

# The Goodwill Messenger

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Village Church—Open and Affirming—You are welcome here

## Village Church Moves into Future

On July 31, 2017 several members of Village Church met at the Creamery to say farewell to Rev. Jon Rehmus. A few words of appreciation were spoken by John Maruskin, and Rev. Rehmus spoke about his years at the church and the problems and joys during his ministry.

The church does not have at present, a settled minister, but church still goes on! There will be guest and lay ministers through the fall and into winter. On September 3rd, Josh Clark will do a service with the subject "A Blank Slate?" and members of the congregation will have an opportunity to say what they would like to see for the church now. On September 17, Staci Mackowiak will lead the service.



Farewell event for Jon Rehmus on July 31st at the Creamery

## September At the Village Church

September 3—Service 10 AM

September 8—Friday Night Café returns with Radio Free Earth! Don't miss it!

September 15—Monthly jam session

September 17—Service 10 AM

September 22—Marc Fromm and Andrew Kinsey—acoustic roots music

## Greenwood Summer is Over

It was another successful and tuneful summer with the campers of Greenwood Music camp. They played for us, they sang for us and they rang the bell! Their presence brought in a lot of visitors who got to enjoy the beauty and hospitality of the Village Church. We are so fortunate to have this blessing in our community.



String Trio opening a service



Campers loved to ring the church bell

## HILLTOWN CHORAL SOCIETY

The Hilltown Choral Society announces its rehearsal schedule for the fall of 2017 leading up to Holiday Concerts to be held on Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3.

Weekly rehearsals will begin on Monday evening, September 11. The rehearsals are from 7:30 to 9:00 PM at the Worthington Historical Society building at the intersection of Routes 143 and 112 in the Worthington town center.

The Hilltown Choral Society, now in its 61st year, is a community chorus comprised of singers from communities between Northampton and the New York line. Chorus Director, Jeff Hunt, is also organist at St. Mark's Church in Pittsfield, MA.

New singers of all ages (especially altos and tenors) are welcome to join the chorus. For more information, please contact the Director, Jeff Hunt, at 413-499-7320 or email him at Jeffcomusic1@aol.com.



The campers and instructors performing excerpts from Monteverdi's *Vespers*

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 634-5084. The church charges a very nominal fee to cover upkeep & heat. We love having the building used!!

Visit our website at [cummingtonvillagechurch.org](http://cummingtonvillagechurch.org)

## Free Passes

The Bryant Free Library in Cummington has the following museum passes available: Mass MOCA—family pass (two adults two children); Berkshire Museum—family pass; Smith Museum of Art—eight adults; Wistariahurst Museum—two adults; Clark Art Institute—1 adult. For further information about availability of the passes you may contact the library at [cummingtonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:cummingtonlibrary@gmail.com) or during regular library hours.

## Beatnik Jazz Again!

(see ad next page)

Save the Date!

BEATNIK JAZZ NITE REDUX featuring the Beatnik Jazz All-Star Septet Saturday, Sept 23rd, 2017 at the Cummington Community House. 7 PM. Last year's Jazz Nite was a big success, with lots of good music. Dave Bartley will be leading on keyboards, and we expect the usual line up of Dave Christopolis—Bass, Fran Curley—Drums, Aaron Dean—Saxophone, Richard Downs—Trumpet, Charlie Tokarz—Reeds and flute, barring any last minute changes.

Don't forget your berets and volumes of existential poetry!



Last year's line-up of fine musicians..

## Friday Night Cafe

We are pleased to kick off a new season with Radio Free Earth—Josh and Kim Wachtel—on September 8, playing their fun and varied crossover music. (At the intermission we'll also be doing the drawing for the Village Church quilt raffle!)

Our monthly jam in the round will take place on the third Friday as always, September 15, from 7 to 10 PM. Players of all levels and listeners are welcome! Contact John Bye or Peg Cowen for more information at 634-5398.

On September 22, the extraordinary Marc Fromm and Andrew Kinsey return for a full night of acoustic roots music.

Also, please mark your calendars for Friday, October 13, when the nationally-known performer, songwriter and recording artist Cliff Eberhardt performs a benefit concert on behalf of the Village Church. Don't miss this one folks!

