

# 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

**April 5, 2026**

*Easter*

John 20:1-18

**April 12, 2026**

2nd Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

**April 19, 2026**

3rd Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:13-35

**April 26, 2026**

4th Sunday of Easter

Psalms 23

## EVENTS

**Coffee with the Pastor**

**Wed., April 1 & April 29**

**9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**Monthly Potluck**

**Wed. April 1, 6p.m. - 7 p.m.**

**Office Closed**

**Monday, April 6, 2026**

**Community Breakfast**

**Friday, April 10, 8 a.m.**

**Trustees**

**Monday April 13, 6:30 p.m.**

**Church Council**

**Monday April 20, 6:15 p.m.**

**Caregivers**

**Tuesday, April 21, 11 a.m.**



Dear Beloved Community,

April is here ~ **Spring** is on its way! If you heard my Palm Sunday sermon then you know after 25 years living in New England, I have always been skeptical that we have 4 seasons up here! I was raised in a part of the United States where March would find the temperature in the 70's and 80's ~ no chance of frost or snow ~ and tons of flowers blooming the beginning of March! I used to look for the **green** to appear in the soil in February! So New England's guessing game of **Spring** is not always easy for this Southerner! But I am hopeful ~ I see the **green** ~ it is April ~ new life will come! It is the story of the gospels too ~ the story of death and resurrection! New life is always possible!

I hope you will join us for Easter either at the Sunrise Service at 6:15 a.m. or at the 10 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary! Going forward we will have church in the sanctuary the first Sunday of the month! Although in May we will be in the sanctuary the first *two* Sundays due to a baptism on Mother' Day! We will also have a quiet reflective service on Maundy Thursday ~ scriptures read ~ candles extinguished ~ the meal shared as we mark the solemn time of darkness

coming to the earth. Never fear though because as it says in the gospels, darkness cannot hold back the Light. The Light of the world will conquer darkness! It is our story as an Easter people!

I have pulled my bike out of the garage and dusted off my favorite walking shoes! I hope to be walking or biking to the church a lot this spring and summer! Please feel free to honk and wave should you see me out and about! Blessings for this time of **Spring!** Blessings always in this life!

Peace,

Rev. Emily



Ziggy checks out new life in the garth 🌷

## FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees met on Monday, March 9, having changed the meeting time and day to accommodate our schedules. We agreed to meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 going forward.

Carl Jenkins gave a report on there restructuring of the accounts at Fidelity, combining the Lowell Endowment and the General Endowment accounts, neither of which were actual endowments.

Carl also proposed an idea for fundraising which will involve selling art from private collections.

Discussion of the replacement of the floor in the basement hall and classroom areas led to a motion to put the work out to bid. We will get specifications drawn up for that and request proposals before proceeding with the work.



We are waiting for more information about interior handicap accessibility and repairs to the chapel pipe organ.

As always, we are grateful for your support.

Rex Antrim



The Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce honored Cal & Marris Hastings with the Nahant Town Pride Award during it's recent annual meeting. The pair also picked up several local and state citations for their dedication to the community.



## ~ NEW MEMBER SUNDAY ~

Maybe you have visited Nahant Village Church for a long time ~ may be you are new to the area and have just recently been attending. Joining the church says to our community that you want to walk in the way of Love with us. Joining the church means you are agreeing to walk with us and serve together!

If you are interested in joining the church with Rev. Emily ~ please reach out to her by email and let her know at [nvcminister@gmail.com](mailto:nvcminister@gmail.com)! New Member Sunday will be June 14th at 10 a.m. Rev. Emily is glad to answer any questions you may have about becoming a member of Nahant Village Church! She is hoping that she is not joining by herself!

## GLCC HONORS THE HASTINGS WITH THE NAHANT TOWN PRIDE AWARD

Cal & Marris Hastings were feted by the The Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce at its recent annual meeting when they presented the pair with the Nahant Town Pride Award. They were recognized for founding the Nahant Community Breakfast over 20 years ago.

As noted in the program, "they created one of the town's most meaningful and enduring traditions, bringing neighbors together for connection, conversation, and community. What began as a small group has since grown into an inclusive event open to all, centered on great food, camaraderie, and engaging discussions." The program notes went on to say that "for 23 years and counting, the breakfast has served as a welcoming forum featuring presentations on topics ranging from civics to public safety to health, education, and culture. These gatherings have sparked meaningful impact--helping residents stay informed, inspiring local initiatives, and strengthening community ties."

"Through their vision and dedication, Cal and Marris have created more than a monthly event -- they have built a space where ideas are shared, relationships are formed and community thrives, making them truly deserving of the Nahant Town Pride Award."

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

### COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

#### MEET YOUR SELECT BOARD CANDIDATES



The two candidates for the Select Board seat vacated by Gene Canty will be at the April 20 breakfast. They are: Patty Karras and David Wilson. Each candidate will be given 15 minutes to discuss his/her background and qualification, and address how they'd approach important issues facing Nahant. Each presentation will be followed by a 5-minute Q&A.

