

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

Phillipston  
Community  
Newsletter

# December 2018



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,

I hope to see all of you at the Christmas Eve worship service on Monday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Phillipston on the Common.

If you would like to support the mission of the church and outreach to the Phillipston community, please send a check to the Congregational Church of Phillipston, 60 the Common, Phillipston, MA. 01331. The church continues to serve as the center of the community hosting the Girl and Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies, Senior Lunch, Phillipston Lions Breakfast, Phillipston Historical Society, Sunday School and Youth Group on Saturday nights from 6-8, and worship Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

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THE NEWSLETTER IS ON [www.phillipston.com](http://www.phillipston.com)  
**January 2019 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

[www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf](http://www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf)

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**HOLLY BERRY FAIR - SAT. DEC. 1<sup>ST</sup> 9am to 3pm**  
**Come visit Santa & have pictures taken!**  
**Luncheon (\$) provided by Lion's Club**  
**Christmas Attic Treasures, Face Painting, Specialty**  
**Items**





**The Phillipston Congregational Church  
Is Located On the Common,  
Phillipston, Ma**

**EVERY ONE IS WELCOME! COME VISIT!**

**Please come and join our Church Family!**

Services & Sunday School are held on Sundays at **10:00 am**. Parents are encouraged to take part in Sunday School, if they wish. A Coffee Hour with refreshments follows the service & on the second Sunday of the month there is usually a Pot Luck Brunch, where everyone may bring one of their favorite dishes. If you forget your dish, you are still welcome to participate, there is always enough food! For more information you may call 978-516-8061.

**YOUTH GROUP** is held every Saturday night from 6 to 8. Children ages 9 and up are invited to attend. You do not have to be a church member to join us. A fun time is had by all. For more information please contact Karen Gallant-[karengallant72@gmail.com](mailto:karengallant72@gmail.com) or 978-894-6322.

**December Activities:**

**December 1st:** “Holly Berry Fair” – Church Vestry  
9 am to 3 pm – Lunch (\$) available

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Phillipston Annual Memory Tree

**December 9<sup>th</sup>:** Morning Worship & Sunday School 10am  
Pot Luck Luncheon following service

**December 16<sup>th</sup>:** Morning Worship & Sunday School 10 am

**December 18<sup>th</sup>:** Senior Lunch – 12 noon – vestry of church  
With Christmas Singing by the school children

**December 19<sup>th</sup>:** Ladies Benevolent Christmas Party in the vestry

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Morning Worship & Sunday School 10am

