



# 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*



## Search Committee

### Update

## Search for a Designated Term Pastor Goes on!

Dear Nahant Village Church  
Community,

We want to share an update on our ongoing search for a Designated Term Pastor. To date, we have received **twelve profiles** and have had the opportunity to **interview six** of these candidates. While many have shown remarkable gifts and talents, we have not yet found the right fit for our church family.

We remain faithful and hopeful that the right person will be sent to us in time. In the interim, we are pleased to announce that **Rev. Colin Leitch** will be joining us for the month of **September** to lead Sunday worship.

Additionally, the **Church Council** has decided to focus on securing pulpit coverage through the **end of the year**. As plans are finalized, we will continue to keep you informed.

Thank you for your continued trust in the Search Team. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we seek the pastor who is meant to walk this journey with us.

With gratitude,  
**The Search Committee**

## Pastoral Care Update

As we continue through this time of transition, our Sunday Worship

services have been faithfully supported by pastors from the UCC Pulpit Supply list. During a recent Church Council meeting, we reflected on



how things have been progressing and recognized a growing need for dedicated Pastoral Care within our congregation.

We are pleased to share that Rev. Patricia Long has agreed to assist us in this important area. Rev. Patricia will be offering Pastoral Care support for approximately ten hours per week. Her compassionate presence and experience will be a valuable resource for those seeking spiritual guidance, comfort, or simply a listening ear.

Rev. Patricia is available for phone calls, home/hospital visits, or meetings at the church.

If you would like to speak with Rev. Patricia or arrange a visit, you can contact her directly at **781-941-6663** or email her at [revpatsylong@gmail.com](mailto:revpatsylong@gmail.com).

Alternatively, feel free to reach out to our Office Manager, Chris Stevens, at **781-581-1202** for assistance.

**2025**

## Scripture Readings

Sept. 7

**13 th Sunday after Pentecost**

Rev. Colin Leitch

*Luke 14:25-33*

Sept. 14

**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

Rev. Colin Leitch

*Luke 15:1-10*

Sept. 21

**15th Sunday after Pentecost/  
Communion**

Rev. Colin Leitch

*Luke 16:1-13*

Sept. 28

**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Rev. Colin Leitch

*Luke 16:19-31*

### PB&J Sandwich Making Day

Sunday, Sept. 7, following worship

### Deacons Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 7, following worship

### Trustees

Wednesday Sept. 10, 7 p.m.

### Caregivers Group

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 11 a.m.

### Church Council

Monday, 15, 6:30 p.m.

### Flea Market

Saturday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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We are grateful for Rev. Patricia's willingness to walk alongside us during this season and encourage anyone in need of support to connect with her.






### **Raffle Calendar Donations**

#### **Now Being Accepted!**

As part of our December fundraising efforts, we're excited to announce the return of our **Raffle Calendar!**

#### **What is a Raffle Calendar?**

It's a fun and festive way to support our cause! Each calendar covers the month of **January 2026**, with a **prize awarded every day**. Prizes include:

-  Gift cards to local stores
-  Cash prizes
-  Lottery tickets

We need your help to make this fundraiser a success! If you're able to donate a **gift card, cash, or lottery ticket**, it would be **greatly appreciated**. Donations can be placed in the **collection plates on Sundays** or handed directly to **Chris or Jen**.

**Calendars will go on sale right after Thanksgiving for \$20 each.** They make **fantastic gifts** for: Family & friends, your mail carrier, dog walker or even yourself!

Let's come together to make January a month full of excitement and generosity. Thank you for your support!

## **MY BROTHER'S TABLE NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

My Brother's Table is very short of help this September



It is the hardest time of the year for the Table to find enough volunteers, with schools and other youth programs not starting up their volunteering yet and lots of

other people busy with the end of summer life. So please consider lending a hand.

They have an easy sign up on their website. Go to <https://mybrotherstable.org/> and click on "Get Involved."

In addition to serving meals, My Brother's Table also provides meals to homebound individuals, participates in a family dinner program, provides meals to at risk-seniors, and hosts a free weekly medical clinic. Oh and they're open 7 days a week, 365 days a year and have been since 1982. Please considering being a volunteer!



Maria Welsh — 5  
Roz Puleo — 14  
Susan Downs-Cripps — 22  
Lissa Stempel — 22  
Olivia Brand — 28

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

### COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Friday, Sept 5 at 8 a.m.



You are cordially invited to the September 5<sup>th</sup> community breakfast which will feature a presentation on the “IMPACT OF TARIFFS ON THE AMERICAN LABOR FORCE.” It will be given by Linda Andros, a former Nahant resident who now resides in Swampscott. Understanding tariffs, how they work, and how they impact the American labor force is a subject worth knowing something about right now. Linda brings a substantial background on this topic, especially given her experience in the legal field of international trade with Europe and China. She understands the history and practice of putting tariffs in place and their consequences.

Linda started her career as a teacher in Lynn, then obtained a law degree, and became an Essex County Assistant DA. She moved on to the state’s Attorney General’s office before moving to Washington to work for the U.S. Department of Commerce and gained experience in Eastern Europe and China. She then worked for a big D.C. law firm before completing her career as the legislative counsel for the United Steelworkers.

Breakfast is served at 8 a.m. Plan to come and invite family and friends to a hearty breakfast, an informative presentation.

### VILLAGE RINGER NEWS



The Village Ringers will participate in the September 21 worship service performing Aria by Cynthia Dobrinski. It will be played by a quartet – Amy Dow, Elisabeth Foukal, Lisa Haley, and Marrit Hastings. Come and hear those ringing bells.



