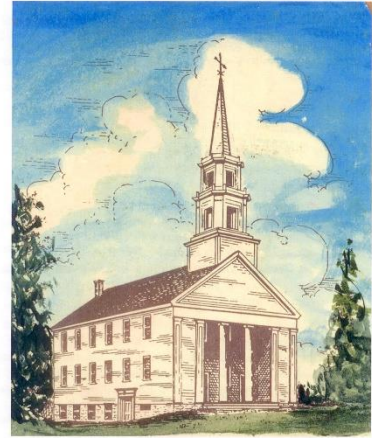


Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.
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**The Congregational Church
of
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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Our Community Church

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Friends,

Every Easter Season I like to read this poem by Wendell Berry, a portion of which I will share with you:

"So friends, everyday do something that won't compute.

Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing.

Take all that you have and be poor.

Ask the questions that have no answers.

Invest in the millennium, Plant sequoias.

Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest.

Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into mold.

Call that profit. Prophecy such returns...

Listen to the carrion - put your ear close,

and hear the faint chattering of the songs that are to come.

Laugh, Laughter is the immeasurable. Be joyful
though you have collected all the facts...

Practice resurrection."

Easter this year is Sunday, March 31 and our Easter's Great Gathering on Saturday, March 30 with multiple Easter Egg hunts and breakfast at Red Apple Farm. When we observe Earth Day, by picking up trash at the side of the road, and learn about composting and recycling I believe we are practicing resurrection. Please join us for Easter, March 31 and on Sunday, April 21 as we observe Earth Day and practice resurrection.

Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

Annual Village Bazaar & Chicken Barbecue, Saturday, June 8 with a return of the North County Accordion Club!

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

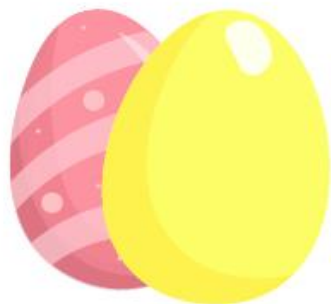


12th Annual Easter's Great Gathering!



Events 8AM-1PM

Breakfast 8-11:30AM



Great Family Fun! All Are Welcome!

Join us for Breakfast at the Brew Barn with the Bunny & help support the Congregational Church of Phillipston!

Free Door Prize Raffle Ticket

With the donation of a non-perishable food item

Free CHILDREN'S EGG HUNTS

Sponsored by Phillipston Lions Club & Congregational Church of Phillipston

• 9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 AM • Teen Egg Hunt with prizes 11:30 AM

Egg-citing Eggstravaganza Raffle at Noon!

EASTER FAVORITES & GIFTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- Pictures with the Easter Bunny
- 50/50 Raffle
- Bunny Ears
- Egg Hunt Baskets
- Farm Animals
- Raffle Baskets
- Fresh Cider Donuts & Hot Coffee
- Vendors and more!

Phillipston Lions Club

Come Join Us on Tuesday, March 12, 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.

Lions Breakfast

March 16, 2024 8:00 am to 11:00 am

Corned Beef Hash Special.

Phillipston Church On the Common

Take Out is Available

April 20, 2024, Breakfast is Cancelled

Lions Dinner

May 18, 2024

Pork, Potato, Vegetable, Toss Salad & Desert.

Available for Take Out.

Vendor Fair

August 3, 2024

Looking for Vendors

Please call Marilyn 978-503-2269

On March 21 at 7 pm at the Millers River Environmental Center, Adrienne Bashista of Passalong's will lead a workshop for attendees in making a pressed flower picture on archival, acid free paper suitable for framing. Attendees will pay \$10 and the garden club will pay \$10.

Pauline Alldred
co-president

Phillipston Cultural Council

Meet and Greet

Wednesday April 17th 2024

6pm Upstairs Phillipston Town Hall

Want a say in what events and activities happen in Phillipston?

Come and see what we do and how it works!

Light refreshments will be provided.

Questions email culturalcouncil@phillipston-ma.gov

You can make a difference!

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE

NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2024 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for **Monday, May 20th** polls open at Town Hall from 12 PM to 8 PM

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE May 10th.

