



The Relator

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"Salute one another with a holy kiss.
The Churches of Christ salute you!"
Romans 16:16

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Cosma's Corner

I Thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Phil. 1:3-6)

The Cosma5 Family would like to extend a big **THANK YOU!!!** for all the great gifts, gifts of money, cookies, candy, popcorn, and everything else to spoil us and make us fat during the Christmas season. And personally I, your preacher and His servant and yours, greatly appreciates the love you extend to my family.

This month @ PCC: A NEW SERMON SERIES !

Can You
Guess With
What We Will
Be Dealing?



*I will give you a **Clue**: It has to do with your **Monopoly** on **Life**... now don't **Risk** everything by making a hasty **Outburst** ... this could **Boggle** your mind as you **Scrabble** for answers.*

***Sorry** It will all be revealed on Sunday Mornings at 10am at PCC*

*This is how we will continue the **Pursuit** together!*

I am looking forward to an amazing year with men of God stepping up to lead with me and for the glory of Christ.

The greatest gift that any preacher can receive is a responsive congregation ... individuals stepping up and stepping out in service to break away from comfort to commitment. Every time anyone captures the vision for the mission to the children and youth and say I don't know if I can but I am willing to teach and make myself available to help them grow as Jesus grew in stature, wisdom, and favor with God and man, I get excited. Every time a Christian displays a willing servant's heart I get a big **Thank You!!!** from them and our ministry multiplies. I am joyful due to our partnership in the gospel, and know that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion, another word for perfection.

Christ completes you, Christian man and Christian woman.
Happy New Year!!

From One Not Yet Complete

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Brand new

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last 12 months.

All you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination. All the good you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all you hoped but did not will, all the faith you claimed but did not have – these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to him who said, "See, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5, NRSV).
—Author unknown

'Stitches and Giggles'

We started a **new** project for the **New Year** making prayer shawls. I have the pattern if you would like to make one. We are trying to schedule a paint and sip this month or in March.

Our next meeting will be January 12th from 1- 3 p.m. Bring whatever you are working on.

Thanks to all that went caroling! We had eight join us for a great time !!

-Robin Heestand

january calendar

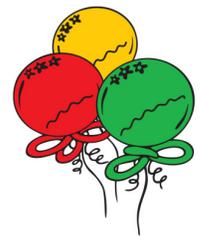
Jan 3rd ... 8:00 am Board Meeting
Jan 10th ... 8:00 am Elders Meeting
Jan 12th ... 1:00 pm Stitches and Giggles
Jan 17th ... 8:00 am Board Meeting
Jan 31st ... 6:00 pm 5th Sunday Rally here at Phillips



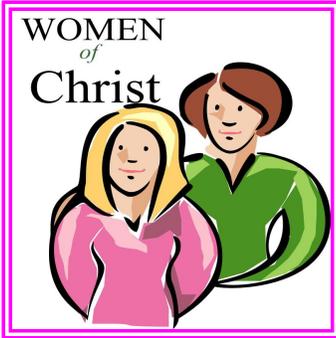
The 2016 Offering Envelopes are available. If you would like to start using them please see Bob or Marty Shinn on Sunday. In order to better support our Missions, beginning January 3, 2016, 10% of the offering not designated will go to General Missions. This also pertains to checks and cash placed in the offering plate. Please fill out your envelopes completely. The Missions we support are: Canton Christian Home, Elkhorn Valley Christian Service Camp, HASTEN, Lifeline Christian Mission and N.O.A.H.

BALLOON LAUNCH

Two more balloons launched on September 21, 2015 as part of the 185th



Anniversary of Phillips Christian Church have been returned in the month of December. They were found in Helen Furnace, PA and Sigel, PA. This brings the total to 10. These balloons were launched by Laureen Laughlin and Emily Cosma. We are looking forward to more being found and returned.



Our group of 10 women and a visitor Carolyn Amell all met at Ricky's English Pub in Salem for a holiday dinner, talking and gift exchange. We all enjoyed some good food there and

had a few laughs with our Gag gifts we exchanged.

We talked a little about our upcoming meeting/outings. Anyone with any projects, outing or service projects ideas please let our group know. We may be small but we can usually accomplish great works for and from our church to others in the community.

Sometime in February we will have our next group outing with our spouses or a friend for a Valentine's Night Out. Look for those details in the Church Bulletin or next Relator.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and may we all have a wonderful 2016.

