



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

2026

Scripture Readings

Sept. 6 2026

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Matt. 12:22-32

Sept. 13 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost
Matt. 18:21-35

Sept. 20, 2026

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Matt. 20:1-16

Sept. 27, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost

EVENTS

Coffee with the Pastor

Wed. Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Pot Luck Dinner

Wed. Sept. 9, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

9/11 Memorial Gathering

Friday, Sept. 11 8:30 - 11 a.m.

Church Clean Out Day

Saturday, Sept. 12, 9 a.m. - noon

Trustees Meeting

Monday, Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Caregivers Group

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 11 a.m.

Church Council Meets

Monday, Sept. 21, 6:15 p.m.



DEAR BELOVED COMMUNITY

I trust everyone enjoyed the summer days! I hope you were able to find time to linger with friends and family outside and enjoy the warm beach days! Our oldest grandchild begins kindergarten soon ~ time sure flies! We have a lot of fun activities planned at the Nahant Village Church this **fall**! I have already begun making **Advent** plans! We will have Coffee with the Pastor the first Wednesday of every month except for September 9th due to my vacation. Our first potluck of the church year will also be on September 9th from 6-7 p.m. On Saturday September 12th we will gather as a church to clean out and clean up our church building! We will have a large dumpster brought in for that adventure! On Sunday, September 13th we will celebrate **Rally Sunday**, the beginning of our church year with a picnic after church. There is a sign-up list for the food outside Chris's office. Council, Deacons and Trustee's will all resume meeting in September! Busy days!

Again, I am very grateful to all who helped with the Installation back in August and for the very generous

and thoughtful gift! Wishing everyone a good beginning to the **new church year** and the **fall**

season!



Blessings always!

Peace,

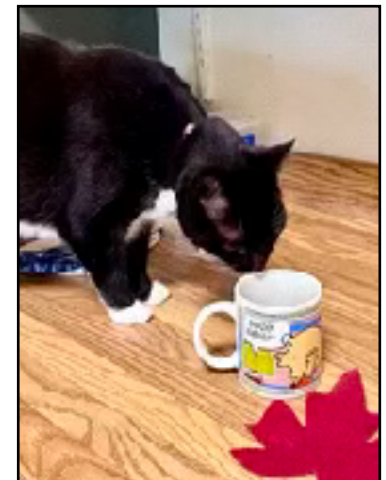
Rev. Emily



COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Coffee with the Pastor is back on in September but will be off by a week because Rev. Emily is traveling. Please join us on the Wednesday, Sept. 9 though for some hot coffee and warm conversation. We look forward to seeing you!



A MESSAGE FROM THE MODERATOR

Staying Connected at Nahant Village Church

Hello everyone,

As we begin September—a month that often feels like a new beginning in the life of the church, much like the start of a new school year—I'd like to take a



few minutes to talk about **communication and staying connected.**

Recently, I've heard from a few people who were unaware that certain events were happening or who felt they weren't always sure about what was going on at the church. I thought this would be a good opportunity to remind

everyone of the many ways we work to share information and, just as importantly, where you can look when you want to know what's happening at Nahant Village Church.

Weekly E-News

Every Saturday afternoon, usually around 1 p.m., we send out our weekly E-News. It includes an invitation to Sunday worship as well as church news and announcements. Be sure to scroll all the way through! Toward the bottom, you'll find a section highlighting upcoming events and important dates.

The Pulpit Rock

Our monthly newsletter, *The Pulpit Rock*, is another great source of information. It is emailed to our mailing list, and printed copies are also available in the Companionway for anyone who prefers a hard copy. This goes out the first week of the month

If you are not receiving the weekly E-News or *The Pulpit Rock*, please let Chris Stevens or me know so we can make sure you are added to our email list.

Church Bulletin Boards

We also have two bulletin boards where meeting notices, agendas, event flyers, and other important information are posted. One is located just inside the entrance near the Chapel, and the other is outside the

kitchen in Swansburg Hall. Please take a moment to check them when you are at church.

