

The Pulpit Rock

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

April 2013 The Rev. Dr. Larry Titus, Pastor

April 2013

- 3rd 7 pm - Bible Study
- 5th 8:00 am - Breakfast Group
- 6th 9 - 1 01908 Clean up
- 7th 2nd Sunday of Easter**
Communion Sunday
10:30 am - Worship &
Sunday School
11:30 am - Fellowship
- 9th - 7:00 pm - Trustee Mtg.
- 10th - 7:00 pm - Bible Study
- 14th 3rd Sunday of Easter**
10:30 am - Worship &
Sunday School
11:30 am - Fellowship;
Diaconate Mtg.
- 16th 7:00 pm - Council Mtg.
- 17th - 7:00 pm - Bible Study
- 21st 4th Sunday of Easter**
10:30 am - Worship &
Sunday School
11:30 am - Fellowship
- 24th - 7:00 pm - Bible Study
- 28th 5th Sunday of Easter**
10:30 am - Worship &
Sunday School
11:30 am - Fellowship



May 2013

- 1st - 7:00 pm - Bible Study
- 3rd 8:00 am - Breakfast Group
- 5th 6th Sunday of Easter**
Communion Sunday
10:30 am - Worship &
Sunday School
11:30 am - Annual Mtg
followed by Fellowship
and Refreshment

Resurrection: The Ongoing Miracle

Easter Sunday was a wonderful celebration of *The Resurrection*. As the sun rose over the horizon for the sunrise service, and also later as we gathered in the Sanctuary, we sang "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" ~ reminding us once again that "*Love's redeeming work is done.*"

A quote from Rev. William Sloane Coffin, Jr. says this of the resurrection:

Christ has risen for us. The point of his resurrection is to produce our own, by putting love in our hearts, decent thoughts in our heads, and a little more iron up our spines. Christ is risen to convert us, not from this life to some other life, but from something less than life to the possibility of full life itself. As it is written, "The glory of God is a human being fully alive." (Irenaeus)

Resurrection then is an ongoing miracle as we become more fully alive, and become engaged in works of love that help others *and the world* be more fully alive.

This season, one way we can help the world be more fully alive is through acts of care for our environment. We can make a

difference by learning more about how to be good stewards of God's creation, and if needed, find ways to change our personal practices, and advocate for systemic change, all the while making sure we "pick up after ourselves."

The United Church of Christ has begun a 50 day challenge called Mission 4/1 Earth ~ 50 days from April 1 to Pentecost ~for all our churches to join with a sister denomination and find ways to make a difference. [Mission 4/1: 50 Great Days](#) says: "Join with the entire UCC on a shared resurrection witness for Planet Earth during 50 great days of *greening up, powering down and shouting out* for the environment." The three goals include earth care, planting trees & writing advocacy letters on environmental concerns to elected officials.

The *01908 Day* on April 6th (see article) is a perfect way to start filling in 4/1 Earth "Time Cards"* so we can add our hours, letters sent, and trees planted to others who are also witnesses to the "Ongoing Miracle of Resurrection."

Blessings, Rev. Larry

*Time cards are available at church

Worship Themes for April

April 7th

Second Sunday of Easter

Communion Sunday
"Resurrection Witness"
Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150;
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

April 14th

Third Sunday of Easter

"The Way Forward"
Acts 9:1-6, (7-20); Psalm 30;
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

April 21st

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"Life-giving Acts"
Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23;
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

April 28th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"Imagine"
Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Breakfast

April Breakfast - Aurora Borealis

Please join us for the April 5th breakfast with Astronomer Peter Foukal presenting a DVD on the Aurora Borealis (also known as the Northern Lights).

The presentation will start around 8:15 a.m. so please plan to be there at 8 when breakfast will be served.

All are welcome to this free breakfast. Please bring one or more friends or family members for an informative presentation, a hearty breakfast, and some wonderful camaraderie.

Arrangement for transportation for 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 Essex Association Women's Fellowship Annual Spring Meeting at NVC

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

9:30 AM to 1 PM (lunch included)

NVC is hosting The Essex Association Women's Fellowship Annual Spring Meeting this month. Worship leader is Rev. Amanda Harmeling, Minister for Faith Formation at The Congregational Church of Topsfield. The speaker is Rev. G. Jeffrey MacDonald, independent journalist, UCC minister, and author of *Thieves in the Temple: The Christian Church and the Selling of the American Soul* (Basic Books, 2010)

All ladies are cordially invited to attend this exciting event. Please call Staci (781-581-1202) to make your reservation. The cost is \$7 including lunch.

