

The Pulpit Rock

The Nahant Village Church ~ 27 Cliff Street, Nahant, MA 01908
An open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ
where everyone is welcome



Beloved Nahant Village Church Community,

Throughout this week, COVID-19 Coronavirus infections have been reported in numerous cities in the United States, including the Boston metro area. The Governor of Massachusetts, Charlie Baker, has declared a State of Emergency. As a worshipping community, it is imperative that we do what we can to enact best practices for public health in our community. Please know that the Leadership Team and I are in conversation this evening and tomorrow as we think through how best to minimize and slow down exposure to COVID-19 in our church community. I want to remind us all of important precautions that we can take in order to promote safety. Perhaps even more in line with our Christian duty, I want to invite us into prayerful actions that protect the most vulnerable in our congregation and wider community.

Here are some practices that we have enacted in order to increase health and safety in our community:

1. Numerous bottles of hand sanitizer have been purchased and made available throughout the church building. Please feel free to use them often.
2. Upgraded disinfectants are being used in areas where food is being handled. Door knobs, bathrooms, and railings are being fully sanitized more frequently.
3. A change to communion protocols to minimize potential transmission of the virus.
4. The offering plates no longer passed. Instead, individuals may come forward

to place offerings in the tray or signal to a Deacon to retrieve your offering from where you are in your pew.

5. All service music is being printed in all bulletins (small and large) to eliminate the need to touch hymnals.

The most important actions that YOU can take to protect yourself and one another from illness are:

1. Wash your hands regularly, with warm water and soap, for at least twenty seconds. Try singing "Jesus Loves Me" two times so that you know your hands are good and clean.
2. Please refrain from handshakes and hugs, instead offering smiles, waves, and peace signs.
3. Practice sneezing or coughing into your elbow, not into your hands.
4. If you feel unwell, stay home from church. Remain in your home if you are feeling any symptoms of illness, especially fever, cough, sneezing, or runny nose. You can always listen to our sermons via the sermon podcast. Know that God is with you wherever you are and it is OK to miss church while feeling ill. If you need help with getting groceries or meals while home sick, email rev.megansnell@gmail.com to arrange for assistance from your church family.

Please join me in praying for those affected by COVID-19. If you are feeling anxious or concerned about the Coronavirus and wish to talk with me more, please feel free to reach out to me.

Blessings,
Rev. Megan Snell

- 3rd Community Breakfast 8:00 am
- 5th Sixth Sunday in Lent**
10:30 am Worship/Communion
- 9th Memory Cafe 10:00 a.m.
Nahant Library
- 12th Easter Sunday**
10:30 am Worship
- 19th Second Sunday of Easter**
10:30 am Worship
- 26th Third Sunday of Easter**
10:30 am Worship
5:00 pm at the Parsonage
New Member Dinner ,
Dessert, and Faith Stories



- 1st Community Breakfast 8:00 am
- 3rd Fourth Sunday of Easter**
10:30 am Worship/Communion
- 14th Memory Cafe 10:00 a.m.
Nahant Library
- 10th Fifth Sunday of Easter**
10:30 am Worship
1:00 pm Serve at MBT
- 17th Sixth Sunday of Easter**
10:30 am Worship
- 24th Seventh Sunday of Easter**
10:30 am Worship
- 26th Worship at Jesmond with CCG
2:00 pm Nahant Road
- 31st Pentecost Sunday**
10:30 am Worship
CCG card writing and signing
following service in Swansburg

Mark Your Calendars **NVC Lenten Supper Club.**

Each week, the group gathers for prayer, a guest speaker, discussion, bible study and a vegetarian potluck supper.

For more information, contact Samantha at
978-530-7633.

**The group meets from 5:30 to 7:30
on the following dates:**

Wednesday, April 1
Wednesday, April 8
Wednesday, April 15

Connections, A Memory Café

**Thursday, April 14th at 10:00 a.m.
at the Nahant Public Library**

If you know of anyone concerned about memory loss, please spread the word about our efforts to make Nahant a more dementia friendly community. Sponsors of the Memory Café are the Nahant Public Library,

the Nahant Council on Aging, and the Nahant Village Church.

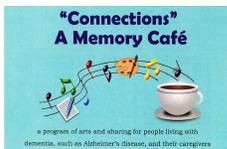


Exhibit of works by fine artist Marilyn Goodrich

**April 5 through
May 3**



This is the first in a series of art exhibits by Nahant artist that the Village Church is honored to host. Marilyn graduated with honors from

MA College of Art, with a B.F.A. in studio arts and art history. Her interest is in the intersection of literature and art, in calligraphy, illustrated books and manuscripts, art books, languages, and the sense of wonder.

