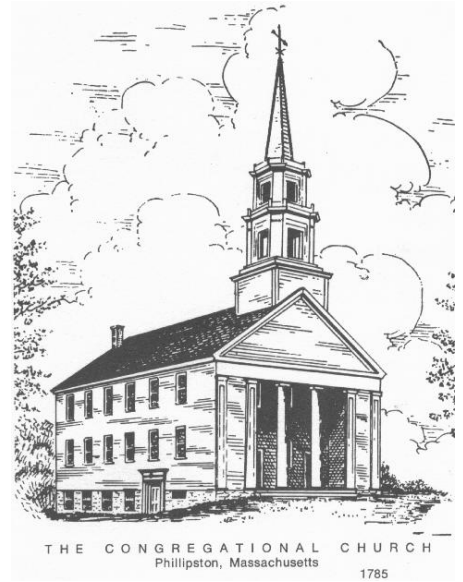


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Newsletter

December 2020



The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.
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Dear Friends,

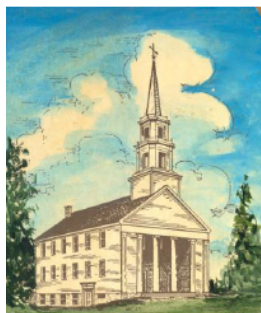
I recently read the book The True Story of Peter Rabbit, How a Letter from Beatrix Potter Became a Children's Classic, by Jane Johnson. The story is about Beatrix Potter's friendship with the Moore family, especially the eldest child Noel. Beatrix visited the family with her mice and rabbit named Peter. One summer day, Miss Potter had to leave them and go to Scotland, but she promised to write. After she left Noel became very ill, and had to stay in bed for months. That autumn a plump envelope came for Noel. But instead of news, there was a story with pictures about Peter Rabbit. Noel adored the story about the adventures of the rabbit hero. He soon memorized the story. Later his mother encouraged Beatrix Potter to make the letter into a book.

Apparently, Noel Moore was a real five year old boy who lived in London in 1893 when Miss Potter wrote her story for him. With childhood intuition, he realized that he was the true hero of the story. Later he became ill again, with polio and afterwards walked with a limp. This was of course, before a vaccine, can you imagine?

Noel grew up to be a priest, ministering to children in the slums of London. We still love the Beatrix Potter stories, but need to remember that this young woman would never have written the stories if she had not once known and understood a little boy who needed her. She had empathy and compassion for him, she was able to put herself in his shoes, and write him a beautiful comforting story. Isn't that what God did for us, sent his son, Jesus Christ, God with us, to understand and have compassion on us? We will celebrate his birthday on Christmas Eve, with a worship service at 4:00 in the afternoon, weather permitting outside on the Common!

Your sister in Christ, Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
January 2021 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS December 23rd
For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf



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Church Telephone 978 249 8583

Rev. *Stephanie Clark Flynn*, Pastor



October 1, 2020

Dear Members and Friends,

As you know, we have not been able to have any fundraising events due to the Coronavirus. We have not had the Easter's Great Gathering, The Village Bazaar, The Fall Fair, and we will not be able to have the Holly Berry Fair. As suggested by a member we are reaching out to you, our friends and business owners, asking what you might normally spend or donate to these fundraising events when attending them, that you please send a check made out to: The Congregational Church of Phillipston

mail to: Nancy MacEwen
260 Ward Hill Road
Phillipston, MA 01331

The loss of not having our fundraising events has made a big dent in our budget, but, as we all know, the bills have to be paid so we can keep the doors open for not only the Church members but for the community as well. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours friends in Christ,

Nancy MacEwen
Heidi Aukstikalnis
Committee Members

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours- for Curbside Pick-up

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Board of Trustees Meeting

December 1, 2020 6pm

Attention: All Phillipston Elementary Students (Parents) !

WE are missing MANY library books that were borrowed during the class visits, and likely went home with students, before the school year came to an abrupt end. PLEASE, if you have a former Phillipston Elementary Student, look through your home for any stray library books (all are stamped inside with our library's name) We are a very small library with an equally small collection, and we cannot afford to lose so many books... Books may be returned in the black 'mailbox' by the road, or during our staffed hours : Tuesday 9-2, Wednesday 5-7. Thank you!

Curbside Delivery

While the library remains closed to the public, we are offering 'curbside delivery' during the hours listed above. Requests for materials may be placed by: calling the library at (978) 249-1734, and leaving a message, or speaking to a staff member, OR by emailing your request to: phillipstonlibrary@comcast.net. Please leave a good number to call you to arrange pick-up of your materials outside the library. Returns may be placed in the box at the end of the ramp, or in the black 'mailbox' by the road.

