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Village Church—Open and Affirming—You are welcome here

The Village Church in October

The Village Church welcomes you to join us for our Sunday morning services. We are a caring and inclusive community, come and experience what everyone's talking about! Don't come alone, bring a friend! We meet twice a month on the first and third Sunday at 10 AM.

Childcare is provided at each service, however, children from little to big are always invited to stay during the service. Shea, Kathy Knox's granddaughter will be our childcare provider. Following the service coffee hour gives us a chance to further connect with each other in an informal way over hardy refreshments.

And we begin our second month of lay leadership...

October 1—We are pleased to have Laurie Israel as our worship leader. Laurie's "talk" is entitled "Forgive Yourself", we will also hear a Richard Wilbur poem.

Laurie Israel has been part of the Hilltown community since 2011. She divides her time between a law practice based in Brookline and community service, including serving as Town

Moderator in Plainfield and on the Plainfield zoning Board of Appeals. She plays music at various places, including Village Church. She says giving a sermon was on her bucket list.

October 15—Our annual Harvest Celebration, served over pot luck dishes that are sure to include delicious food from our gardens, lovingly prepared and shared. We invite you to bring your favorite fall recipe! Remember new comers are welcome. We were all once new to the church also!

Following a bit briefer coffee hour we will gather for an All Church Council meeting.

October 15—All Church Council meeting, beginning at 11:30. Council meetings are held quarterly to check in with each other about church matters, committee work and make the decisions that keep us going. Everyone is invited to the meeting and all voices are heard.

HILLTOWN CHORAL SOCIETY

The Hilltown Choral Society is looking for altos, tenors and basses to join the chorus. HCS is a community chorus comprised of singers from communities between Northampton and the New York line.

We rehearse on Monday nights at the Worthington Historical Building at 7:30 PM. Our next rehearsal is October 2. Our holiday concerts will be on December 2 and 3.

If interested, please contact the Director, Jeff Hunt, at 413-499-7320 or email him at Jeffcomusic1@aol.com.

Aging Gracefully in the Hilltowns!

Living Fully, Aging Gracefully, and Befriending Death is an ongoing conversation sponsored by the Cummington COA and open to all Hilltown residents.

The group—new members always welcome—meets at the Cummington Community House library, Main Street, on the second Tuesday of each month from 1–3 PM.

For more information please contact Wynne or Lucy at 634-5576 wynlucy@gmail.com or Annie_annieb@crocker.com

WCCC Annual Auction!

The West Cummington Congregational Church will hold its sixteenth annual auction and dinner on Saturday, October 21st, 2017. 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.

Vegetable and cheese platters will precede a choice of hearty and wholesome vegetarian, vegan and non-vegetarian soups accompanied by yummy breads. A wonderful selection of cookies will also be served at the close of the auction. Dinner tickets can be purchased for \$15 from Sylvia Snape (413-345-0566) or sylvia.snape@gmail.com.

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 Sylvia Snape (413-345-0566) or sylvia.snape@gmail.com. We promise fast bidding and a speedy checkout at 9:00! Come one, come all, come and have fun.

To rent the church space for classes, concerts, meetings, etc., please call Scott at 413 320-6544. The church charges a very nominal fee for upkeep & heat. We love having the building used!!

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

From the Librarian's Desk

Another exciting evening of music unfolded during the recent Beatnik Jazz Nite sponsored by the BFL at the Community House. The Beatnik Jazz All-Stars featured Dave Christopolis on bass, Fran Curley (who drove up from Newport RI) on drums, Charlie Tokarz on reeds and flute, Kyle Murray on tenor saxophone, Richard Downs on trumpet and flugelhorn, and Dave Bartley on keyboards. The evening got off to a fun start when the band surprised Dave Bartley during his introduction with a spirited rendition of the theme from 2001-A Space Odyssey. A stellar set list followed: A Night in Tunisia; Love for Sale (with Dave Bartley on vocals); the Bossa Nova gem Dindi (with vocals by Richard); You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To; Work Song; My One and Only Love; Take the A Train; St. Thomas; Whisper Not; There Will Never Be Another You; Nardis; Straight, No Chaser; Afternoon in Paris. They finished the show with a number from the Miles Davis "Kind of Blue" album (the largest selling jazz album ever), So What.

The Beatnik Jazz All-Stars once again showed that the next logical step for them is a studio session to cut a CD.

How does it get any better than this?

See you at the library!

Mark

Rivulet Spirals—Art Opening

Join us on Saturday, October 14, 11 AM–1 PM for our opening of a new art installation along the Rivulet Trail! Meet the artist, Todd Lynch, and take in fall's colors as we hike the Rivulet and learn more about this beautiful installation.

Todd's Rivulet Spirals are inspired by William Cullen Bryant's poem, "Life." It is an installation of an ephemeral woven branch sculpture in the form of two interwoven spirals. The form is inspired by patterns of hydrology and the meter and content in the poem. The piece consists of found branches and plant material collected from on-site and crafted into the spirals that will run the length of a fallen tree along the Rivulet Trail.

Light refreshments. FREE.

