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Village Church—Open and Affirming—You are welcome here

Minister's Message

Dear Friends,
October is an amazing month. I love the fall, the harvest, Halloween, high school sports out under the lights, and all the ways we have of beholding our blessings this time of year.

Once again, October features Fuller's Follies on Friday the 14th. This benefit for the hilltown food pantry honors Hattie Fuller, the Follies' founder and long-time champion in the cause of food support. For the 14th year, the Follies offer a splendid musical review with plenty of laughs and beautiful moments. They also offer a chance to pitch in for this important system of local support.

If you can't make the Follies, your separate contributions will be appreciated. Checks can be forwarded and made out to Village Congregational Church, memo: Food Pantry Benefit. If you can, bring some baked good or dessert to be offered for sale that evening, all benefits going to the food pantry. Thank you!

October is helping-out month in the yard. October is when our eyes are aglow with the fun & follies of the season. Whether on the 14th, the 31st (perhaps masked), or some other October occasion, I hope to see you and wish you an ever amazing and blessed autumn.

In faith and service,
Jon

October At the Village Church

October 6, 13, 20, 27—Yoga 4–5:30 PM and Meditation, 5:45–6:15 PM

October 2—Service 10 AM

October 14—Fuller's Follies! 7 PM

October 16—Service 10 AM

October 21—Friday Night Jam—7–10 PM

October 28—FNC—the Lonesome Brothers, Ray Mason, Jim Armenti

For personal, church needs or questions please contact one of the Deacons, John Maruskin at 634-5320, Kathleen Knox at 634-8041 or Josh Wachtel at 634-5005 or leave a message at the church 634-5508.

To rent the church space for classes, concerts, meetings, etc., please call Scott at 634-5084. The church charges a very nominal fee to cover upkeep & heat. We love having the building used!!

Visit VC Church website at cummingtonvillagechurch.org

Ministry Hours and Peaceful Thursdays

From Rev. Jon: I will be in Cummington most Thursdays and I am happy to schedule appointments as early as breakfast (though afternoon is preferable). Tuesday afternoon is also a time in addition to 1st & 3rd Sundays after lunch when I can often make in-person appointments. I am also glad to talk by phone, and please do call, 413-624-3025, and leave a message if there is an emergency or you seek 24-hour turn-around. I do not check email every day.

Thursdays at 4ish you can find me at our lovely church. This fall-winter, Darlene Graham and I again invite you to sow awareness and peace into your approach to the weekend with these body-mind exercises: Yoga—4:00–5:30 PM, Silent Meditation—5:45–6:15 PM

Events occur weekly beginning Thursday, September 8: feel free to attend either program or both. Bell ringing—to remind us of mindfulness as a community—is at 6:30. If but hearing that, take a deep breath and go into your weekend right!

Auction!

The West Cummington Congregational Church will hold its fifteenth annual auction and dinner on Saturday, October 15th, 2016. The auction will be held at the Parish House at 27 West Main Street, West Cummington, and will be preceded by a wonderful "Souper Supper" prepared by Famed Alice Cozzolino, known from the Old Creamery. Proceeds of the auction support all the programs and activities of this country church renowned for music, warmth, and its generous and welcoming spirit. Past auctions have provided great deals as well as lots of fun and laughter. The whole community is invited, and a good many come, so make your reservations soon! Only 90 dinner tickets are for sale.

There will be a choice of vegetarian, vegan and, non-vegetarian soups. Bread, Cheese and desserts will be served too. Dinner tickets can be purchased for \$15 at The Old Creamery Coop in Cummington (413-634-5560) or from Darlene Graham (413-634-8098).

There's something for all including services, artisan items, baked goods, events, adventures, and practical items we'd spend money on anyway. Exceptional items can also be won from a tin can drawing (tickets are only \$1) and there's a 50/50 raffle too.