Sunday Morning Announcements

We regularly share reminders, updates, and announcements from the pulpit during Sunday worship. If you aren't able to attend in person, remember that you can join us from home on Zoom and still be part of the service.

Our Church Website

Our website is another helpful resource. The church calendar lists upcoming meetings and events, and our Events section highlights special activities happening within our church community.

We truly are working hard to communicate what is happening at Nahant Village Church, from upcoming meetings and events to information about the work taking place within our various boards and committees. **But good communication is a partnership, and we need your help, too!**

Our church emails are sent through a program called Mailchimp, which allows us to see whether emails have been opened. Sometimes, when someone mentions that they weren't aware of an event, we find that our recent church emails may have gone unopened. We all know how quickly our inboxes can fill up! So I encourage everyone to make a habit of opening our church emails and taking a quick look through them. There may be something happening that you won't want to miss.

And, of course, communication can always be improved. If you have an idea for another way we could share information or help our congregation stay better connected, **I would genuinely love to hear from you.**

As we begin this new church year together, I hope we can all make an effort to stay informed, stay involved, and stay connected with one another. There are many wonderful things happening at Nahant Village Church, and we want everyone to feel that they know what is happening and how they can be a part of it.

Wishing everyone a wonderful September!

Jennifer McCarthy
NVC Moderator

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

NO COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

9/Memorial Gathering Sept. 11 instead



There will be no Community Breakfast in September. Instead there will be a Memorial Gathering recognizing the 25th anniversary of 9/11. The Chapel will be open from 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. for anyone wishing to sit in silence. There will also be a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. followed by a brief prayer. Coffee and tea will be available in Swansburg Hall for those who want to reflect and share.

All are welcome to attend

The Community Breakfast will be back in October.

RALLY DAY COOK OUT

Sunday Sept. 13, immediately following worship

Rally Day is often equated to the start of the Sunday School year but really it's all about the new start of the church year.

And this year we aim to celebrate that.

Please plan to join us after coffee hour for a picnic in Swansburg Hall (and the garth). There will be hot dogs and hamburgers fresh off the grill, salads and sides and of course dessert.

So bring your appetite and bring a friend and help us celebrate the fall and the new church year in NVC style!



THANK YOU

so very much for the generous and thoughtful installation gift!
We so appreciate your kindness and will carry you with us in spirit on our trip to Santa Fe!

Fondly,
Rev. Emily and the first gentleman,
David Kellar

WELCOME COA!

Our Doors Are Open!

Beginning Monday, August 31, the Tiffany Room at Nahant Town Hall will be undergoing a much-needed makeover. While the renovations are underway, the Nahant Council on Aging needed a temporary home where they could continue serving lunch to our community's seniors.

When Kelly King, Director of the Council on Aging, reached out to Nahant Village Church about using Swansburg Hall and our kitchen, we were happy to say **YES!**

