



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*

2024

Scripture Readings

Jan 7 Worship/Communion

First Sunday After Christmas

Mark 1:4-11

Theme: Epiphany, baptism & communion

Jan. 14 - Worship

First Sunday after Epiphany

Psalms 136L1-6, 13-18

Theme: MLK Sunday Service

Jan. 21- Worship

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 1:14-20

Theme: Fishers of Men

Jan. 28 - Worship

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 1:21-28

Theme: Exorcisms of Jesus

Calendar

Rev. Scott will be on vacation the first week of Jan.

Community Breakfast

Friday, Jan. 5, 8 a.m.

Board of Trustees

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m.

Church Council

Monday, Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m.

Caregivers Group

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 11 a.m.

Silent Movie Night

Friday, February 9

Potluck at 5:30 p.m.

Movie starts at 7 p.m.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am writing this as the Winter Solstice, the darkest day of the year, approaches. When the newsletter arrives in early January ten or so longer days with more light will have been added to our days. Happy New Year! But, also surprise! It's still Christmas season until January 6th – so you Merry Christmas just one last time. Here's a cool Christmas time fact, the Twelve Days of Christmas begin just after the darkest day of the year as Christmas Day heralds the dawning of the light both symbolically in Christ and literally for us in the Northern Hemisphere. Every year for millions of years the deepest darkest time on earth has always given way to days with more and more time of light.

The Twelve days of Christmas each add more light, and then just about half-way through those days we celebrate New Years, a cultural time of reflection on the past and a letting go of it too as we move into the fresh new light and promise of new days. A new

year is born again. It is fair to understand this as symbolic of how Christians are “born again,” a phrase that often gets misunderstood or misused as a believing a certain form of Christianity in a certain way. But that is not what “born again” in the Bible means, it is something more akin to the New Year’s reflections and letting go and moving into the Light of Christ to make ourselves and the world better not by belief, but by love in action. When we get onto Jesus’ Way we let go of old ways and become new people, trying to be love in a world (very much in need of it).

As we all move into more and more light this year both cosmically and as individuals, may we strive to do all that God requires of us. The Book of Micah for twenty-five hundred years has taught that God requires just three things, that we seek justice; love kindness and walk humbly with God. May the light of love grow in us each day in this new year as we aim to do those three things.

Happy New Year!

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Scott Elliott

P.S. Thanks to all of you for your generosity this season. Your gift is very much appreciated!!!



LENTEN MOVIE SERIES ON TAP

Interested?



Rev. Scott would like to hold a Lenten Movie night series beginning in February but only if there is interest.

The event would include enjoying a potluck supper while watching a movie that relates to the season.

Discussion would take place the following week, followed by another movie.

It doesn't include a lot of heavy lifting but is sure to be strong in fellowship, fun and lively discussion!

If you're game please contact Chris Stevens at 781-581-1202 or at secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org

or sign up on the sheet in Swansburg Hall.

Rides can be provided if needed!

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to the congregation for your Christmas generosity! It was unexpected yet graciously appreciated. It has been my pleasure to serve the church as office manager for a year now and I'm looking forward to seeing what 2024 has in store for all of us.



THANKS LINDA



Thanks Linda Hall for not only stepping up to be our liturgist but bringing your musical talent with you! You don't have to be a musician to be part of the service though. We need more readers! Contact Chris Stevens in the office or simply sign up on the clipboard for any given Sunday! Come on, you know you want to!

MBT THANKS YOU FOR YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
MY BROTHER'S TABLE



Many thanks for your very generous donation.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of good friends like Nahant Village Church, we are able to meet an unprecedented demand for nutritious meals during these most uncertain times.

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Robin deStefano - 6
Glenn Snappy - 10
David Carter - 11
Edie Hunnewell - 14
Polly Bradley - 15
Rachel McCarthy - 17
Libby Olson - 19

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST IS BACK

January 5, 2024, 8 a.m.



Kick off the new year dining with an exciting duo! State Sen. Brendan Crighton and state Rep. Peter Capano, will be on hand for the January 5 Community Breakfast. Get an overview of what they're working on at the State House and hear a first hand updates on topics that affect or interest Nahanters, the North Shore and the State. You're also invited to prepare questions to ask the pair.

The free breakfast is served at 8 a.m., followed at 8:15 by the presentation. We hope that you will join us for a thoughtful chat, enthusiastic discussion, food and fellowship.

Transportation arrangements for elders to and from the breakfast can be made by calling the Tiffany Room a few days in advance. Their phone number is 781-581-7557.

