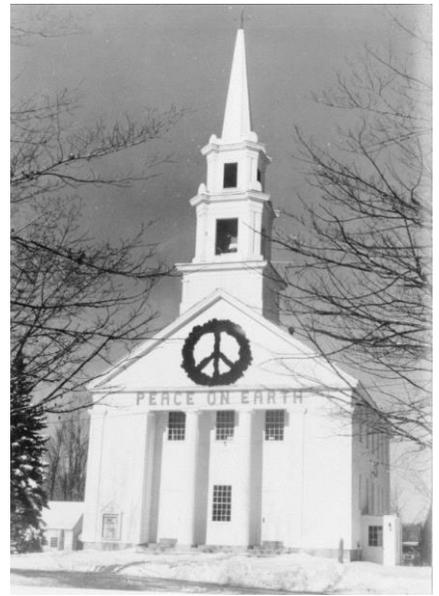


Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.  
60 The Common  
Phillipston, MA 01331



Phillipston  
Community  
Newsletter

# December 2022



The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.  
Our Community Church  
Worship 10:00 a.m. with Children's story and Sunday School

Dear Friends,

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Clark, United Church of Christ, wrote a beautiful prayer about the characters at the original Christmas story. She suggests that we try to model ourselves after the characters that were present. "May we be like the innkeeper, O God of possibility. When our lives are too full, or when we think we are too busy, help us make a place in our homes for a family in need, help us make a place in our lives for the birth of hope."

She then asks us to imagine that we are Mary and Joseph, "Even when we do not understand, help us trust that You are working in and through us. May we dare to believe that You have chosen us to bring your love to birth." Then she suggests that we imagine we are the angels, "Move us so deeply by the miracle of Your love that we cannot help but sing. May we be voices of joy and hope, singing words of assurance to all who are in need."

Then Rev. Clark suggests that we imagine that we are the shepherds on the hillside. "May we be like the shepherds, O God of surprises. Call us from the slumber of our everyday lives, Fill us with courage to respond to the angel chorus, to leave our familiar hillside and venture into the unknown. Fill us with awe and wonder as we come to worship You."

In conclusion she asks us to be like the wise ones, "lift our eyes, open our minds, so we may search for signs of Your presence, in the sky, in our hearts, in our neighbor. May we risk all we have to bring priceless gifts to You, gifts of our love, gifts of our lives." Stories, and Services, Poems and Prayers

Your sister in Christ, Stephanie C. Flynn, Christmas Eve worship on Saturday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m.

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### MENU FOR SENIOR LUNCH FOR NOVEMBER

Changes for DECEMBER. No lunch served on December 6th.

Please call to find out when the next December lunch will be served.

978-652-5797 leave a message for Paula.

## The Phillipston Youth Supports (PYS)

A quarterly meeting will be held on  
December 8, 2022 at 6:30pm Rm #2  
at the Phillipston Memorial School, all are welcome.

The 2023 quarterly meeting dates are:

March 9, 2023

June 8, 2023

September 14, 2023

December 14, 2023

The purpose of this nonprofit organization is to raise and distribute money for programs, scholarships, and educational opportunities that will directly support the youth of Phillipston.

If this is something you are interested in, please join us and bring a friend.

Thank you to all who volunteered this year and made our annual Narragansett Craft Fair a success. Without your help we would not be able to help our youth as much as we do.

We are looking to bring back Queenie, an ice out lottery on Queen Lake. If you are interested in helping to bring this traditional event back, please join us at our December 8th meeting at 6:30 at the Phillipston School

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# Senior Tax Abatement

The Town of Phillipston's Senior Tax Abatement program for FY24 will be starting again in January. Applications will be accepted beginning in January for placement into the program which will run until October 20, 2023. Placement in the program is on a first come, first served basis. Please contact the Board of Selectmen's office at 978-249-6828 or [selectman@phillipston-ma.gov](mailto:selectman@phillipston-ma.gov) to receive more information and an application. Please note that participation in this program will generate a W2.

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## Phillipson Agricultural Commission

The Giant Pumpkin Contest was held on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Red Apple Farm. We had 16 pumpkin entries, 2 Floral arrangements and 1 vegetable entries. We would like to thank all the businesses and people who donated money for the prized money.

The winners of the Pumpkin Contest were:

- 1- Art Kaczemski with a pumpkin weighing in at 1,774.0 winning \$500.00 plus a ribbon
- 2- Hayden Rouse with a pumpkin weighing in at 1,028.0 winning \$400.00 plus a ribbon
- 3- Sue Chadwick with a pumpkin weighing in at 767.0 winning \$300.00 plus a ribbon
- 4- Lou Chadwick with a pumpkin weighing in at 745.0 winning \$115.00 plus a ribbon.

In the Youth category-

We had 2 entries. The winners of the youth Pumpkin Contest were:

- 1- Andrew Cardosi with a pumpkin weighing in at 266.0 winning \$ 50.00 plus a ribbon
- 2- Alex and Evelyn Olsen with a pumpkin weighing in at 152.0 winning \$35.00 plus a ribbon

All pumpkin participants received a Dunkin Donuts gift card and participant ribbon.

