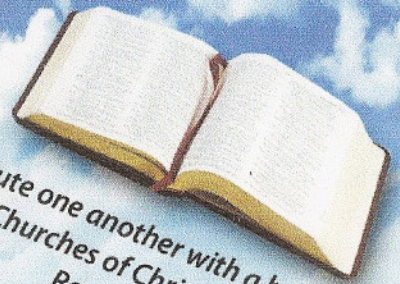




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"Salute one another with a holy kiss.
The Churches of Christ salute you!"
Romans 16:16

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November 2014



Oh, Give Thanks
to the LORD

Call upon His name; make known
His deeds among the peoples!

1 CHRONICLES 16:8, NKJV



Phillips Christian Church



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>* Denotes services that are held at the same time each week</p>						1
<p>2 8:00 am Trustees Meeting *9:00 am Sunday School *10:00 am Worship</p> <p>BIRTHDAY Mollie Phillis</p>	3	4	<p>5 *7:00 pm Adult Bible Study & Elementary Youth Group</p> <p>BIRTHDAY Bill Wiley</p>	<p>6 BIRTHDAY Tiffanie Hennard Ed DiBaggio</p> <p>ANNIVERSARY Bill & Nancy Hamilton</p>	7	8
<p>9 8:00 am Elders Meeting</p>	10	11	12	<p>13 BIRTHDAY Matthew Davis</p>	<p>14 BIRTHDAY Emma Jenkins</p> <p>ANNIVERSARY Ken & Robin Heestand</p>	<p>15 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Relay Team at St. Jude Craft Show</p>
<p>16 8:00 am Board Meeting 11:00 am Congregational Meeting</p> <p>BIRTHDAY Chris Toalston</p>	<p>17 BIRTHDAY Jeanie Wiley Kristi Dennison</p>	18	19	<p>20 1-3 pm Stitches & Giggles</p> <p>ANNIVERSARY Derek & Megan Frederick</p>	21	<p>22 BIRTHDAY Ron Walling</p>
<p>23 11:00 am Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal</p> <p>BIRTHDAY Beau Eichler</p>	<p>24 BIRTHDAY Bill Yeager</p>	25	26	<p>27 THANKSGIVING</p> <p>BIRTHDAY Marty Snyder</p>	<p>28 BIRTHDAY Dorothy Faloba</p>	29
<p>30 BIRTHDAY Judy Merriman</p>	<p align="center">GRATITUDE'S GIFTS</p> <p align="center">Gratitude gets us through the hard stuff. To reflect on your blessings is to rehearse God's accomplishments. To rehearse God's accomplishments is to discover his heart. To discover his heart is to discover not just good gifts but the Good Giver.</p> <p align="center">Gratitude always leaves us looking at God and away from dread. It does to anxiety what the morning sun does to valley mist. It burns it up.</p> <p align="center">--Max Lucado, <i>You'll Get Through This</i></p>					

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CORNER**

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. | Peter 3:1-4

It is interesting that I preached on this passage of Scripture the Sunday before we had transplanted one of our faithful women ... a faithful wife, mother, grandmother, and Kingdom-worker. She was as we have been talking about a citizen of heaven and now heaven has claimed her. What is our loss is heaven's gain.

She lives this life that these verses describe, not only for herself, but as an example to her family and her friends and whoever else may be watching. She took seriously her faith and her family and her family's faith in the Lord.

Her unfading beauty is unfading for two reasons: 1. She is a child of God's by birth and rebirth and 2. She leaves a legacy of love for the Lord and His Church through her family.

I am not sure who is printing this newsletter up for November 2014 because that was her job, and she faithfully administered her duties for 60 something years ... long before me.

And who is going to make up our communion bread? Many probably do not know that she did this task faithfully behind the scenes to make sure we would be prepared to gather around the Lord's table. I guess it will be left up to her legacy ... not just her biological family but also her extended family at PCC.

Mrs. Barbara Phillis! We are going to miss you. Thanks for paving the way for more servants of the Lord to come along and do His work. Thanks for the unassuming way you accomplished great tasks with a gentle and quiet spirit. We know you are of great worth in God's sight and you probably realize it now more than ever since God is within your sights. Enjoy the celebration! We are going to gather with you around a table again very soon.

In His Service,
Your Family

The following is an e-mail received from Bill & Jeanie Wiley

AND THEN IT IS WINTER: *You know...time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.*

It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is...the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore...it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they

appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

THANK YOU

To All at Phillips,

I would like to thank everyone for all the many prayers, blessing get well cards and the beautiful flower arrangement that was sent to me while in the hospital.