~Missions On The Move~

Once again...
Spectacular Soups!



Many thanks to the Soup Makers
for our final Soup Sunday!

Rex Antrim, Donna Hanlon, and Lissa Stempek all brought in wonderful soups for our final Soup Sunday. *Thank you!*

Annual Meeting

Please join us Sunday, May 5th

Plan to attend the Annual Meeting to receive the Annual Report, to vote on nominees for Committees and Officers, and to hear an update from the Trustees relative to plans for the interior renovation of the Sanctuary and Narthex.

A presentation will be given showing possible carpet and pew cushion samples, as well as a discussion of the historical significance of the recommended selections.

The Trustees also will identify possible sources of funding for this project and ways that individuals in our Congregation and from the Nahant community can contribute to this important renovation project.

We look forward to receiving input from the Congregation. Please plan to be there on Sunday, May 5th, immediately following the Worship Service.

Kudos and Thank You!!!

Our NVC Clean-Up the Saturday before Palm Sunday was one of our most successful yet!!

Twenty-five people came to: scrub walls; vacuum; dust; wash windows: high in Swansburg Hall, on all sides in the companionway, Narthex, kitchen, in hallways and Sunday School rooms; clean refrigerators; scrub countertops and cabinets, and dust, vacuum and polish pews and woodwork in the Sanctuary and Narthex!

You name it, it was touched by the light-filled helping hands of these folks: Rev. Larry, Kevin Bailey, Joe Benson, Bill Forster, Guy Chretien, Marrit Hastings, Jean Sigourney, Cal Hastings, Chris Stevens, Paula Souza, Marilyn Wellington, Bill Crawford, Trudy Joyce, Betsy Winkler, Clinton Norton, Donna Hanlon, Nancy Cantelmo, Edie Richardson, Paul Richardson, Sara Christie, Carl Christie, Damon Christie, Turner Christie, Marsha Billias and Maria Welsh.

Many hands made light work. Deep appreciation to everyone who showed-up, cleaned-up, and made the church shine!

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NVC invites you to place your order for Sunday flowers in memory of, in thanksgiving for, in celebration of, or in honor of a person or event.

The donor's name and appropriate dedication are printed in the weekly bulletin.

Please contact Lissa Stempek for more information @ 339-440-4067 or lissa88@comcast.net.

What's Happening With 2013 Events?

Maybe we're all still coming out of hibernation, but for some reason, few have come forward to answer our last call for people to help with church activities.

I know we're all busy, but once you take lead of an event, folks will come out of the woodwork to help you!

People will volunteer their Time, Talents and Treasures because they love our church and want to be part of making a good thing happen!

The 2013 events are:

- **Spring Flea Market and Bake Sale** – Cal and Marrit Hastings are leading the charge on this one, and they need lots of people to organize treasures the week before, sell things on the day, then remove what's unsold after. There will be no furniture, books, or electronics this year. Maureen Locke and Maria Welsh are heading the Bake Sale (and More) and you know the folks at our church make the best food, so don't miss it!
- **Update the Nahant Phone Book** – This is a great project for those of you who love details! Jump aboard the details train, or be the engineer and get involved!
- **October Church Dinner** – We're thinking about a Soup Supper or a Chowderfest! What do you think?
- **December Christmas Fair** – We're not going to let this incredible event not happen. Please contact Maria if you would like to lead any part because it's never too early to start!

Did you know that helping at these events is excellent for your health? It will fill your heart with joy, lower your blood pressure because you're involved with other folks and usually involves delicious food...which is definitely good for your health!!

Everyone's help is needed, even those who don't attend church regularly.

Come join us and have some fun!

Contact-- Maria Welsh - mariawelsh@ymail.com
or (781-581-2015)



Join us at The Tides!

Thursday, April 4th,
from 6-9 PM.

Cool raffles, great food, and fun folks. Mike O'Callahan donates 10% of all proceeds from that night to the Church.

