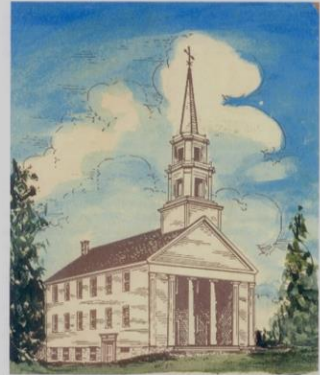


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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Our Community Church

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Friends,

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

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
February 2024 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS January 23rd
For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf



Congratulations to Citizens of the Year



**** Cathy and Eric Olson ****

In 1986, the town of Phillipston recognized Police Chief Alphonse Chartier as the Citizen of the Year for his contribution to the town that was above and beyond expectations. Since then, it has become an annual tradition to honor a citizen whose efforts have contributed significantly to the betterment of the town.

The 2023 recipients of this prestigious award are Cathy and Eric Olson for their outstanding work with youth programs. Both have been Scout leaders - Eric served as Cub master and presently as Scoutmaster. For many years, Cathy has been chairperson of the Narragansett Craft Fair which is a major fundraiser that provides field trips, special programs, and scholarships.

Their names will be added to the plaques that hang in the Town Hall where their outreach will be forever memorialized.

Congratulations Eric and Cathy!

Phillipston Lions Club

Com Join Us on Tuesday, January 9, at 7 PM at the Phillipston Library.
If you have any questions, please call Marilyn 978-503-2269. We're always looking for new people to serve our community.

Senior Meal Delivery

January 25 - If it snows, it will be delivered the next day.

We will be back serving breakfast on March 16, 2024

Come Join Us

Phillipston Lion meetings – 2nd Tuesday each month.

At the Library at 7:00 pm

Got questions? Call Marilyn @ 978-503-2269

Always looking for new people to serve our community.

Start your Own Business - Lawn Maintenance Equipment For Sale
Mower (ride on), mower (walk behind), string trimmer, hedge trimmer, trailer and more.
\$900 or best offer. Text Bill 978-696-1549

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

to be announced.

* **“like” our Facebook page**

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

The library will remain OPEN on Tuesday, December 26 and Tuesday, January 2.

Book Club

Call the library (978) 249-1734 to find out what our next read is and to reserve a copy!

Raffle

Take part in our new raffle for a chance to win a Market Basket gift card. Fill out a ticket every time you visit the library. Drawing on Feb. 28th.

Faberge Egg Program

Date to be announced... watch the sign board for information about registering!

New Materials

Beaujolais Blood by Christa Bakker, Tom Clancy Command and Control by Marc Cameron, The Ball of Versailles by Danielle Steel, To Kill a Shadow by Katherine Quinn, The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon, We Must not think of Ourselves: a novel by Lauren Grodstein, Oath and Honor: a Memoir and a Warning by Liz Cheney, Never Lie by Freida McFadden and Freshly Stitched: Modern Embroidery for Absolute Beginners by Celeste Johnson.

Passes Available

Discovery Museum in Acton -When borrowed, this pass will admit 3 people at half the cost of general admission. Children under 1 year old are admitted free of charge. Pass is valid until March 31, 2024

Call the library (978) 249-1734 to reserve the passes!

Library Display

Stop by to see the creativity displayed of the newsletter cover pages.

We hope the display will interest you in creating a newsletter cover page.

If so, email newsletter.com and let us know.

The Town of Phillipston's Senior Tax Abatement program for FY25 will be starting again in January. Applications will be accepted beginning in January for placement into the program which will run until October 13, 2024. 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 to receive more information and an application. Please note that participation in this program will generate a W2.

