



# The Pulpit Rock

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

## October 2018

- 2nd Search Committee 3:00 pm
- 5th Community Breakfast 8:00 am
- 7th 20th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am *Worship/Communion*
- 9th Search Committee 3:00 pm  
NVC Trustees Mtg 7:00 pm
- 14th 21st Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am Worship Service
- 16th Search Committee 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  
12:00 pm Compassionate Care  
Training - Part One
- 23rd Search Committee 3:00 pm
- 28th 23rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am Worship Service
- 30th Worship@Hathorne 10:00 am  
Search Committee.3:00pm  
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## November 2018

- 1st All Saints' Day
- 2nd Community Breakfast 8:00 am
- 4th 24th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am *Worship/Communion*  
12:00 pm Compassionate Care  
Training - Part Two
- 6th Election Day
- 8th Worship @Jesmond 9:30 am
- 11th 25th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:30 am Worship Service  
1:30 p.m. My Brother's Table
- 13th Worship@Hathorne 10:00 am  
Search Committee.3:00 pm  
Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18th 26th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Nahant Gratitude Sunday**  
10:30 am Worship Service
- 22nd Thanksgiving Day
- 25th Reign of Christ**  
10:30 am Worship Service

## A Prayer for October 2018

O God of bountiful blessings and precious things, we see your beauty in every flower and fruit, in all waters of refreshment, and in every sweet and lonely forest grove.

We offer our whole selves to you, trusting in your goodness and your amazing grace. Our natural way of being true to your presence lives in our dreams and in the hopes of our souls. Everything that makes us fully alive, we surrender to your loving embrace.

Grant us a calmness as we enter this season of autumn. Restore our connection to the earth and its magnificent colors. Teach us to listen to your clear voice with uncluttered minds. Remind us that your spirit is wild and that freedom from pain and suffering abides in your boundless and unlimited compassion for all beings.

As we move forward as a church community, help us trust in your guidance. Be gentle with our insecurities. Reveal to us the way of your son Jesus in all we do and all we say.

We honor and love you. AMEN



Dear friends,

This is the season of fall and holiday festivities. Everywhere we turn, we find signs of God's love. The fun of Halloween is just around the corner. Please join me and the leaders of NVC for Compassionate Care Trainings, Bible Studies, worship at Hathorne and Jesmond Rehabilitation Centers, and Sunday gatherings!

Tis the season to be joyous! Let us be the Church at its very best!!!

With much love,

Rev. Laura



**Bible Studies on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.** Join Reverend Laura and the Bible Studies Sojourners. Everyone is welcome.

## Worship Themes for October 2018



**October 7th - Twentieth  
Sunday after Pentecost**  
Reverend Patricia Long

**October 14th - Twenty-first  
Sunday after Pentecost**

Theme: Your Money or Your Life  
Scripture: Psalm 22:1-11; Mark 10:17-31

**October 21st - Twenty-second  
Sunday after Pentecost**

Theme: A Unique Kind of Leadership  
Scripture: Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35;  
Mark 10:35-45

**October 28th - Twenty-third  
Sunday after Pentecost**

Theme: What Do you Want me to do  
for You  
Scripture: Psalm 34:1-8; Mark 10:46-52

## A message from your Co-Moderators

### Happiness

It's not in another place. It's in this place.

Not for another hour, but this hour.

We waste so much of our life.

This gift that God has given us.

We worry about our futures.

We dwell on our pasts.

We have grand dreams.

We make great plans.

But how many of us can say we see them through?

This is the life we are here for.

Not yesterday. Not tomorrow.

Now.

We owe it to ourselves to live it.

Rev. Sidney Chambers, Vicar of Grantchester

Respectfully yours,

Rich Stevens and Maria Welsh

## Worship Services at Hathorne and Jesmond

Join the Reverend Laura and the Compassionate Care Group at the **Jesmond Nursing Home** in Nahant on **Thursday, October 18th at 9:30 a.m.** and at the **Hathorne Rehabilitation Center** in Danvers on **Tuesday, October 30th at 10:00 a.m.**

## Celebration for Harriet Steeves



*God bless you Harriet.*

Sunday, September 30, we honored Harriet Steeves. The music for the service was chosen by Harriet: her favorites Easter Hymns. During the beautiful and moving celebration, we shared our favorite stories of Harriet's life in Nahant.

## Village Ringers

Village Ringers are happy to welcome Rich Stevens as our newest ringer! If you can commit to weekly Monday night rehearsals and have any music experience (even if it was waay, waaay back): you could be our next new ringer! Join us for fun and fellowship.



