



The Pulpit Rock

The Nahant Village Church ~ 27 Cliff Street, Nahant, MA 01908
where everyone is welcome

APRIL 2019

5th Community Breakfast 8:00 am

7th Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:30 am *Worship/Communion*
Celebration for Rev. Laura

8th Spring Tides Fundraiser
Monday - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

14th Sixth Sunday of Lent

10:30 am Worship

19th Good Friday



21st Easter Sunday

6:45 am Sunrise Service
Castle Rock Followed by a
Continental Breakfast at the Church
10:30 am Easter Worship
in the Sanctuary with
The Village Ringers

28th Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 am Worship
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3rd Community Breakfast 8:00 am  
Meet & Greet Rev. Megan Snell

### 5th Third Sunday of Easter

10:30 am *Worship/Communion*

### 12th Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am Worship  
1:00 pm My Brother's Table

### 19th Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am Worship

### 26th Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am Worship

### Message From Rev. Laura

This month will mark the ending of Lent and the beginning of Easter. For you and me, this will also be the ending of our Interim Ministry together and the beginning of your new journey with Rev. Megan Snell.

Highlights of our time include:

- \*Monthly Family Worship Services
- \*Maundy Thursday Skits
- \*Ashes in the Wilderness
- \*Mary Coming to Life with Ute
- \*Jesmond and Hathorne Worship Services
- \*The Memory Cafe
- \*Margoram Park Family and Animal Blessings
- \*Community Meetings with the Transition Team
- \*Memorial Services for Olaf Arlan Olsson, Jr., Wendy Loomis Spinney Smith, Michael A. Gray, Kenneth L. Taylor, Gwendolyn Beth (Goodell) Upton, Lee Carol Regnante, Susan Mary (Eggeman) Seymour, Bonnie Buck Lamando, Timothy P. Eicks, Thomas Stephens, Harriet Corbin Steeves, Norma Poole, and John Dineen.

\*Baptisms for Edward Dennis Smethurst, Maxwell Abraham Becker, Harriet Josephine Grace Wachtel, Johnny Wells Arnold, Ella Claire Arnold, Reese Lynn Crimmins, Matthew Mitchell Olson, Layla Elizabeth O'Keefe, and Boden Elliott Howard

\*Bible Study Retreat at Diane's House

\*Community Choir joining the NVC Choir

\*Dancing in the Sanctuary

\*Ute and The Sangerfest Choir

I have loved being your "In-Between" minister!

Peace and Blessings!

Rev. Laura

### Celebration of Rev. Laura's Ministry

Join us for a celebration of Rev. Laura's two-year ministry at the Nahant Village Church on Sunday, April 7, immediately following the worship service. This will be an opportunity to thank her for all she has done during her ministry here in Nahant. Rev. Laura will be with us through Easter. Please note that this worship service will be held in the Sanctuary.

### Worship Themes for March 2019

#### April 7- Fifth Sunday of Lent

Theme: Anointing Christ

Scripture: Psalm 126; John 12:1-8



#### April 14- Palm Sunday

Theme: Journey Toward the Cross

Scripture: Luke 22:14-23



#### April 21 - Easter Sunday

Theme: Living Resurrection

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

#### April 28 - Second Sunday of Easter

Theme: Witnessing Resurrection

Scripture: John 20:19-31 and  
Acts 5:27-32

## Rev. Megan Snell

Rev. Megan will join the Nahant Village Church on April 8 and will work with Rev. Laura over the next two weeks through Easter after which Rev. Megan will be at the helm. Please join the Leadership Council in extending a warm welcome to our Settled Minister. There will be a Meet and Greet with Rev. Megan at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> breakfast. So, mark your calendars.

### Message from Rev. Megan



During the month of March, Nicole and I have been settling in at the parsonage. We've been unpacking boxes, determining furniture placement, and trying to remember where we put the forks. We've also been settling into the community of Nahant. We've learned that Dunkin's at 8 am on a

Sunday is really packed, and that the Nahant Golf Club at Kelly Greens is the place to spend time with locals when the summer beach rush packs Tides. If you see us around town, please say hello. We are already loving the wider community here in Nahant, and I am so excited to be your next Settled Pastor at Nahant Village Church beginning in April.

My first sermon as your Settled Pastor will be on Easter Sunday. We will be exploring the resurrection and what that means in our lives today. It is fitting that we begin our new chapter of ministry together in this season of new life and resurrection. As the snow melts and springtime bursts forth, it is the perfect time for us to get to know one another and dream about what we may be called by God to do together.

In this new chapter of ministry together, my first goal is to listen. I want to listen to each of you as we get to know each other. I'd like to hear your stories from life and from church. Let's talk about what is important to you and where you think God might be moving in your life. I would love to meet with you for a cup of tea or a walk and talk. I will also be listening for the Holy Spirit in these conversations with Nahant Village Church people and community members at large. I am excited to witness the Spirit alive in the Nahant Village Church community. And, I am thrilled to be on this spiritual journey with you.

Christ's Peace,  
Rev. Megan



## Nahant Community Breakfast

### The Haven Project

Friday, April 5 at 8 a.m.

The Haven Project of Lynn will give a presentation at the April 5<sup>th</sup> breakfast. The project's mission is to equip and empower homeless unaccompanied youth to be successful and reach their potential. It is the only organization north of Boston dedicated specifically to providing age appropriate services to a growing, vulnerable, 17-24 year old, homeless, youth-adult population. They help with basic needs, online

learning, educational support, job training and job acquisition, stable living options, and opportunities to build community and life skills.

