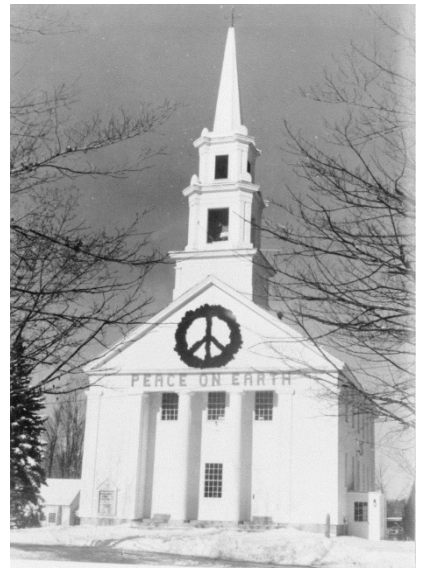


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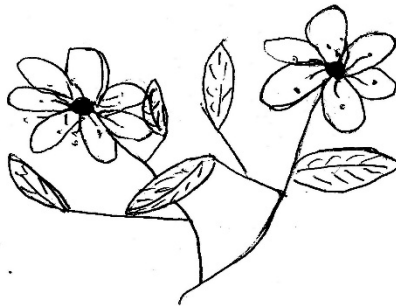


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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Our Community Church

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Friends,

When the calendar turns to May we think of Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Baccalaureate, high school graduations at Narragansett and Monty Tech and save the date the time of the Village Bazaar which is June 14. Many people in our community grew up at the Bazaar, or at Red Apple Farm, or both which is a huge compliment to the area. Young people have helped move the treasures, and sold ice cream at the chuck wagon, and operated the games. Thank you to all the Scouts who have helped through the years, and for all their help at Red Apple Farm for our Easter's Great Gathering on April 19. Thank you also to the Lions, our co sponsors who stuffed 5000 eggs! Thank you to all the businesses who sponsored the event and especially to Red Apple Farm and Nancy and Al Rose.

You are all invited to our Village Bazaar on Saturday, June 14 from 10:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Attic Treasures will be at the Transfer Station beginning at 8:00 a.m., and the rest of the events, including Ryan's Run will be on the Common. Tickets are available from Pam Campos cell 978-894-3683 for the Chicken Barbecue. This year Marilyn Holway hopes to add clothing to the event hosted downstairs in the church. The Mission Committee will be collecting socks for the homeless and shampoo and soap bars for the needy.

Your sister in Christ, Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
June 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS May 23rd
For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf
Email to: newsletter@phillipston.com

Season opening of Attic Treasures 8-1. May 3
Volunteers needed at 7 am and clean up at 1:15

Contact
Kathleen Walsh 978 660-3197 for any questions.



A Heartfelt Thank You!

Thank you to all who were a part of our 13th annual Easter's Great Gathering at Red Apple Farm on Sat., 4/19/25! To our church family and friends who volunteered their time to plan, set-up and take-down, for running events and all the work behind the scenes. A special thank you to the Phillipston Lions for filling thousands of eggs, Girl Scouts for hiding them and helping with free hunts for all children, and to Red Apple Farm for their overwhelming support, generosity and hospitality to make it all happen. Thank you to the following friends and businesses who supported our event through donations and sponsorships: The Shaw Family, Sonya Szoc in memory of Miriam Adams, Nancy MacEwen, Brookside Equipment Sales, Athol Credit Union, Littles Floor Covering, Athol Credit Union, JM Divoll Excavating, The Kitchen Garden, Jonathan Edward Aukstikalnis Character Recognition Fund, Inc., Lamb City Campground, Leano RV, LLC, Rick Geyster Jr. Plumbing, Worcester Bravehearts, Lara Barrios Photography, Theatre at the Mount, Wilson Bus Lines, Wachusett Mountain, Great Wolf Lodge, Launch Family Entertainment, Speedee of Orange, MacMannis Florist and Greenhouses, Phillipston Youth Supporters, the Brew Barn, Timberline Pizza, Moonhill Brewing and Gardner Alehouse, Catie McClure Realtor with LUX Group brokered by REAL Broker, LLC, McClure and Sons Home Solutions.

Most sincerely,
Congregational Church of Phillipston

PHILLIPSTON MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Sunday May 25th, 9:00 AM at The Common

Join us as we honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service—remembering, as we once did after the Civil War, that what unites us is greater than what drives us apart.

We will start with a car parade around town followed by our traditional marching parade with veterans, scouts & the student Gardner Minutemen Pathfinder Drum Corp. We will also have a special tribute to Opal Clark by Retired Senator Stephen Brewer, honoring her military service and her many contributions to the community. If you would like to help out in anyway please contact Selectwoman Nicole Gough at nicolemgough@gmail.com.

Food and drinks will be available. Bring your flags, and community spirit!

