

Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.  
60 The Common  
Phillipston, MA 01331

Phillipston  
Community  
Newsletter

April 2017



The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Our Community Church

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.      Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Friends,

*"Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "they have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." John 20: 1-3*

Doesn't your heart go out to Mary Magdalene? She wants to anoint Jesus for his burial. It's very early in the morning, and the body snatchers have come and taken Jesus away. She has a job to do and the body is missing. It is dark and she is very frustrated. How many times do we have a job to do and there are obstacles in our way? Finally she is so frustrated that she starts to cry, and then the angels speak to her, "Woman why are you weeping?" I am sure she wanted to say, "Isn't it obvious?" But instead she says, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." And then that voice, the one she knows so well asks her the same question, "Woman, why are you weeping?" By then I would have wanted to say, "Are you stupid? I am looking for Jesus." Instead she looks at the man who she thinks is the gardener and asks, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." And then Jesus says her name. In the same way he says all our names, Nancy, Barbara, Jim, Bob, whomever, he says, "I am here." Jesus is alive for us, he is right here, we just need to open our eyes and look. Come join us on any Sunday at 10:00 a.m. including Easter to hear the story of Jesus and how he is alive for all of us!

Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn    Easter Sunrise Worship at Ward Hill Road, 6:00 a.m.

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON [www.phillipston.com](http://www.phillipston.com)

**May 2017 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

For information on the newsletter visit    [www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf](http://www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf)

# GREAT FAMILY FUN! ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Saturday, April 15, 2017**

**8 am – 1 pm**

**A Congregational Church of Phillipston Event  
at Red Apple Farm, Phillipston, MA**

**A fun-filled  
family tradition  
since 2011!**

## CHILDRENS' EGG HUNTS

Sponsored by the Phillipston Lions Club



- 9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 AM
- Separate Toddler & Preschoolers' Hunt
- Teen Egg Hunt with prizes @ 12:30 PM

## ADULT EGG HUNT at High Noon!

Incredible prizes include:

**Chromebook, Fitbit Charge 2 & many more!**

\$5 per Egg or 5/\$20 (one egg per ticket purchased)

**Advance Tickets Call (978) 939-5608**

**You must be 18 years or over and present to  
participate**



## HOLIDAY FAVORITES

Great gifts for the whole family! - Bunny Cotton Candy Fudge Bunnies  
Easter Raffle Baskets Fresh Cider Donuts & Coffee Easter Flowers Face  
Painting Baby Animals Honey Products Hand poured Soy Candles

## 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BRUNCH WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!

Ham, Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Home Fries, Toast, Fruit & Beverages

**\$10 adults - \$5 kids ages 3-10 & seniors 65+**

For tickets call: (978)939-8901 or (978)249-7517

**Advance tickets save \$1 each**

# *Phillips Free Public Library*

## **Library Hours**

*Monday 5-7pm*

*Tuesday 9am-2pm*

*Saturday 9am-12pm*

*(\*1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, enjoy coffee & goodies)*

## **Board of Trustees Meeting:**

*Thursday, April 6 @ 6pm*

## **Book Club**

The Book club has chosen **“The Winter People”** by Jennifer McMahon. Please call the library to reserve a copy & join us for a great discussion! We will be meeting on April 12 at 6pm!

## **Pajama Drive**

Many thanks to those who donated to the pajama drive! We collected 9 pair of pajamas and \$20 in cash!

## **New Books and Movies**

New Books include: **The Antiques** by Kris D’Agostino, **My Husband’s Wife** by Jane Corry, **The Girl Before** by J.P. Delaney

New Movies include: **Manchester By the Sea**, **The Girl on the Train**, **Arrival**, **Hacksaw Ridge**, **The Edge of Seventeen** and **Jackie** (no, this is not about your librarian!)



## **PREVIEW OF THE LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY QUILT FOR THE ANNUAL QUILT RAFFLE**

Tickets will be sold at the Easter Great Gathering  
On Saturday, April 15, 2017 8 am to 1 pm  
\$1 each or 6 for \$5

SENIOR LUNCH IS SERVED THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 12 NOON IN THE VESTRY OF THE PHILLIPSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ON THE COMMON, PHILLIPSTON, MA A DONATION OF \$2.50 IS SUGGESTED. MEET OTHERS AND JOIN IN THE SOCIAL TIME  
TRANSPORTATION CAN BE PROVIDED CALL 978-516-8061 FOR MORE INFORMATION



The Phillipston Congregational Church  
On the Common  
Phillipston, MA

The Members of the Phillipston Church would like to extend an invitation to all to visit our church.

All are welcome. Services are held on Sundays at 10 a.m.

A Coffee Hour with refreshments follows the service.

For more information you may call 978-516-8061.

Please come and join our Church family!

