



# 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**

**June 7, 2026**

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 9:35-38

**June 14 2026**

New Member Sunday

1 John 4:7

**June 21, 2026**

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 10:26-30

**June 28, 2026**

Open & Affirming Sunday

Genesis 1:26

## **EVENTS**

**Community Breakfast**

Friday, June 5th, 8 a.m.

**New Member Sunday**

Sunday, June 14th

**Trustees**

Monday June 15, 5:30 p.m.

**Church Council**

Monday June 15, 6:15 p.m.

**Caregivers**

Tuesday, June 16, 11 a.m.

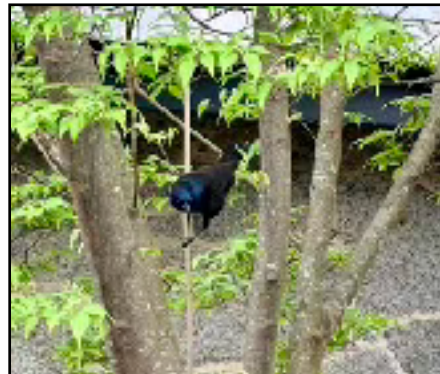
**Office Closed**

June 19th for Juneteenth holiday



**Dear Beloved Community,**

The weather is warmer and summer is in sight! This summer we will worship some outside in the Garth! Please feel free to dress more casual for worship this summer outside! The worship schedule is below so you will know where we will be on Sunday mornings. On Sundays when the

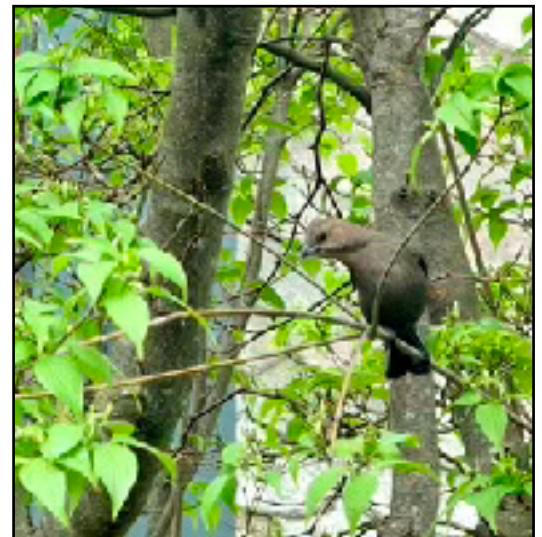


bells are playing, we will be inside the sanctuary. We will wait to see how all this plays out before we think about August!

I will be away June 1-5 taking a class from Yale Divinity School. I will be leading worship on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> though. We will have New Member Sunday on June 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Hymn Sing in worship on June 21<sup>st</sup> and on June 28<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate 🇺🇸🇬🇧 Open & Affirming Sunday! 🇺🇸🇬🇧 I will ask folks to wear rainbow colored clothing on June 28<sup>th</sup>!

Hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather! Ziggy is busy birdwatching in the Garth as I write this piece today! Blessings always!

Peace,  
Rev. Emily



## FROM THE MODERATOR

### Annual Meeting Recap

Our Annual Meeting was held on May 17, 2026, immediately following worship. During the meeting, both agenda items — the acceptance of the Annual Report and the approval of nominations for our Boards and Committees — passed unanimously.

I would like to take this opportunity to share the leadership of the Nahant Village Church for the upcoming year. Names in bold were just elected this year at our meeting and are at the top of the list. Below that are the names of other who have been previously elected and in the parenthesis shows where they are in their term.

#### Church Officers

- **Moderator: Jennifer McCarthy** (1-year term)
- **Clerk: Robin deStefano** (1-year term)
- **Treasurer: Beth Walls** (3-year term)

#### Board of Trustees

- **Rex Antrim** (3-year term)
- **David Parish** (3-year term)
- Adam Hatfield (2nd year of a 3-year term)
- Roz Puleo (2nd year of a 3-year term)
- Rich Stevens (1st year of a 2-year term)
- Carl Jenkins (1st year of a 2-year term)

#### Board of Deacons

- **Chris Stevens** (3-year term)
- **Han Parish** (3-year term)
- Robin deStefano (2nd year of a 3-year term)
- Amy Dow (2nd year of a 3-year term)
- Nancy Antrim (final year of a 2-year term)
- Marrit Hastings — stepping down from service

#### Board of Missions

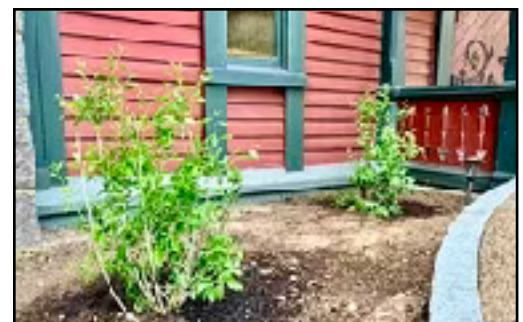
- **Emily Potts** (3-year term)
- Chris Stevens (2nd year of a 3-year term)
- Lisa Haley (2nd year of a 3-year term)
- Rachel McCarthy (final year of a 2-year term)

I offer my deepest gratitude to all of these individuals who have stepped forward to serve in leadership roles within our church. Their willingness to give of their time, talents, and dedication is what allows the Nahant Village Church to continue its important ministry and mission. We are truly blessed by their service and commitment to our church community.