All shows are 7 to 9 PM and free. Everyone is welcome. Snacks served. BYO.

Thanks to the Cummington, Plainfield, Worthington and Windsor Local Cultural Councils for their support of the series.



Photos from performances last season

Friday Night Café [cummingtonvillagechurch.org/FNC.html](http://cummingtonvillagechurch.org/FNC.html)

## Lunch Bunch

On Sept.13th we will be going to the Spruce Corner Restaurant. We will leave from the church at noon. Come join us.

## Municipal Light Plant

The Cummington Municipal Light Plant (MLP), has received the initial payment of the \$390,000 to begin the make ready process to build the town's broadband network. We have signed a contract with Whip City of Westfield Gas and Electric, (WG&E). Monday September 11, the MLP board will meet with WG&E in Cummington, for the official kick off and to begin the town pole survey. So when you see workers on the roads of Cummington or coming up your driveway, welcome them as we are finally off and running! Allan Douglas, is the town's MLP manager, and may be contacted at [mlpmanager@cummington-ma.gov](mailto:mlpmanager@cummington-ma.gov).

## No-Cost Writing Workshop for Hilltowners

Patty Kimura (Worthington) and Bill Latimer (Plainfield) are offering a six-week workshop series for poets and writers of Cummington, Plainfield, and Worthington, Sept. 8 through Oct. 13, six consecutive Fridays, 2 to 3:30 PM, in the West Cummington Church Parish House.

The workshop will be limited to 12 participants. There is no charge for the workshop.

Patty writes poetry and Bill writes prose, and one is short and one is tall, and together they believe that writing is a way for you to express something that is true for you, because it's that way for us. A way for you to share a memory, to explore a feeling, to see the world as it is, to dream what was or never was or might never be.

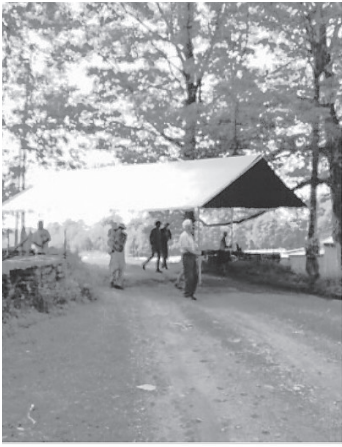
We hope to help you find the writing form that best speaks for you whether it be poetry, prose, or spray paint—well, maybe not spray paint. We hope to help you consider why you might need to write. With Bill's background as a newspaper and book editor, we can help look at the technical aspects of writing. And finally, we will help you explore whether your readers got what you meant for them to get, through the usefulness and poverty that is feedback.

The classes will focus primarily on in-class writing with prompts to help us unlock and write, and time to share what we write and exchange thoughts; we will also offer a time to share and review things you write outside of class. Bill and Patty will offer both positive and constructive feedback in an environment that supports each writer, no matter how experienced or new.

To apply for the workshop, send an email to Bill at [tgwb@mac.com](mailto:tgwb@mac.com) or call him at 413-446-6636 and leave a message.

This program is supported in part by grants from the Cummington, Plainfield, and Worthington Cultural Councils, local agencies that are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

The Goodwill Messenger, deadline for the October issue is September 25th. Any personal news, an event, 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 a contact number in case we have questions.



## The “Service on the Hill”

For what may be the fifth year in a row, Village Church joined with West Cummington Congregational Church to celebrate our common roots at the site of the original church in Cummington, at the top of Potash Hill Road.

It was a really lovely service. About 50 people attended and

everyone felt good about the day. There was really good music. Josh Wachtel did the sermon, called “Reflection,” on a vision of “new ruralism”. He asked people to think about what caused them to end up in Cummington and how we might make the most out of being here in terms of reinventing community.

Photos courtesy of Darlene Graham



Maynard G. Krebs

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

# Beatnik Jazz Nite—Redux

*with the* **Beatnik Jazz All-Stars**

**Saturday, September 23, 2017**

**7:00 PM—Doors open at 6:30 PM**

**Cummington Community House**

**33 Main Street, Cummington, MA**

**\$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
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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