Upcoming Events:

**April 15th** – Annual Easter Great Gathering at Red Apple Farm sponsored by the Church. Tickets are available

**April 29th** – Game Dinner – Tickets are available

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The Phillipston Agricultural Group, not to be confused with the Agricultural Commission, is a start up group interested in furthering fun and knowledge of ag life in town. If you grow tomatoes for your own use or have some chickens or ducks for your own use, that's close enough to be a homesteading type farmer.

We're going to try to expand the Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest at the Fall Church Fair by challenging people to either raise a Giant Pumpkin, or enter in with a Homeowner Division pumpkin which would maybe grow in the 100 lb range.

Jack Seamon and Glenn Whitney, friends for over a half century, are already in the challenge to grow a heavier pumpkin. Neither one is a very good pumpkin grower, but one or the other is going to win! We're hoping lots of people will spend the Summer trying to show us how to do it better. Why not challenge a relative, neighbor or friend too?

On Wednesday, April 5, Tom Brouillet will lead an informational meeting on how to grow pumpkins, with suggested timelines and growing tips. This will be at the Phillipston Congregational Church. This is free and open to the public.

Right now the only rule would be simply to grow it yourself. The weigh in will be at the Phillipston Giant Pumpkin Contest. All same class pumpkins will be weighed using the same scale. At this time only bragging rights are available for prizes in the Homeowner Division. Your ideas and input will be appreciated.

Questions? Jack Seamon at 978-895-1452

## Repairs Needed for Queen Lake Dam

The state inspector gave the town a break at the last inspection by giving the dam a "Fair" rating. If he had given the dam a "Poor" rating, it would have triggered a mandate for immediate repair from the Office of Dam Safety and a possible fine of \$500 a day if we did not take action.

Last year the Selectmen appointed a committee to work on the repair project and Town Meeting voted \$130,000 for engineering, design, permitting, etc. The committee is almost ready to go for construction bids. Estimated costs will be \$350,000. Alternative funding, grants, etc., to relieve the cost to the town is being sought.

The issue will be on the ballot and presented at Town Meeting. There will be a public hearing to review progress and answer questions.

The Queen Lake Dam Committee

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual THIN MINT SPRINT!



5K run/walk to benefit the Phillipston Girl Scouts & the Templeton Food Pantry  
**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Registration begins at 8:30, race starts at 10:00

Phillipston Town Common

\$20 entry fee for the race, \$5 off if registered by April 4<sup>th</sup> at [active.com](http://active.com)

T-shirts for the first 20 registrants!

We are also collecting food for the Templeton Food Pantry the day of the race!

Bring a donation & get a free chance to enter into a raffle!

Need a form? Questions? Call, email, or text:

Jennie Chace: [mikiehannahemily@yahoo.com](mailto:mikiehannahemily@yahoo.com) or 978.790.9279

Melissa Kuehl: [kuehl385@gmail.com](mailto:kuehl385@gmail.com) or 508.344.3514



Join us to relax and destress while building strength and flexibility through mindful movement. Yoga At The Center meets every Thursday evening from 6-7:15pm to practice in the lower level of the Phillipston Congregational Church. All levels welcome. Saturday classes are offered at 8:30am in The Davis building (behind the First Congregational Parish Unitarian) West St. in Petersham. See the website for schedule and updates [www.yogathecenter.com](http://www.yogathecenter.com)

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### Bazaar Trailer Now Open

The Church Bazaar Trailer at the Transfer Station is now open for donations for the flea market in June. We appreciate all the items town folks have dropped off in the past.

If you need a pickup call:

Gerry Gariepy -- 978-939-5465 or Jim Potter -- 413-559-8832

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### Thank you and a Reminder

When you make a purchase from Amazon, you can benefit the Historical Society of Phillipston by entering the Society's name under AmazonSmile. It will not change the cost of your purchase and Amazon will contribute .5% of the sale to the Society. Many of you have started taking advantage of this generous offer the company is making. Every month we are receiving some donations, and we thank you very much for your participation.

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The Historical Society of Phillipston presents

### **Patty Hawkins**

### *Making a Fairy House for Your Garden*

**April 26, 7 P.M.** at the church vestry

If you visited Patty Hawkins' garden during the last garden tour, you will remember the charming creations tucked in amongst her flowers -- little houses and villages, delightful creations that were such fun to discover. Patty's garden is unique, one that makes you smile. She is going to bring the basics for making these fairy houses and photos of ones she and her friends have made to inspire you. She invites you to use your own imagination and bring along some items that appeal to you -- acorns, pine cones, moss, figurines, also some glue and a glue gun if you have one. Join her and have a fun creative evening and go home with a special addition for this year's garden.

The program will start at 7 P.M. in the vestry of the Congregational Church.

Refreshments will be served following the program. All are welcome.





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It's time to cut the clutter!

Join the Community fun at Phillipstons Town Wide Yard  
Sale!

Saturday, May 13, 2017

\$15 IS ALL IT TAKES - IT'S SO EASY!

