

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



Phillipston  
Community  
Newsletter

July 2019



The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Our Community Church

Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.

for July and August

Dear Friends,

"The wolf shall lie down with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, And a little child shall lead them." Isaiah 11:6

The latest news that I have heard is that the Phillipston Memorial School will educate students from the Phillipston community and continue to be an elementary school. I am thrilled for the students and families of Phillipston, but I will also admit I am happy for the rest of us whose children have grown. We have so many wonderful memories of our children at this local school with great teachers and PTG programs, plenty of free space for outdoor play, besides walking to the library during the school day and to the church after school for Scout programs.

I am also proud that citizens of all ages care about educating the children: School committee and Selectmen's meetings have been attended by young parents, grandparents, teachers, parents of PMS alumni, retired educators and business people. Everyone cares.

Lastly, I remember the African proverb, "it takes a village to raise a child."

Your sister in Christ,  
Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

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# **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 community Church.

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

Services & Sunday School are held on Sundays at **9:30 a.m**

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 a Pot Luck Brunch, where everyone may bring one of their favorite dishes.

For more information you may call 978-516-8061.

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

### **June Activities:**

- July 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Lunch at noon in the vestry of the church
- July 7<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship & Sunday School 9:30 am  
with Communion (open to all)
- July 14<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship & Sunday School 9:30 am with Pot  
Luck Luncheon following the worship service
- July 16<sup>th</sup> Senior Lunch at noon in the vestry of the church
- July 21<sup>st</sup> Morning Worship & Sunday School 9:30am
- July 28<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship & Sunday School 9:30am

Email: [bazaar@phillipston.com](mailto:bazaar@phillipston.com)

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## **Special Town Meeting**

**July 24, 2019**

**7:00 pm**

**Phillipston Memorial School Gym**

**20 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331**

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**Antique Tractors, Cars, and Engines**  
*at the Historical Society of Phillipston Museum*  
at 80 State Road (next to the Fire Station)



**Saturday, July 20 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.**

(Rain date will be the next day, Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>)

Step back in time and see antique tractors, cars, and engines displayed on the museum grounds. Local and area collectors love to show their "toys" and share their knowledge. You will marvel at the detail work that has gone into the restoration of these pieces. It's an event that children are sure to enjoy. They can sit on the tractors and get a free wagon ride, too.

The entire day is free and will be fun for the whole family.

Lunch and refreshments will be available, too.

**FOR QUESTIONS OR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL  
978-939-5656.**

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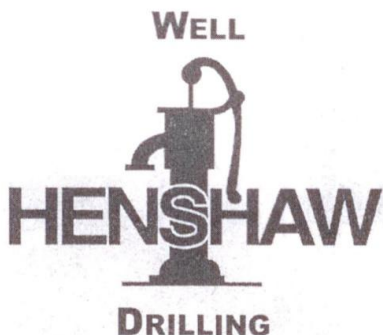
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### LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The June meeting of the Ladies Benevolent Society was held on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at the home of Mel Haughton with Marie Lalena as hostess with 13 ladies attending, Cloudy day turning into a great sunny one. A lovely old fashioned cook out was enjoyed by all: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Tossed Salad and Watermelon with a delicious cream pie to end it all. The Silver Tea and June Bazaar were discussed. The Annual July Meeting will be held at the home of Nancy MacEwen. A Pot Luck luncheon will be held to start the meeting at 11am with each lady bringing her favorite dish with business meeting and swim to follow. All ladies are welcome to join us; you do not need to be a member of the church. Please join us for a fun time, all are welcome. Call Claire at 978-516-8061 for more information or a ride to the meeting. Lifetime dues are 50 cents, very reasonable for a fun time.

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PHILLIPSTON TOWN CLERK  
2019 JUN 27 AM 10:07  
Kari Foley

**Town of Phillipston**  
**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Phillipston Selectboard will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Training Room at the Fire Station, 90 State Road, Phillipston, Massachusetts, to receive public comment on the following proposed general bylaw changes:

- Amend Article XXVI – Public Consumption or Use of Marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol, to rename the article and to establish limits on the number of adult use marijuana retailers and establishments; and
- Amend Article II, Section 6 – regarding the method of counting votes at Town Meeting; and
- Amend Article V – Finance Committee, Section 1, to address potential conflicts of interest.