The project was named the 2018 Non-Profit of the Year by the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce. The Nahant Village Church plans to donate 10% of the proceeds of the March Flea Market and Bake Sale to support the work of the Haven Project.

The breakfast is free and all are welcome. Please spread the word and bring a family member or friend.

Arrangements for transportation of elders to and from the breakfast may be made by calling the Tiffany Room a few days in advance of the breakfast at 781-581-7557.



**The Compassionate Care Group** will be meeting after worship on the first Sunday of the month with the pastor, to share updates about folks in need of visitations, calls, or other help from the Pastor or members of the Compassionate Care Group. If you know of anyone in need of our care, or are interested in joining or assisting us please contact Rev. Laura, Rev. Megan or Chris Alexander (781-864-5367).

Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

## NVC Annual Budget Meeting

The Annual Budget Meeting was held following the worship service on March 10, and the 2019 budget was unanimously approved by the congregation.

## Bible Studies

will take place on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. until April 4. A new schedule will be announced after Easter.

## Spring Tides Restaurant Fundraiser

**Monday, April 8, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Raffles, beautiful baskets, merchant certificates, collectibles, and more! Join us at the Tides on the 8th to help make this event a success for our church! The Tides donates 10 percent of the total sales during the fundraiser to the NVC, so come and eat dinner!

Call Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309 for more information or to donate a raffle item.

## Connections, A Memory Café

The Connections Memory Café will be held on **Thursday, April 11th** from 10 a.m. to noon at the Nahant Public Library. If you know of anyone concerned about memory loss, please spread the word about our efforts to make Nahant a more dementia friendly community. Other sponsors are the Nahant Public Library and the Nahant Council on Aging.



## Easter Sunday Worship

**Sunrise Service will be at 6:45 a.m. at Castle Rock** on Nahant Road, followed by a continental breakfast at the church. **Easter Worship Service is at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary** with the Village Ringers.

## Easter Flower Orders

This year the altar and sanctuary will be decorated with a variety of plants for Easter. The cost for a plant is \$10.00. If you would like to order plants, please use the form on the back page of this issue. Please include your dedication.



The deadline for orders is Sunday, April 14, 2019.

## ~~~~~Volunteer Opportunities~~~~~

### Work Party Reminder

**Saturday, March 30 – 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Please join us to spruce up the Sanctuary and Church for our move back to the Sanctuary and in preparation for Palm Sunday and Easter.

### A Special Thank you

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the Spring Flea Market and Bake Sale a success.

## A Fitting Farewell

On Monday, March 4, we said farewell to Norma K. Poole who passed away at the age of 98. She was a long-standing member of our Church and very active in many capacities. Among her most notable accomplishment was her election as the first woman Moderator of our Church. We have many fond memories of Norma, and they come alive most vividly when worship services are held in the Chapel. She loved the stained-glass windows and the many symbolisms in them. A DVD was made of Norma making a presentation on the chapel windows – it can be obtained for \$15. The DVD also includes a presentation by Calantha Sears about the history of the Church.



It was a beautiful farewell to our friend Norma. As one parishioner noted regarding the visitation prior to the service: “the pretty flowers and napkins, the delicious selection of foods, and the lovely desserts were so reminiscent of her.” The service led by Rev. Laura was spiritual and filled with wonderful memories, and the solo by one of Norma’s close friends Nancy Cantelmo added a very special touch. “She would have loved every minute of it – and probably did surrounded by a chorus of Angels!”

Many thanks to all who participated in making this a fitting farewell.

## Message From Norma Poole’s Family

*The family of Norma Poole would like to extend their thanks to all those in the Nahant Village Church community, who absolutely outdid themselves in support of Norma’s final service. The visiting time and the ceremony were just perfect. It was in the Chapel that she loved so long and so well, and Nancy’s song touched us all. We had no idea she would sing for us, and her rendition was beautiful.*

*Many thanks to Marrit Hastings, Nancy Cantelmo, and the many others who prepared and presented the food and drink. We were told how nice it was by so many who attended. Thanks again to Reverend Laura for her counsel, kindness, and leadership through the entire time.*

*Even though it was a long, long life, so very well lived, we still miss her every day. We send all of our very best thoughts, wishes, and prayers, to the fine and thoughtful family of the NVC.*



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† ORDER YOUR EASTER PLANTS NOW †

This year the altar and sanctuary will be decorated with a variety of plants for Easter.

The cost per plant is \$10.00. Please make your check out to Nahant Village Church.

If you would like to have one or more plants, please complete the form below

and send it with your *check* to:

Nahant Village Church  
PO Box 77  
Nahant, MA 01908

This form, and your check, may also be placed in the offering plate.

THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS APRIL 14th.

We are requesting that you

TAKE YOUR PLANT AFTER THE EASTER SERVICE

so that you may enjoy it at home.

Any plants that are left after the service on Easter  
will be given to an ill or shut-in person ~  
unless you specify otherwise.

I wish to purchase the following for Easter, April 21, 2019.

\_\_\_\_\_ lily                      \_\_\_\_\_ tulip  
\_\_\_\_\_ daffodil                \_\_\_\_\_ hyacinth  
\_\_\_\_\_ hydrangea

I would like my name printed in the bulletin as follows:  
In memory or celebration (please select one) of:

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_