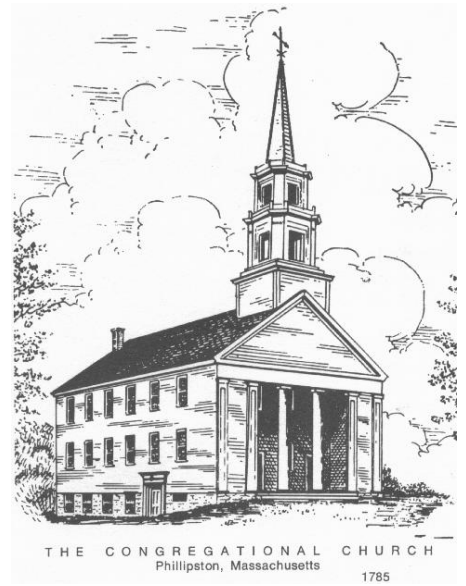
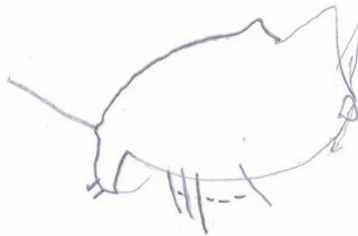
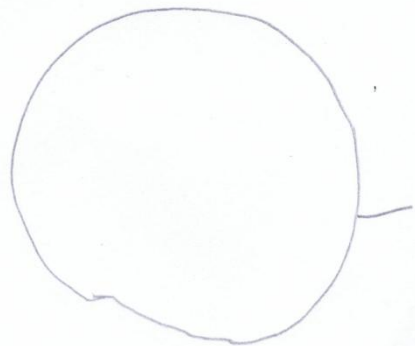


Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.
60 The Common
Phillipston, MA 01331



Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

October 2021



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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Our Community Church
Worship 10:00 a.m.

Dear Friends,

John O'Donohue writes, "Blessed be the gifts you never notice, your health, eyes to behold the world, thoughts to countenance the unknown, memory to harvest vanished days, your heart to feel the world's waves, your breath to breathe the nourishment of distance made intimate by earth. May dawn find you awake and alert, approaching your new day with dreams, possibilities and promises; May evening find you gracious and fulfilled; May you go into the night blessed, sheltered and protected, May your soul calm, console and renew you. And may you experience each day as a sacred gift woven around the heart of wonder. "

I write three blessings every night in a blessing book, that Marilyn Holway gave me. I cannot tell you the difference this has made in my life. Yes, I have been more anxious in the past 18 months, than I ever have before. This is indeed an anxious time. Sometimes the blessings I write are very simple, listening to bird song at breakfast, grateful that someone held a door open for me, or the beauty of seeing a newborn baby at worship. I find noticing small acts of kindness makes me more grateful and appreciative.

I read recently in a Prevention magazine called Find Your Calm, that writing down these thoughts in a gratitude journal, stopping and thinking or contemplating why you feel grateful, can make you even more grateful and less anxious. Gratitude makes us value the future, and helps us take better care of ourselves.

Your sister in Christ, Stephanie C. Flynn

I hope to see you on October 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Transfer Station looking for treasures!

Quilt Drawing on October 10th

If you haven't purchased chances on "Oh Boy, Boots!" the delightful dog quilt Barbara Sanden made to raise funds for scholarships, call Carole Gariepy for tickets (978-939-5465) or purchase them at the Flea Market at the Transfer Station of October 9, \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. It's an amazing quilt made for a good cause.

The winning ticket will be drawn after the church service on the 10th.

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

Tues. October 5, 2021 at 6pm

Seashell Collection on Display

Many thanks to Opal Clark for sharing her beautiful sea shell collection with our Patrons. Stop by to enjoy it and you'll feel like you're at the ocean! Let us know if you have a collection you would like to 'share'.

New Materials

New books include: **19 Yellow Road** by Fern Michaels, **The Forest of Vanishing Stars** by Kristin Harmel, **A Slow Fire Burning** by Paula Hawkins, **A House of Long Ago** by Steve Berry, **The Wish** by Nicholas Sparks

New Childrens' books: **Norman didn't do it** by Ryan Higgins, **Hope** by Kealey Lonning

New DVDs include: **Zack Snyder's Justice League**, **The Mayans**, **season**

Book & DVD sale

Stop by and find a great book and movie for the price of a small donation

Summer Reading Prizes

All of the raffle prizes have been drawn & notified. Thank you for your participation & so much reading! A big thank you to The Kitchen Garden for the ice cream incentive!

