sigourney

BY-LAWS TEAM

Marrit Hastings
Mary Livingston
Teri Motley
Chris Rogers

GROWTH/PARTNERSHIPS

Margaret Alexander
David Parish
Samantha Scolamiero
Chris Stevens

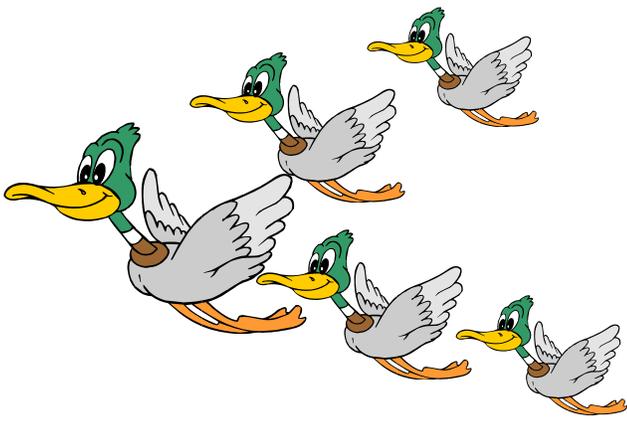
These are not closed groups; if the Holy Spirit is calling you to join a team, please contact Rev Patricia Long or Roz Puleo.

Suggestion: Please read the story: A Sense of A Goose (A story of teamwork).

Love,
Rev Patricia

SUMMER WORSHIP

The Leadership Team in conjunction with Rev Patricia and Preacher Rusty, have agreed to move the summer services to a different time and to hold outdoor services. We are asking for the congregation's input on the start time of either 9:00 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. You can share your input with any member of the Leadership Team (see left) or Rev Patricia. You could also email your preference to the church AA at secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org. Input will be accepted until June 6, 2022.



A Sense of a Goose

A story of teamwork

When you see geese flying along in 'V' formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly in that way. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in the 'V' formation, the whole flock adds at least 71 percent greater flying range than if the bird in front flew on its own.

LESSON:

People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going more quickly and easily because they're travelling on the thrust of another.

Whenver a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone, and quickly gets back in formation to take advantage of the "lifting power" of the bird immediately in front.

LESSON:

If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go, and be willing to accept their help as well as give ours to others.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the point position.

LESSON:

It pays to take turns doing the tasks and sharing leadership.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

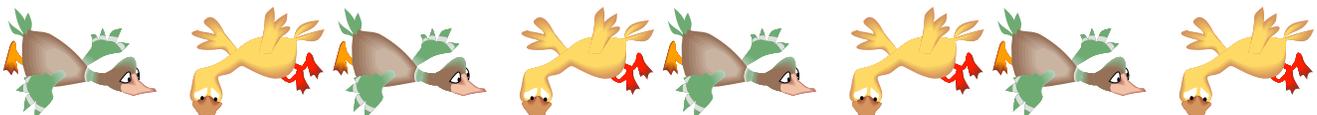
LESSON:

We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging and not something else.

When a goose gets sick or wounded, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to protect it. They stay with it until it is able to fly again or dies. Then they launch out on their own starting another formation, or catch up with the flock.

LESSON:

If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by each other in difficult times as well as when we are strong.



FROM PREACHER RUSTY

Dear Nahant Village Church Family,

The time of Pentecost is upon us...the time when our church came alive and - strengthened by the fire of the Holy Spirit- burst out of Jerusalem and across the 'known' world.

Of course, there was this guy named Paul who, breathing threats and murder¹, tried his best to stop them...until Christ knocked Paul off his horse and blinded him with the reality of God's purpose. Then, Paul truly became unstoppable.

Conversion on the Way to Damascus



*Italian Painter
Caravaggio C1600-1601*

Today, we travel around the world without much more than jet lag. Yet, before the Internet and sky travel, Paul traveled all around the Mediterranean by ship (a few which wrecked) but mostly by land. The Romans knew how to build roads. Some of those roads still stand. Others lay hidden underneath modern asphalt highways. The Romans, who once dominated the (known) world for 1700 years, are no longer. A humbling reminder to all current and would-be world powers today.

Do you know what is older than the Roman Empire? The Word of our God. Paul's letters are available online and in bookstores, hotel rooms and churches around the entire world, not just those parts that the Romans reached. Yet, people still have the same question that Pontius Pilate asked Jesus: "Truth?² What is truth?" How do *you* answer that question?

Here is another question: What will become the truth for your church? Where will you (yes, you!) help take our church today and tomorrow? It has been about one year since I first preached to you. Hard to believe! Wait, no, it is easy to believe...in Christ.

That first sermon, I asked you to complete this sentence: "When the pandemic ended, my church did _____."

Well? How have *you* answered that question?

Yours in faith in Christ,

Preacher Rusty

preacher.rusty.chadwick@gmail.com

¹ Acts 9:1

² John 18:38

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATES

We have received two more Profile from ministers interested in learning more about our church. We have reached out to both for interviews. Unfortunately, one candidate wrote back and said that she was being called to another church. We are working with second candidate to schedule a time to meet. We will continue to keep you updated.

NAHANT COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

June 3 at 8:00 a.m.

