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Village Church—Open and Affirming—You are welcome here

Summer Program with Greenwood Music Camp

Every summer when the Greenwood Music Camp joins the Village Church we expand in spirit as well in numbers. Preparations are well underway for a rich exchange. The Village Church has been primarily Lay led this year. This series, which features and serves the Greenwood Music Campers as well as regular attendees and guests, is designed to continue quality programming and offer our usual broad range of ideas within the context of regular Sunday Service.

July 8: We begin the Greenwood series with Stacey Mackowiak, who again brings her skills to The Village Church and friends.

Introducing many of us to Shambhala, Stacey will talk about the concept of Basic Goodness, also called inherent goodness, and how to cultivate awareness of our own basic goodness and that which exists in every moment. Through guided meditation and reflection, we will discover how our own self-awareness can allow us to touch the present moment with a sense of openness and connection. Using these practices, we can begin to forge new paths towards peace within ourselves, our community and our world. Molly Smith of the Village Church will assist.

Stacey is a yoga therapist and meditation teacher at Sunflower Yoga & Mindfulness in Cummington. She was trained in Mindfulness-Based Psychology at Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado. Stacey and her family have made Cummington their home. Her three beautiful children remind her daily the importance of creating peace in the present moment.

July 15: The vibrant West Cummington Church family will close and its members will join us for service. Their Poet Pastor, Stephen Philbrick, will lead the combined congregations.

Penny Schultz's inspiring musical direction is a regular feature at West Cummington. She will lead congregational singing for this special Sunday and send us higher.

July 22: "Crossing Over"

We depend on networking for inspiration, quality and diver-

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.

sity. It brought us Lance Humphrey, newly ordained, for a wonderful Christian Service and Lance brings us Sharon Midyette. They served together on the staff of the United Church of Christ, Holyoke and at the Cathedral in the Light in Greenfield. Sharon comes from Andover Newton Theological School. She was formerly a paralegal and a congregant in her Enfield, CT church and a Mom to her son Adam. Inspiration for her sermon comes from Mark 6:30-34. 53-56.

July 29: Lunasdal. Sarah Stockwell-Arthen (from EarthSpirit), a regular at the Village Church, and Josh Clark (of Village Church) will co-lead a celebration of Lunasdal, the pre-Christian Celtic holiday of "first harvest." This is the time when the bounty of the growing season begins in earnest, with berries fruits and vegetables and Summer's heat begins to peak. We will recognize and rejoice in our own personal harvests, as well as the bounty of this growing church community.

A ritualist in the EarthSpirit Community and herbalist for 25 years, Sarah loves community earth-focused ritual with its power to create change by invigorating our bonds to land and spirit, recreating culture from old roots. She is deeply involved in reviving the visiting traditions of Europe (such as Wassailing), which combine her love of community singing, solemn outdoor earth-loving ritual, strengthening the web of life, deeply geeky research and the freedom of sacred goofiness.

August 5: John Maruskin is a long-standing member of the Village Church. He edits our monthly newsletter "The Goodwill Messenger" and is a pivotal organizer of the annual Messiah Sing. He has collaborated with Greenwood's Choral Director Gregory Hayes for many years. He will share the Village Church's heartfelt appreciation for all the energy, thoughts and music that the Greenwood Campers bring to the Village Church.

His other work is aligned well with his spirit as he works at a facility where the clients are recovering from substance abuse issues.

—Barbara Bricker

The Goodwill Messenger, deadline for the August issue is July 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 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.

See our Facebook Page!

<https://www.facebook.com/CummingtonVillageChurch/>

Bryant Day

Join us for this annual hilltown tradition in Cummington at the Bryant Homestead! Bryant Day is a celebration of history, literature, nature and craft in a beautiful setting! The day's tentative schedule includes: guided walks along the Rivulet Trail, two special historic talks by well-known authors, 19th century style dancing by Civil War era ballroom dancers, house tours and tours of the 19th century barn. Food and specialty craft vendors plus booths by local historical societies!

Author Frank Gado will speak at 12:45 PM on "Bryant, Cole, the Hudson River School, and the Emergence of American Literature." Historian and author Carole Owens will speak at 1:35 PM on "Remarkable Women of New England." The speakers will be followed by the Civil War ballroom dancers. Come to the hilltowns of Western MA and experience the place that inspired Bryant's nature poetry!

Bryant Day is July 21, from 12–4 PM at the William Cullen Bryant Homestead, Route 112 in Cummington, MA.

Member Adult: \$5; Member Child: \$3

Nonmember Adult: \$10; Nonmember Child: \$6

For more information call 413.200.7262 or email acaluori@thetrustees.org

Exploring Bryant's Woods:

A Friday Hiking Series

Join Trustees staff for a guided hike along the Bryant Homestead's Rivulet Trail! Explore the woods that inspired Bryant's poem The Rivulet and walk through old growth forest.