The two floral arrangements were Rosie Clark and Patty Hawkins.

Patty Hawkins was the winner of the Floral arrangement- She won a Dunkin Donut gift card and participant ribbon.

For the Vegetables- Jeff Goewey was the winner and he won a Dunkin Donut gift car and a participant ribbon.

Thank you for all who entered, and we are looking forward to more entering next year. You can enter home made pies, breads, canned goods as well as what was done above.

**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**TRANSFER STICKER PROGRAM**

The current Transfer Station stickers will expire on 12/31/22

Effective **January 1, 2023** ALL vehicles using the Town of Phillipston Transfer Station MUST have a Board of Health issued Transfer Station Sticker attached to their vehicle. By January 31<sup>st</sup> you need to have the new **YELLOW** sticker, this will allow additional time to get it.

1. The sticker will cost \$40.00 for two years. Checks only, no cash accepted. Checks payable to the Town of Phillipston.
2. Additional stickers for the same household will be \$5.00
3. Only two additional stickers will be allowed per household.

There are two ways to obtain a sticker(s) for your car.

1. Stickers are available at the Board of Health office located in the Town Annex across from the Town Hall, Wednesdays from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. You must have your car registration(s) and proof of residency if different from registration. Will also be open Saturday January 7, 2023 from 9am to Noon.
2. Mail your payment by check or money order payable to: Town of Phillipston, to the Board of Health at 50 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331, with a copy of your car registration(s), proof of residency and a stamped self-addressed return envelope. We will process your request and mail the sticker(s) back to you.

Upon receipt of your sticker you need to attach it to your vehicle.

Any questions can be directed to the Board of Health office at 978-249-1735.

Phillipston Board of Health

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On Thursday, December 17, at the Millers River Environmental Center, Adrienne Bashista of Passalong's in Florence will be speaking and showing slides about her experiences as a grower in the Pioneer Valley. Passalong's is a Farm and Florist business focusing on weddings and special arrangements for events as well as selling cut bouquets at their flower stand at 198 Sylvester Rd. Questions will be welcome at the end.

From 6 pm to 7 pm the garden club is hosting a potluck. The Center supports environmentally safe plates and utensils. Therefore attendees, as well as bringing a potluck item to share, can bring their own plate and utensils. Paper plates will be provided. If you are unable to make 6 pm, you are welcome to attend the presentation at 7 pm. Admission is free.

Pauline Alldred  
co-president



## Annual Senior Holiday Luncheon



We are happy to once again invite Senior Citizens from Phillipston & Templeton to a *Holiday Luncheon* sponsored by the Narragansett Regional School District.

**When:** Thursday, December 22, 2022

**Where:** Middle School/High School Cafeteria

**Time:** 12pm

Your choice of delicious turkey or ham, served with all the fixings!  
Followed by an assortment of baked holiday treats and hot coffee/tea.

We hope that you are able to join us!

Please RSVP to Susan Varney or Ann-Marie Geyster no later than December 12th at:

[svarney@nrds.org](mailto:svarney@nrds.org)

OR

[ageyster@nrds.org](mailto:ageyster@nrds.org)

(978) 939-5661

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# *Phillips Free Public Library*

## **Library Hours**

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

**Saturday 9-1 pm**

## **Board of Trustees Meeting:**

Tues. January. 2, 2023 at 6pm

\* **“like” our Facebook page**

**Phillips Free Public Library**

## **Story Hour is BACK !!**

We will be holding Story Hour on Tuesdays at 10 am in the month of December. Pre-schoolers (and younger siblings) are welcome to join us for stories, circle time, craft project and a snack! Please call the library (978) 249-1734 for more information

## **FREE Raffle for Library Visitors**

An anonymous donor has given us a Market Basket gift card to raffle off this month! Fill out a raffle ticket every time you visit the library, and you may just WIN!

## **Book Club**

The Book Club is reading *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed. We will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 5:30 to discuss. Please call the library to reserve a copy so you can join us.

## **New Materials**

**New books include:** *The Boys from Biloxi* by John Grisham, *The High Notes* by Danielle Steel, *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult, *Desert Star* by Michael Connelly, *Triple Cross* by James Patterson, *Going Rouge* by Janet Evanovich, *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver, and *The Christmas Spirit* by Debbie Macomber. **New children's books include:** *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Diper Overload* by Jeff Kinney and *The Sour Grape* by Jory John. **New movies include:** *Top Gun: Maverick*

## **Do You have a Music Box to add to our Display?**

We are putting together a new display of music boxes for our beautiful, lighted case. Do you have a music box you could lend to make this a full and fun display for our visitors to enjoy? If so, please stop by or call the library (978) 249-1734. Thank you.

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## Christmas Toy Drive

This year the Phillipston Fire & E.M.S. Assoc. will have our Christmas toy drive. Boxes will be placed at the Town Hall and Fire Station Nov.23<sup>rd</sup> until Dec 17th. We are looking for toys 8 years and older. Thank you for your continued support, any questions contact Don Smith 978-895-3405.