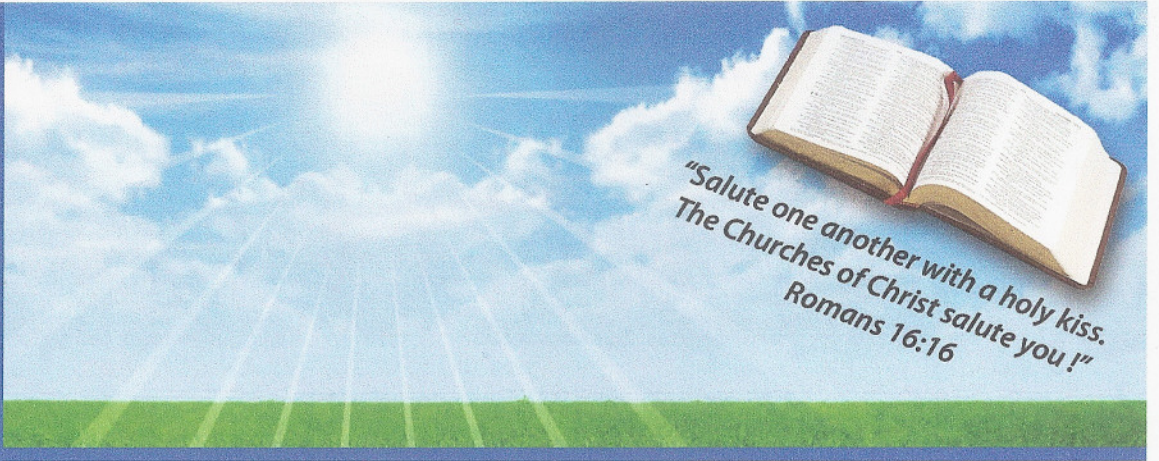


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"Salute one another with a holy kiss.
The Churches of Christ salute you!"
Romans 16:16

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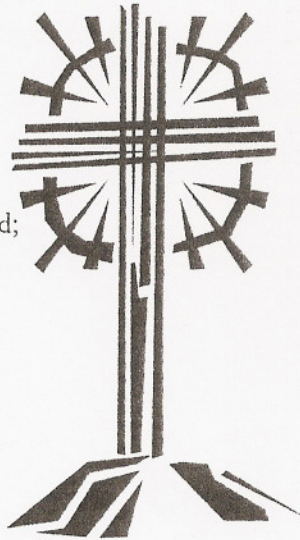


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>*Denotes services that are held at the same time weekly.</p>		<p>1 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Carrie Miller</p>	<p>2 *7:00 pm Bible Study Elementary Youth Group</p> <p><u>BIRTHDAY</u> Caragan Frederick</p>			<p>5 12:00 PM Baby Shower for Tiffanie Heestand Hennard</p>	
	<p>6 8:00 am Trustees Meeting *9:00 am Sunday School *10:00 am Worship *6:30 pm Teen Youth Group <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Bonnie Vincent</p>		<p>8 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Bryan Bartels</p>	<p>9 10:00 am Stitches & Giggles</p>			<p>12 1:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt for ages Pre-school thru 6th grade</p> <p><u>BIRTHDAY</u> Kim Cosma</p>
	<p>13 8:00 am Elders Meeting</p> <p><u>PALM SUNDAY</u></p>			<p>16 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Gail Phillis, Sr.</p>	<p>17 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Megan Frederick Cindy Eichler</p>	<p>18 7:00 pm Good Friday Services at Lake Mount <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Justin Mitchell</p>	
	<p>20 8:00 am Board Meeting</p> <p><u>RESURRECTION SUNDAY</u></p>		<p>22 <u>ANNIVERSARY</u> Bill & Jeanie Wiley</p>			<p>25 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Kaleb Shinn</p>	<p>26 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> John E. Faloba</p>
	<p>27</p>	<p>28 <u>BIRTHDAY</u> Robin Heestand</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>"Easter was when Hope in person surprised the whole world by coming forward from the future into the present." --N. T. Wright, <i>Surprised by Hope</i></p>		

A prayer for Easter

Lord,
 Thank you for spending 33 years with us:
 for announcing Love
 from the high heavens;
 for introducing Love in an
 obscure manger setting;
 for living Love in a family
 framework;
 for sharing Love with the poor
 and deprived and diseased;
 for showing Love to the
 unlovable and unloving;
 for letting little children
 feel Love in your arms;
 for suffering on a cross
 because of Love;
 for loosing Love upon the
 world to take up
 residence in us;
 for your Love that will
 not let us go. Amen.