This event will be on Friday, July 13, from 10:30–11:45 AM at the William Cullen Bryant Homestead, Cummington.

Members: Free; Nonmember Adult: \$5

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19th Century Children's Garden Tour & Nature Craft

Kids are invited to come and explore our very own children's garden based on a 19th century garden for kids in Joseph Breck's The Young Florist. After our tour of the garden, we'll have supplies to make nature and garden inspired crafts to take home.

This event will be on Saturday, July 7, from 10–11:30 AM at the William Cullen Bryant Homestead, Cummington

Member Child: \$3.00; Nonmember Child: \$6.00

For more information call 413.200.7262 or email acaluori@thetrustees.org

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 or Annie at annieb@crocker.com

Campaign Event Announced

Tahirah Amatul-Wadud, candidate for US Congress

Nutwood Farm is hosting a meet & greet with Tahirah Amatul-Wadud, progressive candidate for US Congress in our district (MA-1), on Saturday, July 7th at 5 PM. Location: 87 Potash Hill Road (Barn), Cummington. Come hear from a passionate, grounded, and experienced candidate and share with her what matters most to you and our community! Please RSVP by email or phone to: nutwoodfarmersgmail.com or call (413) 824-1840. Paid for and authorized by the Committee to Elect Tahirah Amatul-Wadud.

Cummington Historical Commission News

The Kingman Tavern Museum will open for the 2018 summer season on Saturday, July 14 from 2–5 PM. The museum will open Saturdays through August 25. Guided tours are offered of the Tavern. The Barn and Carriage Shed tours are self-guided. Programs are offered on most Saturdays. Refreshments are served on the lawn & picnicking is encouraged. Admission is free, however donations are accepted. We invite you to visit.

Housed in an early 1800s tavern, the Kingman Tavern Museum facility consists of a furnished house and several outbuildings housing over 5000 artifacts depicting Cummington history from the late 1700s to the mid-1900s. Most items were lovingly donated by Cummington families in honor of their ancestors. While the rich display is not categorized by discrete time period, it collectively presents a mosaic of 200 years of farm, industrial and domestic life in a small western Massachusetts hilltown.

The two story house, used as a tavern in the early 19th century, includes a replica of a well-stocked general store, a kitchen, parlor rooms and bedrooms, as well as rooms dedicated to textiles, military history, light industry, millinery and clothing.

It's the Kingman Tavern Museum's 50th year! Come celebrate with us!

Please call Pat at 413-563-1981 or Carla at 413-695-6569 for more information.

Part-time Summer Employment

The Cummington Historical Commission invites applicants to call about guide openings for this summer. Needed are guides to work 2–5 PM Saturdays from July 14–August 25, however, one need not commit to every Saturday. Training is provided. Guides are paid \$15.00 per hour. High school students are encouraged to apply. Please call Pat at 413-563-1981.

Cummington's Kingman Tavern Museum Seeks Programs

Anyone wishing to offer a program related to the early history of the area such as: farming related, music, gardening and crafts are invited to contact Pat Keith at 413-563-1981. A stipend is provided.

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60th Wedding Anniversary

Come Celebrate with Janet and Jim Martin
 On July 21, 2018, From 2:00-4:00 PM at the
 Deer Hill Rod and Gun Club,
 25 Porter Hill Road, Cummington, MA 01026
 No gifts please, there will be a basket for cards
 if you wish to bring one. Please RSVP to Kevin and Laurie
 Martin @ 413-634-5098 or Michael Martin @ 814-883-3465 on
 or before July 7th.

If you're unable to attend and wish to send a card

Mail to Jim & Janet Martin

PO Box 45, Cummington, MA 01026

There will be light refreshments served.

Directions to the club: At the Old Creamery Store in
 Cummington on Route 9, turn onto Route 112 and proceed to
 "five corners." Continue left on Route 112 toward Worthington
 and take the second left onto Porter Hill Road.

Deer Hill Rod and Gun Club, is on the right.

Hope to see you there.

Michael, David and Kevin Martin

Hilltown Bash

The second annual Hilltown Bash was a big success, with well over a hundred people attending over the course of the day. There was a large variety of potluck food, music provided by Radio Free Earth and Psychic Friends, and dancing! There was lots for kids to do too. It was a great summer party. Thanks to the Cummington, Plainfield and Worthington cultural councils for helping to fund this event, and to Kim Wachtel for making it happen.



Psychic Friends



Radio Free Earth



Dancing



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Kid Stuff

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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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