



The Pulpit Rock

The Nahant Village Church ~ 27 Cliff Street, Nahant, MA 01908
where everyone is welcome

SEPTEMBER 2018

2nd 15th Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am *Worship/Communion*



4th Transition Team Mtg. 3:00 pm

7th Community Breakfast 8:00 am

9th 16th Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am Worship Service
1:00 pm Serve at MBT

11th Worship @Hathorne 10:00 am
Transition Team Mtg. 3:00 pm
NVC Trustees Mtg 7:00 pm

13th Worship @Jesmond 9:30 am

16th 17th Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am Worship Service

18th Transition Team Mtg 3:00 pm

22nd Flea Market 9 am to 2 pm

23rd 18th Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am Worship Service

25th Transition Team Mtg. 3:00 pm

27th Worship @Marjoram 5:30 pm

30th 19th Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am Worship Service
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## October 2018

2nd Transition Team Mtg 3:00 pm

5th Community Breakfast 8:00 am

7th 20th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 am *Worship/Communion*

9th Transition Team Mtg. 3:00 pm  
NVC Trustees Mtg 7:00 pm

14th 21st Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 am Worship Service

16th Transition Team Mtg. 3:00 pm

18th Worship @Jesmond 9:30 am  
Tides Fundraiser 6-9:00 pm

21st 22nd Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 am Worship Service

23rd Transition Team Mtg 3:00 pm

25th Worship @Marjoram 5:30 pm

28th 23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 am Worship Service

30th Worship@Hathorne 10:00 am  
Transition Team Mtg.3:00pm



“Love God with **all** your heart, **all** your mind, **all** your body, and **all** your soul.”  
Luke 10:27

### BE ALL IN!

Rally Day is our annual “Homecoming Festival.” Churches call it Rally Day because we like to rally the energy and spirit of old and new, young and mature, neighbors, strangers, and friends.

### BE ALL IN with us!

Come love God and celebrate our community with music for all ages, a message for all generations, prayers both spoken and sung, and lots of Holy Spiritedness.

After worship, everyone is invited to a cook-out during which children can be registered for Sunday School and everyone can sign up as volunteers.

Sign Ups include:

- My Brothers Table

- Worship at Margoram Park, on the last Thursday of September and October. People and pets welcome
  - The Compassionate Care Group
  - Monthly Worship at the Jesmond and Hathorne Rehabilitation Center.
  - Village Ringers and NVC Choir
  - Soup Sundays
  - Town Employee and Volunteer Gratitude Sunday
  - Christmas Fair (buy gifts, share your talents, eat good food, and have fun)
  - “Polar Express” at NVC (an evening event with PJ’s, stuffed animals, and a reading for all generations)
  - Walking the Labyrinth in Advent
- NVC is alive with love! **BE ALL IN!!!**  
See you soon,  
Rev. Laura



**Bible Studies** resumes on **Thursday, September 13 at 11:00 a.m.** Join Reverend Laura and the Bible Studies Sojourners. Everyone is welcome.

## Worship Themes for September 2018



### September 2nd - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Say “Yes” to God  
Scripture: James 1:17-27; 5:7-12

### September 9th - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Be All In  
Scripture: 7:31-37; Luke 10:27

### September 16th - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: When the Fog Clears  
Scripture: Mark 8:22-30

### September 23rd - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: Caring for One Another  
Scripture: Mark 9:30-37

### September 30th - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Theme: The Lord’s Prayer  
Scripture: Mark 7:24-30;  
Luke 11:1-4, 9-10

## A message from your Co-Moderators



Amazingly, September is here already. Of course, kids are making sure they have what they need - pens, markers, calculator, etc. - to meet the challenges of a new school year. This is also a good time to make sure we

adults have what we need to meet whatever challenges life has in store for us.

Here are three things that can be helpful -

**Empathy** - Even during conflicts, if we listen with an empathetic ear, we can transform clashes into opportunities to compromise. Each new conflict can become another chance to practice empathy, compassion and tolerance.