**December 24<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Eve Service

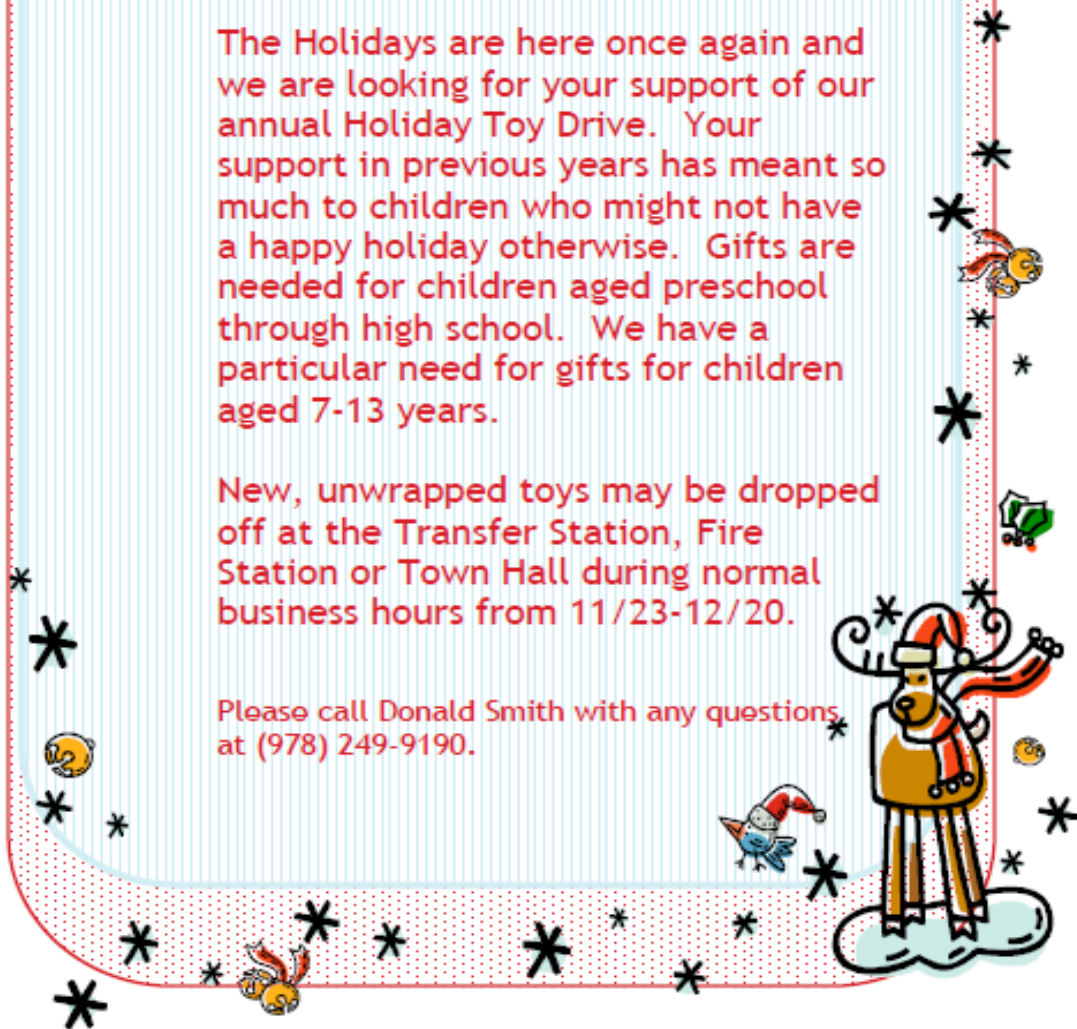
**December 30<sup>th</sup>:** Morning Worship & Sunday School 10am

# 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. Gifts are needed for children aged preschool through high school. We have a particular need for gifts for children aged 7-13 years.

New, unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the Transfer Station, Fire Station or Town Hall during normal business hours from 11/23-12/20.

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



To Veterans

Any Veteran who receives a Real Estate Tax Exemptions for Veterans Disability can come into the Assessors office to sign for FY 2019. Hours are Monday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Wednesday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Thank you  
Board of Assessors

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## Phillipston Woman Is Awarded Silver Medal

Karen Perkins was recently awarded the Silver Medal by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for her work in the propagation and promotion of epimediums. The Horticultural Society has been presenting this award for 118 years to individuals who are dedicated to the science of horticulture and make a contribution of excellence in that field to benefit the public. Karen's business on the common is called Garden Vision Epimediums. She is the biggest supplier in the United States of that beautiful delicate plant.

Congratulations Karen!

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## **The Alfred H Marengo Jr Drive for Homeless Veteran's 25th Annual Winter Drive Running from October 15 ~ December 5, 2018**

Please contact Lauren M Roy for drop off of the following items:

Gently used clothing for men and women including undergarments (no used underwear please), long underwear, socks - ANYTHING you wear in the winter they need

Brand new in the pkg Sub Zero Sleeping Bags, thermos', flashlights, batteries, winter coats, boots, hats, mittens, gloves, backpacks and/or large ladies pocket books.

All Personal Hygiene items for men AND women must be unopened, toothbrushes/paste, pkgs of wash cloths (pre`moistened)

Small gifts such as Hershey kisses, scented hand lotion, lip gloss, pretty hair products such as barrettes, elastics etc.

Please make sure that the items you donate are in good condition, these benefit the brave men and women that have served our country and have come home and for whatever reason find themselves homeless. My 501C3 non profit strives to respect and maintain the esteem and character of these men and women who have sacrificed for our freedom.