## FLOWERS, FLOWERS & MORE FLOWERS

A heartfelt thank you to the Edwards Family and the Kellar Family for generously providing the beautiful flowers for the window boxes and planters in the Garth. The area is really beginning to take shape and looks more welcoming each day. We are also grateful to the Garden Club, who has been adding additional flowers and plantings to further beautify the space for its July 5 event, of which the church will be apart of (more on that next month).

Thank you to Rex and Nancy Antrim for planting the winter berry bushes flanking the main entrance to the Sanctuary and to everyone helping to make our church grounds such a lovely and inviting place for all to enjoy.

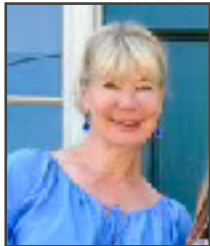


# COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

### THE POWER OF VISION

June 5, 2026, 8 a.m.



Unlock Your Greatest Potential!

In this dynamic session with Ute, you'll learn how to harness the power of vision, shift limiting beliefs, and chart a course to more fulfillment and joy—right where you are, with what you have. Please join us for this sure-to-be inspiring event and bring your friends! As always there will be great food and even better camaraderie and conversation!



## PB&J DAY COMING NEXT MONTH

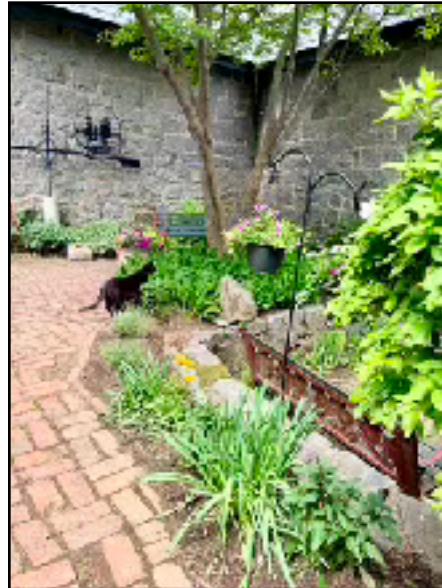
Get ready to get sticky with us!

We are planning a PB&J sandwich making day for next month. Please stick around and help us make sandwiches for My Brother's Table. It is always an interesting time and a great way to help your neighbors in need.



## THE GARTH

The Garth is truly beginning to blossom into a beautiful and welcoming space.



We are grateful to the many volunteers who have been hard at work cleaning, planting flowers, and caring for the area.

The Memorial Committee has also been working diligently to replace the benches in the Garth, as the current benches have become old and are no longer

safe for use. When the new benches arrive, the plaques from the existing memorial benches will be carefully removed and placed onto the new ones.

The Garth has become a lovely place for quiet reflection and relaxation. Two bird feeders have already begun attracting a variety of beautiful birds, adding even more charm to the space. We invite everyone to stop by, bring a book, and stay awhile — it is a warm, peaceful, and cozy spot to enjoy.

## COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR



We're cutting back on our group caffeine this summer!

Rev. Emily will be taking a course during the first week of June and will not be in the office so no coffee with the pastor in June.

We will, however, have coffee with the pastor on Wednesday July 1 (Rev. Em's birthday!) and Aug. 5th. So please consider joining us on those mornings.

## WHERE ARE WE?

It seems every Sunday someone asks, “where are we today” so here is a run down of upcoming services and where they are being held.

Now you all know where to find us — so come visit!

June 7th — Summer worship in the **Garth** ~ Communion

June 14th — New Member Sunday Bells play in **Sanctuary**

June 21st — Summer worship in the **Garth** ~ Hymn Sing

June 28th — Summer worship in the **Garth** ~ Pride Sunday

July 5th — Rev. Colin preaches

July 12th — Baptism in the **Sanctuary** ~ Bells play

July 19th — Summer worship in the **Garth** ~ Hymn Sing

July 26th — Summer worship in the **Garth**



Joel Marie — 2  
Lisa Haley — 8  
Susan Hooper — 8  
Elisabeth Foukal — 12  
Laurel Laliberte — 29

## MISSION TRIP IN THE WORKS

Sept.26- Oct.2, 2027

Rev. Emily is planning lead an adult mission trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi Mississippi in the fall of 2027. That's right 2027!

