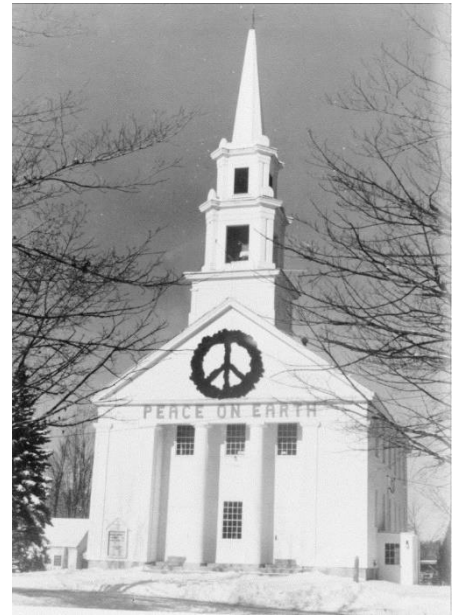


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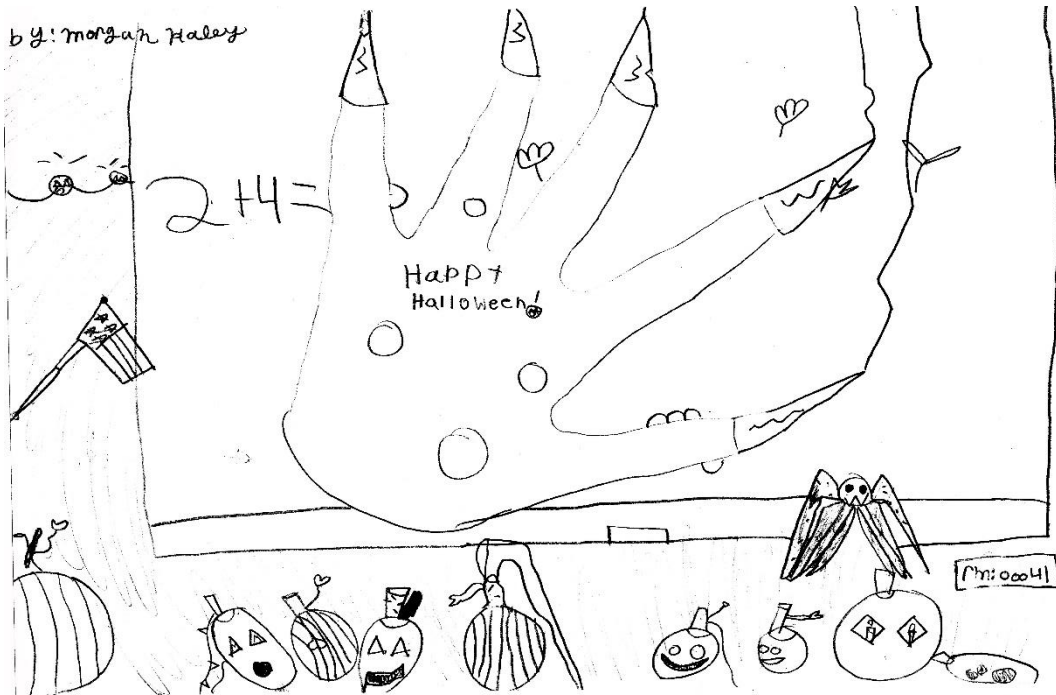


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The Phillipston Congregational Church, U.C.C.

Our Community Church

Dear Friends, Worship 10:00 a.m. with Children's story
This poem was written by Macrina Wiederkehr, about letting go of summer.
Slowly she celebrated the sacrament of Letting Go
First she surrendered her Green,
then the Orange, Yellow and Red.
Finally she let go of her Brown.
Shedding her last leaf
she stood empty and silent, stripped bare.
Leaning against the sky she began her vigil of trust.
Shedding her last leaf
she watched its journey to the ground.
She stood in silence
wearing the color of emptiness,
her branches wondering:
How do you give shade, with so much gone?
And then the sacrament of waiting began.
The sunrise and sunset watched with tenderness,
clothing her with silhouettes,
they kept her hope alive.
They helped her understand that her vulnerability
her dependence and need, her emptiness
her readiness to receive were giving her a new kind of beauty.
Every morning and every evening
she stood in silence and celebrated
the sacrament of waiting.
Your sister in Christ, Stephanie C. Flynn.
I hope to see you on Saturday October 11 from 10 to 2 at the Red Apple Farm for the Fall
Fair and Sunday, October 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the common for the Pumpkin
Fair with puzzles, coffee can auction and baked goods. Harvest Supper October 25