Lunch Bunch

On Oct. 11th, we will be going to the Trail Toc Diner in Shelburne. It is at 1105 Mohawk Trail, Shelburne. We will leave from the church at noon. After lunch we will go to the orchards and buy fruit and vegetables. Hope to see you all there.

Nields Concert

On Saturday Oct. 14 at 7:30 PM at the West Cummington Church Nerissa Nields and her sister Katryna will be bringing a concert which is absolutely guaranteed to be inspiring. You will NOT want to miss it! The Nields are beautiful singers, and their song writing is truly inspired—jaw-droppingly. And all of that, plus their big big hearts and their vibrant stage-presence, makes for performances that truly make you want to laugh out loud and well up in tears at the same time! Sliding scale. \$15.00 suggested.

Visit our website at cummingtonvillagechurch.org

Homestead Haunted House

Are you in for a good scare? Come for a spine-chilling weekend at the Homestead on October 20th, 21st, 28th & 29th 6 PM–10 PM and see what ghoulish spirits lurk about this 200 year old house! Edgar Allen Poe meets Washington Irving in this creepy haunted house that takes you through the eerie servant's quarters, third floor and back staircases. All of American literature's scary stories come to life in this bone-chilling experience! You never know who...or what...you'll encounter! Reservations are strongly encouraged. Tickets may be purchased online or by contacting Andrea Caluori at acaluori@thetrustees.org.

Due to the terrifyingly fun nature of this program, we recommend ages 13 and up. Wear walking shoes as the haunted house starts outside and moves through the house.

For more information contact: acaluori@thetrustees.org

Members: \$5; Nonmembers: \$10

Mystery Magic at the Homestead

You heard the stories from last year's show...come and see for yourself the mysteries of mind reading by Magician Melies! A delightfully spooky and fun evening filled with mystery, mind-reading, and a spirit seance! We guarantee you'll leave mystified! You never know who...or what...will make an appearance at the Homestead!

The program is on Friday, October 27th 7–8:30 PM

Intended for adults. Cash bar available. 2 hours. Please reserve your tickets in advance through online registration or by contacting Andrea Caluori at acaluori@thetrustees.org.

Members: \$20; Nonmembers: \$25

Flu Shot Clinic

There will be a flu shot clinic at the community house on October 31, from 10–12. Get ready for the winter now!

Cummington-Wide Tag Sale

There will be a Cummington-wide Tag Sale on October 1, 2017, from 9 AM–3 PM. Pick up your map of tag sales on the 1st at the Cummington Safety Complex, 8 Fairgrounds Road.

Happy Shopping!

Ashfield Community Preschool

Need a FALL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM for Toddlers (ages 15–33 mos.) and Preschoolers (ages 3 and up)? ASHFIELD COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL is now taking applications for the FALL PROGRAM (September 4–June 29, 2018). The curriculum, taught by licensed teachers, includes daily circle time, healthy snacks, story time, nap and both indoor and outdoor play with an intentional balance given to structure and free choice. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Ashfield Community Preschool, 103 Baptist Corner Road, Ashfield, MA 01330. Phone: 413-628-3248, email: acpres@verizon.net or www.ashfieldcommunitypreschool.org

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The Village Church, Cummington

Friday Night Cafe

The Café got off to a great start on September 8 with a performance by Radio Free Earth—Kim and Josh Wachtel. Their music, from folk to jazz and pop, is well worth a trip to the Café or anywhere they are performing.

A bonus that evening was the drawing of the winning ticket in the Village Church's fund-raising quilt raffle. The winner of the lovely quilt was Diane Graham.

On September 22, the Café was graced by the music of the duo Marc Fromm and Andrew Kinsey, playing an acoustic set with several instruments.

Coming up at the Café:

October 13—Okay folks, don't miss this one. Cliff Eberhardt, Williamsburg resident and folk music icon, is performing a benefit concert for the Village Church. Cliff is a critically acclaimed singer, songwriter, and guitarist. For over 30 years he has been one of the most respected singer/songwriters on the national folk club scene. USA Today named his album "The High Above and the Down Below" number five for 2007. In 2012 he wrote and performed the music for the Folger Theater and Shakespeare Library production of "The Taming of the Shrew" for which he received a Helen Hayes Award for sound design in 2013. In addition, he is a respected teacher, producer, arranger, and all-around amazingly talented guy. **AND HE IS COMING TO THE VILLAGE CHURCH FOR A RARE LOCAL PERFORMANCE!** The show is from 7 to 9 PM, suggested donation is \$15. See you there!

October 20—Jam—Bring your instruments! Bring your friends!

October 27—Special Double bill featuring two acts from Worthington—Jim K (solo acoustic) and the Celebration Singers!

November 10—One Part Luck performs

November 24—Norma Jean Haynes and friends

December 8—the Artful Codgers



Sal Peabody picks the winning ticket from the basket held by Kathy Harrison



Radio Free Earth



Cliff Eberhardt, who will appear on October 13th.



Marc Fromm and Andrew Kinsey

Visit the Friday Night Café at
<http://cumingtonvillagechurch.org/FNC.html>

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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