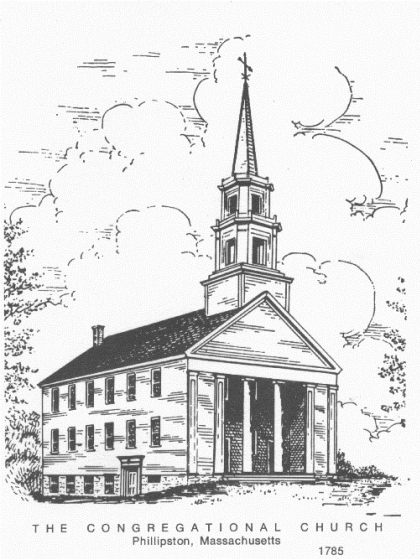


Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.
60 The Common
Phillipston, MA 01331



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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Our Community Church
Worship 10:00 a.m. with Children's story and Sunday School

Dear Friends,

October reminds me of the beautiful O'Henry story, The Last Leaf. There are two young women Sue and Johnsy, living in Greenwich Village as artists. Unfortunately, Johnsy contracts pneumonia. She has no will to live and has given up hope. The doctor gives her a one in ten chance of survival. Her friend, Sue, becomes desperate and shares her concern with an older artist and neighbor named Mr. Behrman.

Each day Johnsy becomes weaker and contemplates her death. She stares out the window at the leaves falling off an ivy vine. Johnsy tells Sue that she will die the same day as the last leaf falls from the vine. Sue tries to distract her and pulls down the blinds. The next morning Johnsy stares out the window and sees the last leaf is still there and then again the next day. Finally, Johnsy decides to choose life, and sits up and asks for some food.

In a couple of days Johnsy is better. Finally Sue tells her that old Mr. Behrman has died of pneumonia. He had climbed a ladder and painted a leaf on a vine in the middle of a rainstorm. His sacrifice saved young Johnsy's life, for the last leaf had fallen before the morning. Only his artistry convinced Johnsy that the leaf was still there. "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13

Your sister in Christ, Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn.

I hope to see you on Sunday, October 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Red Apple Farm for the Pumpkin Fair with books, cordwood raffle tickets and jewelry.

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
November 2023 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS October 23rd
For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf

CPC Can Grant Funds

Find Out How – October 12th

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is inviting residents to its annual public hearing on October 12th at 7:00 PM in the Phillipston Town Hall, second floor, to learn about the Community Preservation process and share with the committee their ideas for use of the Community Preservation Funds.

The funds can be used for public or non-profit projects in the following categories:

- ➔ **Open Space** funds can be used for the acquisition, preservation and creation of open space, including aquifers and watershed lands, agricultural lands, grasslands, fields and forest land, river, stream, lake and pond frontage, or lands that protect scenic vistas, wildlife or nature.
- ➔ **Recreation** funds can be used for the acquisition, preservation and creation of recreation lands, including community gardens, trails, non-commercial youth and adult sports, parks, playgrounds and athletic fields.
- ➔ **Historical Preservation** funding can be used for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation or restoration of properties listed on the State Register of Historic Places, **or** determined by the town's Historical Commission to be significant in the archaeology, architecture, history or culture of the town.
- ➔ **Community Housing** Funds can be used for the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of Community Housing in Phillipston.

For more information call 978-939-5656

Council On Aging News SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Oct 3rd Stuffed shells with tomato sauce, Meatball, Tuscan blend vegetables, apple sauce

Oct 17th Vegetarian lentil stew, Green beans, Pears

To make a reservation please call Paula at 978-652-5797. Leave a message I will call you. We serve lunch at noon at the Phillipston Congregational Church. A \$3.00 donation is appreciated. Hope to see you there.

Also if you would like meals on wheels delivered to your home, please call me for more information.

NEW WAYS TO HELP SUPPORT LOCAL STUDENTS!

Jonathan Edward Aukstikalnis Character Recognition Fund, Inc. has been chosen by the Hannaford Store Leadership Team to benefit from the Community Bag Program! During the month of **October**, for every **\$2.50 reusable Community Bag** sold at **Hannaford in Gardner**, our charity will receive **\$1.00**. For more information on the Hannaford Community Bag Program, click hannaford.2givelocal.com. Thank you for your support!



OR
**Support us when shopping at
Walmart.com!**



Walmart recently launched Walmart Spark Good Round Up where customers can round up their purchases to the nearest dollar and donate the change to their favorite charity. We would love for you to choose our organization as your charity to receive these donations every time you shop on Walmart.com. Thank you for considering Jonathan Edward Aukstikalnis Character Recognition Fund, Inc. for Walmart Spark Good Round Up! Go here to learn more!