New Books

New books include: 'The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop' by Fannie Flagg, 'A Time for Mercy' by John Grisham, 'The Sentinel' by Lee Child, 'Three Women Disappear' by James Patterson, 'The Invisible Life of Addie Larue' by V.E. Schwab, 'The Evening and the Morning' by Ken Follett, 'Leave the World Behind' by Rumann Alam, 'White Ivy: a novel' by Susie Yang, 'All that Glitters' by Danielle Steel, 'Daylight' by David Baldacci, 'The Kingdom' by Jo Nesbo, 'A Promised Land' by Barack Obama 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid...The Deep End' by Jeff Kinney, 'Cozy' by Jan Brett

Volunteers Needed

Please call the library (978) 249-1734 if you are interested in volunteering to help in the process of uploading our collection onto the CWMars database. This will take some planning in order to ensure the safety of all involved, but we are confident that we can do it... You must be comfortable using a computer... (qualifying Senior Tax Write-off program applicants welcome).

By typing in: smile.amazon.com in the address bar instead of just Amazon, you will arrive at Amazon's charitable foundation site.

Please select "Historical Society of Phillipston Inc." as your charitable organization, then proceed to shop and place your order as usual. The Historical Society will receive 0.5% of the purchase price of your products and it costs you nothing!

Amazon Smile is the same Amazon you know... same products, same price, same service. We are so grateful to you!!



Phillipston Congregational Church Christmas Poinsettias~Order Form



<i>In Memory of</i> (Name)	QTY. / C O L O R				Price Ea. \$13.00
	Qty-RED	Qty-Pink	Qty-WHITE	Qty-MULTI	

FLOWERS WILL BE DELIVERED TO ADDRESS LISTED



Name..... **Order DEADLINE: Sunday, December 13**

Address

Home Phone Cell

Best time to call to arrange delivery time / date: AM PM

Please Give / Mail this order form with payment made out to Phillipston Congregational Church to:
Marilyn Holway • 250 State Road • Phillipston, MA 01331

*Keep in mind the terrific sale on the fabulous history
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It is still at its amazing sale price of \$20

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If you need to have it mailed, please add \$5.00

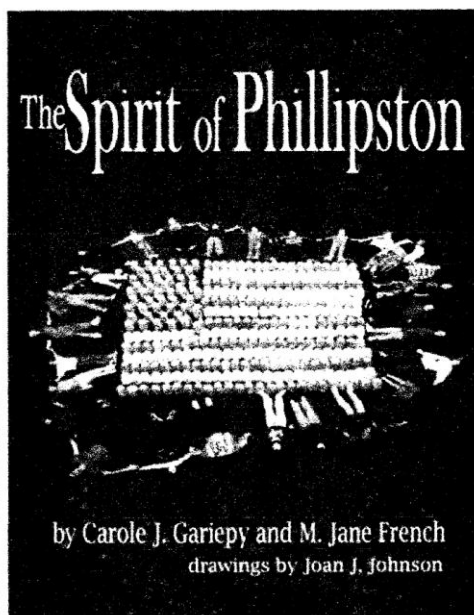
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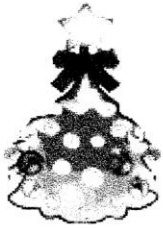
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now at a reduced price – down from
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Phillipston's Holiday Memory Tree

2020 Style



Although we cannot have a public Memory Tree gathering this year we can still have our important names and events remembered in a public way. The names and events you submit with your donation will be published in the future edition of this monthly newsletter. Every Phillipston resident will have the opportunity to see the names and events memorialized by you! If you do not regularly receive this newsletter, you will receive that edition in the mail.

Just as in years past, simply complete the form below.

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. 15th. For any questions, please contact Linda Langevin at 978-939-5656. Mail completed form and payment to:

**Historical Society of Phillipston
c/o 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".

<u>Name Remembered</u>	<u>Memory or Celebration of</u>	<u>Your Relationship</u>
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Your Name: _____ **Phone No.:** _____

Address: _____



Citizen of the Year for Public Service



*The 2020 Alphonse W. Chartier
Public Service Award will be revealed
on Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 PM
at the Tree Lighting on the Common.*

*This will be an outdoor event that will keep everyone safe.
Please join the Town in celebrating the recipient of this
prestigious award.*



Thank You!

The Lions from and Lions Serving Phillipston
would like to say Thank You for your continued support
these past few months during our Drive Thru Meals.
We look forward to Serving you next year!