Registration for the auction will begin at 4:30 PM, and dinner will be served at 5:40. The Auction will begin at 7:00. Help us out and pre-register for bidding by calling Darlene at (413-634-8098). We promise fast bidding and a speedy checkout at 9:00! Come one, come all, come and have fun.

"A Fiery and Still Voice"

William Cullen Bryant Living History Play
Extended due to popular demand!

Join the Enchanted Circle Theater and the Trustees at the Bryant Homestead for a unique living history experience. Past and present converge in this 40 minute dramatic performance. It's 1866 and literary, conservation and political ideas are flourishing.

Get to know the man behind the poet and experience the homestead come to life. This is a unique living history experience described as "an eye-and ear-opening experience" by Valley Advocate's Chris Rohman. The Bryant Homestead has extended the dates for this dramatic performance.

Upcoming Performances:

Sunday, October 9—11 AM, 12 Noon, & 1 PM
Monday, October 10—11 AM, 12 Noon, & 1 PM
Sunday, October 23—10 AM & 11:30 AM
Sunday, October 30—11:30 AM & 1 PM
Sunday, November 6—11:30 AM & 1 PM

Seating is limited. Be sure to reserve your tickets in advance.

The cost to Trustees Members is \$9, Nonmembers \$15. For more information contact acaluori@thetrustees.org or call 413-628-4485 X3. To reserve your tickets please visit www.thetrustees.org/things-to-do/pioneer-valley.

Clean Up Your Act

Are you feeling disheveled and disorganized? Find relief in a practice/practical workshop discussing and implementing Marie Kondo's principles from her book *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* on Saturday October 22 at 10 AM at the Village Church in Cummington. To register or obtain further information, email chestnutcabin@gmail.com

An identical workshop will be held November 4th at 6:30.

Advertise in the GWM

We want to make the Goodwill Messenger self-sustaining. To that end, we are establishing rates for advertising in the paper. These are similar to the Plainfield Post's rates. Public Service Announcements of community interest and news of free events will not be charged.

Business card size ad—\$2.00 • Quarter page ad—\$4.00

Half page ad—\$7.00 • Full page ad—\$13.00

Rates are per insertion. Call/write/mail/drop off as noted below.

The Goodwill Messenger, deadline for the November issue is October 25, 2016. Any personal news, an event, a business to promote with a paid advertisement or anything else worth noting please send to John at mrblooz@verizon.net or Pat at patakeith@gmail.com, mail to VCC, PO Box 76, Cummington, MA 01026 or leave it in the drop box, marked GWM located in the back entry-way of the Village Church. Please be sure to include all the details, and a contact number in case we have questions.

House for rent in Windsor

3 bedrooms, 1 bath. Passive solar, wood and propane heat. Rinnai heater. \$900 per month and utilities. 634-2254

Lunch Bunch

The Cummington Ladies Lunch Bunch will be going to the Pine Hill Orchards in Colrain for their monthly get together.

A carpool will leave the Village Church at noon. Contact Edith at 634-5557 for more information.

Jeanne Johns Art Show

Heart of the Hilltowns II, an exhibition of 50 new oil portraits painted by Jeanne Johns, will open with a reception on October 7, 2016, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cummington Community House.

Ms. Johns has painted this new series of portraits of Hilltown people who have contributed to the cultural community this past year. This is her second exhibit. The oil panels are painted during a lively conversation between the painter and model lasting around 2 hours.

The exhibition is funded by The Massachusetts Council for the Arts. Ten percent of the proceeds will go to the West Cummington Congregational Church. The show will continue until October 31st. Everyone is welcome.

Plainfield Passes Stretch Code

Plainfield passed the state Stretch Code for new buildings by a vote of 32 to 6, or over 84% in favor, at a Special Town Meeting on 13 September 2016. This and the by-right Solar Bylaw that was passed last May are the two biggest steps toward Plainfield becoming a Green Community and winning an estimated \$136,500 grant for energy efficiency and conservation improvements to town buildings. Plainfield's bylaw required both warrant items to have a 2/3 vote. The Stretch Code will become effective in Plainfield on 1 January 2017.