Contribute to a good cause, clean out your clutter, & make some extra CASH!

We will do all of the advertising for you!

Please contact Jennie at 978-790-9279 to list your address on the map.

Encourage neighbors to join too, more homes = more customers on your street!

Maps to the different homes participating in the yard sale will be handed out for \$1 each on the Common in Phillipston - located in the center of town beginning at 7AM!

Like and Share our page on Facebook!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Girl Scouts.





Town of Phillipston  
**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
Polls open at 12:00pm to 8:00pm  
Town Hall, 50 on the Common, Phillipston

Monday, May 1, 2017

**LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW NOMINATION PAPERS – March 27th**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE – April 11th**

**Warrant for election will be posted by the 24th of April**

**CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS**

**MONDAYS 8:00am – 8:00pm**

**TUESDAY – THURSDAY 8:00am – 4:00pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 8:00am – 11:00am**

**OR LEAVE A MESSAGE AT 978-249-1733**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**May 3, 2017**

**Wednesday**

**7:00pm at the Phillipston Memorial School Gym**

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**Tuesday, April 18 at 7 pm, Turning nature into art**

At the Millers River Environmental Center, Ellie Roden will introduce ways to turn flowers, leaves, and other plant material into beautiful art. Various techniques for successful flower pressing will be shared including microwave pressing for perfect and nearly instant results. Ideas and tips for creating with pressed flowers will be presented with examples. Microwave flower presses, Ellie's original art, cards and other items will be available for purchase. Ellie's award-winning art has exhibited at shows and galleries throughout New England and featured in two national publications.

An affiliate of the Millers River Environmental Center in Athol, the North Quabbin Garden Club formed in 2008 to encourage interest in all phases of home gardening. With efforts to promote better horticultural practices and foster civic beauty, emphasis is placed on use of native plants, organic gardening, and the conservation of natural resources. Monthly meetings are usually held on the third Thursday evening of each month featuring informative speakers or workshop sessions. Guests and new members are always welcome, so join us this month and learn something new about gardening. Meetings are free to members and guests are asked for a donation.

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## **LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY**

The March Ladies Benevolent Society meeting was held on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> in the vestry of the church with hostesses being Carole Gariepy and Nancy Nason. The "Fairy Tales of Yore" quilt for 2017 is being unveiled at the Easter Great Gathering at the Red Apple Farm, Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 8 am to 1 pm. The quilt was made by one of our members, Barbara Sanden. Plans were made for the Annual Silver Tea on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p. Invitations are presently being mailed. For entertainment, we will be having a return engagement of "The Victorian Lady", who when last appeared was enjoyed by all.

The Ladies Benevolent Society is open to all ladies, please feel free to come and join us. Lifetime dues are 50 cents, very reasonable for a fun time.

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## **The Kitchen Garden**

268 Baldwinville Rd.

Templeton, MA

978-939-8558



*The coffee pot is always on!  
Thanks for shopping locally!*

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Take a HIKE it is good for you. Phillipston has plenty of trails.  
All the land that is available for hiking in Phillipston can be found here.

<http://www.phillipston-ma.gov/open-space-committee>

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Monday, May 1, 2017

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION  
TO TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON OFFICES

**SELECTMEN - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE**

Terrence M. Dymek, 245 Queen Lake Road, Candidate for re-election  
Richard Scott Wilkins, 35 Barre Road

**ASSESSOR – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE**

Anthony M. Membrino, 255 Lincoln Road, Candidate for re-election

**BOARD OF HEALTH – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE**

Joanna Telepciak, 170 Blake Corner Road, Candidate for re-election

**CEMETERY COMMISSION – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE**

Ronald J. Richard, 150 Baldwin Hill Road, Candidate for re-election

**CONSTABLE - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE**

Ronald F. Pratt , 35 Templeton Road, Candidate for re-election

**CONSTABLE - 1 YR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE**

Fern B. Stellato, 125 Blake Corner Road

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE**

Karen M. Perkins, 10 Templeton Road, Candidate for re-election

Linda E. Ellis, 830 Royalston Road

**PLANNING BOARD - 5 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE**

John Telepciak, 170 Blake Corner Road, Candidate for re-election

**NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**3 YR TERM – PHILLIPSTON VOTE FOR ONE**

Margaret J. Hughes, 65 Williamsville Road, Candidate for re-election

**NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**3YR TERM – TEMPLETON VOTE FOR ONE**

Henry Mason, 17A Wellington Road, Templeton Candidate for re-election

**NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**3YR TERM – TEMPLETON VOTE FOR ONE**

No Nomination paper filed

**TAX COLLECTOR - 2YR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE**

Sally Ann Kastberg, 75 Baldwinville Road, Candidate for re-election

**TOWN CLERK - 3YR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE**

Karin L. Foley, 20 Narrow Lane, Candidate for re-election

**LAST DAY TO REG TO VOTE WILL BE APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>**