**Rehearsals are Monday nights from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Diane Gaucher

*There's always room at the table*



## Nahant Community Breakfast Friday, October 5th at 8:00 a.m.



The October Community Breakfast will feature a presentation by Dr. Ronald Plotka of North Shore Center for Laser, Cosmetic, and Family Dentistry in Swampscott. His presentation will focus on sleep apnea, a condition in which breathing stops periodically during sleep. He will review what sleep apnea is, its signs, and its dangers, as well as available appliances to remedy this condition. In addition, he will talk about other exciting innovations in dentistry.

Dr. Plotka is currently taking an internship on SLEEP at Tufts University Dental School and is the only DME (Durable Medical Equipment) dentist in the area. He is collaborating with local physicians and EMT's to help screen patients for possible sleep disorders.

Dr. Plotka spoke at the breakfast in March during the rain storm and the topic was so important that we invited him to return in October.

The breakfast is free. Please plan to come for a hearty breakfast, an informative presentation and wonderful camaraderie. Spread the word and bring a family member, neighbor, 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 781-581-5691.

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



## Tides Fundraiser for Nahant Village Church on Monday, October 18th, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m

You can help by being on the lookout for raffle items: gift certificates from your favorite merchant, gift baskets, art, tickets to sporting events, jewelry etc. make great raffle items! See the poster on the last page for more information.

## Flea Market/Bake Sale Update

Here are the preliminary results of the Flea Market -- \$3,700 with almost \$1,000 coming from the fabulous bake sale organized by Lenora Brauner and Maria Welsh. We are very proud to report that ten percent of the proceeds were donated to the MA Coalition for the Homeless for their "A Bed for Every Child" campaign. Other non-profit organizations benefited from the Flea Market as well. Items that were not sold went to the Lifebridge Thrift Shop in Salem, an organization aimed at ending homelessness, the Salvation Army, and the Operation Bootstrap Thrift Shop in Beverly that provides education and support services to adult community residents (many of them non-English speaking refugees). It took a VILLAGE to organize this Flea Market. We are grateful for all who donated items to the event, those who staffed the event on Saturday, those who came to shop, and the cleanup crew who packed and found a home for unsold items. Special thanks go to Lenora Brauner and Maria Welsh for the bake sale, Maureen Edison for her women's boutique, Robbie McGowan and Edie Richardson for being there before, during and after to help, and Andy Puleo and Cal Hastings who did most of the heavy lifting. Many others came to help: Chris and Margaret Alexander, Olivia Brand, Bill Crawford, Amy Dow, Mayra Fox, Joe Giardella, Lucy Grimm and her daughter Charlotte, Edie Hunnewell, Marina, Richard and Nancy Maddocks, Jen McCarthy, Clinton Norton, Claudia Orleans, Glenn Sanphy, Calantha Sears, Lissa Stempek, and Nancy Whitman.

Thanks to all for making this a fun and successful fundraiser for our Church and A Bed for Every Child!

Marrit Hastings

## Gas Leak Fires and Florence Disaster Relief

As the disaster from the gas explosions in the Merrimack Valley continues to displace residents of Andover, Lawrence, and North Andover, Hurricane Florence has taken a toll on residents of the Carolinas.

If you would like to contribute to disaster relief through the NVC and the UCC, please make your checks payable to the Nahant Village Church with a memo for either Merrimack Relief or Florence Hurricane.

In addition, Typhoon Mangkhut has left widespread death and destruction in the Philippines. Please keep Jessica Pedro, the young woman sponsored by the NVC, her family, and everyone living in the Philippines in our prayers.

## Upcoming Events

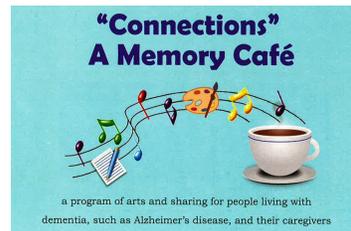
Save the following dates for events that are planned for fall and winter.

- Saturday, December 8 -- 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.

## Connections: Nahant's Memory Cafe



This is a new program of arts and sharing for people living with dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, and their caregivers. It will meet monthly on the second **Thursday** of the month. The first meeting

will be on **November 8 from 10 to noon** at the Nahant Public Library. It is sponsored by the Library, Council on Aging and the Nahant Village Church. If you know of anyone with memory problems, please spread the word about this new initiative. For more information, call 781-581-0306 or email [shawkes@nahant.org](mailto:shawkes@nahant.org).

## Special Veterans Celebration - November 11

Join us for a special service on Sunday, November 11, honoring our veterans. Bells will toll for one minute on the 11th day of the 11th month at 11 a.m. After the bells, there will be a moment for silent reflection. Originally, the ringing of the bells commemorated the signing of the Armistice Treaty of Versailles which signified the end of World War I in 1918. The Nahant Woman's Club and other Woman's Clubs are trying to bring back this tradition, and NVC agreed to participate. In addition to the tolling of the church bells, the Village Ringers will participate in a musical tribute to our veterans.