Refugee and Immigration Assistance Center- Presentation by Director Mariam Gas

RIAC is a community-based, non-profit, grassroots human service agency that provides comprehensive services to refugees, asylees, and immigrants. Our services include refugee resettlement, asylee case management, counseling, outreach and education, and other social services.

Future breakfasts include:

- July 9 - Travels to Antarctica by Isabell VanMerlin
- August 5 - Seaglass Village--Neighbors Helping Neighbors
- September 9 - State Senator Brendan Crighton

TO BE LIKE JESUS! TO BE LIKE JESUS!

It has been the long standing tradition at the NVC that everyone is welcome to participate in our Communion Sacrament. In some other churches, this invitation is limited to those who have been confirmed or are church members, or with other restrictions. We are open to all!

This also applies also to children in attendance at our worship services. With their parent or family member's consent, they may come to the altar at the Village Church during Communion time. Children may receive either a blessing or the elements, as indicated by the adult who is with them.

Nahant Village Church opens our doors and welcomes all people, our neighbors, from near and from farther away. We invite everyone, and especially young people, to participate in our activities and worship services.

We should all warmly greet those who come to us, as we ourselves would like to be greeted and as Jesus would greet us. We do hope that they will feel that welcoming love that we all sincerely extend toward them.

DID YOU KNOW?

All of our services are Zoomed 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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE HOUR

We are excited to start our Coffee Hour again after our Sunday worship services, in Swansburg Hall. We would like to ask for volunteers to oversee the Coffee Hour, which is more like 30 – 45 minutes. Coffee will be made and food will be 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.

HANDBELLS FOR BEGINNERS

We started a small group of beginner handbell ringers and invite anyone who is interested to join. We both go over how to read music, as well as handbell ringing techniques. We meet on **Mondays from 4:45 to about 5:15**. When the Village Ringers return to regular rehearsals, we will provide an opportunity for beginners to ring with them for an additional 15 minutes or so. Contact Marrit Hastings if you are interested in joining this group. Experienced Ringers are welcome to join at 5:15 p.m.

COMPASSIONATE CARE CIRCLE

Make someone's day; please sign a greeting card.

Do you know someone who may appreciate a birthday wish, a get well wish, or a note of cheer? If you do, please use the sign-up sheet to give us her or his name. Thank you

GENESIS SUPPER CLUB

The Genesis Supper Club meets in person on Friday nights from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Zoom and phone meeting information is available Nahant Village Church Webpage at www.nahantvillagechurch.org.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Please email Susan, our administrator, about about any events (including meetings) so that she can put in on the master schedule. secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org This will ensure that no one runs into any scheduling conflicts. The schedule will be posted in the Church and on the Church website.

FOR NVC PLACEMAT UPDATE

The current NVC placemats are in need of an update -- some of the businesses listed are no longer in business or have changed their affiliation (such as the bank). We will need to recruit some new vendors to advertise and touch base with others who place an ad. See Marrit Hastings to learn more or to volunteers.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Youngae Benson	6/03
Susan Hooper	6/08
David Wilson	6/08
Elisabeth Foukal	6/12
Lynne Spencer	6/15
Carl Christie	6/20
Paul Wilson	6/24

MEMORIAL SERVICES IN JUNE

Dennis Scolamiero

Friday, June 17, 11:00 a.m.

Joseph Benson

Saturday, June 18, 11:00 a.m.

Anyone willing to help with collations, please call Marrit Hastings at (781) 581-5691 or email her at calhast@hotmail.com

A special thank you to Amy Dow and her special helpers who represented NVC at the Nahant Arts Festivities on Saturday, May.21.





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27 Cliff Street, PO Box 77, Nahant, MA

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.

Church – 781-581-1202

Preacher: Roger “Rusty” Chadwick

Pastoral Care: Rev. Patricia Long
781-941-6663 or revpatsylong@gmail.com

Leadership Team

Jen McCarthy (Chair) - edwarthy@hotmail.com
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also Board of Deacons Chair

Nancy Cantelmo - nlc31@comcast.net
or 781-599-3977 or 617-794-6477)
Memorials/Music Committee Chair

Bill Crawford - crawfordwm@verizon.net
or 781-581-0411)
Board of Trustee Chair

Maria Welsh (mariawelsh@ymail.com)
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Treasurer

Marrit Hastings - (calhast@hotmail.com)
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Buildings and Grounds

Cal Hastings - calhast@hotmail.com
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Andy Puleo - andynahant@aol.com
or 617-293-3913)

Compassionate Care Circle

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)

A link is available on the NVC Home page.

Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 10:00 am

Click below to join on Zoom

NVCBible

Meeting ID: 838 6095 4980

Passcode: 01908

Contemplative Circle

on hiatus for now. Stay tuned.

Genesis Supper Club

Fridays @ 5:00-6:30 pm

Join on Zoom

GenesisSupperClub

Meeting ID: 881 0920 8580

Passcode: 01908

Nahant Village Voices

Date to resume TBD

Click below to join on Zoom

NahantVV

Meeting ID: 810 8610 6763

Passcode: NVV

Passcode: 697582 (phone)

We would *Love* for you join us!