In Memory Of

Dr. Robert S. Clark	<i>from</i>	His Daughter, Stephanie Flynn + family
Jeanne Kornis Clark	<i>from</i>	Her Daughter, Stephanie Flynn + family
Roger B. Henshaw	<i>from</i>	The Historical Society of Phillipston
Sidney T. Holway	<i>from</i>	His Wife, Marilyn Holway
Albert E. Foster	<i>from</i>	His Daughter, Marilyn Holway
Ruth E. Foster	<i>from</i>	Her Daughter, Marilyn Holway
Florence R. Holway	<i>from</i>	Her Daughter-in-law Marilyn Holway
Spear T. Holway	<i>from</i>	His Daughter-in-law, Marilyn Holway
Cassie Lee Wilkins	<i>from</i>	Her dear friend, Marilyn Holway
Byron R. Holway	<i>from</i>	His Sister-in-Law, Marilyn Holway
Peter Richard	<i>from</i>	His Friend, Marilyn Holway
Michael Young	<i>from</i>	His Friend, Marilyn Holway
Shirley Holway	<i>from</i>	Her Sister-in-Law, Marilyn Holway
Ryan Twohey	<i>from</i>	His Parents, Craig + Jean Twohey
Brian Twohey	<i>from</i>	His Brother, Craig + Jean Twohey
Mark Twohey	<i>from</i>	His Brother, Craig + Jean Twohey
Kevin Twohey	<i>from</i>	His Brother, Craig + Jean Twohey
June Twohey	<i>from</i>	Her Son, Craig + Jean Twohey
Paul Twohey	<i>from</i>	His Son, Craig + Jean Twohey
Bart Gariepy	<i>from</i>	His Loving Parents, Gerry + Carole Gariepy

In Memory Of

Peter Richard	<i>from</i>	His Friends, Gerry + Carole Gariepy
Dick Gariepy	<i>from</i>	His Brother Gerry + Wife Carole Gariepy
Frank Lombard	<i>from</i>	His Sister, Carole + Gerry Gariepy
Sue Fullam	<i>from</i>	Her Brother, Gerry + Carole Gariepy
Peter Richard	<i>from</i>	His Devoted Wife, Kay Deans
Mary Deans	<i>from</i>	Her sister-in-law, Kay Deans
Mary (Deans) Shirley	<i>from</i>	Her sister, Kay Deans
Bob Deans	<i>from</i>	His sister, Kay Deans
Larry French	<i>from</i>	His Loving Wife, Jane
Bernard + Alice Lehoux	<i>from</i>	Their Daughter, Jane French
Frederick + Barbara French	<i>from</i>	Their Daughter-in-Law, Jane French
Doris Erickson	<i>from</i>	Her Niece, Jane French
Jeanne Clark	<i>from</i>	Her Dear Friend, Jane French
Ruth Daoust	<i>from</i>	Her Grandson, Tom Daoust + wife Sarah Leonard
Harold Daoust	<i>from</i>	His Grandson, Tom Daoust + wife Sarah Leonard
Gary Leonard	<i>from</i>	His daughter, Sarah and Son-in-Law, Thomas Daoust
Uncle Jack Pattison	<i>from</i>	Sarah Leonard and Thomas Daoust
Aunt Martha Pattison	<i>from</i>	Sarah Leonard and Thomas Daoust
Gregory G. Larson	<i>from</i>	His Wife, Sandra Larson
Brian Bravette	<i>from</i>	His Cousin, Sandra Larson

In Memory Of

Adolph Beltram	<i>from</i>	His Grandson, Keith Larson
Olga Beltram	<i>from</i>	Her Grandson, Keith Larson
Elaine Larson	<i>from</i>	Her Grandson, Keith Larson
Arthur Larson	<i>from</i>	His Grandson, Keith Larson
Marilyn Anderson	<i>from</i>	Her Granddaughter Maura + Keith Larson
John H. Anderson	<i>from</i>	His Granddaughter, Maura + Keith Larson
Frank Jamieson	<i>from</i>	His Granddaughter, Maura + Keith Larson
Rita Jamieson	<i>from</i>	Her Granddaughter, Maura + Keith Larson
Mary Sherlock	<i>from</i>	Her Nephew, Keith + Maura Larson
Sarah MacIsaac	<i>from</i>	Her Cousin, Maura Larson
Lydia Sturke Perzanoski	<i>from</i>	Her Daughter, Debi Shaw
Edmund Leon Perzanoski	<i>from</i>	His Daughter, Debi Shaw
Dorothea Goddard Sturke	<i>from</i>	Her Granddaughter, Debi Shaw
Robert C. Sturke	<i>from</i>	His Granddaughter, Debi Shaw
Lestina Moody Goddard	<i>from</i>	Her Great Granddaughter, Debi Shaw
William Goddard	<i>from</i>	His Great Granddaughter, Debi Shaw
Roberta Reponen	<i>from</i>	Her Children, Sue, Jeanne and Matthew Reponen
Leo Reponen	<i>from</i>	His Children, Sue, Jeanne and Matthew Reponen
Gram and Pop Reponen	<i>from</i>	Their Grandchildren, Kate, Erika, Matti, Zach + Makayla
Gram and Pop Reponen	<i>from</i>	Their Great Grandchildren, Lexie and Bryson

