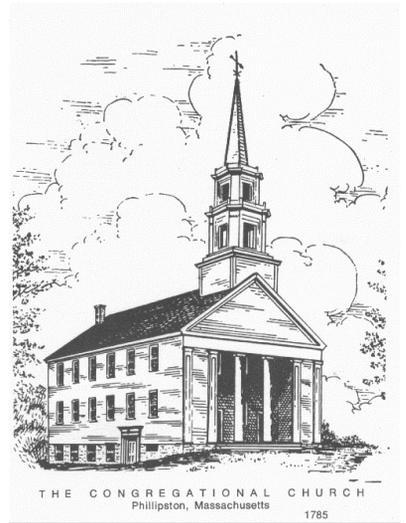


Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.
60 The Common
Phillipston, MA 01331



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,

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." Luke 24: 1-5

Easter comes to us because of this story that Jesus had risen, and was no longer in the tomb. Every year we celebrate that Jesus lives and the astounding news that the tomb could not hold him back. What is holding you back from a full and fulfilling Christian life? We also have the promises of the life to come for "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" John 14: 2

We would love to see you at Red Apple Farm for Easter's Great Gathering on April 4 and at our Easter Worship service on April 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Your sister in Christ,

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

The Easter sunrise worship will be at 6: 20 at 275 Ward Hill Road on Sunday, April 5.
Worship at 10:00 in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING May 6, 2026

7:00pm Phillipston Memorial School Gym

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE April 27th

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

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
May 2026 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS April 23rd
For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf
Email to: newsletter@phillipston.com

14th Annual Easter's Great Gathering!



Events 8AM-1PM

Brew Barn
TAPROOM & RESTAURANT

Breakfast 8-11:30AM
Full Menu 11:30-8PM



Saturday, April 4th

Great Family Fun! All Are Welcome!

Join us for Breakfast at the Brew Barn with the Bunny & help support the Congregational Church of Phillipston!

Free Door Prize Raffle Ticket

With the donation of a personal care or non-perishable food item

Free CHILDREN'S EGG HUNTS

Sponsored by Phillipston Lions Club & Congregational Church of Phillipston

• 9:00, 10:00 & 11:00 AM • Teen Egg Hunt with prizes 11:30 AM

Egg-citing Eggstravaganza Raffle at Noon!

EASTER FAVORITES & GIFTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

- Pictures with the Easter Bunny • Bunny Ears
- Egg Hunt Baskets • Farm Animals
- Fresh Cider Donuts & Hot Coffee • Raffle Baskets Drawn at 1PM

Phillipston Lions

Phillipston Lion's Club meeting
Tuesday, April 14 at 7 PM (snow date April. 28)
at the Phillipston Library

Phillipston Community Lunchroom Wed. April 8.
Soup, meal, dessert, hot drinks.

Have lunch for free (donations are welcome). Bring the children.
April 8 and May 13. Phillipston Church Noon – 2 PM.

Senior meal delivery on Tues. April 28 between noon-2 PM
Call Marily if your plans are in Florida.

We have a “new” eye box at the transfer station.
We will take old eye glasses and hearing aids.

Start a new year!

Breakfast April 18, 8 – 11 AM.
Everything but the Kitchen Sink.

Something new for dinners this year.

You will need a ticket to come. Price \$13.00 per meal, available take out too!

Breakfast Specials

April 18 – Everything in the Kitchen Sink
June 20 – Waffles
July 18 – Summertime Omelet
Sept. 19 – Ruebin Omelet
Oct. 17 – New Englander – Beans

Dinner Specials

May 16 - Pork
Aug. 15 – Baked Chicken
Nov. 21 - Meatloaf

Save the Date:

E. E. G. – Easter egg gathering April 4 Easter Egg Hunts at the Red Apple Farm

Save the date:

Vendor Fair – September 12, 2026 - 9am – 2pm in the Phillipston School Building.

SENIOR LUNCH MENU

No lunch will be served on April 7th, I am on vacation.

Tuesday, April 21st Creamy pesto ravioli with chicken, California vegetable blend, wheat bread and an apple.

Lunch is served at noon at the Phillipston Congregational Church. Suggested donation of \$3.50.

If you have questions or would like to make a reservation, please call Paula at 978-407-9504.

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

April 7, 2026, 2pm.

* “like” our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

New Materials

New books: Dear Debbie by Freida McFadden, We the Women by Norah O’Donnell, Theo of Golden by Allen Levi, Judge Stone by Viola Davis and James Patterson, Mistakes were Made by Lucy Score, Want to Know a Secret by Freida McFadden, A Far-Flung Life by M.L Stedman, More than Enough by Anna Quindlen, Across the Vanishing Sky by Catherine Cowles, This Story Might Save Your Life by Tiffany Crum,

Large Print books: Lucky by Marissa Stapley, Happiness Falls by Angie Kim Snow Bound by Eva Bernhard and Silent Sands by Eva Bernhard

Children’s books: The Wildest Thing by Emily Martin and Chicka Chicka Peep Peep by Julien Chung

New DVDs: ‘Hamnet’, ‘The Running Man’, ‘One Battle after Another’, ‘David’ and ‘Zootopia 2’

BOOK CLUB

Our next read is: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig. We will meet on **Tuesday, April 7 at 5:30** to discuss. New members always welcome- we have a fun and friendly group that loves to chat about books...and everything else!

NO DONATIONS PLEASE

Please **DO NOT** leave book donations on the ramp! **We are not accepting donations at this time.**

Ladies Benevolent Society

Of the Congregational Church of Phillipston

April Meeting – Our next meeting is April 15th at 12 Noon in the church vestry. Bring your lunch. We will finalize the Silver Tea plans.

