



The Pulpit Rock

The Nahant Village Church ~ 27 Cliff Street, Nahant, MA 01908

August 2013 The Rev. Dr. Larry Titus, Pastor

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Summer Renewals

4th 11th Sunday /Pentecost
Worship at Ellingwood Chapel
Communion Sunday
10:30 am - Worship

10th 7:00 pm - Trustees Mtg.

11th 12th Sunday /Pentecost
Worship at Ellingwood Chapel
10:30 am - Worship

17th 7:00 pm - Church Council

18th 13th Sunday/Pentecost
Worship at Ellingwood Chapel
10:30 am - Worship

25th 14th Sunday /Pentecost
Worship at Ellingwood Chapel
10:30 am - Worship

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KT has a photo of me (grey-haired) looking into a well-kept old grey van, one of those “nicely turned out” motors often seen in England, and it reminds me of 2nd Corinthians 4:16:

*“Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.”*



I’ve returned from vacation *renewed*, and of course, while away I was thinking of all of you every day, checking emails, facebook, etc. and looking forward to being back on “our island” and hearing about your own experiences of renewal.

We’ll still worship at Ellingwood Chapel in Greenlawn (with thanks to the Town for making this possible) while renovations continue at church.

See you soon, either in worship or around town! And may your “inner nature” be renewed each and every day.

Blessings, Rev. Larry

Although worship continues at Ellingwood Chapel, Rev. Larry & Staci Paro are still working in the office at 27 Cliff Street during the week.



## September 2013

**1st 15th Sunday /Pentecost**  
Communion Sunday  
Worship at Ellingwood Chapel  
10:30 am - Worship

**8th 16th Sunday /Pentecost**  
Worship returns to NVC  
Rally Day  
10:30 am - Worship

11:30 am - Fellowship

**15th 17th Sunday /Pentecost**  
10:30 am - Worship  
11:30 am - Fellowship & Diaconate Mtg.

## Worship Themes for August

### August 4th

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
Hos 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43;  
Col 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

### August 11th

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Isa 1:1; 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23;  
Heb 11:1-3; Luke 12:32-40

### August 18th

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Isa 5:1-7; Ps 80:1-2, 8-19;  
Heb 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

### August 25th

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 11-20;  
Heb 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

# Breakfast

Because the church is undergoing extensive renovations, we are unable to host breakfast during the month of August.

The monthly breakfasts will resume on September 6<sup>th</sup> with a presentation about Peace Corps work in Mongolia by PC Volunteer Judy Gates.



She joined the Peace Corps at age 65 turning into a reality her motto:

*"It is never too late to make a difference on a global level."*

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of the community breakfast program. We look forward to seeing you on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>.

In the meanwhile, have a wonderful and safe summer.  
*Cal and Marrit Hastings*



The church gardens were recently spruced up by Jean Sigourney and Maria Welsh.

Throughout the year Maria also put fresh plants in the window boxes in the garth outside of Rev. Larry's Office. Thanks also go to Bill Forster for keeping the hedges trimmed.

*Your hard work really paid off ~ many thanks!*

## **My Brother's Table** *Summer Garden Party to be held* *August 15, 2013*

My Brother's Table is one of the mission initiatives of our church, and we've received their invitation to the annual Summer Garden Party on August 15, from 7pm to 9pm at the Nahant Country Club, 280 Nahant Road.

Tickets are \$65, and if you can go to support this cause, please call MBT at 781-595-3224 to make a reservation for an evening of delicious food and great company.

The Summer Party is their largest fundraiser, and last year they were able to serve almost 112,000 meals because of the generosity of donors.

Come and experience the beautiful gardens and flowers of the Country Club, be entertained by live music, enjoy offerings from North Shore's finest restaurants, and desserts provided by members of our church and St. Thomas' (with our volunteers serving behind the dessert table) ~ all while having fun and bidding on fabulous items in the silent auction.



### **Calling all bakers for the event!**

Can you contribute to their success by supplying finger desserts (such as cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc.)? If you are able to donate, items may be delivered to the Nahant Country Club from 3-6:30 pm on the 15th.

*If you would like to volunteer to help at the dessert table, please call Maria Welsh at 781-581-2015*

### **Renovation Update**

*The interior renovations of the Church are well underway!*

Everything was moved out of the chapel to make room for scaffolding used by the workmen who put up a new ceiling and by the painters.

The chapel pews are now stored in back of Swansburg Hall. They will get a fresh coat of paint before being put back into the chapel on the new carpet.



The work was started in early July and will continue throughout the summer. Worship services will continue to be held at the Ellingwood Chapel in Greenlawn Cemetery until our scheduled return to our newly renovated church on September 8th (Rally Day).

## Worship In Ellingwood Chapel

With the start of interior renovations in the Chapel, narthex, companionway and Sanctuary, Sunday worship services were moved to historic Ellingwood Chapel. It is a beautiful place for worship.



