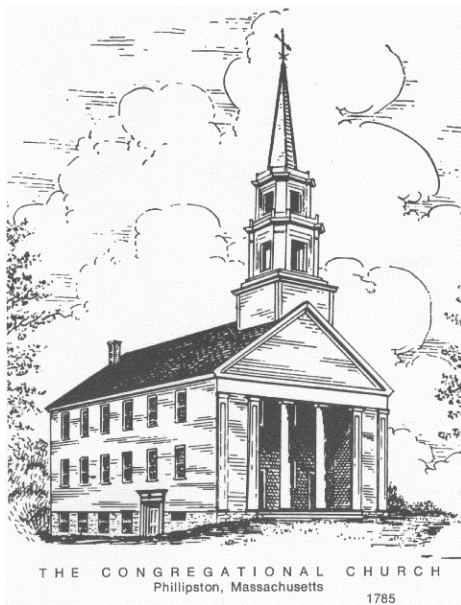


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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Our Community Church

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Friends, We recently traveled through Delaware to attend Sam Bennett's wedding and I remembered Jim Noles' book A Pocketful of History, Four Hundred Years of America - One State Quarter at a Time. One of the best stories in the book is about the Delaware state quarter, which shows Caesar Rodney on a horse, and was submitted by High school arts and drama teacher Eddy Seger from Caesar Rodney High School! I love the story of Caesar Rodney who was an American patriot and delegate to the Second Continental Congress, who was known for his patriotism, but not his looks. Our own Massachusetts delegate, John Adams called Rodney, "the oddest looking man in the world." Unfortunate Rodney's looks were affected by cancer which began with a cancerous sore on his nose and soon spread to the left side of his face. He also suffered from asthma, pleurisy, and gout, even back at the first Continental Congress in 1775. On June 28, 1776, a draft of the Declaration of Independence was put before Congress and required an unanimous vote. The Delaware delegation was split in half with Thomas McKean voting yes and George Read voting no. When the first vote on the resolution was taken on Monday, July 1, only nine colonies voted in favor. Rodney had been away at the time to deal with the Tories in Delaware, who were opposed to rebellion. After he succeeded in quelling the Tory force, Rodney returned home to recuperate. Meanwhile, back in Philadelphia, McKean was aware of Rodney's health, but also his vigor for patriotism, so he wrote a note to Rodney explaining that he was desperately needed. Rodney rushed back to Philadelphia travelling all night and arriving on July 2. The irony of history is that Rodney never sat for a portrait, because he was ashamed of his looks, but somehow on the state quarter it is his cancerous left side that is displayed. What a hero, and what a sacrifice he displayed for the United States.

Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn,

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Phillipston Agricultural Commission - Happy 4th of July

We are happy to say that we are full at the Community Garden. We are looking to put in more beds in the fall.

The Farmer's Market is up and running every Wednesday from 4pm – 7pm (weather permitting) it is free to set up. It is located at the Phillipston Common. For an application, please contact either Marilyn at 978-503-2269 or Julie at [jhockcty2014@gmail.com](mailto:jhockcty2014@gmail.com).

The Pumpkin Contest/Fair is not that farther off. We hope your gardens are doing well. And hope to see everyone with their Pumpkins, vegetables, baked goods, canned goods, and if you want to be a vendor we have room for you.

# *Phillips Free Public Library*

## **Library Hours**

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

**Saturday 9-1 pm**

## **Board of Trustees Meeting:**

July 1, 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, July 15 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)!

## **Penny Rug Display**

Stop by to see the stunning collection of 'penny rugs' on display... thank you to Mel Haughton for putting this together. Do you have a collection you would like to display? Call or stop by the library and speak with Jackie or Pat!

## **New Materials**

**New books include:** Problematic Summer Romance by Ali Hazelwood, Nightshade by Michael Connelly, The First Gentleman: a Thriller by Bill Clinton and James Patterson, Going Home in the Dark by Dean Koontz, Where the Rivers Merge by Mary Alice Monroe, Beach House Rules by Kristy Woodson Harvey and The River is Waiting by Wally Lamb.

## **BOOK CLUB**

Our next book is Peace like a River by Leif Enger. Meeting date to be announced – check the outdoor sign!! Copies will be available at the library. New members always welcome!!

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## **Town Common Study**

The Phillipston Select Board reviewed the first draft of the Town Common Study on June 25, 2025. That can be found on the town website. [www.phillipston-ma.gov](http://www.phillipston-ma.gov). The Town of Phillipston is opening this up for feedback through the month of July. The Town Common Study was funded by the Community Preservation Committee and approved by the residents at Town Meeting. Please direct any written feedback to CAO Adam Lamontagne at [alamontagne@phillipston-ma.gov](mailto:alamontagne@phillipston-ma.gov) or by mail at Chief Administrative Officer, Town of Phillipston, 50 The Common, Phillipston, MA 01331.

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**August 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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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, July 15th at 7:00 PM in the Congregational Church vestry.

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**SENIOR LUNCH MENU**

**Tuesday, July 1st:** Chicken Scallopini, buttered noodles, green beans, wheat bread, fruit

**Tuesday, July 15th:** Lasagna with tomato sauce, Tuscany blend veggies, garlic roll, peaches  
Lunch will be served at noon. A \$3.50 donation is suggested. If you have questions or would like to make a reservation, please call Paula at 978-407-9504.

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**Phillipston Lions Club**

Summer meeting July 8 & Aug 12 at the library 7pm

We have some new projects we would like the community to help with. They are Fun!

Second week Wednesday July 9 "Soup Kitchen" changed their name to "Community Lunch Room", we still have soup and a meal free to anyone, donations are welcome from 12 pm to 2 pm

We had a local person that won the flat grill. Thank you all for supporting the Lions in our once-a-year grill giveaway. The winner – Amy Maguy.

Breakfast July 19<sup>th</sup> 8 am to 11 am

Special: waffles or pancakes with strawberries or blueberries or sausage. and home Fries.

Take out is available.

Vendor Fair save the date August 23, 2025, on the common 9 am – 2 pm What is your craft? Come and be part of the crafts that are local:

Call Marilyn for more information - 978 503 2269