THE NEWSLETTER IS ON www.phillipston.com
November 2025 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS October 20th
For more info go to : www.phillipston.com/priceinfo.pdf
Email to: newsletter@phillipston.com

Phillipston's Holiday Memory Tree

and

2025 Public Service Award

When: **Sunday, ~December 7th~**, 2025

Time and Place: **4:30 P.M., On the Common**

Please come join us as the Historical Society of Phillipston once again sponsors the Memory Tree Ceremony, an event that has become a meaningful way to begin the holiday season. We will celebrate the names inside the Congregational Church after the tree is lit! The names will be read aloud of the loved ones who have passed away, family members + friends who are serving in the armed forces, and the happy events in our lives that we would like to share.

The annual "**Citizen of the Year**" for public service to the town will also be announced and presented this evening.

Please use the form below to include your names and events in the ceremony. 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. 1st~ ***

For any questions, contact Linda Langevin at 978-939-5656.

Mail completed form and donation to:

**Memory Tree of Phillipston, c/o Linda Langevin, 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**".

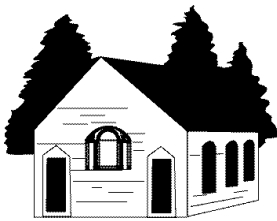
Name Remembered

Memory or Celebration of

Your Relationship

Your Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____



The Historical Society of Phillipston, Inc.

80 State Road, Phillipston

Society Meeting Tuesday, October 21st

Location: Congregational Church Vestry

Time: 6:30 PM

The Museum is closed for the season. Inquiries regarding research, artifact donations, or special requests to view artifacts, please contact Jane French, Curator. Tel: 978-249-4356.

Next Society Meeting – We generally hold our meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. (Note the new time.) Agenda includes a review the History Tour, preparation for the Memory Tree, update on CPC grant applications. All are welcome, new members and public included.

North Quabbin History Tour – The History Tour was a great success! A big thanks to all members and friends who visited. We appreciate your support. And a special thanks to those members who worked hard to make it the success it was.

Memory Tree Ceremony and Public Service Award –Don't let the deadline for memories pass you by. Get your names in, then on December 7th join us on the Common at 4:30 PM to light the tree

CPC Can Grant Funds

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is accepting applications for the May 2026 Annual Town Meeting. Applications must be submitted by November 15, 2025

Applications are on the town website. www.phillipston-ma.gov.

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

COUNCIL ON AGING Special Event

Tuesday, October 7th

The Westminster Strummers

will be performing at 11 am at the Phillipston Congregational Church

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

For more information, please call Paula at 978-407-9504

SENIOR LUNCH MENU

Oct. 7th Braised Beef & Vegetables, Polenta, Root Vegetables, Cornbread Loaf, Chocolate Pudding

Oct. 21st Cheesy Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Vanilla Pudding

Lunch is served at NOON at the Phillipston Congregational Church

To make a reservation, please call Paula at 979-407-9504



at RED APPLE FARM

**TO BENEFIT CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH OF PHILLIPSTON**

*Find us nestled into the ambiance of Red Apple Farm with
Baked Goods, Raffles & more!*



Phillipston Agricultural Commission

The Farmer's Market is still running on Wednesdays on the common from 4pm -7pm.

The Community Garden has a shed now thanks to the Community Preservation Committee. Please stop down when Dennis is there and see the shed. Dennis has installed some windows and steps. To get a tour of the gardens call Dennis at 413-658-7889.

