



# 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*

**2025**

## Scripture Readings

**July 6**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

*with Preacher Rusty Chadwick*

*2Kings 5:1-14*

**July 13/Communion**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

*with Rev. Patricia*

*Luke 10:25-37*

**July 20**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Rev. Jake*

*Luke 10:38-42*

**July 27**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

*TBA*

*Luke 11:1-13*

**HAPPY**



**Community Breakfast**

Friday, July 11, 8 a.m.

**Caregivers Group**

Tuesday, July 15, 11 a.m.

**Church Council**

Monday, July 21, 6:30 p.m.

## FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council met on June 23 and had a productive and forward-looking discussion. We're pleased to welcome Beth Walls, who will serve as our new Treasurer, to the Council.

We're also excited to announce that we have extended an invitation to the Music Committee to have a representative regularly join us as well and thank Linda Hall for stepping in for the committee last month for the first time.

Music plays a vital role in our weekly worship, and having open communication between the Music Committee and other church boards will help ensure that each Sunday's service flows smoothly and meaningfully.

As we move through the summer with a variety of guest preachers providing pulpit supply, Council is also planning ahead for the fall. We have agreed to begin the search for a Bridge Minister who can support us during this transitional period, even as we continue the process of identifying a Designated Term Pastor.

Thank you to all who support the ongoing work of our church. We remain hopeful and committed to our path forward together.

## FROM THE TRUSTEES

The first meeting of the Trustees following the Annual Meeting in May was held on June 10.

Newly elected Trustees are Roz Puleo, Rich Stevens and Adam Hatfield.

Motions were approved to accept Rex Antrim as Chairman and Rich Stevens as recording secretary.

We agreed to move our meeting days to the second Wednesday of each month, and not meet in July and August unless something comes up.

Beth Walls is now serving as the Treasurer of the Nahant Village Church, taking over these duties from long time Treasurer Marrit Nauta Hastings.

We agreed to hire Catherine Carr as bookkeeper on a three month trial basis beginning June 15.

The Trustees approved a proposal from Pat Duncan for the first phase of slate roof repair on the sanctuary.

More work on the sanctuary trim and painting will follow that.

We also want to follow up on making the interior of the church handicap accessible.

Still under consideration is installing solar electric panels on the flat roof. We had some proposals for that last year and we hope that we can find a sponsor for that to cover the cost. (continued)



A sponsor (or group of sponsors) would qualify for tax incentives that the church is not eligible for as a non profit.

Carl Jenkins and Chris Rogers have agreed to remain on the investment advisory sub committee.





With gratitude,

Rex Antrim

## FUNDRAISING PLAN!

As part of our ongoing fundraising efforts, we're excited to announce a Raffle Calendar for the month of January!

Here's how it works:

- In December, we'll be selling raffle calendars for \$20 each.
- Each calendar will feature a different prize for every day in January — from scratch tickets and gift cards to cash, sports tickets, and more!
- Every day in January, we'll draw a name — and that lucky person wins the prize listed for that day!
- How you can help:
- **We're currently looking for prize donations to fill the calendar. Items we're especially looking for include:**
  -  **Gift cards**
  -  **Cash donations**
  -  **Scratch tickets**
  -  Tickets to games or events (Patriots, Red Sox, Bruins, Celtics, ice shows, concerts, etc.)

If you have something to contribute or would like more information, please reach out to Chris Stevens in the NVC office or at [secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org](mailto:secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org) or Jen McCarthy at [edwarthy@hotmail.com](mailto:edwarthy@hotmail.com)

## A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO REV. PATRICIA LONG



As Church Council worked this past month to ensure we had pulpit supply coverage for our Sunday services, one important detail came to light: Sundays were covered, but we didn't have anyone lined up for weddings or funerals.

Not long after someone optimistically said, "Hopefully we won't have any," the phone started ringing ... and didn't stop. Within one week, three funerals were added to the calendar.

We reached out to Reverend Patricia Long to see if she might be able to assist, and without hesitation, she said, "Of course." She immediately stepped in, met with all three families, and helped make the necessary arrangements to give their loved ones the respectful and heartfelt sendoffs they deserved.

Church Council would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Rev. Patricia for once again stepping up and supporting our church family in a time of need. The Nahant Village Church is truly blessed to count her as a friend.



ALSO: Thank you to Joshua Carromero for helping, several times, this past month to move hymnals from sanctuary to chapel and back again!

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

July 11, 8 A.M.

WITH LEIGHTON O'CONNOR &  
MISSION OF HOPE

**Mission for Hope** is a non-profit organization that extends a helping hand to the homeless. The



organization also does research on the effectiveness of various programs in search for useful remedies to effect positive change for the homeless condition in New England. The talk will be given by founder Leighton O'Connor who is also

involved with Good for Hope Inc. which organized the Running and Walking Well 5K in June that helped to raise \$10,000 in support of its mission to build water wells in Uganda.

Come and spread the word, invite family and friends to a hearty breakfast, an informative presentation, and wonderful camaraderie.

**Please note that the breakfast is on the 11<sup>th</sup> (the SECOND Friday in July)**

### **\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\***

**August 8 breakfast:** A presentation on the history of the **Town Class sailboats in Nahant**. The classic sloops date back to the early 1930s and were introduced to Nahant after the great hurricane of 1938 wiped out the town's Star class fleet. The Town Class became the Dory Club's dominant racing class for years.

The first ever National Town Class Association annual regatta was held in 1962. The Nahant Dory Club and Nahant Town Class Association will host the annual regatta again this summer, August 15 through 17. The breakfast presentation will be given by Rex Antrim and Robert Wilson.

