

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

The Phillipston church hosted an Ash Wednesday service which focused on the symbols of Lent. The pretzel represents the crossing of arms, your right hand on your left shoulder and your left hand on your right shoulder, the same manner of crossing one's arms in prayer. Your arms in such a position form the outline of a pretzel. Since certain foods were forbidden during Lent, early pretzels were made of flour, salt and water.

The number 40 has significance in the Bible, most notably because Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days, but also recalling the 40 days and nights of rain in the wilderness, and the 40 days Moses spent fasting on the mountain before he received the Law and the 40 day journey of Elijah to Mount Horeb.

The bag of coins reminds us of Judas' betrayal of Jesus. He received 30 pieces of silver for turning Jesus over to the authorities. This is in contrast to the generosity of Mary who took a very generous gift of costly oil and nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair.

The other symbol we talked about was the rooster, who crowed when Peter denied Jesus three times before the rooster crowed. Earlier Peter had said when Jesus asked, "Who do people say that I am?" Peter had responded, "You are the Christ the son of the living God!" As we approach Easter on April 5 let us remember these symbols.

Your sister in Christ,
Rev. Stephanie C. Flynn

School Committee Member - Phillipston

Please note that there are two open positions to represent the Town of Phillipston.

The Town of Phillipston only has three members to represent Phillipston.

There is a critical need for people to reach out to our Town Clerk now for nominations papers.

If you're 18 years of age or older and a registered voter in Phillipston, please consider running.

The students of Phillipston need you!

You can make a difference!

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

NOMINATION PAPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR 2026 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

The Annual Town Election is scheduled for **Monday, May 18th** polls open at Town Hall from 12 PM to 8 PM

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE WILL BE May 8th

The following seats will be on the ballot for 2026:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	3 YR TERM
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	3 YR TERM
BOARD OF HEALTH	3 YR TERM
CEMETERY COMMISSION	3 YR TERM
CONSTABLE	3 YR TERM
CONSTABLE	2 YR TERM
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YR TERM
PLANNING BOARD	5 YR TERM
TAX COLLECTOR	3 YR TERM
TOWN CLERK	3 YR TERM
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YR TERM (Phillipston)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	2 YR TERM (Phillipston)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	1 YR TERM (Phillipston)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YR TERM (Templeton)
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	3 YR TERM (Templeton)

Please come into the Town Clerks Office if you would like to take out nomination papers for any of the above seats. **March 30, 2026** is the last day you can obtain nomination papers. **Nomination Papers need to be returned to the Registrars/Town Clerk's Office by April 2, 2026.**

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

Phillipston Lions

Phillipston Lion's Club meeting
Tuesday, March 10 at 7 PM (snow date March. 24)
at the Phillipston Library

Phillipston Community Lunchroom Wed. March 11.
Soup, meal, dessert, hot drinks.

Have lunch for free (donations are welcome). Bring the children.
March 11, April 8 and May 13. Phillipston Church Noon – 2 PM.

Senior meal delivery on Tues. March 24 between noon-2 PM (snow date March 25)
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 March 21 8 – 11 AM.
Corn beef hash special.

Something new for dinners this year.

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

Breakfast Specials

March 21 – Corn beef
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

Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

March 3, 2026, 2pm.

* “like” our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

Toy Vehicle Display

Stop by and see the new display of toy vehicles from the collection of Gerhard Fandreyer.

New Materials

New books: My Husband’s Wife by Alice Feeney, The Last Thing he told Me by Laura Dave, The Crossroads by CJ Box, Pendergast by Preston & Child, Jigsaw by Jonathan Kellerman, Mistakes were Made by Lucy Score, It’s Not Her by Mary Kubica, Cold Zero by Brad Thor, Judge Stone by Viola Davis and James Patterson and The Night We Lost Him by Laura Dave.

New DVDs: ‘Song Sung Blue’ and ‘Wicked for Good’

BOOK CLUB

Our next read is: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig. We will meet on **Tuesday, March 10 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.**

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

Society Meeting
Tuesday ~ 6:30PM ~ March 17, 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. The theme is the 250th anniversary of the United States.

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?

Do you have a battle flag, or know of battle flags?

Do you have another idea for a display? An activity? A game?

Would you be interested in helping to put displays together?

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.

Agricultural Commission

Next Meeting March 12, 2026 7 PM

Town Hall Annex

All are welcome for ideas: Farmers Market, Community Garden
Pumpkin Weight In.

Phillipston Youth Supporters

Phillipston Parents and Guardians,

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.

Please remind your seniors to visit the guidance offices in Narragansett or Monty Tech to obtain information on the senior scholarships we give out each year or email us at phillipstonyouth@gmail.com . If you attend another HS please reach out to us.

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

Save the Date!
Sat. April 4th

Easter Fun for
All Ages at

Free
Egg Hunts
for children



Basket
Raffle



Bunny Ears

Egg Hunt
Baskets

Pictures
with the
Easter Bunny

Egg-Citing
Eggstravaganza
Raffle



A request on behalf of the
Congregational Church of Phillipston
& the Phillipston Lions Club for
Easter's Great Gathering
on Saturday April 4, 2026



We are seeking donations of plastic eggs (new or gently used)
or small individually wrapped candies for the event.

For example, Starburst, Jolly Ranchers, Tootsie Rolls, Mini Hershey's, etc.

Free egg hunts are offered for all children
in 5 separate age groups throughout the morning.
Last year we hid 9000 eggs!

Donations are accepted at Red Apple Farm any day 9 am to 5 pm,
before March 28th. Thank you very much for your support!