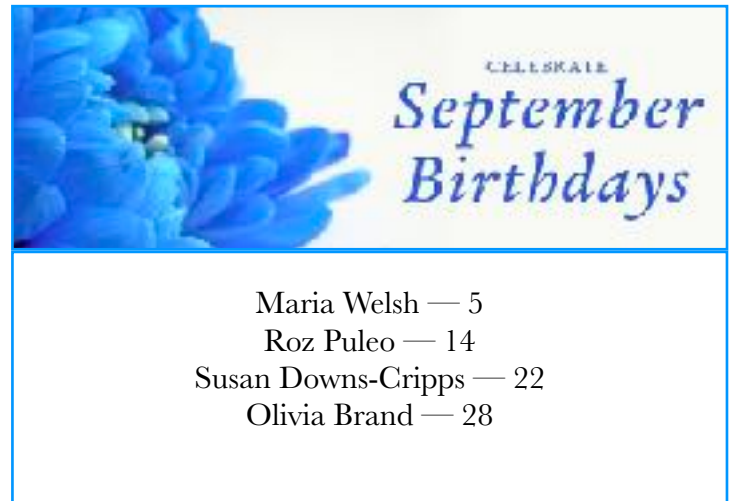
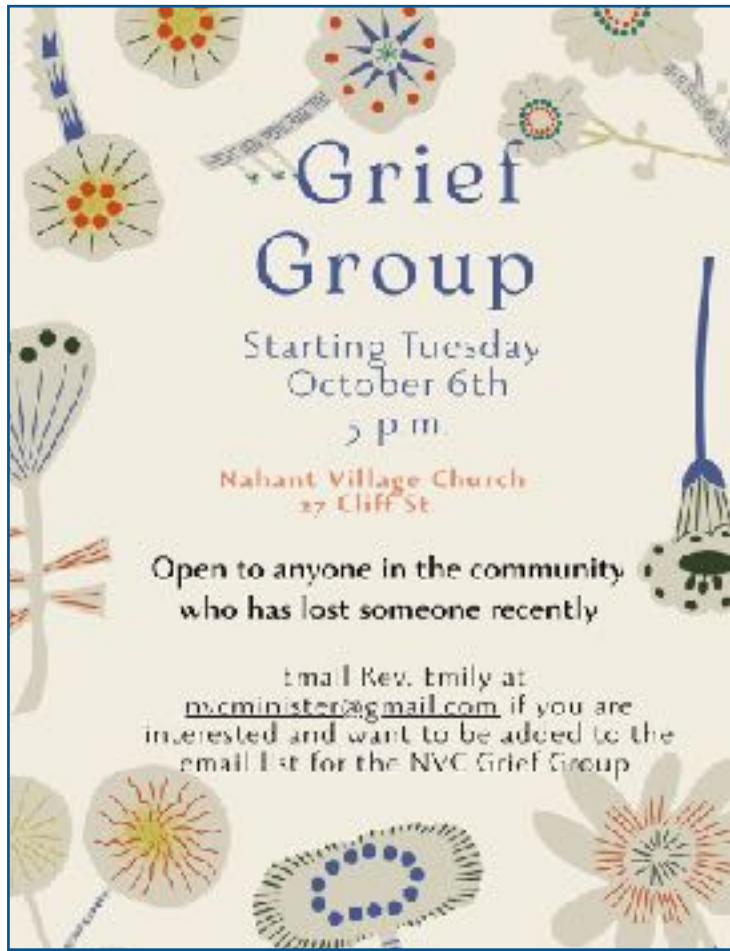
We are thrilled to welcome the Council on Aging and our senior neighbors into our church home. After all, being a church is about more than what happens on Sunday mornings. It's about opening our doors, sharing what we have, caring for one another, and being a place where our whole community feels welcome.

We know Swansburg Hall will be filled with amazing, home cooked food, friendly faces, plenty of conversation, and probably even a little laughter along the way!

Are You 60 or Older?

You are invited to join the Council on Aging for lunch! Just give them a call ahead of time to let them know you'll be attending so the chef can plan accordingly.

Welcome to Nahant Village Church! We're so happy to have you here.



OCTOBER PREVIEW

There is a lot going on in October so we thought we'd give you a preview so you can mark your calendar. Rev. Emily will start a grief group, we'll hold our annual flea market — weather permitting outside! And there is the annual Blessing of the Animals at Marjoram Park. Please plan to join us and as always — bring a friend!



Blessing of the Animals Service



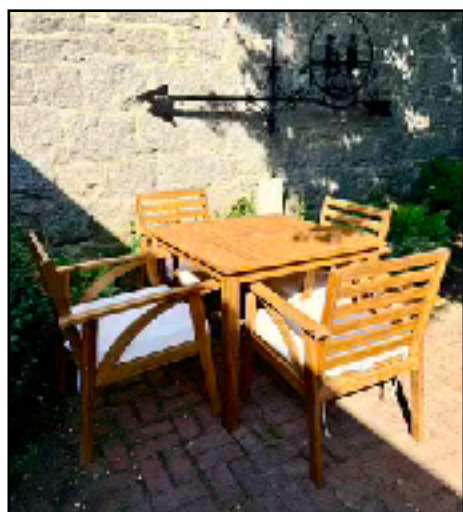
OCT. 4 - 10 am
Marjoram Park

All pets are welcome to come & be blessed
 (but must be accompanied by owner and under control).