So why talk about it now — because it takes **planning!**

Back Bay Mission is near and dear to Rev. Emily's heart. During our week on the Mississippi Gulf Coast volunteers will have a chance to serve in one of the nonprofit's three ministries: housing rehabilitation (you can even bring your own tools), the food pantry (the only client choice pantry in the area — that they're aware of) or in the Day Center, where clients can take a shower, get laundry done and find internet access and conversation.

There will also be chances to see the area and have great fellowship with fellow volunteers from other parts of the country.

But there are costs to cover, flights, ground transportation, accommodations and food. Participants will be expected to pay \$250 each for their lodgings (at BBM) and have money for food and if you can pay your airfare, we won't turn you down. But for those that need help and for other incidentals we plan to fundraise. You will surely be hearing more about the trip in the coming months but if you're interested already, or have a good fundraising idea, contact Rev. Emily at [nvminister@gmail.com](mailto:nvminister@gmail.com), call the office at 781-581-1202 or check them out yourself at <https://thebackbaymission.org/> — see what all the excitement is about!

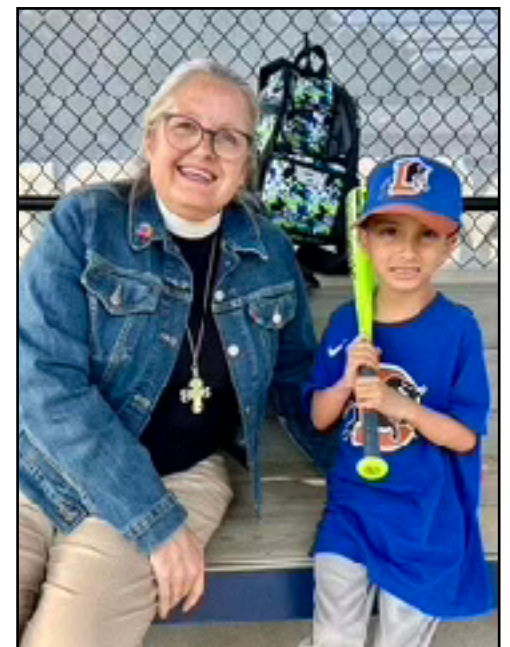




May was a busy month! Here are some scenes from Taco Night, Memorial Day, Nina Loring Grimm's big day, Will's big day and Josh's baseball game — that came with a surprise visitor!



**CONGRADULATIONS  
DR. WILLIAM KIM!!**



## 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.

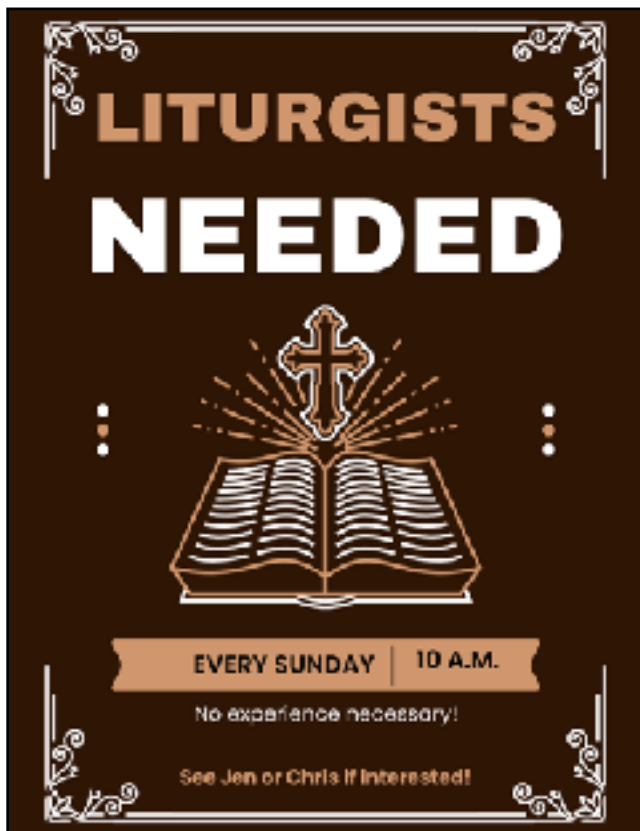
We also record each service. You can visit our website [www.nahantvillagechurch.org](http://www.nahantvillagechurch.org) for all of the YouTube links. To navigate to the archive of services, click on **WORSHIP** under the blue banner, then click on **On Line Worship Services**. You can also find services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

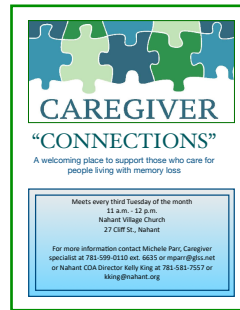


## CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

**Tuesday, June 16, 2026**

**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 [nvcminister@gmail.com](mailto:nvcminister@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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Clerk

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**Rex Antrim - [rexantrim@comcast.net](mailto:rexantrim@comcast.net)**

**Compassionate Care - 781-581-1202**

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

*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!