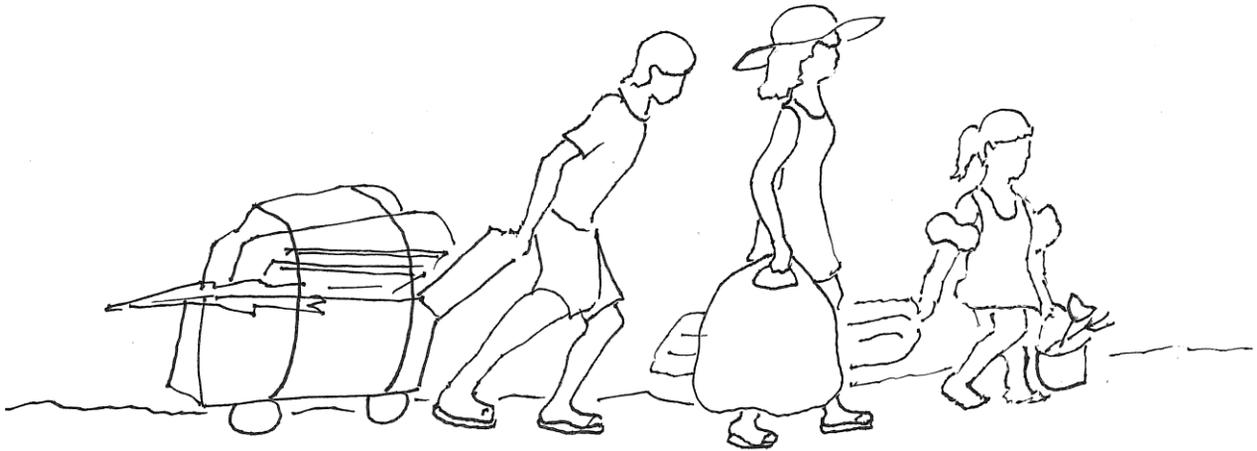


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Phillipston  
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Newsletter

August 2017



The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.  
Our Community Church

Worship is at 9:30 a.m. for July and August when it is cooler!

Dear Friends,

A couple of weeks ago I helped my sister Kathy and son Andrew to clear a stone wall in Connecticut. When I came home I was covered by a rash either caused by Bittersweet vines or Poison Ivy or both. It reminds me that there are all sorts of "poisonous vines," in our lives which can cause damage or harm. What temptations are there in the fields you walk in? I mean that question both literally and figuratively.

When I was little there was the temptation to steal candy from a grocery store. There are temptations for many in the opioid crisis facing our nation. A large number of marriages fail when faced with a partner addicted to drugs, alcohol, gambling or sex. There is the temptation to let the pursuit of money become our god.

I have always been impressed that the congregation in Phillipston attends worship year around, the choir does not take even a month off or the summer off, and more families come in the summer than in the winter. Maybe it is because it is a very relaxed atmosphere with less structure, with no expectation of fancy clothing. I don't know why, but you are welcome to come and try us out any Sunday for the month of August at 9:30 a.m.

Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

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# *Phillips Free Public Library*

## **Library Hours**

*Monday 5-7pm*

*Tuesday 9am-2pm*

*Saturday 9am-12pm*

## **Board of Trustees Meeting:**

*Thursday, Aug. 10 at 6pm*

### **Summer Reading & Ice Cream!**

Stop by the library and join in our Summer Reading Incentive... where reading 10 books can earn you an ice cream cone from the King Phillip!

### **Guest Speaker & Program**

Join us on Monday, September 25 at 7pm for Wendy Johnson's program, "The Healing Power of Nature- Reflections from the Pacific Crest Trail" This talk will focus on Johnson's motivation for hiking long distances and some of the challenges she has overcome in life and on the trail. She will also share universal lessons that she has learned from her experiences. This inspirational presentation will be accompanied by a slideshow of stunning photos taken along her hike of the Pacific Crest Trail. This program is sponsored by the Phillipston Cultural Council.

### **Library Passes**

We'd like to offer passes to local museums and attractions, and could use your input... Where would you like to visit? **Davis Farmland, Tower Hill Botanical Gardens, Acton-Discovery Museum, Magic Wings, The Ecotarium, The Eric Carle Museum ?**

### **Summer Reading**

All of the NRSD and Monty Tech required summer reading books are available at the library!

## **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.



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)

The poster features a white daisy flower in the top left corner. The main title "Summer of '17 Country Farm Fest" is written in a large, stylized, pink and red font, slanted upwards. Below the title is an orange arrow pointing right with the text "Selling Fast! CALL NOW!". To the right of the title, it says "SAT, AUG 5th @ Red Apple Farm" with a small apple logo. Below this, it lists "VIP Chicken BBQ @ 5 pm \$25" and "By reservation only 978-939-5608". It also mentions "Includes Concert Admission" and "General admission \$10 at the gate". A central image shows a man in a cowboy hat playing a guitar, with the text "DARREN BESSETTE" below it. To the right of the image is a yellow acoustic guitar. At the bottom, it lists activities: "Burgers/Dogs approx. 6-10pm", "Hayrides", "Silent Auction", "Raffles", and "Door Prize". The final line of text is "Jonathan Aukstikalnis Character Award Scholarship".

