



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*

2026

Scripture Readings

May 3, 2026

5th Sunday after Easter

John 14:1-4

May 10 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

John 14:15-21

May 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

John 17:1-11

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

May 31, 2026

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 1:1-2:4a

EVENTS

Community Breakfast

Friday, May 1, 8 a.m.

Coffee with the Pastor

May 6 & 27

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Monthly Potluck

Wed. May 6, 6p.m. - 7 p.m.

Trustees

Monday May, 11, 6:30 p.m.

Church Council

Monday May 18,, 6:15 p.m.

Caregivers

Tuesday, May 19, 11 a.m.

Office Closed

Monday, May 25, 2026

Dear Beloved Community,

In the “church world”, the church programming year runs from September - May. In the summer months of June-August, we tend to slow down somewhat. We will not have our monthly potlucks because folks tend to be busier in the summer months in a climate where being outside with family and friends is more common in the warmer weather! I will continue Coffee with the Pastor on the first Wednesday of the summer months! If you have not dropped by yet, I hope you will this summer.

Another change this summer is that the third Sunday of each month we will have a hymn sing and no sermon. The service will look the same and I will read the readings and comment briefly about the gospel text for the day and we will have a hymn sing where you all get to choose the four hymns. It is a nice change of pace and if you have always wanted us to sing a certain hymn and we never do....this is your chance! It takes a very talented organist/pianist to “play on demand” and I feel certain William is just the person to do this!

I hope the warmer weather finds you lingering outside with friends and family! I hope you are able to enjoy the sun shining on your face and a walk along the shore! Blessings always in this life!

Peace,
Rev. Emily



Church Calendar Dates

- * May 10 Baptism of Nina Grimm in Sanctuary
- * May 17th Village Ringers Play
- * May 24 Pentecost ~ Seaside Sirens sing
- * June 14 New Member Sunday ~ Village Ringers play
- * June 21 Hymn Sing
- * June 28 Open & Affirming Sunday also called Pride Sunday
- * July 12 Village Ringers play
- * July 19 Hymn Sing
- * August 16 Hymn Sing



While church life slows down visits from our faithful two, Zig & Patty, are expected to carry on throughout the summer

(we hope! ❤️)





CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

May 17, immediately following worship

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2026, immediately following worship in the Chapel.

The agenda will include the acceptance of Annual Reports submitted by our Church Officers, Boards, and Committees, as well as a vote on the recommended nominations for these leadership roles.

Your participation is important. In a Congregational church, every voice matters, and your presence helps shape the life and direction of our community. Please plan to attend.

~ NEW MEMBER SUNDAY ~



Maybe you have visited Nahant Village Church for a long time ~ may be you are new to the area and have just recently been attending. Joining the church says to our community that you want to walk in the way of Love with us. Joining the church means you are agreeing to walk with us and serve together!

If you are interested in joining the church with Rev. Emily ~ please reach out to her by email and let her know at nvcminister@gmail.com! New Member Sunday will be June 14th at 10 a.m. Rev. Emily is glad to answer any questions you may have about becoming a member of Nahant Village Church! She is hoping that she is not joining by herself!



Thank you Roz

for brightening up the garth with these beauties!

Roz has taken it upon herself to, each year fill the planter in the corner and this year she added an addition pot of flowers as well. They are a great compliment to bird feeders already added to the space that now bring us daily visitors of grackle, cardinals, house finches, chickadees and more.

We also hope to add new benches to the area!

We know the ground is a bit uneven but we guarantee there is no better seat in the house on a pretty day than in the Garth!

UPCOMING MUSIC SUNDAYS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming musical Sundays!

May 17 Village Ringers

May 24 Seaside Sirens ~ **Pentecost (wear red)**

June 14 Village Ringers ~ New Member Sunday

June 21 Hymn Sing

July 12 Village Ringers

July 19 Hymn Sing

August 16 Hymn Sing



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MISSIONS

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

TOWN BUDGET & TOWN MEETING TALK WITH ALISON NIETO

May 1, 2026, 8 a.m.

Town Administrator Alison Nieto will be the featured speaker at the May 1 breakfast. She will present the town budget and discuss important warrants to be considered at the upcoming annual Town Meeting, which will be held May 16th, starting at 12:30 p.m. Mark your calendar for this important and informative event.



The free breakfast starts at 8, with Alison starting at about 8:15. Come and bring family and friends. The food is always good and the camaraderie even better.

SAVE THE DATE

Ute Gfrerer on hand for June 5th Breakfast



Be sure and mark your calendars for the June 5th Community Breakfast. Ute Gfrerer will lead Discover the Power of Vision, a very special workshop. And stay tuned — there will be more information on the breakfast in the June Pulpit Rock!