Contact Maria to offer raffle items or to purchase raffle tickets before the event!

If you can't make it, consider sending Maria a check made out the the Nahant Village Church.



Check in between 9am - Noon

Then you'll head out to your designated beach or park and show it some much needed love!

At 1pm, join us at the Nahant Life Saving Station for:

- * Food, drink, music & crafts to celebrate Earth Day
- * Northeastern University Marine Science Center will have touch tanks along with hand-on educational activities.
- * Help make a community sculpture.
- * Organic Compost for sale - \$8 per recycle bin full.
- * Purchase a daffodil for \$1, and plant it that day!

“Planning for Medicare Countdown to 65”

This free seminar, sponsored by The Nahant COA will be presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mass.

The seminar will cover the following:

- * Explanation of Medicare and Medicare Parts A & B
- * Medicare enrollment timeline
- * Medigap plans
- * Medicare Advantage plans
- * Medicare Part D
- * Plans and programs available to early retirees.

The benefits of offering this seminar are:

- * Simplify Medicare and related products
- * Enhance program offerings and attract baby boomers.

The seminar will be held
Monday, April 8, 2013 at 6:30PM
at the Community Center.

*For more information contact
Linda Peterson @ 781-581-7557*

FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE

May 11th ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Save the date to come to the biggest and best flea market and bake sale ever!

Lots of wonderful items will be on sale—clothing, an enormous collection of beautiful china, collector dolls, to just name a few.

There are a number of things that YOU CAN DO in support of the Flea Market...

~~Make Donations~~

We are looking for donations of small home appliances; small furniture items that are easily transportable; kitchen ware, including dishes; pots and pans; men, women's and children's clothing; children's toys; puzzles; DVD; picture frames; gift items, to name just a few.

This year, we will NOT accept books (puzzles and videos are OK), heavy furniture, bedding (unless new and in original packaging), TVs, computers and monitors, typewriters, home appliances (unless in good working order); seasonal items (like Christmas lights or St. Patrick's Day decorations). Hold any jewelry items for our December Christmas Fair.

Please make sure that what you donate is in good working order. Badly worn clothing or chipped dishes simply will not sell. So please be selective in what you bring.

Bring your donations to the church in MAY. We'd love to accept your treasures earlier but have run out of storage space.

~~Volunteer~~

Your time and talents are needed...

- * During the week of May 6th to sort, organize and price items.
- * On May 11th for the Flea Market/Bake Sale to sell.
- * Clean up after the flea market and on subsequent days until all the left over items are brought to other charitable organizations.
- * Take charge of PR (newspapers, posters, Craig's List, etc.)

Look for sign-up sheets in the Companionway after Easter.

Flea market questions may be addressed to the Hastings (781-581-5691 or calhast@hotmail.com). Bake sale queries go to Maria Welsh (781-581-2015 or mariawelsh@ymail.com).

~~Spread the word and come join the fun!~~

Flea Market Future...

Due to manpower constraints, the May flea market will be the only one held this calendar year.

So let's all pitch in to make this one the biggest and best ever.

More volunteers are needed to organize, manage and staff this effort.

SO BE A CHAMPION and work this spring as an FML (Flea Market Leader) in training.

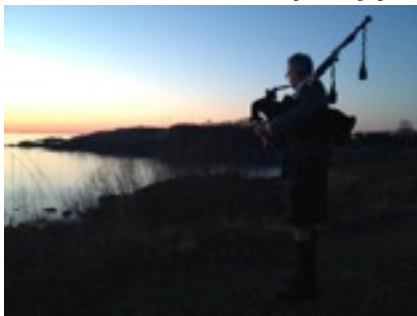
This is a very important fundraiser for our church.

The bake sale will be spearheaded by Maureen Locke and Maria Welsh.

Plan to bring goodies to sell and help make the bake sale a fabulous part of our spring fundraiser. Stay tuned for more details on what to bring or what will be offered for sale.



♪♪ Christ the Lord is risen today, Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing ye heavens, and earth reply. ♪♪



Bagpiper Chris Whitlock, playing at the Sunrise Service. (Photo by Juliette Guidara)



Rev. Larry leads Sunrise Service. (Photo by Juliette Guidara)



Beautiful Easter Altar Flowers. (Photo by Chris Stevens)