

Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.
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Phillipston, MA 01331



Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

November 2019



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,

This prayer was written by Patience Strong in the book A Grateful Heart 365 Ways to Give Thanks at Mealttime.

Thankful may I ever be for everything that God bestows.

Thankful for the joys and sorrows, for the blessing and the blows.

Thankful for the wisdom gained through hardship and adversity.

Thankful for the undertones as well as for the melody.

Thankful may I ever be for benefits both great and small -

and never fail in gratitude for the divinest gift of all:

the love of friends that I have known in times of failures and success.

O may the first prayer of the day be always one of thankfulness.

Our Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27. There will be a canned food offering for the food pantry.

Our Public Safety Sunday to recognize the Highway, Police and Fire Departments is being scheduled for either Sunday, November 17 or Sunday, November 24 at 10:00 a.m. With the latest rainstorm, I know we all want to say thank you for their wonderful work.

Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

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The Phillipston Congregational Church

Located On the Common, Phillipston, MA

EVERY ONE IS WELCOME! COME VISIT!

Please come and join our Church Family!

Church Phone Number: 978-249-8583

Services & Sunday School are held on Sundays at **10:00 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 usually a Pot Luck Brunch, where everyone may bring one of their favorite dishes. If you forget your dish, you are still welcome to participate, there is always enough food! For more information you may call 978-516-8061.

November Activities:

November 3rd : Morning Worship & Sunday School 10 am
with Communion (open to all)

November 5th : Senior Lunch – 12 noon – vestry of church

November 10th : Morning Worship & Sunday School 10 am
Pot Luck Luncheon- come join us!

November 17th : Morning Worship & Sunday School 10am

November 19th : Senior Lunch – 12 noon – vestry of church

November 20th : Ladies Benevolent Meeting – 11am
Home of Barbara Sanden

November 24th : Morning Worship & Sunday School 10am

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Time to fall back

Remember to set your
clocks back one hour.



AP

Change the clocks November 3rd.

**HOLLY BERRY FAIR
AT THE PHILLIPSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ON THE COMMON, PHILLIPSTON, MA
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM**



**COME VISIT SANTA & HAVE YOUR
PICTURE TAKEN!**

**Christmas Attic Treasures, Face Painting,
Vintage Clothing,**

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your ticket into the "Coffee Can" (purchase a card of
tickets for \$3 each or 2/\$5), and much more!**

Come one, Come All!

Other Vendors and much more! A jolly good time for all!

**Lion's Club will be serving a
fabulous luncheon (\$)**



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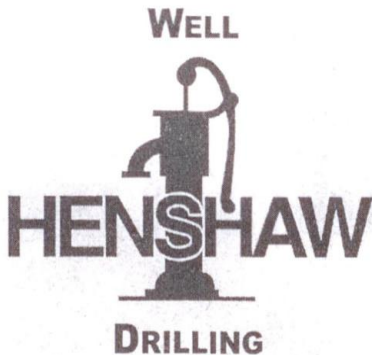
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LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

October is our annual Mystery Luncheon Ride. Twelve ladies gathered at the Phillipston Congregational Church to begin our mystery ride. We took the scenic route to South Gardner and began our tour of the Haunted Victorian House. The leader of our tour group was very knowledgeable and interesting.. We visited all 3 floors, the tower and the basement. A wonderful experience. We then proceeded to our next stop for lunch at the Westminster Country Club Restaurant. Our table had a great view of the golf course. We enjoyed a delicious luncheon of our choice. A fun and enjoyable time was had by all. The Holly Berry Fair is fast approaching to be held on Saturday, December 7th in the vestry of the Congregational Church of Phillipston from 9am to 3pm. Our next meeting will be held on November 20th at the home of Barbara Sanden with Carole Gariepy assisting her. Our annual Christmas will be held in the vestry of the church on December 11th in the vestry of the church. You do not have to be a member of the church to join the Ladies Benevolent Society. We welcome all ladies, for more information please call 978-516-8061. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

The Town will be drawing down Queen Lake at the end of September to allow the contractor to complete final work on the dam.

“The Queen Lake Association has requested that the Town schedule its annual drawdown Queen Lake after Columbus Day a minimum of four feet to assist in weed control on advice of Solitude Environmental, their water quality consultant. Waiting until then allows their consultant to conduct an updated survey of the lake weeds prior to drawdown which they can use to develop a treatment plan for spring 2020.”

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9am-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm Saturday 9am-1pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

Tuesday, November 5 at 6pm

Save the Date for these Programs!