Again, Thank You,
Dorothy Miller

May God, whose love is everywhere, bless you every day for being what you always are—so nice in every way!

Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement you sent while I was in the hospital. Also, thanks for the visits and especially your prayers.

In Christian Love,
Karen Mraz

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Romans 8:28

To thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

To our church family at PCC,

Our entire family thanks you all from the bottom of our hearts for any part everyone had in making our Mom's service & dinner so special. She would have been so pleased at how everything went, exactly as she had planned. All of you here at Phillips were very near and special to her heart and she loved you all and considered you her church family.

We're all doing to miss Mom but be certain we'll all see her again someday to help welcome us to her Heavenly home.

Thanks again to everyone for your cards of sympathy, delicious food, beautiful flower arrangements and donations to our church's building fund for a project she had asked to be done in the future.

The Gail Phillis Family

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Our Congregation, Our Nation, Unspoken Needs, Lost Souls

Northeast Ohio Bible College

Nathaniel Davis (immune system problems) [Wiley]

Bill Wiley (health problems)

Sophie Null (cancer) [Wiley]

Gary Flamino (cancer) [Wiley]

Margaret Greier (health problems) [Faloba]

Bob Roberts (cancer) [Faloba]

Paul Clunen (health problems) [Faloba]

Maxine Vincent [Miller]

Jay Lafferre (Parkinsons) [Miller]

Mary Lou Eberhart (kidney problems) [Evans]

Kasey Colian Haying (surgery) [Evans]

Bill Bryan (lung problems) [Bryan]

Kathy Taucher (ALS) [Stratton]

Julianne Poynter (hip surgery went well) [Poynter]

Joy Fearigo (stroke—please pray for speech) [DiBaggio]

Jeff Strange (surgery for brain tumor went well) [Strange]

Burt Sutter (cancer) [R. Kelly]

Kim Bergman (kidney cancer that is resistant to treatment) [Shinn]

Deb Phillips (cancer) [S. Phillips]

Ellie Wright (vision problems)

Don Huston (his surgery pending)

Bill Yeager (colon cancer, continuing to recover at home)

Kevin Lanney (open heart surgery) [Schmidt]

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Tim Huston, Kuwait; **Joe Phillis**; **Ron Walling** (Wiley);

Joel Newburn, Germany; **Kyle Stephenson** (Schmidt);

Clinton Barnhart, Kuwait (Phillis); **Paige Wyss** (Faloba)

OUR SHUT-INS

Jim Dorsey; **Bess Staubs**; **Pat Kalbfell**; **Bob Bryan**;

Dorothy McFadden (Phillis); **June Williams** (Merriman);

David Phillis; **Margie Bell**, (Floor); **Martha Crookston**

(Shinn); **Barbara Strange** (Essex I)

STITCHES & GIGGLES

--Robin Heestand

Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 20, from 1 to 3 pm. Bring your needlework and a bag of starlight peppermints and a couple metal cookie cutters. We are still collecting baby hats and booties for Akron Children's hospital.

RELAY FOR LIFE

--Marty Shinn

Our Relay Team's "Fall Harvest Soup" sale was a huge success. We earned \$583.00.

A really big THANK YOU to Judy Merriman, Robin Heestand, Robin Janofa, and Marty Snyder (me, too) for making the soup. And to all who bought the soup.

On Saturday, November 15th, our team will have a table at the 23rd Annual Craft Show St. Jude's Church, 180 7th St, Columbiana, OH from 10:00 to 4:00 pm.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our 2014 Annual congregational Meeting will be held on November 16th at 11:00 am. The main purpose of the meeting will be to elect a new Trustee.

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP MEAL

November 23rd immediately following worship we will be sharing in our Thanksgiving Fellowship meal. This year the menu consists of Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, gravy and green beans. You are asked to bring the salads and desserts. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer so that we know how many to plan on.

My favorite memory of Barb was her smile. Every time I talked to her she was always smiling. I am going to miss her and her smile.

Robin Heestand

My tribute to Aunt Barbara concerns the terrific burp cloths that she made for the babies. All of us new Moms looked forward to getting a couple of them at our baby showers and she always enjoyed seeing us use them when we brought our babies to church.

I can't really think of any other specific memories. My memories are more of a personal nature and are memories made with the family.. I'm glad that Aunt Barbara counted us as part of her family just as she will always be part of ours.