Easter Great Gathering – Janice is putting together the Garden Basket. Automobile Basket also planned. See Stephanie.

Silver Tea -- May 21st 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. Hosted by the Phillipston Ladies. **Hostess tasks** are being assigned and will be reviewed at April meeting. Questions? Stephanie has the list.

Harley Davison T-shirt Quilt Raffle – Several Harley T-shirt squares were donated to the Ladies. Sandra Hakkaranian put them together and quilted them. Drawing in October. Quilt on display and tickets available at the Easter Great Gathering. Tickets also available at the Silver Tea, Town-Wide yard sale, Church Bazaar, and from any of the Phillipston Ladies.

It's that time of year again!
Yard sale time! Join the Community fun at
Phillipstons Town Wide Yard Sale!
Saturday, May 2, 2026

\$20 IS ALL IT TAKES - IT'S SO EASY!

Contribute to a good cause, clean out your clutter, & make some extra CASH!

We will do all the advertising for you!

Please contact Jennie at 978-790-9279 or send your \$20 check payable to Jennie Chace at:
740 Patriots Road Templeton, MA. 01468, to list your address on the map.

Encourage neighbors to join too, more homes = more customers on your street!

Maps to the different homes participating in the yard sale will be handed out for \$1 each on
the Common in Phillipston – located in the center of town beginning at 7AM!

Like and Share our page on Facebook!

Sponsored by the Friends of Girl Scout Troop 30908.

Phillipston Agricultural Commission

Hello Spring

We held our first meeting of 2026 on March 12th, and a lot was discussed at meeting and accomplished.

Community Garden: Dennis already has many of people wanting plots to grow their vegetables there this year. If you are interested in a plot, please contact Dennis at 413-658-7889.

Farmers Market: We have discussed holding the Farmers Market on the common again this year and will have more information for you after our next meeting.

Pumpkin Contest: The Pumpkin Contest & Fair will be held on October 11th, 2026. We encourage everyone to grown pumpkins. No pumpkin is too small or too big. Remember you can enter canned vegetables, jams, and jellies. Homemade knitted and crochet blankets and any item of that kind. Floral, vegetable arrangement

Taco for Tents on Tuesday **May 5th 5:30 – 7:30** **Phillipston Congregational Church** **60 The Common**

**\$10.00 includes: 3 tacos plus fixings
drink & dessert**

Add'l Taco cost \$3.00 each



Troop 39 Phillipston



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

Society Meeting
Tuesday ~ 6:30PM ~ April 21, 2026
Congregational Church Vestry

Join us at our next Society meeting. Note the **new time (6:30PM)**. Catch up on what's happened over the winter, and set some plans for the summer. Agenda includes: New displays for the 250th celebration; CPC grant proposals; Annual Meeting; recommendations for new board and committee members; program suggestions and plans.

We are working hard on displays for the upcoming season and need your help. . (*Note: You do not have to be a Society member!*) The theme is the 250th anniversary of the United States. At the time of the revolution, Phillipston (Gerry) was still parts of Templeton, Athol, and Petersham. The society has very little from this era, so Curator Jane French and Historian Terri Johnson have been focused on researching this period. Interested? They can use your help with research and assembling displays!

Do you have a relative who fought – or helped fight (e.g. women) -- in the American Revolution? They don't have to be from Phillipston. Just have to have a connection to Phillipston, e.g. you. We have collected names from the town records and are looking for more. And we are looking for stories.

Do you know anything about the cannon from Ticonderoga and the road it took through town on its way to Boston? Many parts of the road are discontinued and now part of private property. Was your house on the route it took?

We need your help!

Email your interest to Jane French, Curator, frenchjane@comcast.net. Put *Historical Society's 250th* as the subject so she knows it's not spam.

Check out ... Faster Internet

We've upgraded the WIFI service at the Phillips Free Public Library.

Bring your laptop, tablet, or phone to the library, choose the TOP-Library-Guest WIFI connection, follow the prompts, and enjoy speeds up to 500 Mbps.



Welcoming Lt. Gov. William Phillips
to the 21st Century

This project was funded by the Massachusetts Broadband Institute at the MassTech Collaborative under the Municipal Digital Equity Implementation Program.

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Phillipston Youth Supporters
quarterly meeting will be held on
April 9th, @ 6:30
330 Highland Ave
all are welcome.

The Phillipston Youth Supporters (PYS) is an organization that supports ALL children of Phillipston. PYS would like to help you send your child on a field trip, to a camp, or to help with the cost of an extracurricular activity. Please send an email to: phillipstonyouth@gmail.com to obtain an application.

Senior scholarship applications need to be received by April 30th. Please email us at phillipstonyouth@gmail.com , if you need an application.

Applications can be sent to:
Phillipston Youth Supporters
80 Baldwin Hill Rd
Phillipston, MA. 01331

Our quarterly meetings will be held on: July 9th October 8th @ 6:30
at 330 Highland Ave. All are welcome. Hope to see you there.

NRSD SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

PHILLIPSTON NEEDS YOUR VOICE

The NRSD School Committee is in need of Phillipston residents willing to step up and serve.

Without candidates this election, Phillipston will have no representation in important school district decisions that impact our students, families, and community.

Town elections are fast approaching.

Nomination papers must be pulled and returned by March 30th.

Write in campaigns

Visit the Phillipston Town Clerk's Office to get started.

Serving on the School Committee is a meaningful way to make a difference in your town's future.

Please consider running — your voice matters.