↘ <https://www.walmart.com/nonprofits/f73a6a57-e204-4f54-a798-93c557fdd11f/profile>

Jonathan Edward Aukstikalnis Character Recognition Fund, Inc. is a 501c3 public charity. Please feel free to learn more about us at our website at <https://www.jonathanscharacterfund.org/>

Thank you!
Heidi

Drive Thru or Dine In 2023

Sponsored by Lions and Friends of Lions in Phillipston

Saturday October 21, 2023

\$9.00 8am to 11am

Mickinie Meal

Sausage gravy, 2 eggs, home fries and toast.

Reuben Omelet

Corned beef, onion, tomato green pepper swiss cheese, home fries and toast.

Hungryman Platter

French toast, pancake, eggs (your choice), sausage, home fries and toast.

French Toast

3 piece bread, your choice, sausage and home fries.

Pancake

3 pancakes, sausage and home fries

Omelet (make your own)

Ham, Cheese, Onion, Tomato Green Pepper sausage home fries and toast.

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

Phillipston Church on the Common



The Phillipston Agricultural Commission

We are excited that the Giant Pumpkin Contest is happening on Sunday October 9, 2023, at 1pm at the Red Apple Farm. Registration is from 11am – 1pm and please register at the registration table with your entry. Remember it is not just for pumpkins, you can enter Floral arrangements, homemade bread, home canned goods, home grow vegetables, homemade pie.

We will also have entertainment by John Porcino, singer and story teller from 11am to 1pm.

Come join for some fun.

The Community Garden did well this year. Dennis has worked hard putting up fencing and working with the soil adding compost. There is pump there for watering and now he is needing help cutting some trees back to let more sun in. If you would like to help Dennis at the community garden or need community service hour, call him at 413-658-7889.

The Farmer's Market was not held this year but not for lack of trying. There are things that go into holding it that were beyond our control. We are in hopes to be having one in 2024.

We have already started talking about it now so when it's time we will be ready.



Phillipston's Holiday Memory Tree and 2023 Public Service Award

When: **Sunday, December 3, 2023**

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. We will celebrate the names inside the Congregational Church after the tree is lit! The names will be read aloud of the 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.

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 Dec. 1st.

For any questions, contact Linda Langevin at 978-939-5656.

Mail completed form and donation to:

**Memory Tree of Phillipston, c/o Linda Langevin
105 Riley Switch Road, Phillipston, MA 01331**

Enclosed is my \$ _____ donation for _____ light(s) on the Memory Tree.

Please make check payable to "**Historical Society of Phillipston**".

Name Remembered Memory or Celebration of Your Relationship

Your Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____

HARVEST SUPPER
To Benefit
The Congregational Church of Phillipston
November 4, 2023
Seatings @ 5:00 & 6:30
Turkey Dinner Tickets \$14.00
Contact Kathleen @ 978-660-3197

Haunted House Tour

A Historical Society of Phillipston Night Out
on Tuesday, October 17
\$20 per person
Meet at Church Parking lot at 6:15 P.M.

We will meet at the church parking lot, carpool, and journey to South Gardner where we will have a unique experience at the Victorian Haunted House.

They have offered the Society a five-dollar-per-person discount on admission. Call 978-939-5465 by Sunday, October 15 to reserve your place. All our welcome. Join us for a fun, educational, and *spooky* evening.

Phillipston Lions Meeting
2nd Tuesday at the Library
Come join us
Meeting starts at 7:00 pm
See what we are planning for 2024

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

Tues. Nov 7, 2023 at 6pm

* "like" our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

Book Club

The Book Club has chosen Flight of the Sparrow by Amy Belding Brown for its next read. 'On a bitter winter morning in 1676, the Puritan minister's wife, Mary Rowlandson, is captured by Indians. Her home destroyed and her children lost to her, she becomes a pawn in the bloody struggle between English settlers and the indigenous people' Copies should be available for pick up beginning October 3. Please join us on Tuesday, October 24 at 5:30 for a lively discussion!

New Materials

New books include: The River we Remember by William Kent Krueger, The Things we left Behind by Lucy Score, The Invisible Hour by Alice Hoffman and The Soulmate by Sally Hepworth

New Children's books include: Don't let the pigeon drive the sleigh by Mo Willems

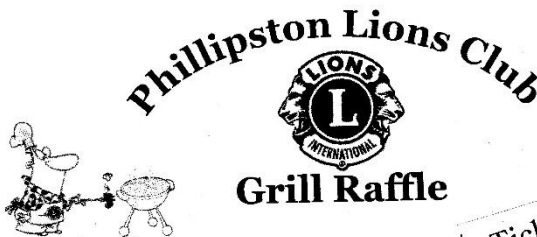
New DVDs include: Fast X and The Little Mermaid

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



Drawing Date October 21, 2023
Donation: 1 for \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00

Name _____

1 for \$2.00

for \$5.00

Drawing October 21, 2023

Tickets are available at monthly Dinner or Breakfast