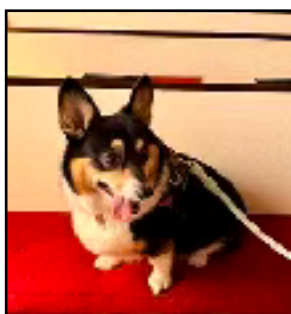
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If it rains, the service will be held in the sanctuary, 27 Cliff St.



Thank you to the
**Memorial
Committee** for
purchasing this teak
table & chairs for the
Garth. It is very much
appreciated and it is
very much for
everyone. So —
If you have a chance
please take advantage
of it. The Garth is a
lovely spot for even a
brief respite from life,
or to sit with friends for
coffee so enjoy!



Princess
Patty in
the pews

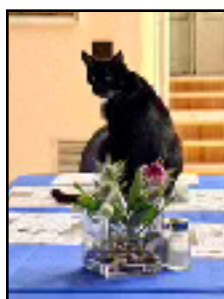
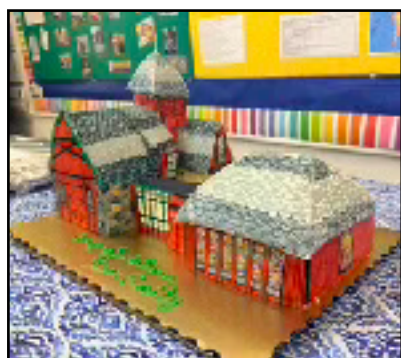
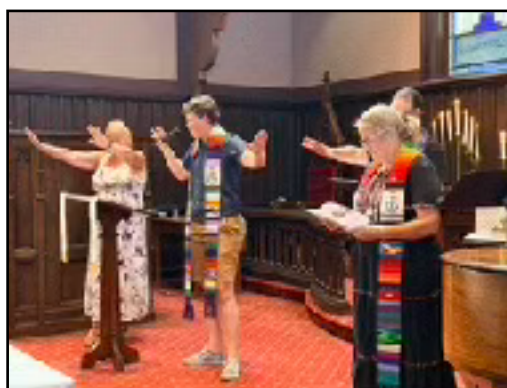
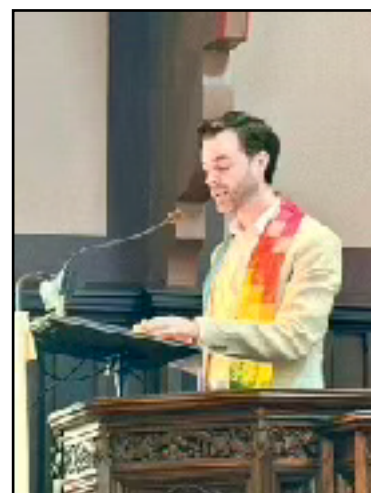
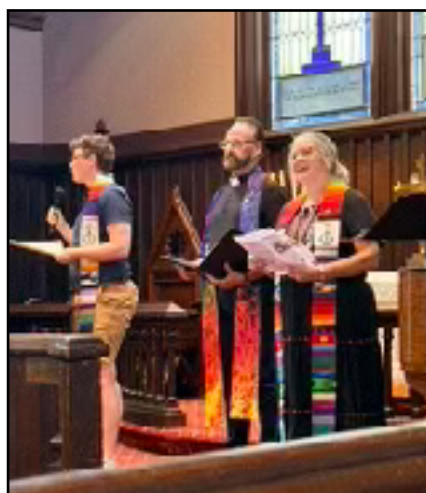


Rev. Emily's Installation Day!

It was hot, it was fun and it was confetti filled. Jen
welcomed everyone, Rev. Sean preached, Area Minister
Katie Omberg and Rev. Bill Ladd led the installation, Ute
sang, the bells rang
and of course Roz made a cake!
Thank you to all who participated in
& attended this memorable event!