- Diana Reiter

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

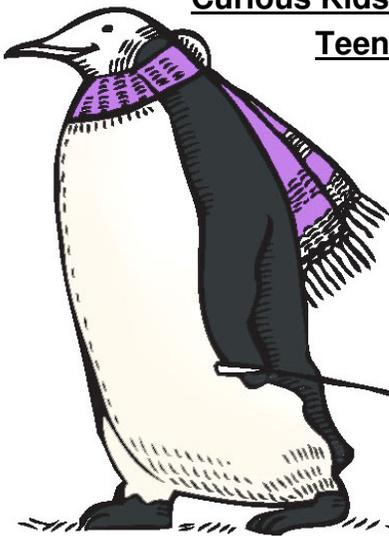
Little Angels: Missy Opsitnik

Curious Kids: Marty Shinn, Kaleb Shinn, Cody Opsitnik, Emma Jenkins, Kristie Dennison

Teens: Mike Phillis, Ali Opsitnik, Kaylie Shinn

Homebuilders/ Loyal Sons & Daughters:

Carl & Judy Merriman, Don & Wanda Huston, Bill Yeager, Bev Evans, Ada Bailey, Gail Phillis, Jr., Marty Snyder, Robin Janofa, Bob Shinn, Jack & Bonnie Vincent, Tom & Linda Miller, Marsha Snyder, Dorothy Faloba, Jason & Jen Shinn



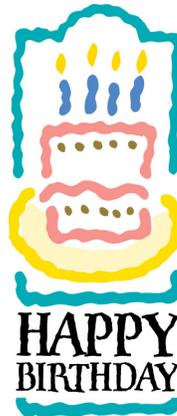
Jan 3rd

Lynn
&
Brenda
Schmidt



Jan 16th

Joe
&
Crystal
Phillis



- Jan 1 ... Cindy Sawman
- ... Milissa Opsitnik
- Jan 6 ... Bill Snyder
- Jan 10 ... Sherry Huston
- Jan 13 ... Grant Kelly
- ... Gavin Kelly
- Jan 21 ... Pat Kalbfell
- ... Travis Mitchell
- ... Emily Cosma
- Jan 27 ... Debbie Splitstone
- Jan 28 ... Betty Lou Davis
- ... Aulden Walling
- ... Verna Kelly
- Jan 29 ... James Davis

To the Saints of the Phillips Congregation
in Salem, Ohio,
May the Love, Joy and Peace that only He
can bring be yours at Christmas and
Always.

May all Good Gifts He has be yours.
Our Love and Care to each of you,
Clarence & Pat Mansfield

Thank you for the lovely floral arrangement. It
was a surprise and a nice treat. I have
wonderful memories of the more than 40
years that I worked for the Lord at Phillips
until I had to move away. I pray that the
dedicated members are successful as they
continue to do His work.

I wish you much success in the coming year.
May God Bless You,
Maxine Vincent

Thanks to all the decorating
'elves' at PCC, the
church looked
beautiful for
Christmas!

Thanks
for Your
Kindness



Thanks to Cody Opsitnik for the
wonderful 'last minute'
message on Sunday!

Thank you for your generous donations of gift cards to provide families a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. The families were so grateful for the help. Your commitment to the community is a true blessing. On behalf of our school and the families, we thank you! God Bless!

Missy Kemats
School Counselor
McKinley School

A heartfelt "Thank You" to all those who had a part in making the Christmas Season here at Phillips so special. The response to the Women Of Christ's "Christmas Sharing" project was just great with 144 pairs of socks, 3 hats and a box of art supplies delivered to the Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley.

How wonderful it was to hear our young people share there talents during the offering times. Solos were played by Lucy Cosma on the piano, Kristie Dennison on the clarinet and Kaleb Shinn on the saxophone. Keep up the good work! The "Happy Birthday, Jesus" Coffee and Donut Fellowship followed by the program featuring Christmas Carols and the Sunday School Kids singing to the Baby Jesus was very enjoyable. Thanks, also, to Cody Opsitnik for filling the pulpit at the last minute to finish out our terrific month of December. We are looking forward to great things happening here at Phillips Christian Church in 2016.

- Marty Shinn



Please Pray For ...

