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Phillipston
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Newsletter

December 2017



The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Our Community Church

Worship is at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School is also at 10:00 a.m. after the
children have heard a Bible story

Dear Friends,

A friend recently shared a story. Her car had a flat tire in New Hampshire. She called AAA and was waiting for a person to help her. After she called AAA, a car stopped with two people who offered to help, she declined explaining that AA A was on their way. A few minutes later another car stopped and an older couple was in the front with a younger man in the back seat of the car. They also offered to help. My friend again declined. But then the woman insisted. The young man proceed to change the tire, as the older couple explained they were on their way to lunch. My friend said, "Please let me pay for your lunch." They declined the money. Then they explained that in their church for Advent, they were supposed to do an act of kindness in Jesus' name, and instead of accepting any reimbursement, to simply say, we do this in Advent in the name of Jesus. This reminds me of a South American tradition in which children do anonymous acts of kindness to prepare the way for the Christ Child. Each time they do an act of kindness, they may put a piece of straw in the manger for the Christ Child. May we prepare a place for the homeless child to stay and be welcome, a place for the Christ Child.

Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

Christmas Eve Worship is Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



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Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Monday 5-7pm

Tuesday 9am-2pm

Saturday 9am-12pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6pm

Meet Your Neighbors Open House

Please stop by the library on **Saturday, January 13**, from 9:30am-12:00 for a casual gathering of neighbors and friends. There will be refreshments, activities and a door prize. Maybe you haven't been in the library in a while, or maybe you'd like to finally meet that neighbor you exchange waves with ... whatever the case, please come by and say 'hello' !

Holiday Hours

The library will be **closed** on **Monday, December 25**, and **Monday, January 1**. There is **no Story Hour** on **Tuesday, December 26**. Happy Holidays!

Story Hour

Story Hour is held **every Tuesday at 10am**. No registration is necessary

New Books

New books include: Two Kinds of Truth by Michael Connelly, Deep Freeze by John Sanford, Don't Let Go by Harlan Coben, Bobby Kennedy by Chris Matthews, and Promise Me, Dad by Joe Biden

New movies include: The Glass Castle, Leap, and The Dark Tower



COME JOIN US! SENIOR LUNCH IS SERVED THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF DECEMBER IN THE VESTRY OF THE PHILLIPSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ON THE COMMON, PHILLIPSTON, MA. A DONATION OF \$2.50 IS SUGGESTED. CALL THE CHURCH 978-249-8583 FOR RESERVATIONS. MEET OTHERS, TALK AND SHARE IN FUN TIMES! TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE, IF NEEDED. CALL 978-516-8061 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



Armor of God

*Come join us for Sunday School, at the Phillipston Church. With all the craziness that surrounds our everyday lives, it is important to give our children the only foundation and protection that will give them what they need to combat it all. Church services start at 10:00am – Sunday School occurs during church. **All are invited** and parents are encouraged to join their small children. Please contact me with any questions. We look forward to seeing you.*

Peace, Karen Gallant – karengallant72@gmail.com or 978-894-6322

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and his mighty power.” Ephesians 6:10



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Annual Holiday Toy Drive

The Holidays are here once again and we are looking for your support of our annual Holiday Toy Drive. Your support in previous years has meant so much to children who might not have a happy holiday otherwise.

New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the Transfer Station, Fire Station or Town Hall during normal business hours from 11/25-12/16.

Please call Deputy Chief Donald Smith with any questions at (978) 249-9190.



It's the holiday season again! What better way to capture the Christmas spirit than a picture of your children with Santa Claus? So come on down to the Phillipston Congregational Church on December 9th from 3-4 pm to take your own Santa photo with Christmas music, snacks, and crafts. Donations are welcome. Event is sponsored by Phillipston Girl Scout Troops 30908. Hope to see you there!

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The November meeting was held on November 15, 2017 at 12:30 pm at the home of Nancy Nason on Secret Lake with hostesses being Barbara Sanden and Marie Lalena. The Ladies planned for the Holly Berry Fair to be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017 in the vestry of the church from 9 to 3. Santa will be joining us this year and the children may have their pictures taken with Santa. A lunch will be provided by the Lion's Club with sandwiches, loaded baked potatoes, soups and desert. The annual Ladies Benevolent Christmas Party has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 12:30 pm in the church vestry. A delicious holiday lunch is planned and "Annie's Game" will be played as it has for a good many years. This is always a fun event and the men of the church are invited. The January meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17th at the home of Nancy MacEwen with hostesses being Carole Gariepy and Nancy Marr. The February meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at the home of Barbara Sanden with hostesses being Marie Lalena and Nancy Nason. 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.

2018 Phillipston Rabies Clinic

Saturday January 6, 2018 12:00pm to 2:00pm

Phillipston Safety Complex State Road (Rte 2A) Phillipston, MA 01331

Fees: Rabies \$22; Distemper \$23

Other shots available with proof of vaccine history

All Towns Welcome!

*****Please have all dogs on leashes, cats in carriers and bring any paperwork as proof of prior vaccinations!*****

Note: The Town Clerk will be in her office at the Town Hall for dog licenses from 12:00pm to 2:00pm

2018 Census

The Annual Town Census will be mailed out to each household at the first of the year. If you do not receive a form please contact the Town Clerk's Office. It is very important to collect this information every year. The information is used for school registration, to plan on how many kindergarten students will be starting their education. Census figures help the town to apply for grants with accurate population figures and showing a breakdown of age groups. Census info is essential for your voting rights and emergency 911 response info.

So please send your completed Census form back right away and make compiling this info easier.

There is a survey enclosed with your census this year.

2nd notices will be sent out in February

I will be knocking on doors in March

for those who have not responded.

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To everyone who has already taken advantage of this charitable site we sincerely thank you for your participation!



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 & Sunday School are held on Sundays at **10:00 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:

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| December 2nd | Holly Berry Fair With Santa – 9 to 3
Have your picture taken with Santa
Lunch is also served (\$) Come do your Holiday shopping with us. |
| December 3rd | Memory Tree lighting On the Common with
Vesper Concert following – lighting is at 4:30
Refreshments will be served. |
| December 3rd | 1 st Sunday of Advent Service & Sunday School at 10 am.
Sacrament of Communion (all are welcome to partake) |
| December 10th | 2 nd Sunday of Advent Service & Sunday School at 10 am |
| December 13th | Ladies Benevolent Christmas Party in vestry at 12:30 pm |
| December 17th | 3 rd Sunday of Advent Service at 10 am
Christmas Pageant by the Sunday School
Pot Luck Luncheon following the Service |
| December 20th | Service at Quabbin Valley Healthcare 2:15 pm All are welcome
to join us. |
| December 24th | Worship Service and Sunday School at 10 am bring your
Creche and share your special story about your Creche.
Christmas Eve Service at 7 pm |
| December 31st | Worship Service & Sunday School at 10 am |

More Bucks for Bags

Hannaford of Orange will once again sponsor our Historical Society with their bag sales in December. They will donate \$1 from each bag purchase to us. So, buy your shopping bags there and you will help to preserve both the environment and the history of our town. Thanks so much.



HOLLY BERRY FAIR

AT THE PHILLIPSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ON THE COMMON, PHILLIPSTON, MA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

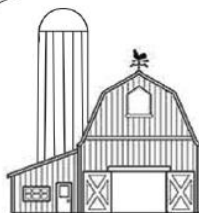
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