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION - May 19, 2025 -Monday

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON OFFICES

SELECT BOARD - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Nicole M. Gough, 130 Queen Lake Rd, for-re-election

Richard S. Wilkins, 35 Barre Road

ASSESSOR – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Earl R. Sweat, 600 Royalston Rd, for re-election

BOARD OF HEALTH – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Garrett J. Foley, 20 Narrow Ln, for re-election

CEMETERY COMMISSION – 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Garrett J. Foley, 20 Narrow Ln, for re-election

CEMETERY COMMISSION – 1 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

No Candidate

CONSTABLE - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Trent M. Gough, 130 Queen Lake Road

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Kristine L. Dorsey, 26 Spa Road

PLANNING BOARD - 5 YR TERM – VOTE FOR ONE

Bernard A. Malouin, Sr., 30 Petersham Rd, for re-election

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

3 YR TERM – PHILLIPSTON

VOTE FOR ONE

No Candidate

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

2 YR TERM – PHILLIPSTON

VOTE FOR ONE

No Candidate

NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

3YR TERM – TEMPLETON

VOTE FOR ONE

Heather Niemczura, 114 Otter River Rd., Templeton, for re-election

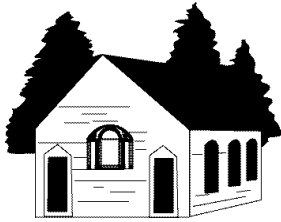
NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1 YR TERM – TEMPLETON

William Cummings, 9 Pine St., Templeton

Polls Open at 12:00pm and Close at 8:00pm

Town Hall – Upstairs



The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.

80 State Road, Phillipston

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Congregational Church Vestry

Annual Meeting Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Join us on the 20th as we review the many accomplishments of last year, set our goals for this year, and elect officers and directors. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be a member to attend, but you do have to be one to vote. (You can join at the meeting.) Refreshments will be served (No pot luck).

Want to make an impact? Be part of a group where your contribution is meaningful and appreciated? Have an interest in history? Join us on the 20th. We are an all-volunteer organization with many opportunities. For more information, call Kay at 978-835-9088.

Hold the Date! Museum Opening Sunday, June 1st, Opal Clark Day. 1:00 PM. *Honoring Opal Clark.* Details to be posted on website (Phillipston.org) and Facebook.



An Evening with Henry David Thoreau

A Living history interpretation of Thoreau's life in 19th century Concord, Massachusetts

**Thursday May 22, 2025 Congregational Church Vestry
7:00 PM**

Historian Richard Smith will portray Mr. Thoreau by reading selections from Thoreau's essay "Walking" and responding in character to questions from the audience.

The program is free and open to the public.- Refreshments following the program.

This program is offered by the Phillips Free Public Library and the Historical Society of Phillipston with generous funding from the Phillipston Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



PLANTS NEEDED!

If you are thinning your flower beds, have extra flowers, indoor/outdoor plants, or vegetable plants in need of a home, please consider donating them to the Sunday School plant table at the Village Bazaar Phillipston Common 6/14
Drop off at church Thurs./Fri. night or Sat. 6/14 by 9AM

PHILLIPSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY JUNE 7th 9:30AM – 11:30AM

AT THE FIRE STATION

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, FAMILY ACTIVITIES,
EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

APPLICATIONS TO JOIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

RAIN OR SHINE



Eagle Project Update from James Bennett

Scouts BSA Troop 39 Phillipston

The Need Goes On

Raising Awareness for Food Needs in our area

Thank you very much to everyone who graciously donated to help my project! I am overwhelmed by the support I have received. There was enough to get all 14 new bins for the Gardner CAC and for the printing of the brochure I am designing. Any leftover will be used to purchase food or supplies to donate directly. I am also creating an informational video about resources in our area and it is almost finished. Please follow Templeton Community Television (TCTV) on Facebook and YouTube so you will see it when available!

I will be holding Food Drives in May to complete my project. So far, I have confirmed:

Saturday May 24th at the Phillipston Congregational Church from 8am to 2pm

We will be collecting non-perishables - pop-top cans preferred
or please consider donating a can opener!

Thank you all again for helping me along with my project,
and I hope that together we can help a lot of people.

Phillipston Agricultural Commission

Anyone who wants to plant at the Community Garden the plot area are fee. It is on a first come base. Please contact Dennis at 413-658-7889.

Farmer's Market- we are looking for vendors and crafts. Set in free. Contact either Marilyn at 978-503-2269 or Julie at jhockcty2014@gmail.com for an application.

On the Pumpkin Contest we are working on it as early as now with some big changes coming.

The Agricultural Commission would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Memorial Day

Lions - Pork Dinner

May 17, 2025 Saturday 5 pm to 7:30 pm

Pork Stuffed Cheese, Bake Potato, Mix Veg, Tossed Salad and Desert All For \$13.00

Lions - Grill Raffle

This Year a Flat Grill will be raffled off

1 ticket \$2.00 3 tickets \$5.00 available at Dinners and Breakfasts or any Phillipston Lion.