**Gratitude** - Sometimes we receive something we've wanted and suddenly feel we don't deserve it. Let's just allow ourselves to accept the gift and say "thank you" to the universe for its many blessings.

**Inner peace** - The myriad words, stories and images we take in every day can clutter our minds and leave us feeling unsettled and harassed. Setting aside time to clear our minds once a day allows us to be increasingly more open so that we can perceive the world as the fresh offering it is, free of the day's mental clutter.

Let's all take time this season to seek increased empathy, gratitude and inner peace.

Respectfully yours,

Rich Stevens and Maria Welsh



The Transition Team is nearing completion of the Church Profile. By the end of August, we will submit our Profile to the MA Conference of the UCC. That should start to generate resumes of ministerial candidates to consider for the settled Minister position.

### Worship Services at Hathorne and Jesmond

Join the Reverend Laura and the Compassionate Care Group at the **Hathorne Rehabilitation Center** in Danvers on **Tuesday, September 11 at 11:00 a.m.** and at the **Jesmond Nursing Home** in Nahant on **Thursday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m.**



### Nahant Community Breakfast Friday, September 7 at 8:00 a.m.

Please join us for the breakfast at the Nahant Village Church. It will include a presentation by **Nahant Library Director, Sharon Hawkes**, who will announce an exciting new program to start in November – the opening of Nahant's own Memory Café. This program is aimed at making Nahant a more dementia friendly community. The Nahant Public Library was instrumental in obtaining two grants to support this program. Sharon will explain what resources are now or will soon be available at the Library and how the program will work. "Connections—a Memory Café" is a collaborative effort of the Nahant Library, the Greater Lynn Council Senior Services, the Nahant Council on Aging, the Jesmond Nursing Home, and the Nahant Village Church.

The free breakfast starts at 8:00 a.m. Please plan to come for a hearty breakfast, an informative presentation and wonderful camaraderie. All are welcome. Spread the word and bring a family member or friend.

Arrangements for transportation of elders to and from the breakfast may be made by calling the Tiffany Room a few days in advance of the breakfast at 781-581-7557.

Cal and Marrit Hastings

Breakfast Coordinators

#### Future Breakfasts include:

Friday, Oct. 5 at 8:00 a.m., Nahant Community Breakfast on Sleep Apnea

Friday, Nov. 2 at 8:00 a.m., Meet and Greet our Town Administrator and newly elected State Representative.

### Village Ringers

The Village Ringers are eager to resume weekly rehearsals on **Monday, September 10th at 5:30 p.m.** We are always looking for new ringers (no experience necessary, but must have some music reading skills). So, if you can commit to Monday night rehearsals from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., with occasional dates on Sunday mornings (and Christmas Eve), give me a call (781) 913-5855, or just show up on September 10th.

Diane Gaucher, Director



## My Brother's Table: Mission and Service

My Brother's Table in Lynn is the largest soup kitchen on the North Shore. For over 30 years, MBT has provided meals to those in need. On the second Sunday every other month, you will find a collection envelope for My Brother's Table in the Bulletin. This collection makes it possible for our Church to provide meals six times during the year. Your generous donations and volunteer service helps support this important mission.

This month, you can join in the camaraderie and offer a helping hand by volunteering to serve at MBT on **Sunday, September 9, from 1:00. to 4:30 p.m.** The sign-up sheet is available in the companionway.



*Jen and Rachel McCarthy joined the July volunteer team helping to prepare and serve meals at MBT.*

## Sunset Worship at Marjoram Park Thursday, September 27 at 5:30 p.m.



Reverend Laura will officiate at two sunset services in Marjoram Park this fall. The dates and time for these special services are **Thursday, September 27th and Thursday, October 25th**

**at 5:30 p.m.** Join us to celebrate the beauty of Nahant with family, friends, and pets - are all welcome.

## Everyone Can Help Out in Some Way!

### NVC Flea Market/Bake Sale

**Saturday, September 22 - 9:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.**

Now is the time to sort through your belongings to see what items you may have to donate: Clothes, jewelry, household items, toys, treasures are all welcome.