—Forrest Nees

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An ancient legend

A very old story has the Devil trying to get into heaven by pretending to be the risen Christ. In splendor he arrives at the gate of heaven along with a group of demons dressed as angels of light. The Devil begins to shout the words from Psalm 24: "Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in."

Heaven's true angels answer him in the words of the psalm, "Who is the King of glory?"

Boldly, the Devil answers, "I am." Then he stretched out his arms and the angels saw no wounds in his hands, no wound in his side.

The good angels knew an imposter when they saw one. They quickly slammed shut the gates of heaven and the Devil went away in defeat.



EASTER IS THE GREAT PROCLAMATION AND PROMISE OF GOD THAT NOTHING CAN OVERCOME GOD'S LOVE, NOT EVEN THE MURDER OF THE SON OF GOD.

--Charles Ferrell

Cosma Corner

The leadership at Phillips Christian church is happy to inform all of its members and regular givers that you should be receiving a check in the mail for back pay for over-giving. We realized after reviewing our financial records one again that we far exceeded our estimated budget for 2013, and realize we have no real ministry uses for these exorbitant funds. There was an overage of 33% that we will be remitting from our general fund and giving back to each contributor that percentage of their contributions. If you contributed in any way to the general fund of PCC in 2013 you will be receiving a check in the mail by April 15, 2014 for a 33% reimbursement of your overall annual contribution. Sorry for any delays in processing. If you have any queries, please contact the church at 330-332-4467 where you will either get a personal response or a voice mail response that would sound something like this:

"Yeah Right ... April Fools!"

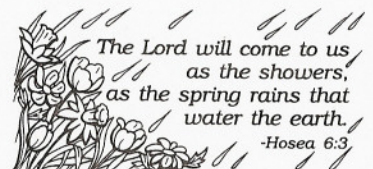
I was going to share now a story for you from I Samuel 25 that includes a character we have been discussing on Wednesday night...King David...but instead I will let you read it yourself and tell you the following: you first learn that you do not want to name your son or daughter Nabal, which means *fool*, but Abby or Abigail for a girl is all right. Sorry to all the Nabals out there. We also see that what was the King's already was given to the King by the humble servant.

We also see how a *fool despises wisdom and discipline (Proverbs 1:7)*. This story definitely demonstrates for us what Proverbs 14 defines for us as the one who is foolish; however, it also shows us the Proverbs 1:7a principle that *the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge*. So simply translated into Christian principles we can learn these truths: Give your best to the King...it is already His anyways (first fruits of your finances and time). 2. Know your Lord...Christ Jesus. 3. Don't be a dumb fool, be a smart fool. I Corinthians 4:10 *We are fools for Christ*. Foolish living, foolish giving; Foolish loving, foolish serving.

From One Good Fool to Another

Happy Resurrection Sunday

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 Every Sunday



The Lord will come to us,
 as the showers,
 as the spring rains that
 water the earth.
 -Hosea 6:3

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

Our Congregation
Our Nation
Unspoken Needs
Lost Souls

Northeast Ohio Bible College

- Nathaniel Davis (immune system problems) [Wiley]
- Bill Wiley (health problems)
- Cindy Hilliard (cancer) [Evans]
- Landon & Ethan Redmond [Faloba]
- Sue Cromer (cancer, undergoing radiation) [Wiley]
- Pat Mansfield (back problems) [Miller]
- Maxine Vincent [Miller]
- Hope Shauck [Faloba]
- Elizabeth Faloba (spiritual) [Faloba]
- Mary Lou Eberhart (kidney problems) [Evans]
- William Worgull (heart problems) [Wiley]
- Steve Singer (stroke; improving) [Vincent]
- Christina Williams (cancer) [Grandon]
- Olivia Volshel (health problems) [Grandon]
- Bill Bryan (lung problems) [Bryan]
- Paul Clunen (home and recuperating) [Evans]
- Bill Cartwright (health problems) [Wiley]
- Gail Phillis, Sr. (continues to improve)
- Kathy Taucher (ALS) [Stratton]
- Emma & Don Cooper [Faloba]
- Richard Faloba (spiritual) [Faloba]
- Emma Cooper (head injury from fall) [Kelly]