For information please see the Facebook page of the non profit's name or contact:

Lauren M Roy at 978-248-5182 and/or [roy152@comcast.net](mailto:roy152@comcast.net)

## **LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY**

The monthly meeting of the Ladies Benevolent Society was held at the home of Mel Haughton with hostesses being Nancy MacEwen and Marie Lalina. The Holly Berry Fair will be held in the vestry of the church on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 9am to 3pm, "A Holly Jolly Time for All". The Ladies still have a few Church Cookbooks left and their price has been reduced to \$20 a copy. They will be available on December 1st at the Fair. A great Christmas gift for that someone special. Also at the Holly Berry Fair, there will be pictures with Santa, Christmas Attic Treasures, Raffle Items, a Cookie Walk, Baked Christmas Goods, Gift Items (vendors will be present), Face Painting and a delicious luncheon available (\$) sponsored by our wonderful Lion's Club of Phillipston. Plans are being made for our annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 19th at 12 noon in the vestry of the church, for more information contact 978-516-8061. There will be no meeting in January 2019. The February 20, 2019 meeting will be held at the home of Nancy MacEwen with hostesses being Nancy Marr and Marie Lalina. The March 20, 2019 meeting will be held at the home of Nancy Nason with hostesses being Joanne Haley and Claire Adomaitis. You do not have to be a member of the church to join the Ladies Benevolent Society. We welcome all ladies, for more information please call 978-516-8061. Have a blessed Christmas!

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### **Phillipston Transfer Station Update**

**Telephone 978-249-9747**

**Transfer Station Hours will be year round**

**Wednesday 4:00pm – 6:00pm**

**Saturday 7:45am – 1:45pm**

### **Transfer Station Stickers**

Transfer Station Stickers for 2019 can be purchased at the Board of Health Office in the Town Hall Annex on any Wednesday from 10am to 2pm, and from 4pm – 6pm Wednesdays during December. The cost for the 2 year sticker is \$40.00; additional stickers up to 2 per household are \$5.00. Please bring in proof of residence (tax bill, light bill, etc.) and your vehicle registration for each vehicle requiring a sticker. If there are any additional days that the stickers will be sold it will be posted at the Transfer Station and on the door of the Town Hall Annex.

# *Phillips Free Public Library*

## **Library Hours**

*Monday 5-7pm*

*Tuesday 9am-2pm*

*Saturday 9am-1pm*

## **Board of Trustees Meeting:**

*Thursday, Dec. 6 at 6pm*

## **Passes Available**

Call to reserve the Tower Hill Botanic Garden Pass –it’s open year-round & has a lot to see, even in the winter! (978)249-1734. **NOTE: Tower Hill will be closed to the public during the month of January.**

## **New Books and Movies**

**New books** include: Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty, Every Breath by Nicholas Sparks , The Next Person You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom and Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

**New movies** include: ‘Mama Mia Here We Go Again’ and ‘Alpha’

## **EXPANDED HOURS**

Beginning on November 3, the library will be open from 9-1pm on Saturdays!

## **On Display**

Stop by and enjoy a lovely display (loaned by Karen Perkins) of unique Christmas ornaments and decorations.

Do you have a collection you would like to display here at the library? Please call (978) 249-1734 and talk to Jackie.

## **Holiday Hours**

The library will be **CLOSED** on: Monday, Dec. 24 & Tuesday, Dec. 25 and on Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, January 1.

“ a book a day keeps reality away... ”

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## **Postage Is Free on Amazon**

No mailing charges during the Christmas season! And remember to use SmileAmazon when you order and help the Historical Society. Just put in **Historical Society of Phillipston** and the Society will receive a donation from Amazon. Thanks to so many of you who are doing it. It's a great way to help your society and costs you nothing. We received \$35 last month!

# SENIOR LUNCH PHILLIPSTON



**COME JOIN US! SENIOR LUNCH FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WILL BE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH AT 12 NOON AT THE PHILLIPSTON FIRE STATION AND THE THIRD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH IN THE VESTRY OF THE PHILLIPSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ON THE COMMON, PHILLIPSTON, MA. THE SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE COMING OVER TO SING A FEW CHRISTMAS CAROLS. 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!**

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