There are now 155 Green Communities in Massachusetts, and 176 have passed the Stretch Code. Plainfield's neighboring towns of Ashfield, Buckland, Goshen, and Windsor have already become Green Communities. The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources runs the Green Community Program.

For more information contact Tim Walter 413-634-8098

Cell: 413-441-3295

Friday Night Café

Radio free Earth opened the season on the 23rd and "soared" according to one patron. Always great music at the Café.

10/14—Fuller's Follies, 7 PM—Hattie is no longer organizing, but her variety show to benefit the Goshen Food Pantry lives on!

10/21—Jam - Every 3rd Fri. 7–10 PM

Bring an instrument and a song or just come and listen.

All levels welcome.

Info: Call John or Peg 634-5398

10/28—Lonesome Alone

In a rare double-bill, Lonesome Brothers Ray Mason and Jim Armenti perform solo sets from their respective new solo albums.

Everyone is welcome to the Café! It's FREE!

Shows 7–9 PM, Snacks served, BYO

The Village Church

Main Street, Cummington

It's time for
Fuller's Follies



at the
Village Church
Main Street, Cummington, MA

7:00 PM, Friday
October 14, 2016

Free Will Offering for the Food Pantry

Refreshments On Sale at Intermission

DON'T MISS IT!!!



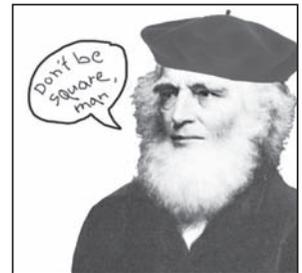
Maynard G. Krebs

*In the spirit of Maynard G. Krebs
the Bryant Free Library presents*

Beatnik Jazz Nite

featuring the

Beatnik Jazz All-Stars



Our Founder

A Modern Jazz Sextet featuring the hippest jazz musicians around:

David Bartley—Piano • Dave Christopolis—Bass • Fran Curley—Drums

Aaron Dean—Saxophone • Richard Downs—Trumpet • Charlie Tokarz—Reeds and flute

Cummington Community House

33 Main Street, Cummington, MA

Saturday, October 22, 2016

7:00 PM—Doors open at 6:30 PM

\$7 advance tickets, \$10 at the door

Advance tickets available at the Bryant Free Library, Route 9, Cummington
(open 6–9 PM Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 AM–12:30 Saturdays)

Cabaret style seating

For more info call Mark at 413-446-7464

You are invited to BYOB and snacks

Don't forget your turtleneck sweater, beret, and volume of Beat poetry

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Schedule of Ongoing Events – all at the Community House unless specified

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Admin. Assistant Hours 9–11 AM | Admin. Assistant Hours 9–11 AM | Family Center Play Group 9:30–11:30 AM | Finance Office (Tax Collector, Treas., Acct.) open 6–7 PM | Admin. Assistant Hours 9–11 AM | Transfer Station open 7–11 AM |
| Veterans Agent 9–11 AM | Board of Health 1 st & 3 rd Tues. 7 PM (2nd floor) | Council on Aging Office Hours 9–noon (C.H. Annex) | Town Clerk 6–7:30 PM (2nd floor) | Family Center Play Group 9:30–11:30 AM | Bryant Library open 8:30 AM–12:30 PM |
| Assessor Office Hours 9:30–11:30 AM (upstairs in C.H.) | | Bryant Library open 6–9 PM | Selectboard meets 7 PM | | |
| Bryant Library open 6–9 PM | | Transfer Station open 5:30–7:30 PM | Building Inspector 7–9 PM (upstairs in C. H.) | | |
| | | Planning Board 2nd, 4th weeks 7 PM | Board of Assessors meets 2 nd , 4 th Thursdays 6–8 PM | | |
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