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Tim Huston, Afghanistan; Joe Phillis, Ron Walling; Joel Newburn, Germany; Kyle Stephenson,; Clinton Barnhart

OUR SHUT-INS

Jim Dorsey, Bess Staubs, Pat Kalbfell, Bob Bryan, Dorothy McFadden, June Williams, David Phillis, Margie Bell (stroke)

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Geraldine Dorsey who passed away last week. Geraldine has been on our prayer/shutin list for quite some time. Please keep this family in your prayers.

RELAY FOR LIFE

--Marty Shinn

Our Relay For Life held a fundraiser on March and raised \$205.81. We are not sure what we are going to do next but we'll keep you posted. The Relay will be held on June 13th & 14th at Waterworth Memorial Park in Salem. Our main focus is to:

HEal
CANcer

I'VE LEARNED THAT PEOPLE ARE MORE INFLUENCED BY HOW MUCH I CARE THAN BY HOW MUCH I KNOW.

--Anonymous



EASTER EGG HUNT

YOUTH NEWS

--Robin Heestand

Thanks for all your patience with the Brandywine tubing trip. I guess Mother Nature did not want us to go! We got 4 free vouchers for next year.

The Easter Egg Hunt is April 12th at 1:00 pm and is for Preschool thru 6th grades. It will be held rain or shine. The teens need to be here at the church at 11:00 am so we can hide the eggs. We will be having pizza at noon. We will need lots of cookies!

STITCHES & GIGGLES

--Robin Heestand

Our next meeting is April 9th at 10:00 am. We will be making an Easter wreath. You will need 20-22 marshmallow bunnies and color you want. Make sure they are marshmallow bunnies and NOT peeps. I'll have the wreath form, ribbon and glue guns. Also, you can bring your knitting or crocheting or whatever you are working on.

On May 14th we will be having Kendra Johnson coming to show us how to make bread.

THANK YOU

Thanks you so much! Your kindness means the world to me. Thank you for the flower arrangement at the passing of my grandfather. They were beautiful.

Thanks again,
Jen Shinn & Family

Phillips Christian Church Family,

Thank you for your kindness. We want to thank you for the many prayers and cards sent before and after my surgery. A big thank you to all who brought food. It was delicious and plentiful. Thanks to Sheldon for being with my family during my surgery, also. I am recovering while taking my therapy.

Again, Thank you,
Gail Phillis, Sr.

Phillips Christian Church,

Clyde and I would both like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls & offers of help during my illness. It was very much appreciated. Also, the flower arrangement was beautiful.

God Bless you all,
Nita Floor

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

--Robin Janofa

LITTLE LAMBS: Kim Cosma, Gavin Kelly, Grant Kelly

LITTLE ANGELS: Missy Opsitnik

CURIOUS KIDS: Marty Shinn, Kaleb Shinn

JUNIOR HIGH: Sheldon Cosma, Michael Stratton, Anthony DiBaggio

TEENS: Mike Phillis, Ali Opsitnik, Emily Cosma, Dom DiBaggio

HOMEBUILDERS: Bill Snyder, Marty Snyder, Ben Fowler, Bob Shinn, Carl & Judy Merriman, Jason Shinn, robin Janofa, Bill Yeager, Bev Evans, Tom & Linda Miller, Lynn & Brenda Schmidt, John & Dorothy Faloba

LOYAL SONS AND DAUGHTERS: Ada Bailey, Barbara Phillis, Gail Phillis, Jr., Bill & Carol Kelly

WOMEN OF CHRIST

Our Women of Christ will not be meeting this month but instead will be attending the Lakemount Church of Christ's Ladies Day on April 16th. Sign In and coffee time is at 8:00 am. Opening Session begins at 9:00 am with lunch between 11:00 am and noon. Cost is \$9.00. The format for this year's Ladies Day will be different. All speakers will be presenting their sessions in the main sanctuary so everyone will get to hear all of the speakers! This will eliminate the need to choose and find each classroom for the presentations. Also, they are going to try and have everyone eat lunch at the same time. They are having a tea party so it will be nice to have be able to fellowship together. The information and registration forms are on the table in the foyer. Deadline to register is April 17th.

