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

Phillipston
Community
Newsletter
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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.

"I am the church, You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, All around the world Yes, we're the church together. The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place; the church is a people." Donald S. Marsh

A couple of years ago John and Caroline Williams who live on the Common, stopped me to ask, "Have you looked at the church steeple recently?" At the time, we were in the middle of Covid and I was doing my very best to help the church survive. Survival has been very difficult for churches in the last three plus years. Some churches have not made it. I will admit that my focus has not been on the church steeple. But I should look up at that steeple because it is rapidly deteriorating as well as the slates which are falling off the church roof. Church maintenance has never been my strong suit, but it is necessary, for heaven forbid on Memorial Day or the Village Bazaar, Saturday, June 10, a piece of the steeple falls down and hits someone on the head. Can you imagine what our beautiful Common would look like, if the church steeple fell down? Please look up the next time you are on the Common and see if you can see straight through the Steeple.

You are all invited to our Village Bazaar on Saturday, June 10 from 10:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Attic Treasures will be at the Transfer Station, and the rest of the events, including Ryan's Run will be on the Common. We will have wonderful entertainment from 4:00 to 6:00 by the North County Accordion Club. Jane French, church organist and accordion player extraordinaire is a member. The concert will be sponsored by the local Phillipston Cultural Council which is a local agency and is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency on Saturday, June 10. I would recommend that you bring a lawn or folding chair, maybe some bug spray and be ready to enjoy! Tickets are available from Pam Campos 978-249-3895 or cell 978-894-3683 for the Chicken Barbecue.



Your sister in Christ, Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

Village Bazaar

Phillipston, MA SAT. June 10th 10 AM - 2 PM

On the Common

CHUCK WAGON ~ COFFEE CAN AUCTION JEWELRY ~ BOOKS ~ PLANTS ~ GAMES LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY QUILT RAFFLE

Just Down the Road at the Transfer Station

ATTIC TREASURES ~ TOYS

Huge Selection to choose from!

Proceeds support: Congregational Church of Phillipston

Entertainment 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Central Mass Accordion Club
Funded by: the Phillipston Cultural Council

Chicken Barbecue 4:30 – 6:30 PM

Limited Tickets Available! \$16 each
Call Pam to reserve yours @ 978.249.3895 or 978.894.3683
Proceeds go towards Congregational Church of Phillipston

Ryan's 5K Walk/Run

Registration and number pick-up 1:30 – 3 PM Race Starts @3:30 PM
Proceeds go towards Ryan Twohey Scholarship Fund

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm Wednesday 5-7pm **Saturday 9-1 pm** **Board of Trustees Meeting:**

Tues. June 6, 2023 at 6pm

* "like" our Facebook page Phillips Free Public Library

Faberge Egg Program

The Faberge egg program has been postponed. A new date will be announced soon.

Book Sale Continues

The library will extend its book sale through Saturday, June 10 during the Church bazaar. We have a great selection of books and lots of current and almost new DVDsmany children's titles. All are available for the cost of an individual donation.

NO BOOK DONATIONS AT THIS TIME

We are not accepting book donations at this time.

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.

DCR parking pass- Free parking at most state parks (we have a list of locations)

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



STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKES ON THE COMMON

SAT. June 24th 10-2 PM

Dine with us or Drive Thru Phillipston Common

> @ the church Sm. \$5. Lg. \$8

FOR THE CHILDREN!



"Hello Summer" Raffle Basket Donations \$1/chance \$20/arm's length

All proceeds support local character scholarships for students to attend trade school, summer camps, school trips, college & more!

CASH, VENMO & CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

Jonathan Edward Aukstikalnis Character Recognition Fund, Inc. is a 501c3 public charity.

The Phillipston Agricultural Commission

Community Garden

Planting season has started and if you are in need of somewhere to plant your vegetables, we have plots available. The Community Garden has been busy and is ready for planting. We are still looking for volunteers for help taking down trees and putting up more fencing. For plots and more information on volunteering please contact Dennis at 413-658-7889.

Farmer's Market

We are still working on the issues on the Farmers market. We are in hopes to have good news next month for you. We will keep you updated. Thank you for your patience.

The Giant Pumpkin Contest

We hope you have your seeds or plants started. We can't wait to see you on October 9th, at the Red Apple Farm. We have entertainment this year with John Porciono singer and storyteller. Remember that it is not just pumpkins, floral arrangements, homemade pies, homemade canned good, and baked goods in their own contest.