* Living Wreath Demonstration- **Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

Join library trustee Karen Perkins as she shows you how to craft a holiday table decoration that will last through the winter season from evergreen snips, herbs and berries. The centerpiece will be raffled off to one lucky attendee. Refreshments served.

Family Story Time

Looking for a relaxing family activity for a Fall Saturday morning? Stop by on **Saturday, November 9, at 10:30** for a 'Family Story Time'. Enjoy a few stories an activity and light refreshments. All ages welcome!

Book Club & Yankee Swap

Our newly- formed book club has chosen the book 'The Silent Patient' by Alex Michaelides as its first read. We'll be meeting on **Monday, Dec. 9 at 6pm** to dissect it! And to have a festive "Reverse Yankee Swap"- (just wrap up an item of yours that you no longer use, and we'll have a few laughs while we 'swap' all of our 'stuff' !) If you would like to be part of this fun group, there's still plenty of time... or if you need help getting a copy of 'The Silent Patient' call the library (978)249-1734-

New Books and Movies

New books: 'Letters from Home' by Kristina McMorris, 'The Guest Book' by Sarah Blake, 'Searching for Sylvie Lee' by Jean Kwok, 'The Most Fun We've Ever Had' by Claire Lombardo, 'The Lost Girls of Paris' by Pam Jenoff and 'The Haymakers' by Steven Hoffbeck

New movies : Ken Burns' 'The Dust Bowl', 'The West', 'Prohibition' and 'Our National Parks' - 'Spiderman: Far From Home' & 'John Wick 3'

Over \$70

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SENIOR LUNCH PHILLIPSTON

COME JOIN US! SENIOR LUNCH FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER WILL BE HELD ON THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th & 19th 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!



Phillipston Lions Club
7:30 am - 10:30 am

at
Phillipston Church (downstairs)

2019 - SATURDY MORNING BREAKFAST

November 16 ~ Spanish Omelet

SALSA, ONION, PEPPER, MUSHROOM, CHEESE WITH HOMEFRIES & TOAST

Town of Phillipston

2019 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Every year the Alphonse, Sr. Public Service Award is given to a deserving Phillipston resident who has demonstrated outstanding community service.

Nominations are to be received at the Selectmen's office in Town Hall by Thursday, November 14, 2019 before 3 P.M; Attention - Opal Clark To nominate your candidate, please fill out the following:

I hereby nominatte _____ to be considered for the 2019 Alphonse W. Chartier, Sr. Public Service Award.

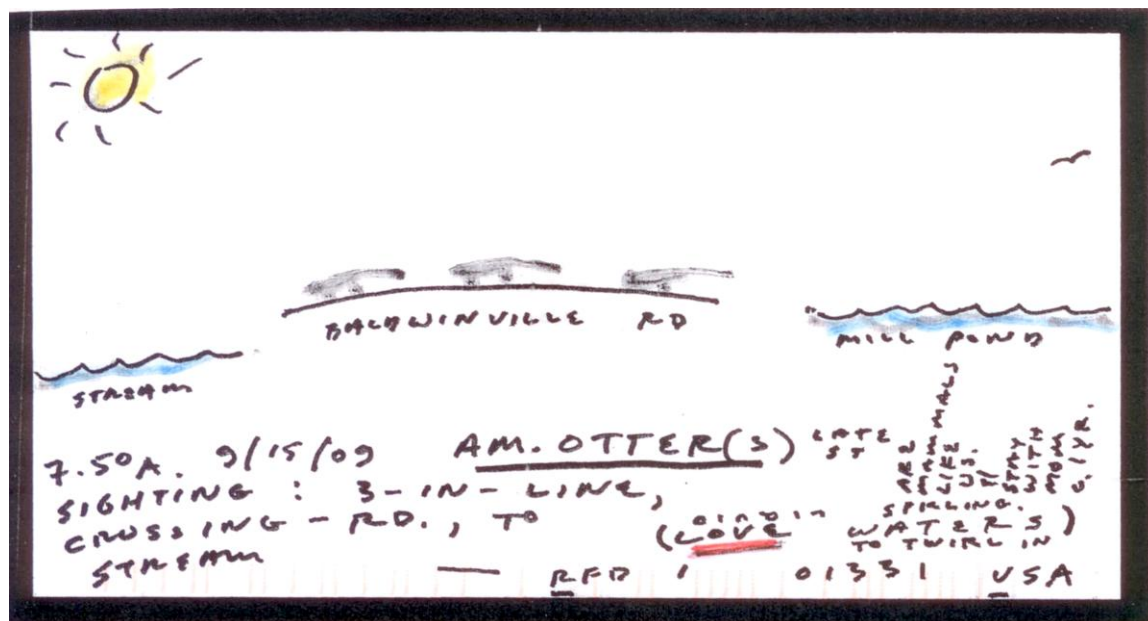
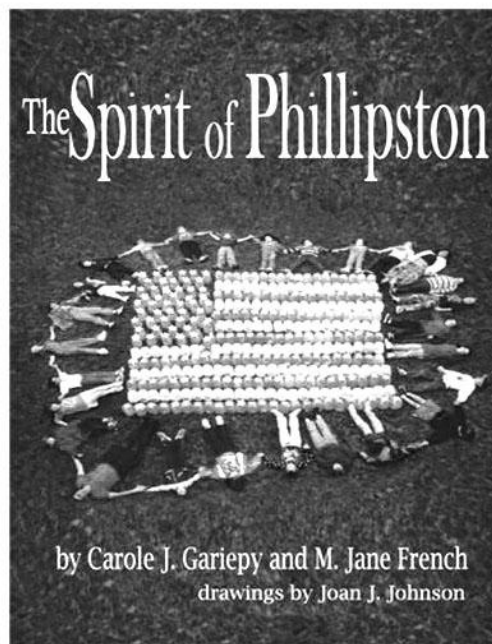
Please attach a brief written statement as to why you think your candidate should receive the award.