Marilyn's artwork will be on display in the main entry way to the Church on Sundays from 10 am to 2 pm. A special gathering is planned for **Sunday, April 19 at 4 pm** to meet the artist and to hear a brief talk about the artwork on display. This will be followed by a reception.

Be on the lookout for more information about her background and her artwork as we get closer to the Exhibit date.



Nahant Community Breakfast

Friday, April 3 at 8 a.m

**“A Glimpse Into The Canine Mind:
How To Learn What Your Dog Is Thinking”**

By Boston College

Assistant Professor Angie Johnston



In her talk, Angie will she light on what our dogs are thinking and how they are able to communicate with us. She will cover the latest research being done across the globe and right here at Boston College's new Canine Cognition Center to answer fundamental questions about our canine companions, such as “Do our dogs love us?” “Can our dogs understand us?” and “How have

dogs become our best friends?”

Angie directs the Canine Cognition Center and Social Learning Laboratory at Boston College where she is an assistant professor. She received her Ph.D. in Psychology from Yale University and her B.S. in Child Development from the University of Texas at Dallas. Her research on canine cognition and child development has received numerous awards from sources such as the National Science Foundation, and her work has been featured on NBC Nightly News, the Today Show, and Scientific American. She recently gave a presentation at the Museum of Science.

The free breakfast is served at 8 a.m. All our welcome. Spread the word and bring family members or friends.

The Accessibility Presentation Has Been Postponed. This presentation originally planned for the April breakfast has been postponed until a future breakfast to be announced at a later date.

Compassionate Care Group (CCG) News

Easter Flower Orders



This year the altar and sanctuary will be decorated with a variety of plants for Easter. The cost for a plant is \$10.00. If you would like to order plants, please use the form on the last page of this issue, or pick up a form in the Companionway. Please include your dedication. **The deadline for orders is Sunday, April 6, 2020.**

The Wall That Heals is coming to Nahant this summer. It will be on display from **July 29 to August 2**. It is a three-quarter replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. A lot of **volunteers are needed** for this event. Contact Lt. Col. Toby Quirk (US Army retired), Chaplain of the Chelsea Soldiers Home, to discuss this project and volunteer opportunities.

The Nahant Village Church is now accepting applications for the 2020

Elizabeth Peterson Parsons Scholarship

The Elizabeth Peterson Parsons Scholarship applications are now available at the Nahant Village Church. The scholarship in the amount of \$500 will be awarded to a high school graduate of the Class of 2020 with Nahant Village Church affiliation, on the basis of his/her scholarship and service to the church community. For more information or to request a scholarship application, please e-mail secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org.

A Fond Farewell

Susan Gilbert began her second retirement in late March to spend more time with her husband and on travel pursuits. Susan joined us as our Church Administrative Assistant in 2017, and she has served us very well in the three years that she was with NVC. We appreciate her dedication to the church and our congregation and thank her for her kindness and understanding. She extended a helping hand to many of us on numerous occasions. Thank you, Susan, for all you have done as our AA -- you will be greatly missed! We send you our blessings and best wishes as you embark on this next retirement journey.

New Members Dinner and Faith Stories at the Parsonage

Classes will conclude with dinner, dessert and faith stories at the parsonage on Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m. All who wish may choose to formally join the church on Pentecost (Sunday, May 31, 2020). Whether you've been a part of NVC for two weeks or two years, you are welcome to join in the New Members Classes.

Sermon Podcast

You may link to the sermon podcasts from the lower half of the NVC Home page or by clicking on the "Worship" tab from the Home page.

Stay Connected

Sign Up for Weekly E-mail

Would you like to receive weekly E-mail notices about the activities and services at NVC? If so, sign up on the NVC Website or e-mail your contact information and permission to secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org.

Bible Study

Join Rev. Megan and the Bible Study Group in her office on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Megan's Drop In Hours

Tuesdays from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. at the church, or by appointment.



† ORDER YOUR EASTER PLANTS NOW †

This year the altar and sanctuary will be decorated with a variety of plants for Easter.

The cost per plant is \$10.00. Please make your check out to Nahant Village Church.

If you would like to have one or more plants, please complete the form below

and send it with your check to:

Nahant Village Church
PO Box 77
Nahant, MA 01908

This form, and your check, may also be placed in the offering plate.

THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS APRIL 6th.

We are requesting that you

TAKE YOUR PLANT AFTER THE EASTER SERVICE

so that you may enjoy it at home.

Any plants that are left after the service on Easter
will be given to an ill or shut-in person ~
unless you specify otherwise.

I wish to purchase the following for Easter, April 12, 2020.

_____ lily _____ tulip
_____ daffodil _____ hyacinth
_____ hydrangea

I would like my name printed in the bulletin as follows:

In memory or celebration (please CIRCLE one) of:

Given by: _____