Have a great month,

The Phillipston Agricultural Commission

Lions and Friends of Lions of Phillipston Monthly Meeting: June 13, 2023 At Phillipston Library At 7:00 pm

Senior Meals / Deliver

Try out something new.

Just for June & July

Thursday June 15th and June 29th a free meal to seniors that will be delivered.

And again: also free

Thursday July 13th and July 27th.

ENJOY!
Phillipston Lions Club

Drive Thru or Dine In 2023

Sponsored by Lions and Friends of Lions in Phillipston Saturday June 17, 2023 \$9.00 8am to 11am

Summertime Omelet

With ham, zucchini, summer squash, onion, tomato green pepper <u>Hungryman Platter</u>

French toast, pancake, eggs your choice, sausage, toast

French Toast

3 piece bread, your choice, sausage

Pancake

3 pan size pancakes, sausage

Omelet (make your own)

3 eggs

Ham, Cheese, Onion, Tomato Green Pepper

All Breakfast come with sausage and home fries

Drinks

Hot Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa, Orange Juice, Cranberry Apple Juice

Phillipston Church on the Common

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com

July 2023 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS June 23rd

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

Ryan's 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, June 10, 2023 3:30 pm START

Congregational Church of Phillipston

The Common

Phillipston, MA 01331

Entry Fee: \$25 non-refundable Check payable to: Congregational Church of Phillipston

(Ryan's 5K in the notes)

Proceeds from this event will go towards the Ryan Twohey Scholarship Fund

Mail Application and Entry Fee to:

Ryan's 5K RUN/WALK C/O Jean Twohey 275 Ward Hill Road Phillipston, MA 01331

EMAIL: jctwohey@gmail.com

PERFORMANCE T-SHIRTS for all 5K PARTICIPANTS THAT REGISTER BY MAY 17th

Additional T-Shirts may be available on June 10th, but not guaranteed.

There is a Chicken BBQ dinner from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. We encourage all participants to support the church and eat after the race. Tickets are limited, so call ahead and leave a message to reserve at 978-249-6389

Race Day: Registration & Number pick up: 1:30 - 3 pm Awards: First male and female runners First male and female walkers Course: Road grade with some bumps, and a long grade uphill before finishing at the church parking lot. Event: 5K Run 5K Walk Shirt Size: Adult - S M LG XL 2XL 3XL Youth - S M L Name (Print)______Age on race day ____Gender M F Address City/Town State Zip _____ Email (for race updates) _____ I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the sponsors, coordinating groups and the individuals associated with this event, their representatives, successors and assigns, and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries suffered in connection with this event. | attest that | am physically fit to complete in the Ryan's 5K Run/Walk. further, I grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use photographs, video, motion pictures, recordings and/or any other records of this event of myself along or with others for legitimate purpose. I understand that pacing bicycles, skateboards, roller skates (or blades) and animals are not allowed in the race.

Signature (parent if under 18) Date

Reminder: This is your last chance to complete the public survey! Survey ends Saturday, June 10th.

Phillipston Climate Plan Public Survey

The Town of Phillipston is seeking community input as part of their Climate Resiliency planning process, "Local Planning for adaptation and resiliency to climate-influenced natural hazards".

This survey will capture public feedback about the Town's vulnerabilities, strengths, and needs related to the impacts of climate-influenced natural hazards.

The Town has contracted the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) to conduct an assessment and develop a resiliency plan using the Community Resiliency Building, Hazard Mitigation Planning, and Statewide Climate Assessment approaches. The project is funded by a Planning Assistance Grant (PAG) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA).

Paper copies of the survey are available at the Town Hall, Library & Phillipston Congregational Church.

You may also take this survey online by navigating to the following link in a web browser:

<u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HLPV8QB</u> or by scanning the **QR code below**.

To request a paper copy of the survey, if you have any additional questions, or to request assistance or accommodations with completing the survey, please contact Karen Chapman (Director of Comprehensive Planning at MRPC) at: kchapman@mrpc.org, or (978)798-6168



PLANTS – PLANTS – PLANTS Looking for Plants to Sell At the Village Bazaar SAT. 6/10 10AM – 2PM

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT:

Congregational Church of Phillipston Sunday School

ANNUALS PERENNIALS FLOWERS VEGGIES Houseplants and for the gardens!

Whether you are able to donate plants or buy something great at the sale, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!