



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*

September 2022 Scripture Readings

Sept. 4 - Worship/ Communion

Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
Philemon 1:1—1:21 and
Luke 14:25–33

Theme: A New Identity

Sept 11 - Worship Service

Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
John 6:53-57, 60-61, 66-69
Theme: Growing in God's Love

Sept. 18- Worship Service

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
Theme: Prayerful Living

Sept 25 - Worship Service

Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
1 Timothy 6:6-19;
Luke 16:19-31
Theme: Surprising Investment

Calendar

Summer Worship Service

our last worship in Marjoram
Park/Town Wharf will take place
on September 4th.

Nahant Community Breakfast

State Senator Brendan Creighton
Sept. 9 at 8:00 a.m.

Bells Resume on Monday September 12

Beginning 4:45 p.m.
Advanced Ringers 5:15 p.m.

Bible Study (via Zoom)

Tuesdays at 10:00-11:00 a.m.

*See the insert for Zoom meetings
and contact information*

Church Family & Friends,

Christmas is wonder
and joy. Good Friday
is fear and tears.
Easter is astonishment
and celebration. For
the Church and for
individual Christians,



Pentecost Sunday is a work day. On
that first Pentecost Sunday, the work
of the church began when the arrival
of the Holy Spirit sent the disciples
out into the world, starting in
Jerusalem then, in the words of Christ,
to “the ends of the earth”.

To say ‘the Church’ did this or ‘the
Church’ did that is a phrase we often
hear. Sometime in positive terms but
more often in negative tones, such as
when people use sinful and sad events
from the history of ‘the Church’ to
justify inaction or unbelief today. Yet
Church is not only history just as it is
not just worship styles or music genres
or missionary works or respected
tradition or volunteering in shelters or
building hospitals or....the Crusades.

‘The Church’ is you and me here at
NVC or at any church wherein love
for the Cross and belief in the
Resurrection are preached. The
Church is each of you, whether you
attend almost every Sunday or only
some Sundays or when we have
service out of doors or only on
Christmas Eve or just about every
other Easter Morning. ‘The Church’ is
the Roman Catholic one down the
street, the Baptist Church in Lynn, the
Congregational Church in Marblehead
or wherever two or more of you gather
in the Name of Christ.

In our society, the day after Labor Day
is like Pentecost Sunday. Summer may
last a few more weeks on the calendar
or in the weather, yet as a practical
matter, Summer ends when the sun
sets on Labor Day night (even if you
or your child started school before that
first Monday in September). So, as we
lean into post-Labor Day....what
now? Well, that is exactly what you
will have to decide. Our Church has
various Teams working to decide what
‘the Church’ aka ‘your Church’ will be
and do. In the humble opinion of this
preacher, if you sit on the sidelines
during the next few months, you must
be ready to waive the right to
complain about the future direction of
‘your’ church.

In his letter to Timothy, Paul told
Timothy to "guard the good deposit
that was entrusted to you—guard it
with the help of the Holy Spirit who
lives in us." Summer is over. Plans
made without you will be just that:
plans made without you. Come and
take part.

Peace and Love in Christ,

Preacher Rusty

**A huge thank you to all who made
it possible to celebrate our summer
worship at the Wharf:** Rusty and
Rev. Patricia, Jen and Chris, Bill, Amy
and Cal. So many of us enjoyed being
at the wharf overlooking the Nahant
Harbor. It was a perfect setting for our
worship services.

**Fall Worship services will
resume in the Sanctuary on
Sunday, September 11th.**

COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS

SEPTEMBER 9 at 8:00 a.m.

State Senator

Brendan Crighton



The September breakfast will feature Senator Brendan Crighton who will talk about his work and priorities as a Senator. It is a great opportunity to ask any questions or concerns that you may have. It is an honor to welcome Senator Crighton back after a two-year

hiatus due to COVID. It has become a highlight of the monthly Nahant Community Breakfasts.

Please note that the breakfast will be held on Friday, September 9 (not the first Friday because of Labor Day weekend) at 8 AM.

Elders can arrange for transportation to and from the breakfast by calling the Nahant Council on Aging a few days in advance of the breakfast. Their number is 781-581-7557.

Please join us and invite family members and friends. ALL ARE WELCOME!

OCTOBER 7 at 8:00 a.m.

HAPPY AND HEALED

The Power of Hypnosis by Ute Gfrerer

Whether you want to feel more confident and calm, sleep better, stop smoking, lost weight or reduce your physical pain – hypnosis is a powerful tool to uncover hidden beliefs that are stored in our subconscious mind and prevent us from leading a happy, healthy and fulfilled life. In this talk Ute will give us a deeper insight into the world of hypnosis and the power of the mind. Ute is a certified hypnotherapist and loves talking about this exciting subject. What is hypnosis and how does it work? Can anybody be hypnotized? And what actually happens in a hypnotherapy session? This and much more will be covered during this breakfast talk.

If you missed the August breakfast and want to learn more about Seaglass Village – Neighbors Helping Neighbors to Age in Place, you can do so by attending a “Reimagining Retirement Party.” It will be held on Wednesday, September 15 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the First Church Congregational at 40 Monument Avenue. This event is free but reservations are requested. RSVP at www.seaglassvillage.org and the scroll down to the event.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Launches in Nahant

Tuesday, Sept. 20

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Nahant Village Church

Nahant has long recognized the need to support the family members of those who live with cognitive decline. Family members are often caregivers, coping with few resources and a sense of isolation from the rest of the community.

