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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.  
Our Community Church

Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m. with a Children's story

Dear Friends,

We have a busy and varied schedule for the month of August.

Sunday, August 3 worship at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Pines (10 Hale Hill Road, Rindge, New Hampshire), three churches gathering together First Church Templeton, Memorial Congregational Church in Baldwinville and the Phillipston Congregational Church. Our wonderful musician and organist, Jane French will be playing her accordion.

Sunday, August 10 at 9:00 a.m. Phillipston Congregational Church, sacrament of Communion and Service reflecting the history of the Building. Little known details about the sanctuary.

Sunday, August 17 at 10:00 A.M. Combined Outdoor worship at the South Athol Methodist Church. You may stay in your cars or bring a lawn chair to worship outside. Dress in your favorite tropical clothes. Mini concert at 9:30 a.m. followed by worship at 10:00. Rain date August 24.

Sunday, August 31 Labor Day worship outside in Phillipston at 9:00 a.m. Enjoy the Beauty of God's creation! Wear your favorite T-shirt.

Summer is a great opportunity to do some different things, and this schedule is certainly different!

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn,

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**UPDATE: Invite to the Town of Phillipston Tour of the Common**

The Town of Phillipston is currently reviewing the Town Common as part of a study. We would like to thank those that have already submitted written comments to CAO Adam Lamontagne at [alamontagne@phillipston-ma.gov](mailto:alamontagne@phillipston-ma.gov). The Town of Phillipston will have that comment period open through the month of July. The public is welcome to tour the Common with officials on



Thursday,  
August 7, 2025 at 11am.

**Adam Lamontagne, MPA, MCPPO**  
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)  
Town of Phillipston  
50 The Common  
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**SENIOR LUNCH MENU**

Aug 5 Chicken Stir Fry, Fried Rice, wheat bread, fresh fruit

Aug 19 Frittata with broccoli & mushrooms, O'Brien potatoes, stewed tomatoes, mandarin oranges

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:**

August 5, 2025, 6pm.

\* “like” our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

## **Tech-help Tuesday**

Do you have a cell phone, tablet or laptop that you don't quite know how to use or have questions about? Stop by the library on Tuesday, August 12 anytime between 11-1 and get free and friendly tech help!

## **Summer Reading FUN**

Stop by the library to enter our children's raffles and earn a gift certificate for ice cream at the Kitchen Garden (and borrow some great books while you're here)!

## **New Materials**

Twist by Colum McCann, Lincoln's Lady Spymaster by Gerry Willis, Never Flinch by Stephen King, Hidden Nature by Nora Roberts, King of Ashes: a novel by S.A. Cosby, The Love Haters by Katherine Carter, Bury our Bones in the Midnight Soil by V.E. Swab, This Dog will change your life by Elias Weiss Friedman, Don't Let Him In by Lisa Jewell.

**New Large Print books** include: Mansion Beach by Meg Mitchell Moore, The Emperor of Gladness by Ocean Vuong and Atmosphere: a love story by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

## **BOOK CLUB**

Our next book is Peace like a River by Leif Enger. We will meet to discuss it on Tuesday, August 19 at 5:30. Copies are available at the library. New members are always welcome!

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## **Phillipston Youth Supporters**

Have you always wanted to be part of a team and support the youths in your community, but didn't know how? The Narragansett Craft Fair run by the PYS is looking for volunteers to help out. A craft meeting will be held on September 18th at 6:30 at 330 Highland Ave. Hope to see you there.

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON [www.phillipston.com](http://www.phillipston.com)  
**September 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS August 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**For more info go to : [www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf](http://www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf)**  
**Email to: [newsletter@phillipston.com](mailto:newsletter@phillipston.com)**



## *The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.*

**80 State Road, Phillipston**

**Wednesdays 9:00AM - 12:00 Noon Sundays 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**What's hidden in those drawers? What's lurking behind cabinet doors?** Museums never have enough space to display all their artifacts at one time. Those not displayed are stored for future use. Maybe you have already visited the museum and think you've seen everything. Well, visit again and ask to see what's in a drawer or a closet. You'll be surprised!

**Honoring Opal Clark** - Opal, a long-time resident of Phillipston, was involved in many of the town's boards and commissions and was a member of the historical society. She was a 'get-it-done' woman who worked closely with Curator Jane French and Historian Terri Johnson. This season we showcase many of her contributions with a Search and Find game. Visit the museum and see if you can find all the ways she has contributed to the town.

You can visit the museum during open hours or call Jane (978-249-4356) to arrange a special visit.

**Next Society Meeting** – We generally hold our meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Next meeting is Tuesday, August 19th at 7:00 PM in the Congregational Church vestry.

**North Quabbin History Tour** – Sunday, September 21st from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. More details next month

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## **CPC Can Grant Funds**

*Find Out How – 9/8/2025*

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is inviting residents to its annual public hearing on September 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM 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 774-641-2512*