Ladies Benevolent Society

Of the Congregational Church of Phillipston

Silver Tea -- May 22nd at 12:30 pm in the Church vestry. A tea for all local Ladies groups. By invitation w/RSVP to Ellen Tannehill 619-244-2568 by May 15th. Hosted by the Phillipston Ladies. **Hostess tasks** are being assigned and confirmed. Contact persons: Whoever calls you, or Stephanie.

Scholarships – To apply for a scholarship *you do not have to* be a member of the Church or a Phillipston resident, *but you MUST* have a connection with the Congregational Church of Phillipston, i.e. be a member or in some way be involved with the Church, for example, as a scout who has helped with their dinners, fairs, etc. See the Narragansett Guidance Office for application forms.

Quilt and Quilted Pillow Raffle - Tickets on sale now. Drawing in October. Tickets available at the Silver Tea; Town-Wide yard sale May 3rd; Church Bazaar June 14th; and from any of the Phillipston Ladies.

June Meeting – June 25th at 12 Noon at Ellen Tannehill's home. Hostesses: Janice Bosse and Nancy Nason.

Council on Aging Coming Events

May

Celebrating New England songs & stories presented by, - DAVIS BATES

May 20, 2025 at 11:00 am at The Congregational Church 60 The Common Phillipston
All are welcome!

June

Hip Hop Chair Exercise for Seniors presented by, - RONDAE

June 24, 2025 at 11:00 am at The Congregational Church 60 The Common, Phillipston
All are welcome

SENIOR LUNCH MENU

May 6th: Sloppy Joe on a hamburger roll, sweet potato wedges, broccoli & cauliflower, mandarin oranges

May 20th: Chicken scallopini, noodles, green beans, wheat bread, chocolate pudding.

Lunch will be served at noon. A \$3.50 donation is appreciated.

Please call Paula at 978-407-9504 to make a reservation.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 7, 2025

7:00pm Phillipston Memorial School Gym

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

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for **Monday, May 19th**.

Polls open at Town Hall from 12 PM to 8 PM

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE May 9th.

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

May 6, 2025, 6pm.

* “like” our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

New Display

Stop by to see the stunning collection of ‘penny rugs’ on display... thank you to Mel Haughton for putting this together. Do you have a collection you would like to display? Call or stop by the library and speak with Jackie or Pat!

New Materials

New books include: Lethal Prey by John Sandford, The Quiet Librarian by Allen Eskens, Careless People: a cautionary tale of power, greed and a lost idealism by Sarah Wynn-Williams and The Ageless Brain: how to sharpen & protect your mind for a lifetime by Dale Bredezen

New Children’s books include: The Flower Thief by Alice Hemming, Little Blue Truck and Red Racer by Alice Schertle and Sourdough Baking for Kids by Natalya Syanova

New DVDs: ‘Mufasa: The Lion King’

BOOK CLUB

Our next book is The Winemaker’s Wife by Kristin Harmel. We will meet on **Tuesday, May 27 at 5:30** to discuss. Copies are available at the library. New members always welcome!

Henry David Thoreau Program

Please join us on **Thursday, May 22 at 7pm** in the Congregational Church Vestry for ‘An Evening with Henry David Thoreau’. Historian Richard Smith will portray Mr. Thoreau by reading selections from Thoreau’s essay “Walking” and responding in character to questions from the audience. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments following the program. Many thanks to the Cultural Council for their generous funding, and the Historical Society of Phillipston for co-sponsoring the program..



SAT. June 21st 10 AM-1 PM
STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKES
ON THE COMMON

“Lobstah” themed Raffle Basket



To support local youth through scholarship.

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

Ryan's 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, June 14, 2025

11:00 am START

Congregational Church of Phillipston ~ The Common ~ Phillipston, MA 01331

Entry Fee: \$25 non-refundable. Check payable to: Ryan Twohey Scholarship Fund

Proceeds from this event will go to 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 18th

(Some additional T-Shirts may be available on June 14th, but not guaranteed)

Race Day: Registration & Number pick up starts at 9:30 am

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 Phillipston Common. -

Event: 5K Run _____ 5K Walk _____

Shirt Size: Adult - XS _____ S _____ M _____ LG _____ XL _____ 2XL _____

Name (Print) _____ Age on race day _____ Gender M _____ F _____

Address _____ City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ 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. I attest that I 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 purposes. I understand that pacing bicycles, skateboards, roller skates (or blades) and animals are not allowed in the race.

Signature (parent if under 18) _____ Date _____

We encourage all participants to support the Phillipston Congregational Church Bazaar. There is also a Chicken BBQ dinner starting at 4:30 pm. Tickets are limited, so call ahead and leave a message to reserve at 978-894-3683 with Pam Campos.



*****Please only include the race entry fee with this application*****