Church Flea Market at Transfer Station (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.) October 9, 2021

Flea Market: Outdoors at the Transfer Station is the perfect place for the church to have a flea market during this virus time. There is lots of stuff we couldn't put out at the last sale, so pass the word on to your friends that there will be an abundance of items, something for everyone. This fundraiser would not be possible without the generous donations of you town folks, and if you have more donations waiting, you could add them to the tables that day. Items will not be priced and we will thankfully accept any reasonable offer.

Thanks to you and the helpful cooperation of Henry and Yvon who run the Transfer Station.

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com

November 2021 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS October 23rd

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

The Phillipston Agricultural Commission has an upcoming event at The Red Apple Farm. The Phillipston Giant Pumpkin Contest on October 10th, 2021. Registration is from 11am-1pm with weigh in at 1pm. You can also enter Floral arrangement, homemade canning, homemade pie and home grown vegetables. We are also accepting donations for prize money, if you would like to enter just come up that day and register.

If you would like to donate for the prize money, no sum is too small contact Glenn Whitney Chairman at 413-992-7066.

Our Farmers Market is every Wednesday (weather permitting) from 3pm-6pm at the Historical Society 80 State Road. The cost is \$5.00 per day or \$40.00 for the season. The last day for this season is October 6th,2021. For More information contact Mailyn Holway coordinator and Co Chairman at 978-503-2269.

Also our Community Garden on Highland Ave is coming along nickel. We are looking for composting material. If you would like to donate your fall leaves, wood chips or farm animal manure, Please contact Dennis Bellabara coordinator at 413-658-7889.

Our meetings are usually held the second Thursday of the month at the Town Annex at 7pm if you would like to come to a meeting. For more information on the Agricultural Commission please call Chairman Glenn Whitney at 413-992-7066.

North Quabbin Garden Club

We hope, on October 21, Thursday at 7 pm, at Millers River Environmental Center to have Curtis Noel of Noel's Nursery at Tully Road in Orange as our speaker. He is part of a family business and will give us pointers on landscaping, walkways, hardscaping and some of his best practices for growing here in North Quabbin. Our co-president, Debbie Kent, is lucky to have several neighbors where Curtis has worked recently with small landscaping jobs and several walks she can admire, His knowledge and love for his work is evident in all he does.

Admittance is free and all are welcome.

Pauline Alldred co-president NQGC

"Oh Boy, Boots!" Quilt

Our pets have been more enjoyed than ever during this past year, and Barbara Sanden's delightful and masterfully-made quilt is a tribute to pets. She calls it "Oh Boy, Boots!" She has donated it to the Ladies Benevolent Society to raise funds for the four scholarships they plan to give this year.

Please call Ellen Tannehill at 619-244-2568 or Carole Gariepy at 978-939-5465 to purchase tickets or if you can help by selling some. The raffle tickets cost \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5. Thanks for helping with this worthy cause.

Town of Phillipston

2021 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 Selectman's office in the Town Hall by Thursday, November 18, 2021 before 3 P.M.; Attention Opal Clark; or nominations can be mailed by US Postal Service to the Committee Chairman by the same date.

Opal E. Clark
PO Box 527
Athol MA 01331

To nominate your candidate, please fill out the following:

I hereby nominate _____ to be considered for the 2021 Alphonse W. Chartier, Sr. Public Service Award.

Please attach a brief written statement as to why you think your candidate should receive the award and **return it by November 18, 2021.**



We Buy Land!!!!
Do you have land to
Sell or Lease????



Gordon & Karissa Moore
(978) 822-8791

Hello, I'm Thomas Daoust, Selectmen for the Town of Phillipston and I'm on the Education Options Committee.

Were you one of the 90% of the community members that voted for having Phillipston kids educated in Phillipston?

If so, the town needs your help. By way of an act of town meeting the Education Options Committee was formed. The committee made major headway in developing potential education plans as well as creating key relationships with neighboring communities, whom the committee believes will help REDUCE the cost of education and achieve the goal set by the community (via the Phillipston school survey) of educating OUR kids, in OUR community.

Now the Education Options Committee needs fresh faces with fresh ideas on how to move forward and create a Phillipston School the community can be proud of.

If you have the time and interest in our children's future then I urge you to contact me Thomas Daoust via email @ thomdaoust@gmail.com or by phone at 978-399-3004

Thank you and I look forward to speaking with you.

