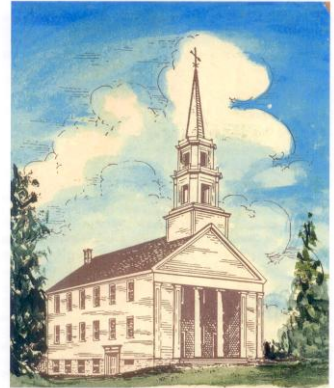


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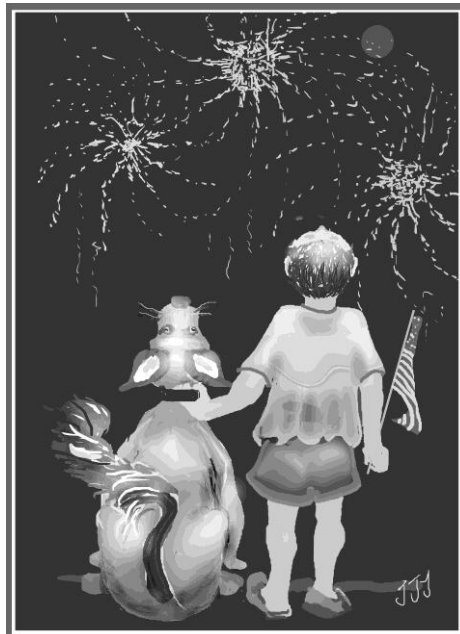
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Phillipston
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Newsletter

July 2020



The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Our Community Church

Dear Friends,

I am writing this after a well -attended service on Sunday, June 21 for Father's Day. We shared many meaningful stories about Fathers. John Wise of State Road, gave up smoking when his son was born, which is why his advice to new parents is: "Stay as healthy as you can."

We have a new sound system which has been anonymously donated to deliver the worship service message. Quite a few people sat out in their lawn chairs, while others remained in their cars. I want people to be comfortable and safe, so please do what is right for you while maintaining social distance. Geraniums were given to all the children and youth present, and the other geraniums were delivered by members of the Religious Education Committee and me. I hope we can return to worship in the sanctuary for September, although we will certainly have to follow the governor's guidelines.

Our worship services for the month of July will be on July 12 (rain date July19) and July 26 (rain date August 2) which will be drive in style and/or bring your own lawn chair if you would like to sit on the Phillipston Common. On July 26, we will have another canned food offering, and if frozen food is donated such as chicken fingers, French fries or frozen pizza, popsicles or ice cream, the Phillipston Fire Department has offered to store these items until they can be taken to the Templeton Food Pantry. Canned vegetables, paper and cleaning products are graciously accepted, also.

May you have a blessed and happy July 4th!
Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

All Meetings of the Ladies Benevolent Society, during this COVID-19 pandemic, have been cancelled until further notice. Please take notice of all instructions to keep you safe so that we may be able to get together again soon and celebrate! God Bless You and Stay Safe!

Amazonsmile

Thanks to everyone who is using Amazonsmile and entering Historical Society of Phillipston. Though we can't open the museum now, regular service bills continue to come, also we are in hopes of getting the building painted so funds are needed. We received a notice yesterday that we received **\$69.20** last month. That is great! If you aren't already signing in to Amazonsmile when you order, please do. It doesn't increase your cost and you benefit a good charity. We appreciate your support so much.

The Phillipston Congregational Church On the Common, Phillipston, MA IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

ON SUNDAY JULY 12TH AND SUNDAY JULY 26TH

RAIN DATES: JULY 19TH AND AUGUST 2ND

Pastor Stephanie will be leading the service, standing in front of the church with Attendees parking around the Phillipston Common, staying in their cars with windows open, listening to the service and participating in singing of hymns. A joyous time to celebrate our risen Lord Jesus! GOD BLESS US ALL!

ON JULY 26TH

We are asking for food donations for the Templeton Food Pantry (frozen foods can be donated also) to help our neighbors in need

Please leave in a plastic bag outside of your car for our Mission Committee to retrieve and take to the Templeton Food Pantry.

We are praying for the victims of this pandemic and praying that all of you be safe. Amen.



Historical Society Programs
are "On Hold"

Due to concerns about health and safety relative to the corona virus, the Historical Society's programs will be suspended until further notice. Likewise, the Museum will not be open to the public. We look forward to once again resuming our former level of activities as soon as possible, and, we will inform you when we will be able to re-open at our usual level.

For any questions feel free to call 978-939-5656.



Happy 4th of July !



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TRANSFER STATION UPDATE

Effective July 1, 2020 all Trash **MUST** be in Town Bags. Bags are available at the transfer station. \$20.00 for a roll of 10 bags. Please have your check made out before coming, Payable to Town of Phillipston.

Recycling is also open, Please recycle what you can. Thank you.

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours- for Curbside Pick-up

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, July 7, 2020...

meeting to be held outdoors

Curbside Delivery

While the library remains closed to the public, we are offering 'curbside delivery' during the hours listed above. Requests for materials may be placed by: calling the library at (978) 249-1734, and leaving a message, or speaking to a staff member, OR by emailing your request to: phillipstonlibrary@comcast.net. Please leave a good number to call you to arrange pick-up of your materials outside the library. Returns may be placed in the box at the end of the ramp, or in the black 'mailbox' by the road.

Free Produce

There will be a box of fresh produce from the Templeton Food Pantry at the end of the library's ramp every Tuesday 9-2. Please stop by to see what is available, and take what you can use.

Thank You

Many thanks to "Valuing Our Children" for their generous donation toward library programming !!

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August 2020 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS July 23rd

For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf