

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

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Phillipston
Community
Newsletter

DECEMBER 2011



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

Sunday Service 10 a.m.

Church telephone 978-249-8583

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m.

Rev. Flynn 978-248-9558

Dear Friends,

The Song of the Stable Mouse from a Christmas card, Walter Drake Co.

‘Twas the very first Christmas and throughout the house
There was no room to share – even for one small mouse.
So he went to the stable where the oxen were fed
To get straw from the manger to fashion a bed.

But alas the small creature found Someone asleep
On the straw where the oxen and donkeys and sheep
Would come for their food – yet stranger indeed
Was the fact shepherds knelt right where animals feed.

The voices of angels dance on the night air,
The mouse knew heaven’s music, though he’d never been there
And though his mouse heart was incredibly small
It filled with such joy it could not hold it all.

The mouse had to join Nature’s glorious song
And his wholehearted “Squeak” could be heard right along
With the chorus of angels, the cows gentle “moo”
And the wonder of shepherds who sang the Good News.

For it doesn’t matter if you’re big or small,
If you’re born to sing solo or can’t sing at all,
As Christmas draws near it is your time to sing
From a heart filled with praise for our Savior, our King!

Your Sister in Christ,

Stephanie C. Flynn

Christmas Eve Service Saturday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

**Phillipston Fire Department
Safety Complex
90 State Road
OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday, December 11, 2011
1 – 3 PM**

**Come see the Town's new fire tanker
and dedication of the new stair chair.**

**Special guest on scene, Santa!
Light refreshments will be served!**

PHILLIPSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
OPEN BURNING RESIDENTIAL PERMIT

OPEN BURNING SEASON JANUARY 15 – MAY 1, 2012

BURN PERMITS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN'S OFFICE
ON MON., TUES., WED., 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM. AND THURS. 9:30 -11:30 AM.
PHILLIPSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT – WED. 8:30 – 11:30 AM. THURSDAY
EVENINGS 6:30 – 8:30 PM. IF AVAILABLE CALL 978-249-6302

AGRICULTURAL BURN PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED FROM FIRE CHIEF STEVENS

TO OBTAIN A BURNING PERMIT BY MAIL:

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND MAIL COMPLETED
INFORMATION WITH A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$5.00. INCLUDE A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR
BURN PERMIT.

MAIL TO: PHILLIPSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
90 STATE ROAD, PHILLIPSTON, MA 01331

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com

Phillips Free Public Library

25 Templeton Road - Phillipston, MA 01331 #978-249-1734

Phillipstonlibrary@comcast.net

Library Director: Jackie Prime

The Board of Trustees meeting will meet on December 7th, at 6pm at the library

→ Fall Hours

Monday: 5:00 – 8:00 Tuesday 9:00 – 2:00 Saturday 9:00 – 11:00

Book Club

Please call the library for information on our next Book Club selection, and the meeting date – and join us for lively discussion!!

Story Hour

Story Hour will be held every Tuesday morning at 10:30. Come and join us for stories, games, crafts, snacks & FUN!!

Interlibrary Loan

Check out the unlimited selection of books on www.cwmars.org...if you find it at another library..we can get it delivered here! Call the library 249-1734 with any requests.

Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Committee will be accepting applications for the 2012-13 granting cycle. You may find the applications in the stand outside of the Selectmen's office. Applications are due by January 10, 2012 in the Community Preservation Committee mailbox in Phillipston Town Hall.

Country Barn Breads

Phillipston, Ma

978-424-3499

Sweet Bread:

Cranberry orange, zucchini raisin, banana zucchini cranberry, banana cranberry, blueberry, apple cranberry, banana chocolate chip, chocolate chip, pumpkin.

No nuts are in any breads unless ordered.

Large breads - \$4.50 Small breads - \$2.50

JANUARY NEWSLETTER IS DEADLINE
DECEMBER 23rd

Monthly Articles About Our Beautiful Queen Lake in Phillipston

by Queen Lake Assoc. Board of Director, Claire Adomaitis

Article 23

The Annual Queen Lake Draw Down will soon reach the limit that can be accomplished. The boards will be replaced at the dam one board at a time at the discretion of the Dam Committee headed up by Don Wilson.

Lake level drawdowns are conducted for a variety of reasons. The purposes may include protection of the shoreline from the erosion of high water, control of aquatic weeds near the shore, reducing the adverse effects of winter ice on the shoreline and shorefront structures.

The origin of this practice was in the earliest days of settlement when the water stored in lakes was released to power mills downstream. Starting in the late fall and ending in late spring, the rate of runoff from storms is greatly increased.

High water conditions in combination with heavy winds cause erosion of the shoreline above the normal water line. Drawdowns lower the water level so that the erosive forces of waves are acting below the normal shoreline. Aquatic weeds are commonly found in the shallow water near the shoreline. The effectiveness of drawdowns is dependent upon a deep frost and dewatering of the sediments.

Lake ice can reach a thickness of two feet or more. The force of massive ice is exerted in three ways. Under the warming spring sun, as the lake ice expands, it can exert 2,000 or more lbs of force per square inch on anything in its path including docks, walls and the natural shoreline.

Winter is upon us and snow will be falling and the lake will be freezing over for skating, ice fishing, cross country skiing, etc. Please enjoy this season and be safe!

Anyone with ideas, please email me at: nikiyasara@aol.com

Storage Space for Bazaar Flea Market Items

The committee needs new space to store items until the June Bazaar. Our present benefactor Martha Craft has moved to Gardner so we need to find a new home for the many items donated to the church throughout the year. Do you have or know of a barn, garage, or shed that we might use? Please call Gerry Gariepy at 978-939-5465 or Jim Potter at 978-939-4470.



268 Baldwinville Road, Templeton, MA

978-939-8558 www.kitchgarden.com

Find us on Facebook!

Visit our family owned and operated New England Country store and bakery!

Have a great cup of coffee with one of our delicious muffins or take home a homemade pie and a Finnish coffee bread!

For Christmas, browse our selection of books, gifts and great grocery items including maple syrup, honey and cheeses. We'll have Christmas trees, wreaths and kissing balls!

December hours:

Monday – Friday 6:30am to 6 pm

Saturday and Sunday 8:00am to 6:00 pm

Thanks for shopping locally!!

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The November meeting of the Ladies Benevolent Society was held at the home of Kay Deans with hostesses being Nancy McEwen and Jean Marshall. A lovely luncheon was served and enjoyed by all. A group of ladies will meet every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the church vestry to create items to be sold at their craft tables at fairs. We are looking for all helping hands. The next meeting will be our annual Christmas dinner on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 in the church vestry. The dinner is provided by a dish from each lady that attends. Our membership is open to all ladies – young and old! A lifetime membership can be had for fifty cents.

2012 Census

The 2012 census forms have been mailed out. Please take a minute and review your information and make corrections as needed. Each house should list all people living there including children. Census figures are important and help all communities to acquire state aid for growth, schools, roads and municipality resources.

Please save your tax dollars and respond to the first mailing saving everyone time and postage. Responding is easy it only takes a minute and there is a postage envelope enclosed.

PHILLIPSTON'S HOLIDAY MEMORY TREE

Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 4:30 P.M.

On the Common – Lighting of the Tree

Reading of Names & Memories

2011 Public Service Award

Drawing of the Signature Quilt Winner

Holiday Handbell Concert

Historical Society Raffle Drawing

Please come join us as the Historical Society of Phillipston once again sponsors the Memory Tree on the common, an event that has become a meaningful way to begin the holiday season. After the tree is lighted, we will move to the church for the reading of the names of 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 by lighting a light on the tree for each.

The annual “Citizen of the Year” for public service to the town will be announced. The recipient of the Signature Quilt that celebrates the town’s 225th Anniversary will be drawn. Then we’ll be entertained by the beautiful tones of the Hardwick Handbell Choir directed by Cindy Baird.

Light refreshments will be served in the vestry. While we are eating and listing the winning names of the Historical society’s 2011 raffle will be pulled.

It will be a lovely evening that you won’t want to miss.

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Dog Licenses for 2012

The Town Clerk’s Office will start issuing dog licenses for 2012 on Monday December 12th, 2011. You may come to the town hall on Mondays from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, Wednesdays 12: pm to 6:00 pm and the first Saturday of the month from 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

There will be a rabies clinic on January 14th, 2012 noon to 2:00 pm at the Phillipston Safety Complex on route 2A.

Country Roads Christmas

On the weekend of December 3 & 4, 2011 you are invited to visit these 16 local businesses on the Country Roads Christmas tour. There will be refreshments and specials at each stop. Be sure to pick up a stamp card at your first stop to win great prizes!



Whiting Farm

Colonial Hill Alpaca Farm

Country Antiques - Country Mischief

Country Folk Gift Shop - Down to Earth Nursery

Hartman's Herb Farm - Heather Croft Quilt Shack

Krafter's Crossing - Nouveaux Riches - Petersham Leathers

Popple Camp Alpacas - Red Apple Farm - Smith's Country Cheese, Inc.

The King Phillip Restaurant

The Kitchen Garden

Grand prize is a hand stitched quilt by Bev Ferran from Heather Croft and gifts from each shop.

Second prize is a wooden bench made by Dave Woodin from Down to Earth and gifts from each shop.

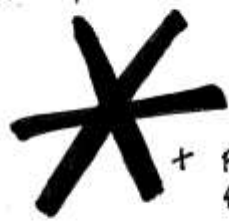
Third place prizes are will be awarded to 16 winners as a \$15.00 gift certificate redeemable at a designated shop.

**For more information visit www.countryroadschristmas.com or visit any of these shops and pick up a map/brochure.*

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- EVER BEEEN !
- ANY WHERE !
- ANY TIME !



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THANKS TO OUR RDS. / HIGHWAY DEPT. MEN
 FOR BEST ROADS IN AREA DURING THE APRX.
 1/2 YR WINTER, N. ENGL. E.G.S!
 BAD HOURS & WEATHER; STOCKING SAND;
 EQ. CARE; TIMEING; RIGHT CALLS & MIXES;
 ECONOMICS (PICK-UP TRK. WITH POSSIBLE) &
 ETC. !
 FOR 40+ MILES (ARE 2-WAY) W. TRICKY-SPOTS.
 -PHIL. CITIZEN, 4 DECADES, 3/2010.
 IS TRYING TO BE EVERY WHERE,
 THE RIGHT TIME WITH THE RIGHT STUFF.
 (OUR SCHOOL BUSES, COMMUTES, SAFETY.) SKILLS.
 EXPERIENCES



Last Chance to get your
225th Anniversary Photo Book

Photos were taken during the august 13th celebration event.

Price: \$20.00

Call 249-4356 or 249-4216

Great for a Christmas Gift.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas to one and all. It is time again for the Phillipston Fire, Police Associations and The Lion Club to collect toys for Christmas. We will have boxes located at the fire station, Town Hall and Transfer Station. We thank you again for your continued support.

From ALL of us to ALL of you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Box drop off: Dec 3rd

Pick up boxes: Dec 17th

If you have any questions Please contact Don Smith 249-9190

ATTENTION PHILLIPSTON NEWSLETTER READERS

The Phillipston Community Newsletter is put together and mailed by volunteers and members of The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C. This is mailed to every mail box in Phillipston. The newsletter is available to all nonprofit organizations in town to post news items or notices of upcoming events. Businesses in town may place ads at \$20 for a full page \$10 for a Half page and \$5 for quarter page. A full page for the newsletter is 7" x 8.5" with a .5" margin. Please support your Community Newsletter by submitting your ad or news items by the 23rd of the month to allow time us to get it out on the 1st. Items received after that will be put in the next month. Ads or news items may be sent to:

The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C.

60 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331 - Attention: Newsletter

Items can also be sent by e-mail to newsletter@phillipston.com, which is preferred.

Payments for ads and any other donations should be sent to the church at the same address.

The Congregational Church of Phillipston, U.C.C will decide what can be put in the newsletter and also may limit the number of pages in an issue.

All questions or comments can be sent to the address above or e-mailed to newsletter@phillipston.com.

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PHILLIPSTON LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, December 17, 2010

7:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

PHILLIPSTON CHURCH

Orange Juice, Toast, Eggs, Sausage, Home Fries, French Toast, Coffee,
De-Café Coffee, Tea & De-Café Tea

Omelets \$1.00 extra

\$6.00 Adults & Young Adults

\$5.00 Senior Citizens - \$4.00 Children under 12 years

SPECIAL \$6.00

“SKILLET BANQUET”

**HOMEFRIES WITH ONIONS, PEPPERS, HAM, 2 SCRAMBLED EGGS
WITH CHEESE SAUCE ON TOP, TOAST OR ENGLISH MUFFIN**

TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF PHILLIPSTON

50 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331

978-249-1733 Fax 978-249-1733

Karin L. Foley

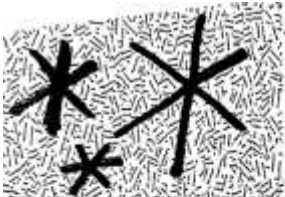
Town Clerk

Thank you to Richard Hamel, Sterling Whiting and Jean Stanley for fulfilling my request for old town reports. The Town of Phillipston is on record with the State Library of Massachusetts at the state House in Boston as having copies of all annual reports for the town on file.

Should anyone visti the State Library and wish to review our town reports they are all there, from 1865 to 2010. the Town Clerk’s office also has a full set as well as the Selectmen’s Office whose job it is to bind the reports into ten year increments. Again thank you to all!

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ORIGINAL IN COLL.
STEVE GREEN, V.F.W. #
U.S. ARMY (TACTICAL DIV).
DONATOR OF PLAZA
GATE-WAY TO PHILLIPSTON
MODEL-TOWN # U-S-A!



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SA. N.Y. MASS CAR PLATE

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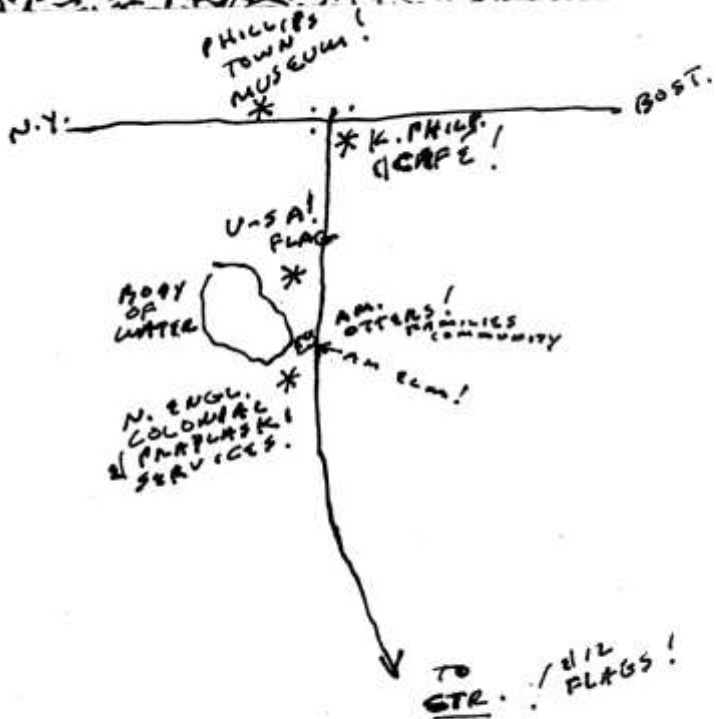
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