Spread the word and bring family and friends.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL MLK WEEKEND SERVICE

Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024,
10:30 a.m.

There will be a special service Sunday, Jan. 14 in

honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Please make an effort to attend. Thank you!

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

Friday Feb. 9, 7 p.m



SAVE THE DATE:

Join us to watch a shop girl fall in love with the store owner's son, who is working incognito to prove himself to his father. The feelings might be mutual but, oops, he's also engaged to a debutante. The evening will kick off with a pot luck supper at 5:30 so come in from the cold and joins us for dinner and a show with live musical accompaniment! Admission is free but there is a suggested donation of

HATS, GLOVES & SCARVES, OH MY

THROUGH JAN. 7

The Nahant Village Church is collecting **NEW** insulated, ski-type gloves along with warm knitted hats and scarves now through January 7, 2024. Items collected will go to My Brother's Table in Lynn. Drop offs can be made at NVC and monetary donations are also welcome. For more information call 781-581-1202.

Help us keep our brothers and sisters in need warm this winter — and thank you!



A CHRISTMAS FAIR TO REMEMBER

To everyone who volunteered and shopped— THANK YOU for making our big day such a grand success!



WORLD MUSIC NIGHT SUCCESS!!

Big thanks to Nancy Cantelmo, Ute Gfrerer, Linda Hall & Marrit Hastings and all who volunteered time and talent to and to all who attended our first World Holiday Music Night. It was met with well deserved rave reviews!



WELCOME ALEX

It was an honor to have UCC Area Conference Minister Rev. Alex Shea Will with us, as our guest minister, Sunday, Dec. 17.



SUPPER WITH SANTA A SUPER EVENT!

More than 60 parents, grandparents, friends and kids turned out to have supper, a visit and a story with Santa on Tuesday Jan. 19.



ADVENTURES WITH SANTA

Despite a ridiculously busy schedule Santa managed quite a visit to our little town - dropping in all over the place!



WHO DOESN'T LOVE A PARADE!

Cal & Marrit opened the church for parade participants as they have every year for decades, while Parade Director Roz corralled floats and drivers and got everyone off on time!



CHRISTMAS EVE 2023



AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL ❤️🍷

**MAY ALL YOUR TROUBLES LAST AS
LONG AS YOUR NEW YEAR
RESOLUTIONS!**

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 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>

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE HOUR

All you need to do is serve coffee and treats, provided by you, or other volunteers immediately after worship and then clean up. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jen McCarthy.



WANT A VISIT?

Rev. Scott is happy to visit members and is willing to travel — all you have to do is ask and schedule a date & time! Let him know by calling 781-581-1202 or emailing him at Nahantpastor@gmail.com. because — **he won't know you want a visit if you don't ask!**

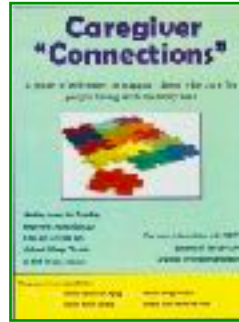


CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024

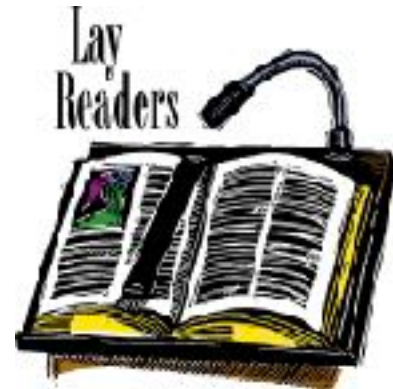
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Nahant Village Church - Swansburg Hall



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, Nahant Public Library, 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 mminer@nahant.org for more information.



WE NEED LITURGISTS ON SUNDAYS

No experience necessary!

If you would like to participate in the worship service by leading responsive prayers, reading scripture and announcing hymns, please contact Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309 or call the NVC office at 781-581-1202 or sign up electronically by clicking on this link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054FADAF28AAFC1-liturgist>



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Hours

Saturday-Thursday - 9 a.m. -noon/1 p.m. - 5 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

Minister: Rev. Scott Elliott -nahantpastor@gmail.com

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Church Council

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You are invited to ...

Sunday Worship Service in the Chapel
Sundays @10:30 am

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 - Swansburg Hall

Village Ringers

Mondays @ 5:15 p.m.

Swansburg Hall

Trustees

Second Tuesday of each month

NVC Library

Church Council

Third Monday of each month

NVC Library

We would *Love* for you join us!