That's Rev. Emily's
sorry-for-the-confetti- face



And of course
Ziggy came by
to help with the
set up
& wish Emily
well



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.

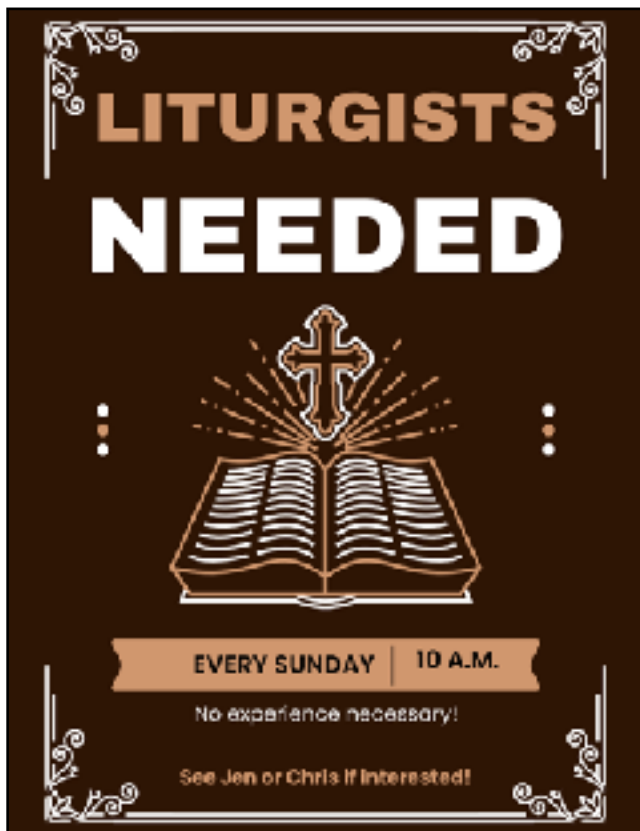
We also record each service. You can visit our website www.nahantvillagechurch.org for all of the YouTube links. To navigate to the archive of services, click on **WORSHIP** under the blue banner, then click on **On Line Worship Services**. You can also find services posted on the church's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/TheNahantVillageChurch>

WANT TO FEEL PART OF THE SERVICE

BE A READER!!

If you'd like to participate in the worship service consider being a liturgist one Sunday. No experience necessary! You lead the responsive prayers, read the scripture lesson and announce the hymns. It's easy and rewarding! Contact Jen at 781-316-7309 or Chris at 781-581-1202 if you're interested. Or simply reach out to us at church.

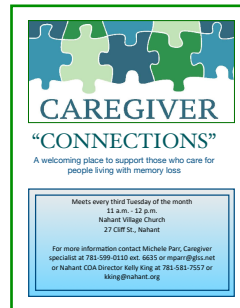


CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Nahant Village Church Library



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, 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 Kelly King of the Nahant COA at kking@nahant.org for more information.



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WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT WITH REV. EMILY

If you would like to come in and visit with Rev. Emily, please email her at nvcminister@gmail.com or call the church office at 781-581-1202 to set up a time! We would love to see you so please don't hesitate to call or email!





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CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday - 9 a.m. -noon/1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - noon.

781-581-1202

Phone messages are checked regularly.

In case of an emergency contact Rev. Emily Kellar at
781-264-8339 or Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309

Rev. Emily J. Kellar - nvcminister@gmail.com

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**Compassionate Care - 781-581-1202
secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org**

You are invited to ...

Sunday Worship Service in the Chapel

Sundays @10 a.m.

or to 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.

Caregiver “Connections”

Third Tuesday of the month

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

NVC - Library

Village Ringers

Mondays @ 5 p.m.

Swansburg Hall

Trustees

Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

NVC Library

Church Council

Third Monday of each month, 6:15 p.m.

NVC Library

Membership

If you'd like to become a member of the church
contact or Rev. Emily J. Kellar at 781-581-1202 or

Chris Stevens at

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We would *Love* for you join us!