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William Gruters
1946 - 2019

The Annual Giant Pumpkin Weigh In was held on Sunday, October 13 at the Red Apple Farm. The fair is hosted by the Red Apple Farm, sponsored by the Phillipston Congregational Church, and judged by the Agricultural Commission. This would not be possible without the phenomenal support of local businesses who contribute hard earned money for prize awards.

Thank you to the Red Apple Farm, King Phillip Restaurant, Pete Lyman Excavating, Phillipston Firefighters and EMS Assoc., Brookside Equipment, Lyman Signs, Mass Handgun and Safety / Paul Lyons, John's Automotive (Athol), Country Farm Breads (Marilyn Holway), Green Acre Farm (Glenn Whitney), Adams' Farm, and Royer Catering.

Thank you also to Glenn Whitney for his ability as a Judge, to Dennis Bellabarba for his skills running the tractor with the scale, and to Julie Hockman for recording all the information and assisting.

In the adult contest, Art Kaczinski won First Prize for his 1,277 lb pumpkin. Second went to Eric and Angela Amato for their 589 lb entry, and Third went to Roland and Tammy Matthew for their 289 lb entry. Dennis Brennan won the Luther Award with his 211 lb'er. In the kids contest, Sam Coppolino won First, Evelyn Olson won Second, and Alex Olson took Third. In a separate contest with only one entrant, Shawn Manjourea won First for his butternut squash. We thought there would be a pie contest, but there were no entries this year. We hope next year to see a resurgence in competition.

Concerning the Community Garden, after the wonderful terracing work by Brookside Equipment to make a beautiful gardening setup on the hillside site, we were getting set to divide up plots for renting out. When we did our soil analysis, we were floored by the need for amendments to the soil. Fortunately for us, Joe Smith was interested in a plot, and when he heard we were trying to figure out what to do about fixing the soil, he came to our next meeting. Joe happens to be involved with the Worcester County Soil Conservancy. Kate Gervais also attended and we received lots of ideas and good direction on what will be needed, and how they can assist us. Thank you to both of them! Because the soils were home to low quality scrub pine, we have added limestone to sweeten the soils ph, but other sources of nutrients will also be needed. The Board of Health is collecting leaves and lawn clippings at the Transfer Station and we will gladly use them after composting for soil betterment. Please inquire about the program from the Board of Health. If anyone has farm animals and no way to use all the manure, please consider donating it for the Community Garden composting site. We aren't accepting anything yet, but please contact Jack Seamon at 978-895-1452 or Glenn Whitney at 413-992-7066 so we can plan something for next Spring.

Thank you

Jack Seamon, Co-Chair

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On Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 7 pm at the Millers River Environmental Center, Danny Botkin of Laughing Dog Farm, who taught and counseled youth for 20 years, will talk and show slides to illustrate his uniquely "low tech" gardening practices. These include "low-till" soil building and a series of unconventional propagation and season-extension methods to keep green food alive, year round, without tractor, chemicals, fossil fuel or heating of any kind. He has a homestead farm on a five-acre hilltop plot in Gill, Ma. This is a joint meeting with the Athol Bird and Nature Club.

