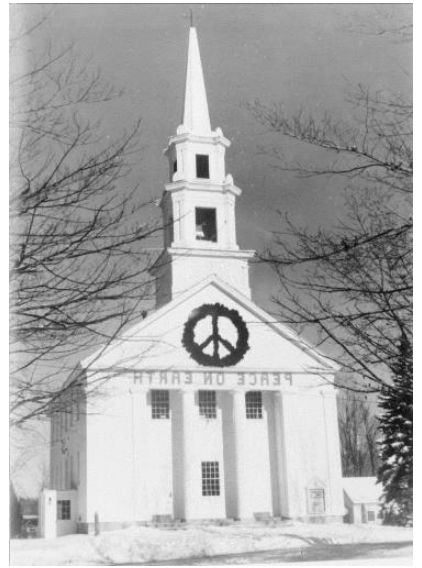


Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.
60 The Common
Phillipston, MA 01331



Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

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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,

One of my favorite stories is called The Last Leaf by O'Henry, which is a beautiful fall story about two young female artists who live in Washington Square in New York. One of the students named Johnsy became very ill with pneumonia. Her roommate Sue was panicked that Johnsy would not survive. Johnsy kept looking out her window at a withered vine with autumn leaves on it. She decided that she would stop fighting her illness and leave this world when the last leaf fell. Sue shared with her downstairs neighbor an elderly artist Mr. Behrman what Johnsy was planning. That night Mr. Behrman in the damp cold climbed a ladder and painted the last fall leaf on the wall. Johnsy did not give up hope because she saw the leaf on the wall each morning when she awoke. She recovered from her illness. The twist on the story is the elderly artist Mr. Behrman died of pneumonia after painting the leaf outside, his masterpiece. He sacrificed his life for her.

We remember these words in the Gospel according to John 15: 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you."

The Harvest Supper will be on Saturday, October 26 with 2 settings. Call Kathleen Walsh for tickets 978-660-3197. We also provide takeout meals.

Your sister in Christ, Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com

November 2024 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS October 23rd

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



For the General Election on November 5th
the 1st choice you'll make is which day to vote



You can early vote from
October 20th - October 31st

****EXTENDED HOURS****

Sunday, October 20th 12:00pm to 4:00pm
Monday, 10/21 and Tuesday, 10/22 9:00am to 3:00pm
Wednesday, 10/23 Noon to 6:00 pm
Thursday, 10/24 9:00am to 3:00 pm
Saturday, October 26th 9:00am to 1:00pm
Monday, 10/28 and Tuesday 10/29 9:00am to 3:00pm
Wednesday, October 30th noon to 6:00pm
Thursday, October 31st 9am to 3:00 pm

Town Hall

located at 50 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331

Voting is now more convenient than ever and on
YOUR schedule



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



Phillipston's Holiday Memory Tree

and

2024 Public Service Award

When: **Sunday, ~December 1st~, 2024**

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 **~Nov. 28th~** ***

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: _____

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

October 1, 2024, 6pm.

* "like" our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

Story Hour

Join us for a Pre-school Story Hour on Tuesday, October 29 at 10am ! Story Hour will include a book, games, craft project and a snack. We are excited to offer this wonderful program again-so please spread the word!

New Materials

New books include: By Any Other Name by Jodi Picoult, American Mother by Colum McCann and Diane Foley, Tell Me Everything by Elizabeth Strout, Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty, The Cliffs by J. Courtney Sullivan, The 2025 Old Farmer's Almanac, The Life Impossible by Matt Haig, and The Christmas Inn by Pamela Kelley.

New DVD's include: 'The Garfield Movie' and 'Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes'

BOOK CLUB

Our next Book club read is: The Deep End of the Ocean by Jacquelyn Mitchard. Copies are available to borrow at the library. The date of the next meeting will be posted on the outdoor sign (Oh by the way it is October 29, 2024). New members are always welcome!

HARVEST SUPPER

To Benefit

The Congregational Church of Phillipston

October 26, 2024

Seatings @ 5:00 & 6:30

Turkey Dinner Tickets \$16.00

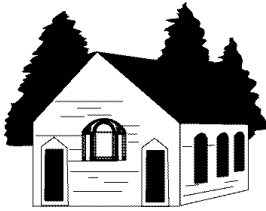
Contact Kathleen @ 978-660-3197

Phillipston Lions Club

Come Join Us on Tuesday, October 8, at 7 PM at the Phillipston Library.