TACO NIGHT!

Last potluck of the season, May 6, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.



TACO NIGHT

WEDNESDAY MAY 6, 6 P.M. - 7 P.M.

JOIN US FOR THE LAST POTLUCK OF THE SEASON!

THE CHURCH WILL PROVIDE THE TACOS & ALL THE FIXINGS
YOU BRING GUACAMOLE, SALSA, A SALAD, PIZZA IF YOU DON'T LIKE TACOS OR DESSERT!
AND A FRIEND!!



May 1 — Karen Falat
May 6 — Linda Hall
May 8 — Herb Motley
May 10 — Edie Richardson
May 12 — Jen McCarthy
May 22 — Margaret Alexander
May 26 — Linda Jenkins

COFFEE WITH THE PASTOR

Wednesdays, May 6 & 27, 9:30-10:30 a.m.



Come have coffee with Pastor Emily. Get to know her and give her a chance to know you. Things will be brewing twice a month now (first & last Wednesdays) from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW GATHERING SPACE

For the past couple of years, Chris and I (Jen) have been dreaming about transforming the companionway into a place where people feel invited to linger, somewhere to sit, chat, and enjoy one another's company. With the morning and early afternoon sunlight pouring through the windows, it already has that warm, cozy feeling we hoped to build on.

This week, that vision became a reality. A local resident posted on Facebook about a couch he was giving away for free. I went to take a look and found it in excellent condition, truly a perfect fit. I texted Chris right away, and before long, we were on our way to pick it up.

With a bit of creativity (and careful driving!), we transported the couch back to the church, half in the truck bed and half out, while Chris kept a watchful eye to make sure it stayed secure. Thankfully, we made it without incident and were able to bring it inside.

It is a perfect fit! The couch looks wonderful, and we are so excited to share this new space with you. We invite you to stop by, bring a book, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, or sit and visit with a friend. Come and experience the warmth and welcome of our newly refreshed companionway.



CONFESSIONS

Jen McCarthy

Sometimes, in my role as Moderator, I feel a bit like a priest in a confessional—though I promise there's no booth and no penance involved!

I see many of you both in church and out in the community, and you see me. Often, you greet me with a warm smile and a cheerful hello... quickly followed by, "Oh, I haven't been in church because..."

I always smile right back and say the same thing: *That's okay—just come when you can. We're always glad to have you whenever you're able to be here.*

Then, during the service, when the collection plate makes its way around, the "confessions" sometimes continue:

"Oh, I left my wallet at home," or "I already sent in my pledge!"

So let me offer a little reassurance: **it's all okay. Truly.**

Each of us is in a different place, and that can change week to week—sometimes even day to day. For many, the collection plate can feel like a moment of pressure, but it doesn't need to be.

There are many ways people choose to give:

- Some make a one-time annual or quarterly contribution
- Some give weekly with cash or check
- Others donate online through our website

All of these are meaningful, and all are appreciated.

From time to time, someone will quietly share that they feel a bit awkward not putting something in the plate, worrying others might notice. My response is always the same:

Do what you can do, what you need to do, in the way that works for you.

There are many people, me included, who don't put anything in the plate each week because we give in other ways. And that is absolutely fine.

At the end of the day, this isn't about appearances or pressure. It's about community, gratitude, and supporting what we care about in the ways that make sense for each of us.

So, no confessions necessary! Just come as you are.

We're always glad you're here. 😊



There wasn't a sunrise that we could see but it was a beautiful service nonetheless for the 30 or so hardy souls that came in the drizzly dawn to celebrate Easter Morning at East Point.



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.

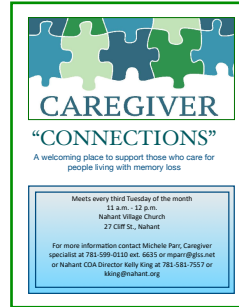


CAREGIVER "CONNECTIONS"

Tuesday, May 19, 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 Kelly King of the Nahant COA at kking@nahant.org for more information.



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WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT WITH REV. EMILY

If you would like to come in and visit with Rev. Emily, please email her at nvcminister@gmail.com or call the church office at 781-581-1202 to set up a time! We would love to see you so please don't hesitate to call or email!





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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.
781-581-1202

Phone messages are checked regularly.

In case of an emergency contact Rev. Emily Kellar at
781-264-8339 or Jen McCarthy at 781-316-7309

Rev. Emily J. Kellar - nvcminister@gmail.com

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

NVC Library

Church Council

Third Monday of each month, 6:15 p.m.

NVC Library

Membership

If you'd like to become a member of the church
contact or Rev. Emily J. Kellar at 781-581-1202 or

Chris Stevens at

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We would *Love* for you join us!