In Memory Of

Lea Babin	<i>from</i>	Her Daughter, Shelly + Tom Berry
Bobby Babin	<i>from</i>	His Sister, Shelly + Tom Berry
Susan Berry	<i>from</i>	Her Son, Tom Berry and Shelly Berry
Philomena Alimenti	<i>from</i>	Her Daughter, Barbara Spallone
Alfred Alimenti	<i>from</i>	His Daughter, Barabara Spallone
Phyllis Gorka	<i>from</i>	Her Sister, Barbara Spallone
Lorraine Logston	<i>from</i>	Her Sister, Barbara Spallone
Yole Spallone	<i>from</i>	Her Daughter-in-law, Barbara Spallone
Joseph Spallone	<i>from</i>	His Daughter-in-law, Barbara Spallone
Raymond + Caroline Marquis	<i>from</i>	Their Sister and Sister-in-Law, Donna Heath
Melvin + Edith Sweeney	<i>from</i>	Their Daughter, Donna Heath
Clarence Specht	<i>from</i>	His Son Tom Specht + wife Janice who miss you so much
Phyllis Specht	<i>from</i>	Her Son Tom Specht + wife Janice who are missing you so
Jean Alber	<i>from</i>	Her daughter, Janice and husband Tom Specht who miss her and her laugh
Bill Schatz	<i>from</i>	His Daughter Janice Specht + Son-in-Law Tom Specht who miss him and his phone calls
L. Keith MacEwen, Missed	by	His Loving wife, Nancy MacEwen
Thelma Divoll	<i>from</i>	Her Daughter, Nancy MacEwen
Mabel (MacEwen) France	<i>from</i>	Her Daughter-in-law, Nancy MacEwen
All My Friends Who Have Passed On	<i>from</i>	Nancy MacEwen
Larry French	<i>from</i>	His Friends, Lauren + Matt Moran

In Memory Of

Ronald Belliveau	<i>from</i>	His Sister, Carol Belliveau
Allan MacDonald	<i>from</i>	His Daughter-in-Law, Carol Belliveau
Daniel Pecoy	<i>from</i>	His Mother, JoAnn + Peter Haley
Hollis + Charlotte Hubbard	<i>from</i>	Their Daughter, JoAnn + Peter Haley
Arlene Casavant	<i>from</i>	Her Friends, Peter + JoAnn Haley
Edna + Arnold Haley, who ALWAYS put their love of their Community + Church above themselves	<i>from</i>	Their Son and Daughter-in-law, Peter + JoAnn Haley
Hope Sterbinsky	<i>from</i>	Her Daughters, Anita Gilbert, Janice Bosse, Dianne Peloquin, Patricia Mendiola, Rosalie Sterbinsky and families
Tom Sterbinsky	<i>from</i>	His Sisters, Anita, Janice, Dianne, Patty, Rosalie + families
Stephen Sterbinsky	<i>from</i>	His Sisters, Anita, Janice, Dianne, Patty, Rosalie + families, and His Daughter, Christa
Hope Sterbinsky	<i>from</i>	Her Daughter, Janice Bosse
Steve Sterbinsky	<i>from</i>	His sister, Janice Bosse
Tom Sterbinsky	<i>from</i>	His sister, Janice Bosse
Ernest Fandreyer	<i>from</i>	His Son, Gerhard Fandreyer
Ryan Twohey	<i>from</i>	His Friend, Gerhard Fandreyer
Wilfred Fandreyer	<i>from</i>	His Nephew, Gerhard Fandreyer
Pauline Dumont	<i>from</i>	Her Daughter, Xann + Gerhard Fandreyer
Ronald Belliveau	<i>from</i>	His Sister, Carol Belliveau
Allan MacDonald	<i>from</i>	His Daughter-in-Law, Carol Belliveau
Daniel Pecoy	<i>from</i>	His Mother, JoAnn + Peter Haley
Hollis + Charlotte Hubbard	<i>from</i>	Their Daughter, JoAnn + Peter Haley