We can not accept computers, tv's, etc.

You may bring your items to the church beginning Tuesday, September 4. Drop off days and times are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you have questions, phone the Church office at 781-581-1202.

Please leave donations on the table to the right as you enter Swansburg Hall.

Sign up to volunteer. The sign-up sheets are available in the Companionway. Opportunities to help include sorting and pricing during the week of September 16-22 (hours as arranged); set-up on Sunday, September 9 after Rally Day; staffing tables on Saturday, September 22; and take down after 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.

On your mark, get set, BAKE! Don't let the Great British Baking Show outdo us. Support the Bake Sale by baking and donating your special goodies.

Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for the Flea Market and Bake Sale.

## Upcoming Events

Save the following dates for events that are planned for fall and winter.

- Thursday, October 18 -- NVC fundraiser at the Tides Restaurant
- Saturday, December 1 -- Christmas Fair
- Saturday, January 26 -- Silent Movie with live accompaniment by Rob Humphreville, preceded by a potluck supper

In keeping with our Church's focus on Missions, a portion of the proceeds of all upcoming fundraising events will be earmarked for a charitable organization located in or near Nahant. Candidates include: My Brother's Table and A Bed for Every Child (sponsored by the MA Coalition for the Homeless).

Volunteers are needed to undertake an advertising campaign for the 2018-19 NVC placemats. Contact Marrit Hastings if you can provide a helping hand.

## News & Notes

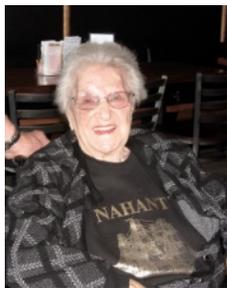
### We hold in our prayers:

**Norma Poole** who after celebrating her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday fell and was hospitalized. We wish Norma a belated Happy Birthday and a speedy recovery.

### Missing Table Cloths

If you borrowed table cloths from the Church or took them home to launder them (thanks!), please return them. The table cloths are buff colored and have a square pattern.

### Lunch with Ione Hansell



Many came to the Tides on Wednesday, August 15 to have lunch with Ione who came for a visit to



Nahant. It was a wonderful gathering – and it was so good to see Ione. Nahant is not the same without her presence at NVC, the Nahant Council on Aging, and the Spindrift.

### Nahant Memory Café

Volunteers are needed to make or bring goodies to the first Nahant Memory Café gathering to be held on the second **Thursday** of each month, starting in November (Nov. 13). Contact Marrit if you are willing to help and let her know what you will bring. The Memory Café will be held at the Nahant Library from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If you know of anyone with memory loss or issues, let Marrit know so that a formal invitation can be issued to that individual and his or her caregiver.

### The New England Vintage Arts Society

For the second year in a row, we were proud to host the New England Vintage Arts Society (NEEVAS) for their closing event. It began with a Vintage Concert by Spare Parts in our Chapel, followed by a Victorian afternoon tea and informal dancing in Swansburg Hall, and a promenade to Forty Steps Beach and East Point. It was a wonderful and memorable event. The Nahant Victorian Dance Weekend is in its 27<sup>th</sup> year. NEEVAS plans to hold next year's closing event again at Nahant Village Church.



Dear Members of the Nahant Village Church,

Thank you so much for choosing me to be the recipient of the Elizabeth Peterson-Palmer memorial scholarship. It was such an honor and it will be so helpful with my college expenses. I am so grateful to all of you for your generosity. Thank you again!

Sincerely,  
Mary Swansburg

## INDOOR FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE



**NAHANT VILLAGE CHURCH**  
27 CLIFF STREET, NAHANT  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018  
9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

!!!BARGAINS GALORE!!!

DONATION DROP OFF DAYS AND TIMES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 4:  
TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY: 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY: 11:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.  
OR PHONE THE CHURCH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS: 781-581-1202

JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER FOR THE  
NAHANT VILLAGE CHURCH AND A BED FOR EVERY CHILD