**Summer of '17  
Country Farm Fest**

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*VIP Chicken BBQ @ 5 pm \$25*  
*By reservation only 978-939-5608*  
*Includes Concert Admission*

*General admission \$10 at the gate*

**Darren Bessette Band takes the stage @ 7pm**

**DARREN BESSETTE**

Burgers/Dogs approx. 6-10pm Hayrides Silent Auction Raffles Door Prize

**To benefit**

**Jonathan Aukstikalnis Character Award Scholarship**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT from THE MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of PHILLIPSTON.**

The committee would like the townspeople of Phillipston, MA to know that we will be delivering "Welcome to Our Town" baskets to new residents of the town. If you are not at home we will be leaving them on your door step. It is our way of welcoming you and letting you know that we are glad you decided to join us in Phillipston.

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## **COME JOIN US!**

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 FUN TIME! TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE, CALL 978-516-8061 FOR MORE INFORMATION

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### **LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY**

The June meeting of the Ladies Benevolent Society was held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at “Liberty Cottage” on Queen Lake, hostesses being Marilyn Holway and Nancy Marr. A delicious luncheon was served on the porch overlooking the lake. It was a beautiful day and after lunch, James Potter gave the ladies a tour around the lake in his pontoon boat. The Quilt for the raffle, “Fairy Tales of Yore”, made by Barbara Sanden, is ongoing and tickets may be purchased from any member of the Ladies Benevolent Society. The drawing will be at the Pumpkin Weigh In to be held in October. Our Annual July Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 19th, at the home of Nancy MacEwen. This meeting is our Annual Pot Luck Luncheon with each lady bringing a dish of their choice. We had a great array of dishes and not any duplicates.

Our regular meeting followed. Several ladies joined each other in Nancy’s beautiful pool on a great summer day while others sat under the umbrella on the patio, enjoying each other’s company. There will be no meeting in August. The September meeting will be held at the home of Janice Howard with Claire Adomaitis and Janice as hostesses, on September 20<sup>th</sup>. At 12:30 pm. The Ladies Benevolent Society is open to all Phillipston ladies, please feel free to come and join us. Any further questions you may call 978-516-8061. Lifetime dues are 50 cents, very reasonable for fun times.

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**PUMPKIN WEIGH-IN AND VILLAGE**

**FAIR OCT. 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**SPONSORED BY THE PHILLIPSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



Phillipston Lions Breakfast  
3rd Saturday of each month  
7:30 – 10:30 am  
Phillipston Church on the Common

***Breakfast Specials***

August - Kitchen Sink Omelet

September - Greek Omelet

October - Ham Steak & Beans with Corn Muffin

November - Ruebin Omelet

For more information Marilyn Holway 978-503-2269

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## Do You or a Loved one Need a Helpful Hand?

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## A Great Success

The Historical Society of Phillipston wants to thank the many people who made the Antique Tractor, Engine, and Car Show a big success. We had many exhibitors and a wide variety of entries. There were other specialties besides the many interesting tractors, cars, trucks, and engines:

\*Isaac and Ray's homemade ice cream was a big hit -- fun to watch it being churned by an antique one-lung engine and fantastic to eat.

\*The Lions Club, well-known for their hearty breakfasts, provided a good lunch with strawberry shortcake for dessert.

\*The children, as well as adults, enjoyed the wagon rides provided by Brian Langevin (and thanks to the Red Apple Farm for loaning the wagon). \*Another delight for the children was Karen Gallant's soap bubble spot where they had fun creating giant bubbles.

\*Visitors were pleasantly impressed with the excellent displays in the Historical Society Museum that Curator Jane French recently opened. The new exhibits include Photographer Frank Leighton's wonderful camera collection and an amazing six-foot-long doll house that Charlotte Sawicki Danielson made years ago to replicate her family home on Williamsville Road that burned in 1929. And, everyone was awed by the outstanding Lego display of the town common in 1890 made by the Junior Historical Society.

\*The Ward family egg incubator was open for the public to see for the first time, and Bryan Ward was there to explain its operation and how it hatched 1000 chicks a week.

The only missing piece was our faithful life member John Eklund. He was in everyone's thoughts throughout the day, and people wrote notes and signed cards to show their caring and express how happy we all were to hear that he is recovering well. Thank you to his family for bringing six of his restored tractors. We know he was with us in thought.