NOW FOR THE BIG NEWS!!! The Pumpkin Contest is October 12th, 2025, at the Common.

We have vendors, crafters, pony rides, face painting and more. Also please don't forget to bring your canned fruits and vegetables, floral and vegetables arrangements. Also, homemade crafts. We are still looking for vendors or crafters to join us. Contact either Tom at tomcatbrouillet@gmail.com, Julie at jhockcty2014@gmail.com or Glenn at 413-992-7066.

No Pumpkin is to big or to small bring all the pumpkins to be weighted in. Register for the pumpkin starts at 11am. Weight for the pumpkins is at 1pm. Please join us for a day of fun.



Citizen of the Year

? *Who will YOU Nominate ?*



It's time to consider who you want to nominate to become the 2025 recipient of the "*Alphonse Chartier, Sr. Public Service Award*" also known as the Citizen of the Year. Your input is very important in determining who will receive this prestigious award.

All nominations will be collected at the Town Hall. Submit yours by mailing it to: **50 The Common** or drop it off in the Town Hall mail slot. Write the reasons why your nominee deserves this important award. On your envelope or paper please write "Citizen of the Year" and seal it to keep it confidential.

There is a deadline for receiving your nomination and it is **November 3rd** (Monday) at **3:00 PM**. The Committee will meet that evening to consider all nominations so have yours in at the Town Hall by **November 3rd**.

The Phillipston Youth Supporters (PYS)

A quarterly meeting will be held on

October 9, 2025 at 6:30

330 Highland Ave

all are welcome.

The Narragansett Craft Fair is coming soon on November 8th

We are looking for donations of raffle items or sponsorships to help support the 46th

Narragansett Craft Fair on November 8th. If you would like to show your support please email us at:

Narragansettfair@gmail.com

Or call 978-277-3307

Thank you

If for some reason the dates/times change we will post on our Phillipston Youth Supporters Facebook page.

The purpose of this nonprofit organization is to raise and distribute money for programs, scholarships, and educational opportunities that will directly support the youth of Phillipston.

If this is something you are interested in, please join us and bring a friend.

HARVEST SUPPER

Congregational Church of Phillipston

SATURDAY, OCT. 25TH \$16 PER PERSON

Seating at 5:00 & 6:30 with takeouts at 5:30

CALL (978) 660-3197 FOR TICKETS!

TO BENEFIT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF PHILLIPSTON



Phillips Free Public Library

Library Hours

Tuesday 9-2pm

Wednesday 5-7pm

Saturday 9-1 pm

Board of Trustees Meeting:

October 7, 2025, 6pm.

* “like” our Facebook page

Phillips Free Public Library

Story Hour

Our Preschool Story Hour will meet on **Tuesday, October 28 at 10am**. Join us for stories, a craft project and a snack.

Tech-help Tuesday

Do you have a question or problem with your cell phone or computer? Stop by for free and friendly tech help- **Tuesday, October 7 11am-1pm and Saturday, October 11, 10am-12noon.**

Mini - Library

Looking for a book-but our library isn't open?? Take a look inside our **Free Mini Library**- that's the box next to the building- and it's full of great books for adults and children! Take a book or 2- no need to return them- just pass them along to someone else- or keep them for your collection! The selection is always changing. (Please do not leave multiple book donations in the box.)

New Materials

New books: I wish I had a bigger kitchen: and other lies I think will make me happy by Kate Strickler, The Moon Gate by Amanda Geard, Nantucket Restaurant by Pamela Kelley, What We Can Know by Ian McEwan, Circle of Days by Ken Follett

New DVDs include: 'Lilo and Stitch'.

BOOK CLUB

Our next read is The Winter People by Jennifer McMahon- a spooky book for the spooky season! Check the outdoor sign for the date for our next meeting- new members always welcome!

Phillipston Lion Club

Community Lunchroom October 8th

Breakfast Special October 18th

Phillipston's Haunted School

Let's have some fun! in Phillipston with a haunted school

Saturday October 25, 2025 4 – 9pm.

Phillipston Lions Club is sponsoring this event