



# 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

## March 2022

### Scripture Readings

**March 2 - Ash Wednesday**

**March 6 - Worship/Communion**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Luke 4:1-13**

**Theme: Wilderness Companions**

**March 13 - Worship Service**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Luke 12:31-25**

**Theme: Strong & Tender**

**March 20 - Worship Service**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Isaiah: 55:1-9**

**Theme: Open Invitation**

**March 27- Worship Service**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

**Theme: Embracing Love**

## Calendar

### **Worship Service**

Sundays, 10:30 am in person in the Chapel and remote via Zoom.

### **Contemplative Circle**

is on hiatus for now.

Stay tuned.

### **Memory Café**

Connections - A Memory Café is on hiatus until further notice.

### **Bible Study (via Zoom)**

Tuesdays @ 10:00-11:00 am

### **Genesis Supper Club**

Fridays @ 5:00-6:30 pm

*See the last page for Zoom meetings and contact information*

Dear Church,

My birthday falls during Lent, often during Holy Week.

Celebrating a birthday on Palm or Easter Sunday can be a lot of fun...but celebrating a

9th birthday on Good Friday? Not so much. I am still surprised my devoted Catholic mother allowed me to have a party that day. My favorite birthday cake was from a recipe that my mother's index card labeled as 'Chadwick Chocolate Cake'. As I grew older, no one wanted to eat it with me or wanted to bake it for me.

Turns out, there is no butter in that recipe. It is a World War Two recipe. Imagine sacrificing butter? If you are old enough, you either lived through or heard stories of the sacrifices made on the home front during World War Two...and likely have grumbled or overheard grumbling that 'the problem today' is that people - especially the 'young' people -do not know how to sacrifice for the common good.

It is easy to criticize, harder to act. Lent is time of acting. Acting to think of others. 'Acting to not act' i.e., giving up things we might otherwise act upon. Small sacrifices in remembrance of the biggest sacrifice ever made: a man with all of the Eternal One's awesome power at His disposal, yet who willingly stretched out His arms... and died for our sins. Our sins, not His sins. He who was blameless took our blame and, as Paul



wrote in his Letter to the Romans, freed us from slavery to sin.

Yet, sin still hovers over this imperfect world often preying upon the good intentions of others. A few days ago, Jen McCarthy texted me to inquire if I had just texted her. Turns out, someone, using a number that did not belong to me, pretended to be me and tried to trick Jenn into purchasing gift cards. It is a scam but not an unproductive one. Someone in New Hampshire recently went to prison for several years for a similar scam that netted over \$40,000 dollars from multiple victims. Remember who was crucified next to Christ? Two thieves.

As we move to Easter, remember the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. God loves the ungrateful and the wicked, Luke 6: 35. Though, I would add: just don't give them any money up front!

My friends, do not wait until Lent to spread love, forgiveness and charity wherever you go, and...during Holy Week, bring someone to church, someone who would not otherwise go to church so that he or she or they may be reminded that the love of God stretches out to embrace each of us and all of us, the wicked and the good alike, for we all fall short, we all sin, but those of us who believe, we know we were, indeed, are saved by that stretching out of Christ's arms nearly 2,000 years ago.

Peace through Christ,

Preacher Rusty

## MUSIC NOTES

**Bill Thompson, Organist**

**Would you like to participate in our  
Choir on Easter Sunday?**



We are building a choir for Easter Services. No experience needed. Rehearsals will be kept to a minimum, and we'll select simple, but tasteful, pieces.

If you sound good in the shower, you'll sound even better in the church. Please consider this short-term project to make Easter very special service this year.

Contact Bill Thompson at [billinatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:billinatlanta@gmail.com) or Marrit Hastings at [calhast@hotmail.com](mailto:calhast@hotmail.com).

## CPC GRANT APPLICATION

A grant application was submitted to the Nahant Community Preservation Commission in late January. If granted it will provide funding for Phase I of the Universal Accessibility Plan that was drawn up about two years ago. It will make both entrances wheelchair accessible and restore the main entry way to resemble more what it looked like when the Church was built in 1868. The application will be reviewed by the CPC before it becomes part of the Town Warrant to be voted on at the Town's annual meeting.

Phases II and III are on hold until funds can be raised to undertake this work. Phase II will make the interior of the Church universally accessible, including installation of a lift to Swansburg Hall. Phase III will focus on accessibility issues to the garth.

Many thanks to Amy Dow and Cal and Marrit Hastings for the work they did on this grant application.