In Memory Of

Charlie Dumont	<i>from</i>	His Daughter, Xann + Gerhard Fandreyer
Donald Wilson	<i>from</i>	His Friend, Gerhard Fandreyer
Joel Rice	<i>from</i>	His Wife, Martha Pratt-Rice
Donald Wilson	<i>from</i>	His Daughter, Nancy Wilson
Valerie Wilson	<i>from</i>	Her Daughter, Nancy Wilson
Debra LeBeau	<i>from</i>	Her Friend, Nancy Wilson
Charlie Panagiotou	<i>from</i>	His Friend, Nancy Wilson
Joseph Adomaitis	<i>from</i>	His Wife, Claire Adomaitis
John Hinchliffe	<i>from</i>	His Daughter, Claire Adomaitis
Vito Trifilo	<i>from</i>	His Sister-in-Law, Claire Adomaitis
Ethel Trifilo	<i>from</i>	Her Sister, Claire Adomaitis
Vida Hinchliffe	<i>from</i>	Her Daughter, Claire Adomaitis
Norman Drolet	<i>from</i>	His Sister, Claire Adomaitis
Bob Schlicke	<i>from</i>	His Daughter, Sue Ziats
Lenore Schlicke	<i>from</i>	Her Daughter, Sue Ziats
Steve Schlicke	<i>from</i>	His Sister, Sue Ziats
Treat Williams	<i>from</i>	The Members of the Phillips Free Library Book Club
Dexter the Cat	<i>from</i>	His Pet Parents, Karen Perkins and Phil Talbot
Charlie Dumont	<i>from</i>	His Daughter, Xann + Gerhard Fandreyer
Donald Wilson	<i>from</i>	His Friend, Gerhard Fandreyer

In Celebration Of

Regina Perkins	<i>from</i>	Her Daughter, Karen Perkins and Phil Talbot
All of Our Phillipston Family and Friends	<i>from</i>	Peter and JoAnn Haley

In Celebration Of

Keith + Maura Larson	from	His Mother and Her Mother-in-Law, Sandra Larson
Frank Soto	from	His friend, Sandra Larson
The Marriage of Cindy and David Deans	<i>from</i>	Dave's Sister, Kay Deans
Ty Ulmer	<i>from</i>	His Wife, Best Friend, and Soul Mate, Cynthia Ulmer
Roland "Buddy" Slate	<i>from</i>	His Loving Daughter, Cynthia Ulmer
Talia "2" MacDonald, 12 years old, enjoying Junior High School	<i>from</i>	Her Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahan
4 year old, Zoe Grace Demars in Pre-Kindergarten	<i>from</i>	Her Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahan
6 year old, Antonia Cicero, loving Kindergarten	<i>from</i>	Her Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahan
2 year old, Rocco Cicero, Who Loves Trucks	<i>from</i>	His Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahan
5 year old, MaKenna Cicero, in Kindergarten	<i>from</i>	Her Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahan
9 year old, Ryder Cicero, in the 4th Grade	<i>from</i>	His Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahan, who loves his art work!
Larry French - for Duty, Honor, and Country	<i>from</i>	His friend and U.S. Army brother, Russ Flagg
Tyler Liburdi in the U.S. Air Force, thanking you for your service	<i>from</i>	His Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahan
Teanna Liburdi in the U.S. Air Force, thanking you for your service	<i>from</i>	Her Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahan
Talia Liburdi, a Junior at Tufts University in Boston		Her very proud Great Grandmother, Thelma McMahan
Our four wonderful grandchildren: Rachel, Caroline, Emily and Lauren Brouillet	<i>from</i>	Their grandparents, Linda + Brian Langevin

Prayers for Peace In

Gaza and Ukraine

from

Your Caring Friends, Carole + Gerry
Gariepy

In Appreciation of

Brookside Equipment:
Dan and Roger McHugh

from

The Historical Society of Phillipston

The Community Outreach
of the Girls + Boys Scouts

from

Their Grateful Friends, Carole + Gerry
Gariepy

All My Friends in
Phillipston, MA

from

Thelma McMahan

The Sterling Whiting
Family for all the Years of
Christmas Tree Donations

from

The Historical Society of Phillipston

Gerhard Fandreyer, for
Years of setting up the
Christmas Tree Lighting
on the Common with the
help of Gerry Gariepy and
the Highway Dept.

from

The Historical Society of Phillipston

All the volunteers of the
Historical Society

from

The Historical Society of Phillipston

Best Wishes for Confidence + Hope for

Donn Clifford

from

The Historical Society of Phillipston

In Honor Of

Lee Michael LeBlanc, for
being a wonderful Dad +
Papa

from

His Daughter, Jennifer Romero
DaSilveira, and Grandkids

Edward Richard, for being
an amazing Father

from

His Son, Mark Richard and Jennifer
LeBlanc

All of our Military Service
Men + Women Who Have
Served For Us

from

Marilyn Holway