## VOICES OF NAHANT

THE SEASIDE SIRENS

& THE SINGING SEASTARS

present

## THE RHYTHM OF LIFE

Friday, September 12th @ 7:00 PM

Sunday, September 14th @ 3:00 PM

Nahant Community Center  
41 Valley Road

Tickets: \$20 Adults  
Kids Free

LIMITED SEATING – reserve early!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

To buy tickets please send an email to:  
Seasidesirensnahant@gmail.com





## **WAYS TO HELP THIS MONTH!**

Donate, volunteer, shop or  
get sticky with us!

There are a couple of easy and great ways to get out of the house this month and help out NVC at the same time.

On September 20 we will be holding our mostly annual flea market. It will be indoors this year and we will need lots of help.

Volunteers will be needed to sort, price and set up items. We'll also need volunteers to bake for our bake table (how can we not have a bake table!).

Volunteers will be needed the day of the flea market as well to man tables, take cash.

### **BUT**

how can we have a flea market without stuff?! We also need you to clean out those basements, attics and that closet you keep meaning to get to. Please make sure everything is clean, in working order and has all its parts.

### **And no clothes please!**

Items can be dropped off at NVC after Sept. 2 or if you need a pick up call Chris Stevens in the office at 781-581-1202 and we can arrange that! Baked items can be dropped off the day of the market or between 9 a.m. and noon on Friday, Sept. 19.

To volunteer email Chris at [secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org](mailto:secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org), call or just show up!

### **BUT WAIT - THERE'S MORE**

Before we get to the fleas — we need PB&J makers and baggers! We'll be helping out MBT on Sept. 7 right after worship by making 125 bag lunches, which means 250 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches!

The sandwiches will need to be bagged along with a napkin, juice box and snack.

Lots of hands make short work so please think about helping.

No registration needed - just show up and we'll put you to work!

And thank you

NVC truly appreciates everything you all do to help us in our outreach & fundraising ❤️



DEAR VOYAGE CHURCH FAMILY,  
STEPH AND I WANTED TO  
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR  
DONATIONS AND SUPPORT THIS  
YEAR! YOU HAVE BEEN A  
REAL BLESSING TO OUR  
MONTHLY! THANKS YOU!  
LEIGHTON & STEPH  
MISSION FOR HOPE



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Beth Walls & Phil Pearce



Rex Antrim & Robert Wilson packed them in with their talk on the history of the Townie Class race boat during August's Community Breakfast.



In case you can't read this, Leighton & Steph O'Connor are thanking the NVC community for all the donations and support we've supplied Mission for Hope in 2025. You're very welcome!!!



Ziggy stopped by recently to check out the chapel.  
My morning greeter seems curious about all aspects of NVC life but mostly the treats he knows are in the office!



Sunday Painting parties have been a hit this summer!



Laila serenaded the painters on a recent Sunday afternoon with her violin!



## ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICES

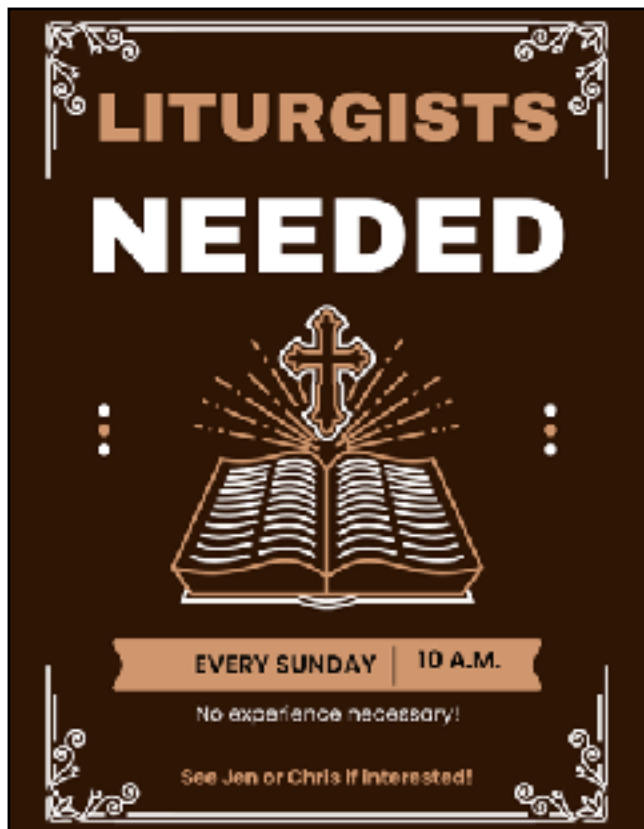
We **Zoom** all of our worship services live each Sunday, so if you can't attend in person, you are welcome to join us on Zoom. Meeting ID 869 1204 8062 Password: 123456.

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, Sept. 16, 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 Mary Miner of the Nahant COA at [mmminer@nahant.org](mailto:mmminer@nahant.org) for more information.



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## WOULD YOU LIKE A VISIT FROM NVC?

If you would like a visit for any reason just give a shout, or a call!

781-581-1202

We'd love to see you so don't hesitate to call!





**NAHANT VILLAGE CHURCH**  
**27 Cliff Street, PO Box 77, Nahant, MA**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Office Hours**

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

Friday 9 a.m. - noon.

Phone messages are checked regularly.

In case of an emergency contact Jen McCarthy at  
781-316-7309

**Church** – 781-581-1202

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**Compassionate Care** - 781-581-1202  
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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 Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m.

NVC Library

**Church Council**

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

NVC Library

**Membership**

If you'd like to become a member of the church  
contact or Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309 or

Chris Stevens at

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

We would *Love* for you join us!