The Nahant Council on Aging, Nahant Public Library and Nahant Village Church all wanted to help, so they formed a committee to make Nahant a Dementia Friendly Community. A registry was set up at the police station, in case a loved one became disoriented while out alone. A Memory Café was started in 2019, giving people with dementia and their caregivers a place to enjoy activities together. But after a year and a half, COVID forced the Café to a screeching halt.

The committee members reconvened recently, and they agreed it was time to begin again. First up will be a Caregiver Support Group on Tuesday, September 20, 11:00-12:00 at the Village Church. “We would like to reach out to caregivers so they can share experiences with one another,” said Linda Peterson, a committee member. “This will be their monthly chance to touch base with others who understand what they are going through. Dementia affects everyone in a family, and we hope to make the challenge a little easier.”

The group also plans on returning to holding Connections: A Memory Café on the second Thursday of the month, beginning October 13, 10:30-11:30. People living with dementia and their caregiver will sing, laugh, tell stories, do crafts, and find new ways to relate to one another.

If you are interested in attending either of these or finding out more information, please send an email to Mary Miner, Council on Aging, at mminer@nahant.org or call (781) 581-7557.

CONNECTIONS MEMORY CAFE

Will resume on

Thursday, Oct. 13, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

At the Nahant Town Library



Join us in the Garth following worship for a cookout of hot dogs and hamburgers provided by Christine and Rich Stevens and grilled by Amy Dow and her partner Ray.



<i>Roz Poleo</i>	<i>9/14</i>
<i>Olivia Brand</i>	<i>9/28</i>

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
AND MISSIONS
NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Once a year, the Church participates in the UCC’s Neighbors in Need collection. This year’s campaign focuses on Economic Justice. The collection will be taken on Sunday, October 2 and continue throughout the month of October. Look for the special NIN envelope in your Sunday bulletins or make a donation earmarked for NIN on our nahantvillagechurch.org website. Thank you in advance for participating in this Neighbors in Need collection.

The Neighbors in Need “BEHOLD” offering focuses on economic justice. With inflation impacting all of our households, we wanted to provide a way to discuss this topic through a faith lens.



We will be featuring **Neighbors in Need on Sunday October 2, 2022**, as part of World Communion Sunday, but contributions can be made at any time through the month of October.

BAPTISM AT MARJORAM PARK

On Sunday, August 4, the Marie family celebrated the Baptism of their daughter Isla. The Reverend Patricia Long joyfully presided over the morning during Worship service, and Nana Lisa gave a special blessing for Isla during the service.



****VILLAGE RINGERS REHEARSALS**

RESUME IN SEPTMEBER**

Bell rehearsals will resume on Monday, September 12,; at 4:45 p.m. for beginners; and 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. for the advanced group. Please note that we are back to our MONDAY rehearsal schedule. We look forward to getting back together and gearing up for the Advent and Christmas season.

CHURCH CALENDAR UPDATES

Please submit information for events (including meetings) name, date, and time to the church assistant, Susan, at secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org. Susan



check to make sure the dates are available and post the event on both the Church Website and on the master calendar that will be posted in various locations around the church. By submitting

information early, you will insure there will be no scheduling conflicts with with the regular Church functions or other scheduled events.

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, so you can watch the service later when you have time. 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 blu banner, then click on On Line Worship Services.

COMPASSIONATE CARE CIRCLE

Make someone's day; please sign a greeting card.

Do you know someone who may appreciate a birthday wish, a get well wish, or a note of cheer? If you do, please use the sign-up sheet to give us her or his name. Thank you

GENESIS SUPPER CLUB

The Genesis Supper Club meets in person on Friday nights from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Zoom and phone meeting information is available Nahant Village Church Webpage at nahantvillagechurch.org.



SCRIPTURE READERS

Would you like to read the scripture during the Sunday Worship Service? If so, please email Jen McCarthy at edwarthy@hotmail.com.



VOLUNTEERS FOR COFFEE HOUR

Beginning in September, we will resumed our Coffee Hour in Swansburg Hall following our Sunday worship services. If you would like to volunteer to oversee the Coffee Hour, which takes about 30 to 45 minutes. Coffee is made and food is provided. Volunteers will just do a light clean up and clean out the coffee pot. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jen McCarthy.

BIBLE STUDIES



Join on Zoom Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m
A link is available on the NVC Home page at <https://www.nahantvillagechurch.org>

Meeting ID: 838 6095 4980

Passcode: 01908



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Call the Church at 781-581-1202 to leave a message. Contact Rev. Patricia Long for urgent Pastoral Care, or Jennifer McCarthy for other church needs. Phone messages at the Church are checked regularly and forwarded to the appropriate individual on our Team.

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You are invited

**Sunday Worship Service
in the Sanctuary
Sundays @10:30 am**

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.

Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 10:00 am

Click below to join on Zoom

NVCBible

Meeting ID: 838 6095 4980

Passcode: 01908

Contemplative Circle

on hiatus for now. Stay tuned.

Genesis Supper Club

Fridays @ 5:00-6:30 pm

Join on Zoom

GenesisSupperClub

Meeting ID: 881 0920 8580

Passcode: 01908

Nahant Village Voices

Date to resume TBD

Click below to join on Zoom

NahantVV

Meeting ID: 810 8610 6763

Passcode: NVV

Passcode: 697582 (phone)

We would *Love* for you join us!