A copy of the proposed bylaw changes are available for inspection during business hours in the Town Clerk Office in Town Hall. All interested persons are welcome to attend and comment on the proposed bylaw. The meeting space is handicapped accessible.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen  
Kevin Flynn, Chief Administrative Officer

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**Phillipston Lions Club**

7:30 am - 10:30 am

at

**Phillipston Church** (downstairs)

**2019 - SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST**

*July 20 ~ Summer Time Omelet*

BROCCOLI, TOMATOES, ONIONS, PEPPERS, SUMMER & ZUCCHINI SQUASH

## **Town Clerk's Office Closed hours for July**

The standard hours for the Town Clerk's Office are below:

Mon, Tues and Thursdays - 8:00am to 4:00 pm

Wednesdays - 8:00am to 8:00 pm

Closed Fridays

### **Closed**

July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and 7/17/2019 to 7/28/2019

### **Reopen**

Monday July 29<sup>th</sup>

Please contact and request any information or assistance from the Town Clerk's Office before the dates closed. I hope everyone is having a great summer.

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## **You certainly paid back!**

The church is there for the townspeople and the townspeople certainly show their love and appreciation for the church in the way they are supportive. The Flea Market made record sales this year and it's thanks to the donations from all of you. Your gifts throughout the year left at the church trailer at the Transfer Station are so much appreciated. Thank you, thank you. And ... things for next year's sale are already coming in!

Thank you also to the many helping hands, faces we hold in our minds who were so helpful, but names we can't list because we would be sure to miss someone -- Scouts and the Scout families and the many folks who reached out to bring items to the school gym, set up for the sale, and clean up afterward. The spirit was wonderful and made the big effort into a warm pleasure rather than a big chore.

Not only was it a financial success, but the leftover things went to charities and the benefit from the project goes on.

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## **SENIOR LUNCH IS SERVED THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY**

COME JOIN US! SENIOR LUNCH IS SERVED THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF JULY 2019 AT NOON JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> AND JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE IN THE VESTRY OF THE PHILLIPSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ON THE COMMON, PHILLIPSTON, MA. . A DONATION OF \$3 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!

## TO THE RESIDENTS OF PHILLIPSTON

More than a year ago Superintendent Casavant asked the school committee to OK an advisory committee he wished to form to study how our district ran. We OK'd it, but I personally wondered why it was needed?

He put it together with people from both towns and began holding meetings – every two weeks! This in itself was very unusual because all subcommittees generally meet monthly. After a number of meetings, Phillipston's Administrative Assistant and one of our Selectmen who were on the committee quit going. I went to see what was going on. It seemed to be an infomercial to sell the Superintendent's plan to reorganizing the district. He basically wanted to turn Phillipston grade school into a babysitting service for children ages 3-5 and send all our first through fifth grade students to the new Templeton Elementary school. I got hold of 3 or 4 copies of the minutes of these meetings. What do you know, there was no list of who was at meetings and no one signed the minutes! A spook committee!

After we complained about these irregularities a meeting of people from both towns was held in the auditorium. The meeting was advertised on "Facebook" how tacky. People from both towns showed up to complain about his plan. Nobody was buying it.

At the next School Committee meeting we voted to stick with the original plan which called the fifth grade coming back to PMES when the new elementary school opened in Templeton. That's where things stood when Phillipston voted at town meeting this May to approve the school budget and the override. At that meeting Casavant told us "I have no intention of closing this school." A few days later he told people at Templeton town meeting that he would recommend closing Phillipston to balance the budget.

Then later he convinced the school committee to go along with his original plan to put pre-school and kindergarten in Phillipston and grades one through five in Templeton.

Phillipston is up in arms! I can't imagine the teachers are very thrilled either. We don't like to be lied to or double-crossed. We will not stand for our grade school – used as such since 1948 and added onto twice at the urging of the school committee since – to be turned into a glorified babysitting service.

There is a serious movement on to recall our three school committee people and we are serious in our belief that the Superintendent – the most divisive superintendent we've ever had – should be removed.

Respectfully,

Daniel Sanden