The following seats will be on the ballot for 2024:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	3 YR TERM
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BOARD OF ASSESSORS	3 YR TERM
BOARD OF HEALTH	3 YR TERM
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 YR TERM 2 YR TERM (Unexpired term do to resignation)
CONSTABLE	3 YR TERM
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YR TERM
MODERATOR	3 YR TERM
PLANNING BOARD	5 YR TERM
PLANNING BOARD	2 YR TERM (Unexpired term do to resignation)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YR TERM (Phillipston)

Please come into the Town Clerks Office if you would like to take out nomination papers for any of the above seats. **March 28, 2024**, is the last day you can obtain nomination papers. **Nomination Papers need to be returned to the Registrars/Town Clerk's Office by April 4, 2024.**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 8, 2024

7:00pm Phillipston Memorial School Building

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE April 29th

To participate at the Town Meeting, you must be registered to vote



VOTE EARLY

Return your post card sent to you via the Secretary of States Office and we will mail you a ballot. Application is also on the Town Website:
www.phillipston-ma.gov

IN-PESON EARLY VOTING BEING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL

Saturday, February 24, 2024 – 9am to 1 pm
Monday, February 26, 2024 – 9am to 3pm
Tuesday February 27, 2024 – 9am to 3pm
Wednesday February 28, 2024 – 12pm to 7pm
Thursday February 29th – 9am to 3pm

Presidential Primary

March 5, 2024

Location:

Town Hall

located at 50 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331

Polls open at 7:00 am and Close at 8:00 pm



Check your voter status before you arrive at the polls

Google – My Voter Registration Status, or
www.sec.state.ma.us/voterregistrationsearch

Questions: Please call us at **978-249-1733**; we're here to help!
e-mail: townclerk@phillipston-ma.gov

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

March 5, 2024 6pm.

* “like” our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 5:30 to discuss The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom. Copies of the book are available at the library. New members always welcome!

Saturday Story Hour

We will hold a Children’s Story Hour on the 3rd Saturday of each month, at 10:30 am, beginning Saturday, March 16 . Please join Ms. Donna for stories, a craft project and a snack.

New Materials

The Women by Kristin Hannah, If only I had told her by Laura Nowlin, Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann, The Teacher by Freida McFadden, The Fury by Alex Michaelides, Random in Death by J.D Robb, The Waters by Bonnie Jo Campbell, West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

New DVDs: ‘The Marvels’ and ‘Trolls Band Together’

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

It’s that time of year again!

Yard sale time! Join the Community fun at

Phillipston’s Town Wide Yard Sale!

Saturday, May 4, 2024

\$20 IS ALL IT TAKES - IT’S SO EASY!

Contribute to a good cause, clean out your clutter, & make some extra CASH!

We will do all the advertising for you!

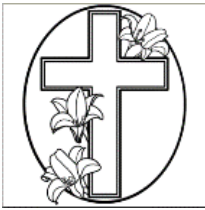
Please contact Jennie at 978-790-9279 or send your \$20 check payable to Jennie Chace at:
740 Patriots Road Templeton, MA. 01468, to list your address on the map.

Encourage neighbors to join too, more homes = more customers on your street!

Maps to the different homes participating in the yard sale will be handed out for \$1 each on the Common in Phillipston – located in the center of town beginning at 7AM!

Like and Share our page on Facebook!

Sponsored by the Friends of Girl Scout Troop 30908.



A request on behalf of the
Phillipston Congregational Church
and the Phillipston Lions Club for
Easter's Great Gathering
on March 30, 2024



We are seeking donations of plastic eggs (new or gently used) or small individually wrapped candies for the event. Examples of candy include, e.g. Starburst, Jolly Ranchers, Mini Tootsie Rolls, Mini Hershey's, etc.

Free egg hunts are offered for all children in 5 separate age groups.
Last year we hid 9000 eggs!

Donations are accepted at Red Apple Farm
any day 9 am to 5 pm, before March 24th.

Thank you very much for your support!
We hope to see you at the event on March 30th.

The Phillipston Youth Supports (PYS)
A quarterly meeting will be held on
March 14, 2024 at 6:30
330 Highland Ave
all are welcome.

The 2024 quarterly meeting dates are:
March 14, 2024 - June 13, 2024
September 12, 2024 - December 12, 2024

If for some reason the dates/times change we will post on our Phillipston Youth Supporters Facebook page.

The purpose of this nonprofit organization is to raise and distribute money for programs, scholarships, and educational opportunities that will directly support the youth of Phillipston.

If this is something you are interested in, please join us and bring a friend.