



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*

Dear Nahant
Community Church,



On November 16th you all voted to call me to be your Designated Term Minister for a term of three years.

David and I are

overjoyed! We have so many "common lines" ~ from our beloved family friend in his 90's who worked for a church member to my knowing Linda Swansburg who lives in David's hometown of Duxbury where we have owned a home for twenty years. There are other stories along those lines that seemed to shine a light on my discernment. I am so grateful for the Rev. Shawn Fiedler who said to me, "why don't you look at the church in Nahant, the people there are lovely". Shawn and I have been friends since seminary days.

David and I will move into the parsonage on January 2nd and my first Sunday will be January 4th. I will come to the **Greens Gathering** on December 3rd. David and I will come to the **Christmas Fair** as well on the December 6th. We are also planning to attend the **Nahant Holiday Concert** on December 14th.

When I arrive in January, I would love to have **Coffee with the Pastor** for the month of January on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Drop

by and have a cup of coffee with me so that I may get to know you better! I would also love to have a **Potluck Dinner** the first Wednesday of the month for a few months starting on January 7th from 6-7 p.m.!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Wishing you a meaningful Advent season!

Much gratitude for your extravagant welcome on November 16th!

Blessings always in this life!
Peace,
Rev. Emily
(Rev. EK, Rev., or Pastor Emily)

HOW BEST TO CONTACT REV. EMILY

If you want to contact me for any reason, email or text works best! Emails are helpful if it is a church matter then I can circle back to my email for meetings to make sure the business of the church is handled efficiently! I recently got a text from one of you of the church sign with my name on it ~ *made my day*! I love texts about fun personal things!

If there is an emergency, please feel free to call me on my cell phone. If you do not reach me, please leave a voicemail! I will call you back as soon as I get the voicemail! I am very good at checking my phone for voicemail since I know congregants use it for emergencies!

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2025

Scripture Readings

Dec. 7

Second Sunday of Advent

Communion

Rev. Shawn Fiedler

Matt 3:1-12

Dec. 14

Third Sunday of Advent

Rev. Shawn Fiedler

Matt 11:2-11

Dec. 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Rev. Patricia Long

Dec. 28

1st Sunday after Christmas

Rev. Colin Leitch

Matt 22:13-23

Greens Day

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 12-4 p.m.

Annual Christmas Fair

Saturday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Trustees

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m.

Night of Music

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.

Caregivers Group

Tuesday, Dec. 13 - 11 a.m.

NVC Christmas/Patricia Party

Sunday, Dec. 21, 11:20-ish

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m.

Email or text is best and if it is an emergency, call my cell!

David and I are really looking forward to moving to Nahant on January 2nd and beginning our journey with you all on January 4th!

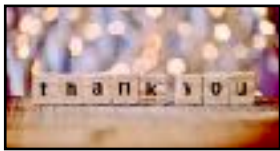
Peace,

Rev. Emily/ Rev EK/ Pastor Emily

nvcminister@gmail.com

781 264 8339 cell

WITH GRATITUDE
FROM THE MODERATOR



As I sit down to write for the December issue of *The Pulpit Rock*, my heart is full of gratitude for the many people who have stepped forward to support our church throughout this past year. It has been a year of transition, but also a year of tremendous blessing thanks to the countless volunteers who have given their time, energy, and care to help with the life of our congregation.

We are deeply grateful to the ministers who shared their gifts with us in worship: Rev. Dave VanArsdale, Rev. Patricia Long, Rev. Shawn Fielder, Rev. Colin Lietch, and Rev. Henry Schoenfield and of course our friend Rusty Chadwick. Each brought their own style, voice, and message, enriching our services in meaningful ways.

A special word of thanks goes to Rev. Patricia Long, who has provided pastoral care in the second half of the year. From funerals and weddings to home visits, phone calls, and check-ins, her presence has been a true blessing. We are fortunate to have her gifts, and her friendship, among us.

And of course, where would we be without our committees? Whether they support worship, maintain our building, steward our finances, lead our music, strengthen missions and outreach, or guide fundraising efforts, their dedication keeps our church vibrant and thriving. Your efforts are seen, valued, and appreciated.

With heartfelt thanks to all who make our community strong.

FROM THE TRUSTEES

We are glad to report that the repairs to the slate roofs are complete, and the Pat Duncan and his crew also replaced some rotted trim on the steeple and painted all the area around the steeple while they had their lift on site. The slate roof repair was not just needed but crucial for our insurance coverage.