Our Nation
Our Congregation
Lost Souls
Unspoken Needs
Northeast Ohio Bible College
Highland Christian Church

Nathaniel Davis (immune system problems)

Bill Wiley (meds for migraines helping some)

Maxine Vincent (cancer)

Franklin Kutz (kidney cancer)

Mary Lou Eberhart (health problems)

Jeff Strange (new treatment)

Kim Bergman (kidney cancer)

Steve Singer (blood condition)

Bill Yeager (health problems)

Kim Briggs (starting chemo)

Suzanne Holloway (lung cancer)

Dorothy Knepper (lung cancer)

Alice Gamble (back surgery)

Mary Lou Hartzell (throat cancer)

George Faull (pray for strength)

Dave Davies (Leukemia)

Elizabeth Thatcher (health problems)

Bill Snyder & his caregiver, Marty (rough chemo)

Mary McCartney (burns, heart attack)

Forest Benz (cancer)

Monica (cancer)

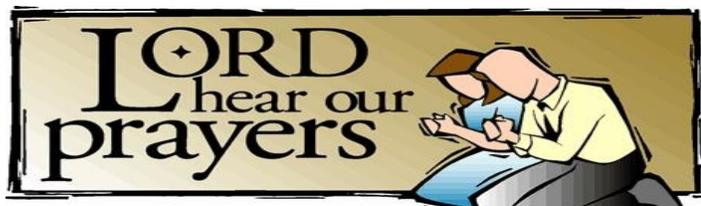
SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Joe Phillis; Joel Newburn; Kyle Stephenson ; Clinton Barnhart; Paige Wyss

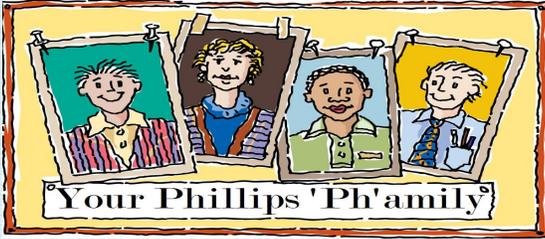
OUR SHUT-INS

Jim Dorsey; Bess Staubs; Pat Kalbfell; Dorothy McFadden; David Phillis;

Margie Bell; Martha Crookston



Our Phillips Phamily member for this month is Beverly Evans.



*Our spotlight this month is on
Beverly (Hilliard) Evans.*

Beverly (Bev) lives at 36005 SR 344 outside Salem. Her birthday is May 25, 1940 and she was born at Salem Hospital in Salem, Ohio.

She married Kenneth Evans (deceased 12-9-2002) in Salem on July 9, 1959. They met while riding the school bus together and his two sisters were some of Bev's best friends from school.

Charles and Ruth Ann Hilliard from Salem were Bev's parents who also attended Phillips. Bev is an only child. Bev has two daughters, Barbara Ann Boyce and Ginny Kay Harahuc. She has four grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, 1 step great great grandson and grand daughter and 3 step great grandsons. She also had another son and daughter who were born but passed away days after their birth from complications.

Knitting is one of her favorite hobbies. Bev has sold Avon for over 34 years and also worked her junior year in high school at Scott's Candy Store in Salem. She previously had also been the church janitor for years. Bev graduated from Salem High School in 1958 and she was a member of the girls "Hi Tri" group during her high school years.

She considers one of her major achievements as being married for 47 years to her husband Kenneth. Bev feels being a good Christian, teaching kids at Phillips all these past 35 years is a talent she cherishes.

Bev's favorite story in the Bible is "The Birth of Christ" because of the example Jesus ended up setting for us on this earth. Easter is her favorite holiday because Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

Bev is involved with teaching Junior Church, past being Sunday School and Bible School teacher, member of our Church choir, janitor and Sunday School librarian. She is involved with Church Women United from Salem and in the past 4-H and Grange member when she was young.

Her funniest memory at Phillips that still makes her laugh is when the young kids in the back of the old white church would let their toy cars go in the back of the church and they would roll thru your shoes to the front of the church. Remember the church was on a hill.

Thanks Beverly for the look into your years and life here at Phillips.....

- Written by Diana Reiter

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WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm ... Adult Bible Study & Youth Group

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A winning pattern for the New Year



Some anonymous wise person penned the following directions for living without bringing pain to others or oneself:

“You will never be sorry –
for thinking before acting,
for hearing before judging,
for forgiving your enemies,
for being candid and frank,
for helping a fallen brother,
for being honest in business,
for thinking before speaking,
for being loyal to God and the church,
for standing by your principles,
for refusing to participate in gossip,
for holding your words when tempted to demean another,
for not entertaining impure or hateful thoughts,
for sympathizing with the afflicted,
for being courteous and kind to all.”



A NEW
YEAR

&

NEW
OPPORTUNITIES