## GOOD NEIGHBORS

The challenges of removing both snow and then ice were made a little easier when neighbor Jean Sigourney joined the NVC crew (Cal and Marrit) and helped with the cleanup. We got further assistance from a stranger from Lynn who drove by and lend a helping hand. Many thanks to both of them; we could not have done it without them.

Arrangements for snow removal at the Church have since been changed to Melanson Landscaping.

## VALENTINES, VALENTINES

Many bakers contributed sweets and savories to the bake sale that was held on February 14. There were lots of hearts and reds to celebrate the event. The few items left from the original sale found a home a week later. Many thanks to Christine Stevens for organizing the event and to all the bakers and shoppers. The bake sale brought in \$280. Kudos to all!

## CONNECTIONS A MEMORY CAFÉ

**is on hiatus until further notice**

The sponsors of the Memory Café — the Nahant Public Library, the Nahant Council on Aging, and the Nahant Village Church — plan to meet soon to assess how best to move forward with increased attendance and participation.

Please contact Sharon Hawkes or Marrit Hastings if you have ideas for interesting programming or outreach to caregivers of individuals experiencing memory loss. Until the Memory Café monthly gatherings resume, there are helpful resources for caregivers at the Library.

We will keep you posted on how the Memory Café plans to move forward when planning for the coming year gets underway.

## GENESIS SUPPER CLUB

The Genesis Supper Club meets via Zoom on Friday nights from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We welcome new members to join us during the winter months in the New Year.

This group has been a life line for many during the isolation of the pandemic.

Zoom meeting information is available Nahant Village Church Webpage at [www.nahantvillagechurch.org](http://www.nahantvillagechurch.org). You May also participate by phone as do Olivia Brandt and Flo Sigourney.

## NAHANT VILLAGE VOICES

We do not have a start up date for the Nahant Village Voices meeting in person. Please send an email to us at [NahantVillageVoices@angelic.com](mailto:NahantVillageVoices@angelic.com) to sign up for our announcements. We look forward to featuring musical performances as well as poets and spoken word artists.

## COMPASSIONATE CARE CIRCLE

Please contact Rev. Patricia Long if you would like to be involved in the rewarding mission of Compassionate Caring in our church community and beyond.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Nancy Antrim	3/29
Carol Crawford	3/04
Mayra Fox	3/29
Marrit Hastings	3/17
Nancy Maddocks	3/15
Tim Maguire	3/01
Laura O'Keefe	3/07

**WINTER IN PERSON WORSHIP AND ZOOM WORSHIP**

We continue our winter worship in the Chapel, in person, at 10:30 a.m. We hope that you can join us for worship in person.

If you feel uncomfortable coming to the Chapel, we offer Zoom services for people to log onto and watch the service live. We will continue to video the service and upload it to YouTube and send that link out as well, later Sunday evening. It is important for you to mute yourself when you sign on. Thank you for your support and patience while we continue to learn new ways to bring you the weekly worship service during COVID times.

**Join Zoom Meeting Link and Information**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86912048062?pwd=VG1xUW0wWVZ4YUF4Qm9lOUFYU2VQUT09>

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)

Also, the link for the **Zoom service** can be

found on the NVC Web Home pages at

[nahantvillagechurch.org](http://nahantvillagechurch.org)

**OFFERING ENVELOPES ENVELOPES**

If you would like to receive a set of weekly offering envelopes, please contact Marrit Hastings. These envelopes are useful particularly when contributing cash donations. Using Offering envelopes enable us to keep track of your contributions and to send you the periodic reports for you giving.



Rev. Patricia visited Polly and Larry Bradley and their caretaker on February 11. Polly is wearing her buffalo mask in homage to her home state of Oklahoma.



Olivia Brand and YoungAe Benson collect Christmas poinsettias to distribute to folks who were unable to attend the worship service.



**NAHANT VILLAGE CHURCH**  
**27 Cliff Street, PO Box 77, Nahant, MA**

**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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**Compassionate Care Circle**

**Olivia Brand** - 781-584-8112 or 717- 816-5046

*You are invited*

**Sunday Worship Service in the Chapel**

**Sundays @10:30 am**

**Live Zoom Sunday Service**

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Meeting ID: 869 1204 8062

Passcode: 123456

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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**NVCBible**

Meeting ID: 838 6095 4980

Passcode: 01908

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or join on Zoom

**GenesisSupperClub**

Meeting ID: 881 0920 8580

Passcode: 01908

**Nahant Village Voices**

On Hold until the new year

Click below to join on Zoom

**NahantVV**

Meeting ID: 810 8610 6763

Passcode: NVV

Passcode: 697582 (phone)

We would *Love* for you join us!