## COME & SING!

You know you want to!



NVC's new Music Director, Christina Bray, is seeking individuals with (perhaps) an unfulfilled or latent interest in choral singing. Would you appreciate a monthly opportunity to learn and practice together with her at the church in hopes of eventually building a choir for weekly church services? If you're even a little curious, or if you have questions, please reach out to Christina directly at [christinamariabray@gmail.com](mailto:christinamariabray@gmail.com)

## SPEAKING OF MISSION OF HOPE

### JOIN OUR MISSION!

This month, The Nahant Village Church is partnering with Leighton O'Connor in his outreach to support those who are unsheltered. As part of this effort, we will be collecting hygiene products to create care packages filled with essential items.

We are asking for donations of small, travel-size hygiene items such as:

- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Wet wipes/cleansing cloths
- Dry shampoo
- Dental floss or floss sticks
- Combs
- Nail files

A collection basket will be set up in the Companion Way for your contributions.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness, generosity, and continued support of our mission work. Every little bit helps make a big difference.

— The Missions Committee —



## VILLAGE RINGERS HIT HANDBELL FESTIVAL & CONFERENCE

Elisabeth Foukal, Lisa Haley, Marrit Hastings and Paula Cole packed up their white gloves and took part in the Area 1 Handbell Musicians of America's 2025 Festival at Worcester State University June 27-29.

The quartet called it the most amazing experience, ringing with about 350 enthusiastic and dedicated people who came mostly from New England but also from other parts of the country. Among them members of the well-known the Back Bay Ringers and other who regularly perform. They participated in nine rehearsals to prepare for a closing concert on Sunday afternoon. In between rehearsals, there were a wide variety of workshops on different ringing techniques and music theory, all aimed at improving ringing skills. Several mini concerts were also part of the festival and featured individual bell choirs, as well as soloists. A large guest choir of high school ringers presented an amazing evening concert.

It was an exhilarating, educational and yes challenging experience ending with the ringing of "Oh Happy Days and they were happy days indeed.



## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS & FUNDRAISING IDEAS!

Each year, we rely on the creativity and generosity of our community to help meet our fundraising goals through events like flea markets, fairs, bake sales, and more. As we plan for this year, we're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our fundraising team—and we'd love to hear your fresh ideas!

If you're interested in getting involved or have a great idea for a fundraiser, please reach out to **Jen McCarthy** or **Chris Stevens**. Your support makes a big difference!



Ellie Lowell — 2  
David Callard — 14  
Rex Antrim — 15  
Cal Hastings — 17  
Peter Foukal — 23  
Heidi Fiore — 23  
Lillie Johnson — 26  
Katherine Carter — 31





## ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICES

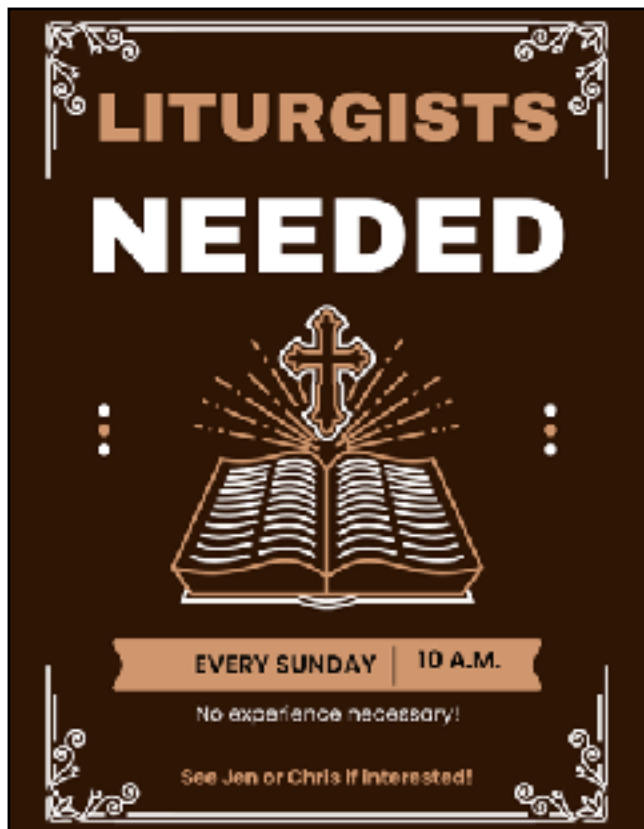
We **Zoom** all of our worship services live each Sunday, so if you can't attend in person, you are welcome to join us on Zoom. Meeting ID 869 1204 8062 Password: 123456.

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.

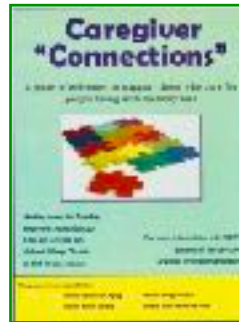


## CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

**Tuesday, June 15, 2025**

**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 Mary Miner of the Nahant COA at [mminer@nahant.org](mailto:mminer@nahant.org) for more information.



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## WOULD YOU LIKE A VISIT FROM NVC?

If you would like a visit for any reason just give a shout, or a call!

781-581-1202

We'd love to see you so don't hesitate to call!





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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.

Phone messages are checked regularly.

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Missions

*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 Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m.

NVC Library

**Church Council**

Third Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

NVC Library

**Membership**

If you'd like to become a member of the church  
contact or Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309 or

Chris Stevens at

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We would *Love* for you join us!