DEEP IN THE HEART OF TAXES

There is nothing new about a government levying taxes. About 500 B.C., when Persia controlled Jerusalem, some enemies of the Jews sent a letter to Artaxerxes, the Persian king. The letter warned that the Jews were rebuilding the walls and foundations of Jerusalem and that if the king did not stop them, the Jews would not have money to pay Artaxerxes "tribute, custom, or toll" (Ezra 4:13). Artaxerxes ordered the work stopped and all taxes paid.

When Caesar Augustus required that a census be taken in order to levy a tax against the Jews, Joseph had to register in Bethlehem, the city of David, "because he was of the house and lineage of David" (Luke 2:4). Joseph and Mary paid taxes just as we do.

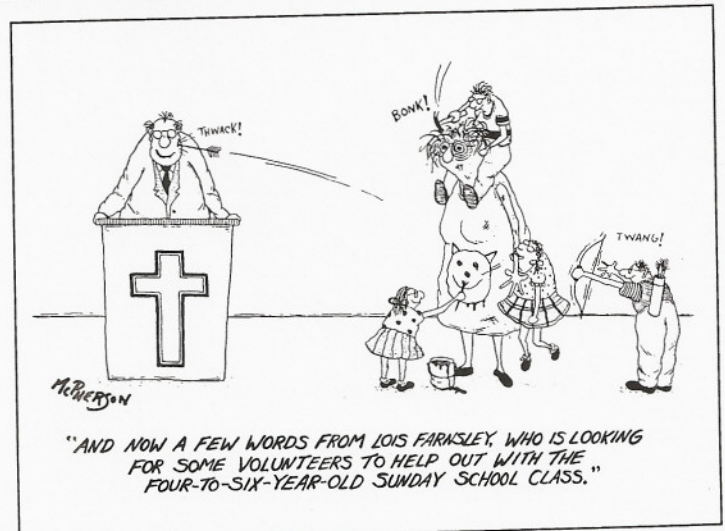
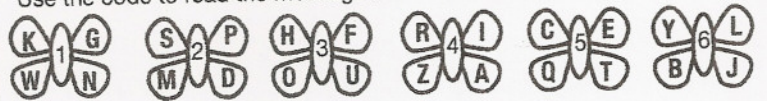
Neither Jesus nor Paul suggested tax dodging. Jesus said, "Render therefore to Caesar things that are Caesar's..." (Matthew 22:21). Paul counseled: "Pay all of them their due..." (Romans 13:7). So...we also pay our taxes. Hopefully, our government will keep allowing charitable deductions. --copied



The Angel's Message

When Mary and Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb, an angel suddenly appeared before them! He told them not to be afraid and gave them a message for Jesus' disciples.

Use the code to read the message from Matthew 28:7 (NIV).



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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



A Sign of Spring !

In *The Story of the Easter Robin* (Zonderkidz), Dandi Daley Mackall retells an old Pennsylvania Dutch tale of the robin's compassion as he witnessed Jesus' death.

On Good Friday, a plain brown robin flying over Jerusalem was curious about the "nest" atop Jesus' head. When the bird realized it was a crown of thorns, he tried to dislodge it. As the robin pulled out a long thorn from Jesus' forehead, a drop of blood landed on the bird's breast, staining it red. Now the robin's red breast is a symbol of Jesus' loving sacrifice, and the robin's early-spring song is a reminder of Jesus' joyful resurrection.

Without Jesus ...

Without the risen Savior in our hearts, life is like:

- A chocolate Easter Bunny – empty on the inside;
- An Easter bonnet – easily blown off kilter;
- Last year's Easter outfit – it doesn't quite fit right;
- An Easter lily – it soon withers and dries up;
- A bag of jellybeans – sugary and sweet but lacking substance;
- An unfound Easter basket – full of gifts that spoil and go to waste;
- A colored Easter egg – looks great but cracks under pressure;
- The Easter bunny – always hopping here and there;
- Marshmallow Peeps – becomes hard when opened up;
- Easter parade – a long journey with no destination;
- An unopened Easter card – a message of love unclaimed.

—David Patterson