Missy Opsitnik and Family

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER

--Robin Janofa, Sunday School

Secretary

Little Angels: Kim Cosma, Gavin Kelly, Grant Kelly
Curious Kids: Marty Shinn, Heather Auckerman
Jr. High: Sheldon Cosma
Teens: Mike Phillis, Dom DiBaggio, Emily Cosma
Home/Builders/Loyal Sons & Daughters: Bob Shinn, Gail Phillis, Sr., Gail Phillis, Jr., Bill & Marty Snyder, Carl & Judy Merriman, Robin Janofa, Bev Evans, Jack & Bonnie Vincent, Carol Kelly, Linda Miller, Lynn & Brenda Schmidt, Rorie & Diana Reiter

Thank heavens for people like Aunt Barbara: Never saying "No" to someone in need and always supportive and uplifting. Years of dedication and work in church education and most of all the "Relator". She had her family in church attendance setting attendance records in SS. She grew up a family that loved the church like their mother.

Always had a smile and positive attitude for everyone. She was a part of the glue that held the church together. She was elected to sainthood unanimously. Love you Aunt Barbara !!!

Your nephew (Delbert and Cathie Windle)

Barbara Phillis will be greatly missed. She truly was a Loyal Daughter. Robin Janofa

REMEMBERING BARBARA PHILLIS

As we ladies packed into the church van for my first trip to Lake Mount Women's Retreat, I felt bad for Barb that she got stuck with me as a seat mate, and in the very last seat. I hadn't been with the church for very long and barely knew everyone's name. Instead it was a very treasured ride. We both enjoyed talking with each other, she made me feel like I was a very close friend! The time went by so quickly that before you knew it, we were at the retreat!

Always there to help. Even lent me maternity clothes when I was pregnant with my first child. I looked forward to reading the Relator every month even when living 2500 miles away and gone from Phillips church for almost fifty years. She raised a wonderful, caring family.

"Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Dave & Carol Windle Grisez

No matter if it was at the grocery store, the voting precinct or Sunday mornings, Barb would say hello, her face would brighten up as she showed genuine pleasure to see you!

Such a dear friend who will be deeply missed, and I am very grateful to have known such a wonderful person. Thank you, Barb, for being my friend.

Brenda Schmidt

My Aunt Barb was one of the kindest, sweetest people I know. She managed to raise 7 children with Uncle Gail. She was always busy and involved with many activities especially her family. She always had a smile for you. She took care of my grandmother for many years. She was very involved with the church and its activities. She put the Relator together every month for many years.

I thought about what to say here for a long time. I think I'll just concentrate on Aunt Barbara's years as the typist and then editor for the Relator. I can't imagine doing this for all that time....66 years and three months. That's how old this publication is. Just think of how much time and effort she put into all those pages.

There is a complete set of Relators in the church library because she was so careful to save each and every one. At our 185th Anniversary celebration we stressed "years of faithful service". Our congregation has great examples of those folks who have led by example. All those still with us and those who have gone on before us continue to lead.

I only typed the Relator for her a few times when she was sick. Bob and our kids will tell you that I get a little cranky when I do it. I couldn't have done it all those years like she did. If you read the old Relators you get a real history of our congregation and that history is preserved for us because of Aunt Barbara. The Relator is her legacy!!

She will be greatly missed. She always treated Bill like family. She was "Aunt Barb" to many people who were not related. She was loved by many people.

Jeanie Wiley

Marty Shinn

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9:00 am ... Sunday School

10:00 am ... Worship

WEDNESDAY

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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



5 Characteristics of a Godly Woman

SEEK GOD FIRST: Reject the lie that anything or anyone else can satisfy you.

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." – [Matthew 6:33-34](#)

SPEAK FAITHFULLY: Love others with godly wisdom, boldness, and kindness as a faithful completer of others.

"Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all the unfortunate. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and defend the rights of the afflicted and needy" – [Proverbs 31:8-9](#)

"She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue." – [Proverbs 31:26](#)

SHOW TRUE BEAUTY: Bodies deteriorate, persons develop. Invest in that which lasts.

"Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised." – [Proverbs 31:30](#)

STAY HUMBLE: Be constantly aware of 'pride and selfishness. Don't think less of yourself but think of yourself less.

"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus". – [Philippians 2:3-5](#)

SERVE THE LORD: Set your mind on eternal things, serve the eternal King, live to please only Him.

"He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him." – [John 12:25-26](#)

"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men."
– [Colossians 3:23](#)