On Laity Sunday the service was capably led by Deacons Olivia Brand and Maureen Edison who gave an inspirational sermon.

We were blessed to have Rev. Diana Donahue as our guest minister twice on July 7 and 21, and Betsy Eggert on July 28. Betsy is seen here with Scripture reader Maria Welsh.



While our Church Musician Colin Burns was on leave, Rob Humphreville was our guest musician, with Simon Holt substituting the first Sunday in July.



*Kudos to all who made our July worship services so special.*

We look forward to welcoming both Rev. Larry and Colin back on August 4 and having them lead our worship at Ellingwood Chapel through September 1.



## Hand Bell Choirs

As we gear up for Rally Day on September 8, please consider getting involved with one of our two hand bell.

It is a lot of fun and no background with music is required (although a help).

The youth bell choir typically meets on Sundays immediately after Sunday School from 11:30 to noon. The adults will rehearse on a to-be-determined night that is convenient for the bell ringers.

Let Marrit Hastings know if you have any interest in joining this fall. And feel free to invite a family member or friend, the bell choirs are not limited to members of our church.

**HELP US MAKE A JOYOUS SOUND!**



## Rally Day is on the Horizon

*Sunday, September 8th*

It's always fun to run into our Sunday School kids during the summer and outside the classroom. When I run into one at beach it seems so out of context they're not sure it's me, and this summer I've had the chance to see almost all of them at one point or another.

As we hit the dog days of summer, Rally Day, the day we all come back together is already on the horizon. Plans are being made, curriculum considered. Soon parents will be headed out for the dreaded back to school shopping, and I will have to start cleaning up classrooms and getting ready for a new year.

*How fast the summer seems to have flown!*

But, I look forward to our annual Rally Day picnic, held, as usual, the Sunday after Labor Day.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and rolls and condiments will be provided. Anyone who would like to bring a salad or dessert please follow that urge and we'll make it a party.

I hope to see you all there, young and old as we kick off a new Sunday School year and bring a little noise back to the church after the serene quietness that only comes with summer. *Chris Stevens*



## Thinking Ahead!

*Saturday Evening, September 26...*

**Harvest Supper at the Village Church**

Stay Tuned for More Details



## “Hearing the Call”

Saturday, September 19 at 10:30 a.m.

*A performance by actress  
Olivia Woodford.*

Her work is dedicated to bringing the sacred into people’s lives through performances of “Women of the Bible.” She has written and performs four One Woman Shows.

This will be Olivia’s third appearance at NVC; earlier performances were “Faith: A Mother’s Story” and “The Heart of the Cross.”

*All who attended were inspired and spellbound.*

The beginning of Jesus’ ministry is the focus of “Hearing the Call.” It dramatizes the “calling” that three different women heard as the result of meeting Jesus.

Because Jesus was not yet known in Israel, these women had no frame of reference for how to respond to his teachings that were a radical departure from Jewish traditions.

Experience how they set aside well-established customs and preconceived ideas of God to receive what Jesus offered.

Join the widow Susanna on the shores of the Jordan with John the Baptist as Jesus comes to be baptized; Simon Peter’s Mother-in-law as she is healed from her fever and is then present for healings later that evening; and discover how the choice to talk to a stranger forever altered the Woman at the Well.

This is an event you don’t want to miss. Details about the event will be forthcoming in the near future.



Recently, the Nahant Village Church received a very generous bequest from the estate of the late Doris Fickbohm.

Doris was Carol’s and my neighbor – living only two houses away, but much farther as the public rights-of-way are laid out here in Little Nahant.

Doris and her husband Henry lived at 39 Mills Terrace for many years, and they attended the Nahant Village Church from time to time. They did not have children. Henry passed away in 1995.

I recall meeting Doris only once, and I remember her as a pleasant and engaging woman. Doris was very active in the Nahant Garden Club and was an accomplished flower arranger, winning numerous awards over the years. She was a gracious hostess and liked to entertain in her Emerald Green sitting room, which faced the water.

Doris was born on August 18, 1910, and died on October 24, 2005, spending her last few years as a resident of the Jesmond Nursing Home.

I want to use this opportunity of Doris’s remembering the Nahant Village Church in her will as an invitation to everyone in the Congregation to consider including NVC in our Planned Giving.

If you have questions about this subject, please contact Rev. Larry or any of the Trustees.

In advance, THANK YOU!

*William Crawford*

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## No Fall Flea Market

Because of resource constraints, there will be no Fall Flea Market this year. Since storage at the church is extremely limited, we ask that you not bring any items that you may want to donate to the church until a date is set for the Flea Market in the Spring. But please, **save items for the Spring Flea Market!**

## Silent Auction



If you have any items that are of value or interest (such as antiques, art work, sport collectibles, etc.), please discuss this with Marrit or Cal Hastings to see if it might be appropriate to use them in the **Christmas Fair Silent Auction.**