Thank you Brian and Linda Langevin for planning the superb event.

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Are you in need of a ride to the store, Doctors, Hospital, etc. I may be able to help you. Contact Marilyn at 978-503-2269.

## **“PUMPKIN GROWING HAS STARTED!”**



**How are your pumpkins growing? Are you feeding them and caring for them each day? Big, Little or Average, we want them for “The Great Pumpkin Weigh-In, held at the Red Apple Farm,**



**every October. It will be here before you know it. We are encouraging everyone to bring their pumpkins to the weigh- in no matter what size they are. Prizes given. A web site has been set up by the Pumpkin Growing Group with more information on growing your pumpkins. Your pumpkins should be outside enjoying the sunshine. Contact Jack Seamon 978-895-1452, with any questions you may have. Happy Pumpkin Growing! All ages are welcome!**

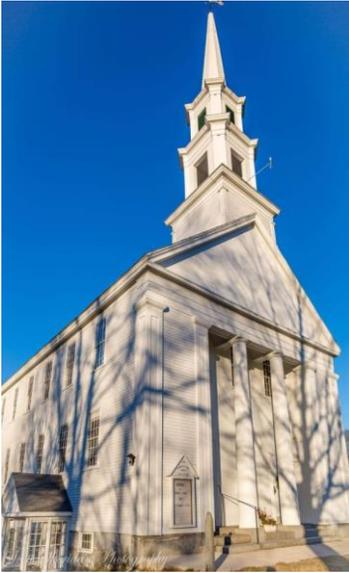
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## **Magic with a Dog!**

**The Historical Society of Phillipston Presents  
The Greg and Axel Show  
Sunday, August 27,2017 at 2 P.M. in the Church Vestry**

Magic shows have been around for a long time. The first recorded performance took place in Egypt in 2700 B.C. so it is a very fitting family entertainment for the Historical Society to offer. And, it will be unique. Many magicians have a person assisting with their tricks, but Greg McAdams has his live pet dog Axel assisting him! We all know how brilliant dogs are; the Historical Society recently had a wonderful program that showed how they assist police in rescue work. You will fall in love with Axel as you watch him assist his master and sometimes cause a bit of mischief. The program will have magic, comedy, and include audience participation. It is free and open to all. We are grateful to the Phillipston Cultural Council for funding this entertainment.

\* Greg and Axel donate a percentage of their earnings to help rescue animals.



## 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. Everyone is welcome.

Services are held on Sundays at **9:30 a.m** during the month of August. Services beginning first Sunday in September will be held at the regular time of 10:30 am. 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:**

**AUGUST:** No meeting of the Ladies Benevolent Society in August.

**6<sup>th</sup>** - Brown Bag Auction to be held during coffee hour. (place a small item in a brown bag, any item (funny, nice, ordinary) and they will be auctioned off.

**13<sup>th</sup>** - From 12 to 3 pm, sponsored by the Sunday School there will be Bracelet Making, Play Dough, and Slime with a Taco Lunch. Children need to be accompanied by an adult. **FREE**

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### THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED!

We would like to thank all that donated shoes for our Summer Fund Raiser which have been sent overseas to countries who are in great need of shoes. You have put many smiles on these faces of people in need!

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Cookbook Time for your favorite Dish !!!!!

Please submit your favorite family recipe for the Phillipston Church Cookbook to Marilyn Holway.

Time is getting close to final submission date of Sunday, September 10th. There is a submission Box downstairs in the church hall for your recipes if you do not see Marilyn. Thank you in advance for your recipes !!!!!!!!!

For more information, contact Marilyn at 978-503-2269

**ANNUAL LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY  
QUILT RAFFLE  
“FAIRY TALES of YORE”  
\$1 each or 6 for \$5**



Handmade by a member of the Ladies Benevolent Society  
Barbara Sanden. Drawing will be in October at the  
Pumpkin Weigh-In at the Red Apple Farm.

For tickets, call Kay at 978-939-4025

Tickets will also be available at the transfer station on some days.

# Please Help

## The generosity of the townspeople is needed

The floor-to-ceiling cupboards that extend across the back wall downstairs in the church vestry need new doors. The old ones sag, they don't open or close properly, panels are loose, and some are completely broken. Church handymen have repaired them many times, but the repairs just don't last. They need to be replaced with a new design. The cost of this major work will be \$5,500.

In Pastor Stephanie's column in last month's Newsletter, she wrote that we would be starting a fundraiser for this project, and people have already begun responding. We have received \$675! Thank you so much.

The church is available to so many private and community activities. It is our hope that many will respond so this project can move ahead quickly and our cupboards once again will be workable and attractive.

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Vestry Cupboard Door Project  
Congregational Church of Phillipston

Name and address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ (check made out to: Congregational Church of Phillipston)

Please include this form with donation and mail to:

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