An affiliate of the Millers River Environmental Center in Athol, the North Quabbin Garden Club formed in 2006 to encourage interest in all phases of home gardening. With efforts to promote better horticultural practices and foster civic beauty, emphasis is placed on use of native plants, organic gardening, and the conservation of natural resources. Monthly meetings are usually held on the third Thursday evening of each month featuring informative speakers or workshop sessions. Members are currently working on a wildlife habitat garden at the Millers River Environmental Center. Guests and new members are always welcome, so join us this month and learn something new about gardening. Meetings are free to members and guests are asked for a donation.

Pauline Alldred co-president

Personal Stories of Two WWII Veterans

by Bill Shea

Historical Society of Phillipston Program

November 12, 2019 at 7 P.M.

Phillipston Congregational Church Vestry

All are welcome.

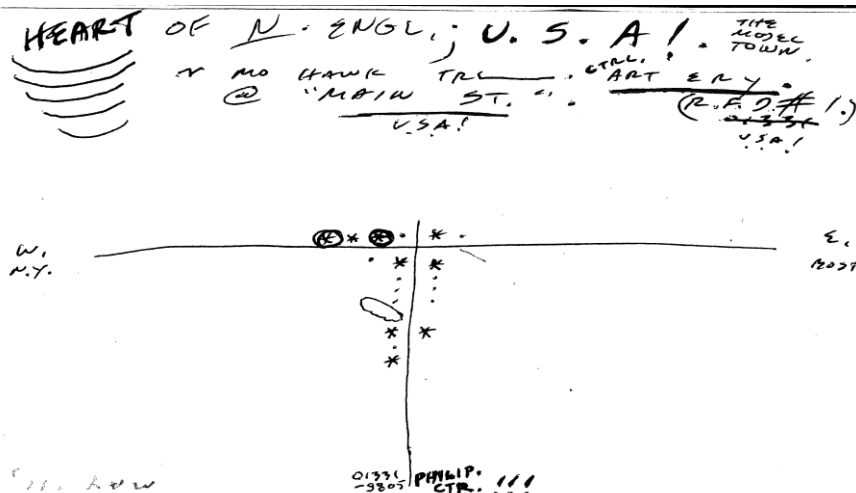
World War II Author and Collector Bill Shea of Hubbardston will bring the incredible military actions of two WWII veterans to life with two absolutely amazing stories. They are details about two heroic men who served in crucial campaigns -- one at Iwo Jima in the Pacific where our famous flag was raised following intense fighting and losses on both sides, the other over the dangerous skies of occupied Europe as a belly gunner in a B-17 on a bombing mission over Germany. Not only will we be fascinated as the stories unfold, but we will see some unbelievable artifacts Bill acquired directly from the veterans or from their descendants.

The Historical Society is honored and privileged to have a widely recognized man like Bill with us to share his research and knowledge during this Veteran's Day week. (He's been a guest on the American Heroes Channel and consults for auction houses and museums.) He donates any stipends he receives from presentations like this to charity. There will be a basket available if anyone would like to make a donation that will go to the perpetuation of the Massachusetts Vietnam Memorial in Worcester. (<https://www.massvwm.org/>)

In preparation for the program and to get a deeper meaning, Bill suggests watching "Flags of Our Fathers" if you have the opportunity. It is available on Netflix.

If anyone has military memorabilia to bring, Bill is willing to give a free appraisal following the program.

Refreshments will be served.



William Gruters 1946 - 2019

Phillipston's Holiday Memory Tree
2019 Public Service Award
and Concert



When: Sunday, December 1, 2019
Time and Place: 4:30 P.M., On the Common

Please come join us as the Historical Society of Phillipston once again sponsors the Memory Tree Ceremony, an event that has become a meaningful way to begin the holiday season. After the tree is lit, we will move to the church for the reading of the names of loved ones who have passed away, family members and friends who are serving in the armed forces, and the happy events in our lives that we would like to share.

The annual "Citizen of the Year" for public service to the town will also be announced and presented this evening. A wonderful musical program featuring music by "Legacy" will also be presented.

Light refreshments will be served in the vestry.
You won't want to miss this evening to remember.

Please use the form below to include your names and events in the ceremony. Each name/remembrance is a \$5.00 donation, and you may include as many as you like. Include a separate sheet of paper if you need more space. Please send in submissions by Nov. 28th. Any questions, contact Linda Langevin at 978-939-5656.
Mail completed form and payment to:

Historical Society of Phillipston
c/o 105 Riley Switch Road
Phillipston, MA 01331

Enclosed is my \$ _____ donation for _____ light(s) on the Memory Tree.
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<u>Name Remembered</u>	<u>Memory or Celebration of</u>	<u>Your Relationship</u>
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