Warm Regards, Thom Daoust

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Drive Thru 2021 - BREAKFAST

All Breakfasts Include the following:

Homefries, sausage patty, choice of toast (*white, wheat, rye or texas toast*) or english muffin and juice choice (*Orange, cranberry, apple & tomato*).

Cost: \$8.00 per breakfast ~ ~ All breakfasts are served as Drive-Thru (*take out*) only.

OCTOBER 16, 2021 MENU

- FEATURED** New Englander (*3 eggs, hamsteak, baked beans & corn muffin*)
- NEW** Egg Whites any style (*3 egg whites scrambled, fried, poached, omlet, etc.*)
- Chip Beef on toast
- Pan size Pancake
- French Toast (*your choice of bread*)
- Make your own Omlet (*your choice of ham, cheese, onions, tomatoes & bell peppers*)
- NEW** Hungryman Platter (*includes: pancake, french toast, 3 eggs your way, home fries & sausage patty*)



**Breakfast served out of Phillipston Church on the Common
3rd Saturdays of Month ~ 8:00 am to 11:00 am**

Cable TV Service Survey

The Town Cable TV License is up for renewal in November of 2023. The Town negotiates the terms of cable access and service, the renewal license does NOT control the prices Comcast charges. The State negotiates pricing. An important part of the license renewal process is gathering input from all the residents of Phillipston on the performance of the cable service and Comcast. The following survey is the first way this will be done. A web link to this survey also appears on the Town's homepage and below if you would prefer to complete the survey online. All Town residents are requested to respond to the survey even if you currently do not have access to cable service. Gathering your feedback about the quality of cable service in Town will help the Town and our cable lawyer negotiate with Comcast on your behalf. In addition to this survey, a public hearing will be scheduled in early 2023 with a representative from Comcast in attendance. If you have any questions or comments concerning the survey or the public hearing, please contact the Cable Advisory Committee at (978) 249-6828.

If you do not have Comcast TV cable service, what are your reasons for not subscribing?

Cost **No cable access** **Cable service problems** **Prefer Satellite TV**
 Don't want cable TV service **Other**

If you have Comcast cable service, how do you rate the quality of the cable TV service?

Above Average **Average** **Below Average**

If you do have Comcast cable service, have you ever needed a service technician?

Yes **No**

If you contacted Comcast, how satisfied were you with the results?

Strongly Approve **Approve** **Disapprove** **Strongly Disapprove**

Have you ever watched the Town's local cable community access channel (channel 99)?

Yes **No**

If you have seen the information on the Town cable channel 99 was it useful?

Yes **No**

Presently Town information, Town Meeting recordings, Public Service programs from the State and Worcester County along with some Town events are broadcast on channel 99.

Would you be interested having other community events or local programs broadcast?

Yes **No**

If you have Cable TV service from Comcast, on your bill, there is one line item, under the section titled, "Taxes, fees and other charges" labeled "Franchise Fee." It varies between \$0.50 and \$1.80 and it depends on the cable TV services provided. This fee is used by the Town to fund extending the cable service to areas of the Town that do not have access to cable service. This has been done on Williamsville Road and is currently underway on Willis Road. If you do not have cable service (this includes internet) available at the street for your home and would like to have it, please contact the Cable Advisory Committee. The process takes over a year once the funds are there to proceed.

Thank you for your time. Please drop this survey off at the Town Hall in the Cable Advisory Committee's mailbox, or mail it to the address below. Responses will be tallied at the end of January, 2022 and shared with Comcast.

Cable Advisory Committee

The Town Hall 50 The Common Phillipston, MA 01331

Complete the Survey online at - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KKJJHN8>

Holly Bear Flair

Sat Oct 30, 2021

at the transfer Station

8:00am to 2:00pm

start early to get your
christmas decorations

Historical Society of Phillipston Program

Museum Surprises

Presented by Jane French

on October 19 at 7:00 P.M. at the church

Museum Curator Jane French is planning a very unique program.. It will be an opportunity to learn interesting pieces of Phillipston history and hear some fun stories that will be new to most of us. She has a special big surprise to introduce, an item we'll all want to have. It will be an evening not to miss and a chance to give thanks to Jane for the outstanding work she has done at the museum for many years.

SENIOR LUNCH MENU FOR OCTOBER

OCT. 5th BAKED COD with lemon dill sauce, Yukon gold potatoes, creamed spinach, wheat bread, cookie

OCTOBER 19th NO LUNCH SERVED

SEE YOU IN NOVEMBER

Contact Paula Haley - 978-652-9757