

# The Goodwill Messenger

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*Village Church—Open and Affirming—You are welcome here*

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## Special Service

April 15th will bring a Taizé service to the Village Church. Begun in Taizé France during WWII, this ecumenical service of chant-like song and meditation has spread throughout the world. While it is often considered a prayer for world peace we hope you will find it brings an increased level of internal peace to you as well.

On April 15th there will be a Church Council meeting after service.

## April at the Village Church

**Sunday April 1**—Easter Service, Supply Minister Lindsey Peterson leads the service

**Friday April 13**—Friday Night Café, Sean and Heather

**Sunday April 15**—Barbara Bricker—traditional Taize service, Church Council meeting after service

**Friday April 27**—Friday Night Café, Larz Young

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## Historic Quilt Documentation at Bryant Homestead

Join the Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project on May 5, 2018, from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM, and discover the history and stories behind your most cherished quilts. Your quilt will be studied and documented with information provided about how and when it was made and specific historical aspects of its design. Advanced registration is requested. The cost is \$15 per quilt. Quilts from Historical Societies and Museums are done for free. Please call Martha Emerson for more information at 413-634-2158.

Again, this is on May 5, 9:30 AM–1:00 PM.



From the Facebook page

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## Aging Gracefully in the Hilltowns!

A Community discussion group, sponsored by the Council on Aging, focusing 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](mailto:wynlucy@gmail.com) or Annie [annieb@crocker.com](mailto:annieb@crocker.com)

Comment:

*Why did I change my tune from “Okay, I should try this group once anyway” to joyfully looking forward to the next session, and the next?*

*What touches me most: the quiet, spacious, caring listening—mostly strangers sharing this awe-inspiring stage of our lives. I might have the exact same experience being shared, yet hearing how another takes a totally different approach is enlightening and often up-lifting.*

*Practical resources: Time to share what we have gleaned/researched regarding community resources to keep our lives vital.*

—Susan Brown (participant)

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Visit our website at [cummingtonvillagechurch.org](http://cummingtonvillagechurch.org)  
or look for us on Facebook!

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!!

## Indigenous Voices in the Berkshires

On April 28, from 1:00–3:00 PM, Doug Harris is offering a presentation on the Ceremonial Stone features in our landscape. It will be at the Cummington Community House, Main St, Cummington, MA and the event is FREE, and wheel-chair accessible. Sponsored by Mass and local cultural council grants. Information 413-634-2254, khalbrecht57@gmail.com.

Mr. Harris, is the Deputy Narrangansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, with 20 years of training and service.

His work was a key factor in listing “Prayer Hill” in Turners Falls, MA with the National Register of Historic Places in 2008.

He helped create the “determination of eligibility” for the stone landscapes in the eastern U.S.

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The Goodwill Messenger, deadline for the May issue is April 25, 2018. 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](mailto:mrblooz@verizon.net) or Pat at [patakeith@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Send us news, folks! Have a new family member? We'll publish a photo. This paper is for the community—if something is going on let us know.

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## Friday Night Café

On March 9, Radio Free Earth (Kim and Josh Wachtel) brought their ebullient music, roots and branches and all, to the Café And on March 23, Nashville recording artist Louise Mosrie came, with Cliff Eberhardt accompanying on several pieces, bringing her country sound.

We are so fortunate to have such talent close at hand in the hilltowns. Come and see for yourself, if you haven't been here already. We have musical treasure here, don't miss out.

And you don't have to drive a half hour to get here either!

On April 13, the amazing duo of Sean and Heather will play for us, and on April 27 we will hear the music of Larz Young. Do yourself a favor and come hear this music. It's here, it's near, and it's free! (donations are accepted)



Radio Free Earth

Please join us  
For a Presentation by



Learn how local Angels (Caregivers) can help keep you or your loved one safe at home

When: **Sunday April 29, 3 PM**

Where: Plainfield Congregational Church, Fellowship Hall  
356 Main St, Plainfield

Presentation Followed by

## Finger Food & Refreshments

Courtesy of Devonshire Estates

Lenox, MA (413) 637-1700



For information and registration:

Please call: (413) 822-2177 (Mariana)

**Visiting Angels of the Berkshires**

**5 State St.- 3rd Floor Shelburne Falls MA**

[www.visitingangels.com/pittsfield](http://www.visitingangels.com/pittsfield)



Louise Mosrie (Cliff Eberhardt accompanying)

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## Beatnik Jazz!

On March 11th, the Beatnik Jazz All Stars—a group which has played in Cummington twice before, sponsored by the Bryant Free Library—came back to town to record a CD. A small but enthusiastic crowd heard some incredible music that day!







Our Hilltown Community Market  
 www.oldcreamery.coop  
 413-634-5560

Mon-Sat 7:30am-7:30pm  
 Sunday 8:30am-7:30pm

Annual Meeting of Co-op Member-Owners  
**Sunday, April 29, 4 PM**  
 at the Cummington Community House

- Hear important updates on our Co-op's challenges in 2017.
- VOTE for candidates running for a seat on the board.
- Have an interactive Q&A with the board and general manager.
- Bring your ideas about the future direction of our Co-op.

**Democracy in action! Make your voice heard!**

(Oh yes, and we will have Creamery-made goodies and snacks!)

*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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays 6–8 PM		

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