Our furnace also required some maintenance and replacement of a leaking backflow check valve. Over the winter we will begin replacement of the floor in the basement classroom and hall.

At our November Trustees meeting, Chris Rogers and Carl Jenkins, representing our Investment Advisory Committee, presented ideas about managing the various funds at Fidelity.

The parsonage still needs a bit of work to get in ready for Rev. Emily Kellar and her husband David before they move in at the beginning of 2026.

We are grateful for all the support that we get at the Nahant Village Church. We will be working on the budget for 2026 at our next meeting and it will be helpful in our planning to have the pledge cards turned in.

As we enter Advent season, keep in mind the themes of hope, peace, joy and love. I expect that all of these will abound at our church with the ministry of Reverend Emily Kellar.

With thanks, Rex Antrim



From our family to yours

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

BREAKFAST IS BACK

Friday January 9, 8 a.m.

As has become somewhat of an annual tradition, state Senator Brendan Crighton and state Rep. Sean Reid will be on hand to bring us up to date on issues of concern to Nahant and the North Shore. If you have any specific questions that you would like them to address, please forward them to Marrit at calhast@hotmail.com well before the breakfast so that Brendan and Sean will be prepared to respond to them.

As always the breakfast is free and served at 8 a.m. Please invite family and friends to a hearty breakfast, an informative presentation and Q & A and wonderful camaraderie.



RAFFLE CALENDAR SALES HAVE BEGUN!

Sales for our January Raffle Calendar are officially underway! Each calendar chance is just \$20, and thanks to the generosity of local businesses and community members, the calendar is packed with fantastic prizes. These make wonderful gifts or festive stocking stuffers!

Calendars will be available for purchase daily in the office, at the Christmas Fair, and on Sundays before and after worship. You may also contact Jen at 781-316-7309 to reserve yours.

WHERE THE LIGHT BEGINS

A Holiday Concert, Dec 10, 7 p.m.

Join us on Wednesday, December 10 at 7 p.m. for a heartwarming evening of music that celebrates the light of the season in all its forms.

Featuring performances by The Seaside Sirens, The Singing Sea Stars, The Village Ringers and special guests, the program will include favorite Christmas carols, joyful holiday songs, and a touch of Hanukkah sparkle.

Come share in an evening of harmony, hope, and community as we welcome the light that shines in every heart.

Admission is free; donations are appreciated. All are welcome.

★ WHITE CHRISTMAS FUND ★

As we enter this Season of Giving, Church Council is beginning to plan how NVC can extend care and generosity to those in our community who may need a little extra help during the holidays.

Each year, through our White Christmas Fund, we support not only some of our own members but also local residents in need. We also partner with Johnson Elementary School to assist families who could use additional support.

Your donations make this outreach possible. These contributions are used to purchase gift cards for individuals and families who have been identified in advance.

If you are able to help, please:

- Place cash or a check in the collection plate on Sundays
- Mail a check to the church office
- Drop off your donation during church office hours

Please make checks payable to Nahant Village Church and note "White Christmas" in the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us share the light and love of Christ with our neighbors this Christmas season.



LET'S PARTY!

On Sunday, December 21st, after worship, we will gather to celebrate **Rev. Patricia** and show our heartfelt gratitude for all the love, care, and guidance she has shared with us throughout this past year.

In Addition

We will also be hosting an **NVC Christmas Party** on the same day! We often say we are like a family here at Nahant Village Church, and what better way to honor that than by celebrating Christmas together as the NVC family?

There will be food, music, and plenty of fun. We will also hold a **Yankee Swap**. If you would like to take part, please bring a wrapped gift valued at **\$10–\$15**. The swap will take place after we celebrate Patricia and enjoy some food together.

We hope you'll join us for this festive and joy-filled afternoon!



Chris Rogers — 1
Amy Dow — 3
Pauline White — 10
Sally (Fowle) Augustin
Chris Alexander — 29
Flo Sigourney — 29

IT'S NOT TO LATE

To Support Our White Christmas & Staff Gift Collections

We know the holiday season can be challenging for many—both emotionally and financially. Our **White Christmas Collection** helps ease the financial pressures faced by some of our church members, community members, and families at the Johnson School. Your generosity allows us to extend care and kindness where it is most needed.

We are also gathering contributions for our **Staff Gift Collection** as a way to show appreciation for the dedicated staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our church running smoothly throughout the year.

