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Newsletter

January 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.

Church telephone 978-249-8583

Rev. Flynn 978-248-9558

Dear Friends,

The Rev. Nancy C. Townley wrote the following prayer for the new year. Lord, our Lord, how incredible and magnificent is Your name in all the earth. Your voice spoke the word of light and the light was given. Your heart shouted hope and love and creation was born. Your tears cried torrents for your errant people, and Your prophets boldly stepped forward to proclaim Your presence. Your Love streamed down and Jesus the Christ came to us, to heal, teach, guide, and bring us to You. Your Power hovered over us, like a mighty flame, inspiring us to be your witnesses. How magnificent and wonderful You are, O Lord. Now the old is passing away and a new heaven and earth are being born. Lord, we want to be ready to serve You in Your new heaven and new earth. We need to let go of the disappointments and fears, and open our hearts to receive Your love and blessings for us. This is a time of new beginnings. The past we cannot change. We can reflect on all that has happened and move on into new relationship with You. Let the light of Your love shine on us, that we may feel and know Your powerful presence with us. Let the light of Your love shine in us, that we might be encouraged to use our gifts and talents to serve others. Let the light of your love shine through us, that others may come to know You. In this time of new beginnings, new hopes arise. Give us courage to reach out for the dreams and hopes; give us confidence that we can accomplish much for you.

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

*(*1st Saturday of each month, enjoy coffee & goodies)*

Board of Trustees Meeting:

Thursday, January 5 @ 6pm

Book Club

The Book club has chosen “**My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You She’s Sorry**” by Frederik Backman as its next read. We will be meeting on **Wednesday, February 8 at 6pm** to discuss it. Please call the library to reserve a copy!

New Books and Movies

New Books include: **The Whole Town’s Talking** by Fannie Flagg, **Hillbilly Elegy** by J.D. Vance, **All the Wild That Remains** by David Gessner, **Two by Two** by Nicholas Sparks, **Killing the Rising Sun** by Bill O’Reilly, **No Man’s Land** by David Baldacci

New Movies include: **Bourne**, **Florence Foster Jenkins** and **Fiinding Dory**

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The Ladies Annual Christmas Party was held on December 14, 2016 at 12:30pm in the vestry of the church. A delicious meal was served and enjoyed by all attending. This is always a fun event. The January 18, 2017 meeting will be held at the home of Nancy Nason with Marie Lalena and Barbara Sanden being hostesses. No meetings are held during the months of February and March. 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. For more information call 978-516-8061.

The Phillipston Congregational Church

On the Phillipston Common

Would like to extend an invitation to all

To visit our church, all are welcome.

Services are held on Sundays, at 10 am.

With a Coffee Hour following Service

Please come and join our church family.

A Reminder to Dog Owners

**Dog Licenses Expire the last day of December.
The new dog tags and licensees are available at this time
in the Town Clerk's Office**

All dogs must be licensed after 6 months of age
Dogs must have an up to date rabies vaccination
(New licenses are issued every year in January)

No owner or keeper of a dog shall permit such animal to run at large
except on his own premises.

(Run at large – means free of restraint and permitted to wander on private or public ways
and property)

All dogs shall be restrained on a leash or under immediate control of
its owner or keeper.

**(Dogs running at large maybe impounded and a citation will be issued and a
fee of \$50.00 will be charged plus
\$15.00/day board – and if the dog is unlicensed another fee of \$50.00 will be
charged)**

This year the dog officer will be issuing citations to owners of unlicensed dogs.
The citation will instruct the owner to appear before the Selectmen or to the Court
House to pay their fine.

*Also remember that your neighbors may not want your dog running through their
yard We have a small town here and it's very hard to take care of all the
complaints so
try to be a good dog owner and obey the rules.*

CENSUS FORMS HAVE BEEN MAILED

Please remember to list every member of your household and make any
necessary changes. If you have not received a census form please contact the
Town Clerk's Office by calling 978-249-1733. Please return them promptly it is
very helpful to the Town Clerk's Office. Thank You!



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

2017 Phillipston Rabies Clinic

DATE: January 7, 2017 TIME: 12:00pm to 2:00pm

PLACE: 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

The Phillipston Senior Lunch Group will be holding a “Brown Bag Auction on Tuesday, January 17th at 1pm, following the regularly scheduled senior lunch. You will bid on each bag, the bag may contain a simple or a spectacular item, we are inviting all town residents, their friends and anyone else that wishes to attend. The monies earned from this auction will be donated to Graeme Richard, a lifelong resident of Phillipston and a senior at Monty Tech. He was one of the ten out of seventy applicants that were accepted for a mission trip to Haiti (one of the poorest countries in the world). The trip is planned over April vacation. The group will be there for a total of 9 days and will be helping at food banks, building houses and learning about their culture. Please come to help this student fulfill his calling to this mission. Light refreshments will be served.

SENIOR LUNCH MENU

January 3rd. Roast pork, apple gravy, red bliss potatoes, creamed spinach, white bread, vanilla yogurt.

January 17 We will have lunch at the Fire Station at noon.

Please call Paula by the Friday before the meal for reservations 978-248-9976.

If you need a ride we can provide one for you. Hope to see you there.



**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**

**JACK SEAMON of PHILLIPSTON, CHAIRMAN of the
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The Common Looks Lovely

The Historical Society of Phillipston appreciates many who joined together to bring a festive spirit to the town center. First of all, Administrative Assistant Rhonda Whitney arranged for the tree and its erection. Sterling and Nancy Whiting donated the tree, a contribution they have made for many years, and Highway Superintendent Rick Tenney set it up. Electrician Gerhard Fandryer was in charge of the lights, the role he's had since the Memory Tree event started fourteen years ago, an event that has become a meaningful part of the holiday season.

Tim Haley takes care of the candles in the church windows where two important ceremonies takes place, first the reading of the names and events to be memorialized and second the awarding of the Citizen of the Year. The State Senator and State Representative read the names, a solemn and reflective time. Then, Opal Clark, who heads the Citizen of the Year selection committee, calls on last year's recipient to make the presentation, which was Ruth French who announced that our dedicated and caring Town Clerk Karin Foley was selected to be honored this year for her service to the town.

The evening always culminates with a Christmas program. This year the Swingin' Singin' Seniors from Hubbardston led by Jeannine Como entertained us with a fine variety of Christmas music.

Thanks to all who supported the event. And thanks to Jane French who served as Master of Ceremonies and shared with us her recent momentous experience at the Gold Star program at the State House. (She even met Governor Charlie Baker.) And also, thank you to Linda Langevin who has served as Event Chairman for many years. The event blends the past with the present, which too will become history.

**The next Historical Society program will feature Michael Flye on March 15 when he will share with us his experiences in Confederate Reenactments.*

Phillipston Community Preservation Committee

The Phillipston Community Preservation Committee recommends grant awards for community housing, historic preservation and open space and recreation at Town Meeting. We invite the public to apply for funding for projects that may meet the criteria for the grants. Applications for the next grant cycle are now available in the Phillipston Town Hall and online at <http://www.phillipston-ma.gov/> under Documents. We request that the guidelines are carefully followed. Please note that we request a single copy of the complete application and that project funding applications must be received by Tuesday, January 31, 2017 to be considered at the next Annual Town Meeting.