We're always looking for new people to serve our community.

Thank you for buying Grill tickets. Rick French was the winner



The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.
80 State Road, Phillipston

Museum Hours: Sundays: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 Wednesdays 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon
 Or by appointment with our Curator:
 978-249-4356

Society Meeting --Tuesday, October 15, 2024 Time: 7:00 PM. In the Congregational Church Vestry. On the agenda: Review of the History Tour. What did you see at other museums that might be something we can do? Bring your observations and suggestions. Please join us. All are welcome!

Memory Tree and Citizen of the Year Award – Sunday, December 1, 2024 Time 4:30 On the Common to light the Christmas Tree, then to the Congregational Church Sanctuary

Want to make an impact? Be part of a group where your contribution is meaningful and appreciated? Maybe you even have an interest in history. We are an all-volunteer organization with many opportunities, and we need your help. For more information, visit our museum or call Kay at 978-835-9088.

November 5, 2024

State General Election for President

If you recently moved to Phillipston did you register with us to vote? Check your status by using the Secretary of States website listed below
<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>

Everyone will be receiving a red booklet in the mail with all the questions that are on the ballot to review

Bring your eyeglasses to the polls I've been told the printing on the ballot for the questions is in small print.

SENIOR LUNCH MENU

OCT. 1st Chicken Caribbean Stew, Zucchini + tomatoes, Rice + beans

OCT. 15 Turkey Vegetable Casserole, Butternut squash, Apple bread pudding

Call Paula 978-407-9504 for information \$3.50 donation

Lions Breakfast

October 19, 2024, 8:00 am to 11:00 am

Special “Everything but the kitchen sink Omelet”

Eggs, toast, Homefries, Sausage Who Knows? Juice, Drink

All for \$9.00

Phillipston Church On the Common

Do you have a son or daughter who is interested in Scouting? If so, come join one of the best packs/troops around - Phillipston Pack/Troop 39! Cub Scouts can meet the new Cub Master and all Scouts can have a year full of amazing learning and adventure!

Contact Pack39phillipston@gmail.com or Troop39phillipston@gmail.com for more information.

PHILLIPSTON'S DIGITAL EQUITY PLANNING HAS BEGUN

Follow the link or scan the QR code to take the Phillipston digital equity survey:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/mydigital-equity

Broadband Internet



Accessibility

Affordability

Adoption

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!



The overall purpose of Digital Equity Planning is to understand the existing conditions around internet access and digital technology, specifically those related to, availability, affordability, and adoptability of broadband internet and digital devices with a focus on certain covered populations of the Digital Equity Act.

PHILLIPSTON AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

PUMPKIN CONTEST COMING SOON October 13, 2024!

****Farmer's Market* - The Farmer's Market will be closed early this year due to illness and scheduling. Sorry for inconvenience. Thank you for your support.

****Community Garden* – Well the growing season is almost coming to an end, but Dennis is looking for yard clippings, such as grass clippings, leaves, call Dennis for more information for what we can take at 413-658-7889.

*****Pumpkin Contest*- **Remember we have moved the Pumpkin Contest back to the Phillipston Common.** Registration starts at 10am. Pumpkin weigh in is at 1pm. It's not just for Pumpkins, homemade pies, canned jellies, jams, canned vegetables, canned fruit, Floral arrangements and vegetables arrangements. And of course, Pumpkins, Giant and small. We have 3 categories Adult, youth, and children. We will have free games and some family fun. Bring a picnic if you wish. Hope to see you there. We will have vendors, crafter, face painting and the Phillipston Lions will be doing a food tent. There will be also corn hole boards. We will try to keep an updated list of vendors on our Facebook page.

Town of Phillipston

2024 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. To submit your candidate, please fill out the following:

I hereby nominate _____ to be considered for the 2024 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 drop off at the Town Clerks office or mail it to Town Clerk's Office, 50 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331 **On or before November 4th**. Be sure to label it Citizen of the Year on the outside.