The free breakfast starts at 8, with the candidate presentations starting at about 8:15. Please join us and invite family and friends. The Town election will occur on Saturday, April 25 so the breakfast is an opportune time to get to know the candidates.



### MONTHLY

#### First Wed. of the Month, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Come to our monthly Potluck with Pastor Emily, Wednesday, May 6 — no fooling! 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Come with something homemade, something store bought, or come with empty hands ~ however you come ~we will pull out a chair for you and welcome you among us!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### May 1st Breakfast

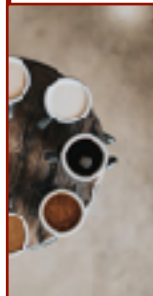
#### TOWN BUDGET AND WARRANTS



Town Administrator Alison Nieto will be the featured speaker at the May 1 breakfast. She will present the town budget and discuss important warrants to be considered at the upcoming annual Town Meeting. Please mark your calendar for this important and informative event.

### COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

#### Wednesdays, April 1st & 29th 9:30-10:30 a.m.



Come have coffee with Pastor Emily. Get to know her and give her a chance to know you. Things will be brewing twice a month now (first & third Wednesdays) from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.



Kevin Bailey — 4  
Dunbar Livingston — 5  
Sandy Schulenburg — 11  
David Parish — 16  
Bruce Walker — 18  
Ute Gfrerer — 19  
Mary Livingston — 22  
Carl Jenkins — 24  
Rob Alexander — 27



Shout out to Lisa Haley and Missions for organizing PB&J Day to benefit My Brother's Table. And a huge thank you to all the sticky fingered volunteers who persevered and got the job done! ❤️



NVC came alive with the sounds of children on March 28 for pizza and photos with the Easter Bunny and a good old fashioned Easter Egg Hunt, which in true kid fashion took about 10 minutes!

Thanks to Rev. Emily, Jen, Chris & Nancy for all their hard work and especially to Eddie Kellar for going above and beyond behind the scenes!



Who doesn't love a parade! Thanks to the Matt, Nick and Josh for helping us out on Palm Sunday with the palm waving procession! You guys are awesome



## 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.

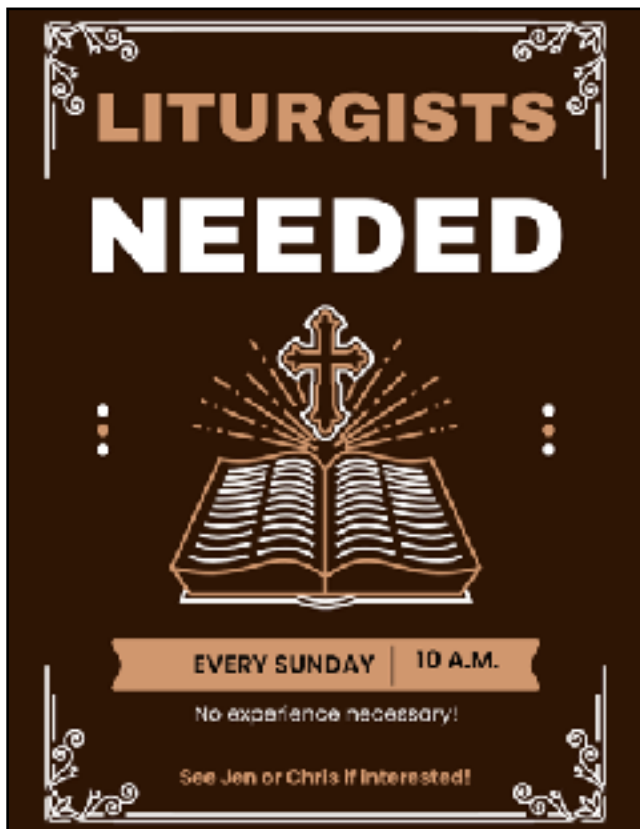
We also record each service. You can visit our website [www.nahantvillagechurch.org](http://www.nahantvillagechurch.org) for all of the YouTube links. To navigate to the archive of services, click on **WORSHIP** under the blue banner, then click on **On Line Worship Services**. You can also find services 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.

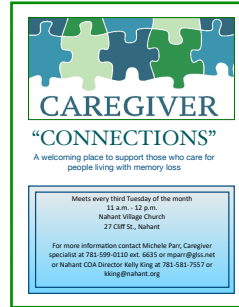


## CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

**Tuesday, April 21, 2025**

**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](mailto: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 [nvminister@gmail.com](mailto:nvminister@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](mailto:nvcminister@gmail.com)**

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**Church Council**

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*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

[secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org](mailto:secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org)

We would *Love* for you join us!