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Village Church—Open and Affirming—You are welcome here

November At the Village Church

November 5—Service 10 AM

November 10—7 PM—One Part Luck and Paul Wells at the Friday Night Café

November 17—Friday night jam session

November 19—Service at 10 AM

Important Rescheduled Council Meeting after service!

November 24—Norma Jean Haynes and Friends

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

from all of us at the Village Church!

Facebook Help

Want to know more about Facebook? Curious about the Village Church page? Is joining this popular social media platform something you would like to do, or, if you already belong, would you like to make your membership more effective?

Individual or group tutorials can be scheduled. Contact Barbara Bricker 413-303-0414 or at chestnutcabin@gmail.com

And Visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/CummingtonVillageChurch.

Aging Gracefully in the Hilltowns!

A Community discussion group is sponsored by the Council on Aging. It focuses on Living Fully, Aging Gracefully, and Befriending Death, open to all residents of the Hilltowns.

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

For further information please contact:

Wynne or Lucy, 634 5576 wynlucy@gmail.com or Annie, annieb@crocker.com

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.

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!!

The Greatest Christmas Tree Sale

to Benefit The Village Church of Cummington

A one-time opportunity! This season only! After 27 years in the Christmas tree business, Bill and Jane Adams will be returning their Porter Hill field to hay and corn. Call 634-5342 for an appointment to select and cut your fresh Christmas tree. Beginning the day after Thanksgiving through first snow or Christmas Eve, whichever comes first. No frills, just a fresh tree and an old-fashioned experience. Enjoy the view, and let your kids and pets run. ALL PROCEEDS from retail sales will go to the Cummington Village Church. This is a generous finale to their years in business. Join in and help celebrate this special time of year. This is a one-time opportunity to give your support to the church and its mission. It will be greatly appreciated.

Generously offered by

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The Adams Family will be returning their Porter Hill field to hay and corn after 27 years in business. Buy one of their last trees and support the Cummington Village Church.

Call 634-5342 for an appointment to choose and cut a fresh locally grown Christmas tree. Feel free to come enjoy the view and let your kids and pets run!

The sale runs from the day after Thanksgiving to first snowfall or Christmas Eve, whichever comes first so call now!



Sponsored by *The Clearview Christmas Tree Farm*

Call 634-5432

Seed Saving Exchange

The Hilltown Seed Saving Network is pleased to announce its sixth annual Seed Exchange, on Saturday, November 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Community House in Cummington. Join us to learn to save your own garden seed, get answers to your seed saving questions and exchange seed that you've saved with other local growers.

Please note that you don't have to bring seed to come to this event. We welcome people at all levels of experience, including those who have never saved seed before.

The event will begin at 1 PM, with a presentation by Amy Pulley, of Wing and a Prayer Nursery, titled "Planting Seeds for Pollinators". Out of concern for declining populations of native bee and butterfly species, Amy has created a local nursery focused on plants that serve the needs of pollinators by providing nectar, pollen and larval forage.

The seed exchange will begin at 1:30. You will have plenty of time to browse and help yourself to the dozens of home grown varieties of tomatoes, beans, kale, wildflowers, and many other crops, as well as to discuss growing and saving seed with your neighbors. If you cannot attend the seed exchange but wish to drop off seed, do so any time after 12 PM.

Also, we encourage everyone who is bringing seed to the event to list it online using our Virtual Seed Bank at <http://seednetwork.herokuapp.com>. Once you have registered (a quick and easy process), you will be able to browse varieties that other people in the Hilltowns are saving, and perhaps bringing to the Seed Exchange.

The suggested donation for this event is a sliding scale of \$5 - \$10. For more information, visit hilltownseeds.wordpress.com; or contact Sadie at 413-475-2692.

Lunch Bunch

On November 8th we will be going to the Brewmaster's Restaurant in Williamsburg. We will leave from the church at noon. This is our last outing for the year. Come and join us before all the Holidays start.

Friday Night Café

On October 13th, nationally known musician Cliff Eberhart appeared and delighted the large crowd with his talent. We got a bonus when Louise Mosrie, also well-known and who had played here before, joined him for a few songs. It is wonderful to be able to have two incredibly talented musicians here at our humble Café. Don't let anyone tell you Cummington is not a happening place!

The Nov. 10 Café is significant. Not only will the great *One Part Luck* duo of John Bye and Peg Cowen be playing, but they will have a special guest. Native son Paul Wells, son of Franny and Helen Wells, will be sharing the evening with us. Paul lives in Maine now, is a teacher, musicologist, composer, and producer. He and his wife will play a set together. They play old time cajun, celtic, and appalachian style music.

On November 24: Norma Jean Haynes and Friends return to the Café for a rollicking, rootsy and always meaningful time! Those who saw her before know the show will be enjoyable.

As always snacks are provided, BYO drinks, donations for the performers are appreciated.

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Cliff Eberhardt



Cliff Eberhardt and Louise Mosrie

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weekend

& Member-Owner Appreciation Days

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WINE, CHEESE &
CHOCOLATE TASTING
10AM TO 6PM**

THE OLD CREAMERY CO-OP, RT. 9, CUMMINGTON




The Old Creamery Co-op's 5th Birthday!

In early November 2012, a few hundred citizens and supporters successfully raised the funds needed to purchase The Old Creamery's business and real estate and begin operating under cooperative ownership. Today this community-owned business has 776 owners who recognize that the Creamery is central to life in the Hill-towns around Cummington.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, and Sunday, Nov. 5, The Old Creamery Co-op will hold a week-end-long "Birthday Party" to mark the occasion of five years as a co-op.

Live music by local musicians, an old-fashioned cider pressing, samplings from local and regional producers, wine tastings with a storewide wine sale, no-cost raffles ranging from a \$100 shopping spree to a Creamery-baked pie, and samples of Creamery-baked goods including a big birthday cake on Sunday afternoon are just a few of the events planned, and all are open to everyone.

Additionally, to express appreciation for five years of support, member-owners of the Co-op will enjoy a 10 percent savings on their shopping throughout the weekend. Anyone who becomes a new member-owner may also enjoy these discounts.

The Old Creamery Co-op is committed to creating local jobs, selling products from local farms and producers, and supporting the local economy. It's our store—we own it!

The Co-op hopes everyone will come as

we celebrate our five-year anniversary and look ahead to another five years of community values and support.

Contact Michael@oldcreamery.coop for additional details, or visit www.oldcreamery.coop.

Greetings

Anyone who wants to extend holiday greetings to their neighbors for any of the holidays coming up, please send a short message and your names to us by November 25. They will appear in the December issue of the GWM.

Email mrblooz@verizon.net or mail to GWM c/o 68 Main St. Cummington, MA 01026.

The Goodwill Messenger, deadline for the December issue is November 25. 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 entryway of the Village Church. Please be sure to include all the details, and a contact number in case we have questions.

Visit VC Church website at cummingtonvillagechurch.org

From Council on Aging

Our annual Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner will be held on November 21st at 12:00 noon in the Community House. Lorraine York-Edberg, SHINE Regional Program Director, will be here to speak with us. SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) is a state program that provides free, unbiased health insurance information and counseling assistance to Massachusetts residents with Medicare, their caregivers, and those approaching Medicare eligibility. The deadline for open enrollment is December 7th.

Appointments to meet with Lorraine after the luncheon can be made by calling Anne Parsons: 634-2262. If you need a ride in order to attend, call the COA office at 634-2262. Please don't be shy and don't miss out! Good food, good people!

Visit the Friday Night Café at
<http://cummingtonvillagechurch.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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