If you would like to make a donation to either collection, please place cash or a check in an envelope and clearly mark how you would like your gift to be used. You may place the envelope in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or mail it to: Nahant Village Church

P.O. Box 77. Please make checks payable to *Nahant Village Church*.

Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support.

POINSETTIAS

Each year on Christmas Eve, we adorn our altar with beautiful poinsettias, creating a warm and festive space for worship. We are now taking orders through December 14, 2025.

Poinsettias are \$10 each, and order forms are available at the church. You may also choose to dedicate your poinsettia in celebration or in memory of a loved one—a meaningful way to honor someone special during the holiday season.

If you have any questions, please see Chris or Jen. Let's fill the sanctuary with beauty and remembrance this Christmas!



Celebrating Maureen Edison with a potluck lunch and a cake by Roz, of course!

Far left: Marrit and Maureen's daughter Kathy
Middle: Maureen and her daughter Kathy

Above: Mo & Mo, Maureen Edison and longtime friend Maureen Locke



EXCITINGNEWS

On November 16, 2025, Rev. Emily Kellar led us in worship for a special Candidating Service. Following the service, we held a Congregational Meeting, during which the members unanimously voted to call **Rev. Emily Johnson** to serve a three-year term as the Designated Term Minister for the Nahant Village Church.

Rev. Emily will officially begin her ministry with us on **January 4, 2026**. She and her husband David, along with their two dogs will be moving into the Parsonage. They are excited to become part of not only the Nahant Village Church community, but also the wider Nahant community.

We look forward to welcoming them and beginning this new chapter together! We are deeply grateful to the Search Committee for their dedication throughout this process and for bringing Rev. Emily to our church.

ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICES

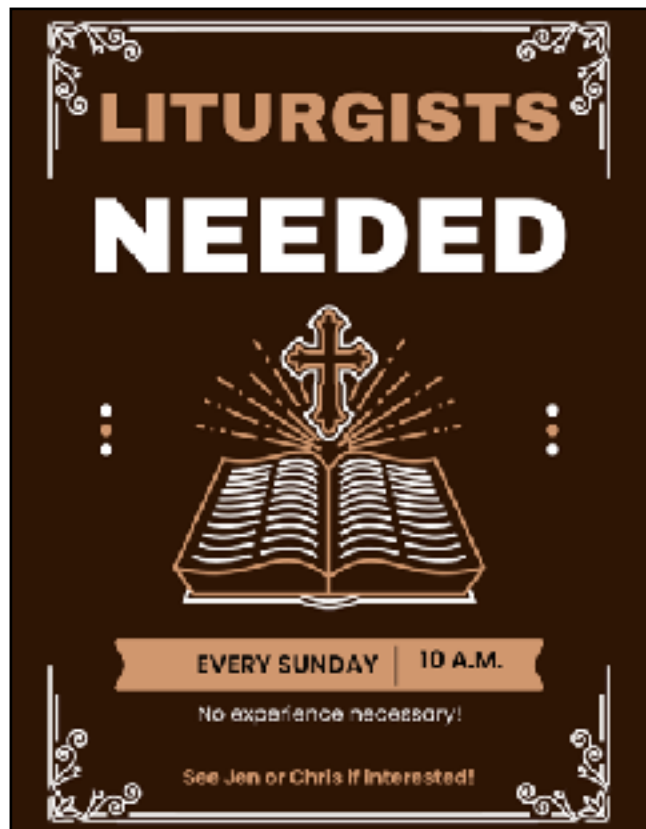
We **Zoom** all of our worship services live each Sunday, so if you can't attend in person, you are welcome to join us on Zoom. Meeting ID 869 1204 8062 Password: 123456.

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>

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.

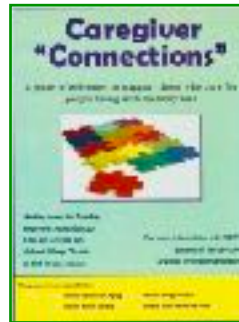


CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

Tuesday, 16, 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 mmminer@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.

In case of an emergency contact Jen McCarthy at
781-316-7309

Church – 781-581-1202

Church Council

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or 781-316-7309

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Trustee

Nancy Antrim - nancyantrim@comcast.net

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Buildings and Grounds

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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 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

secretary@nahantvillagechurch.org

We would *Love* for you join us!