



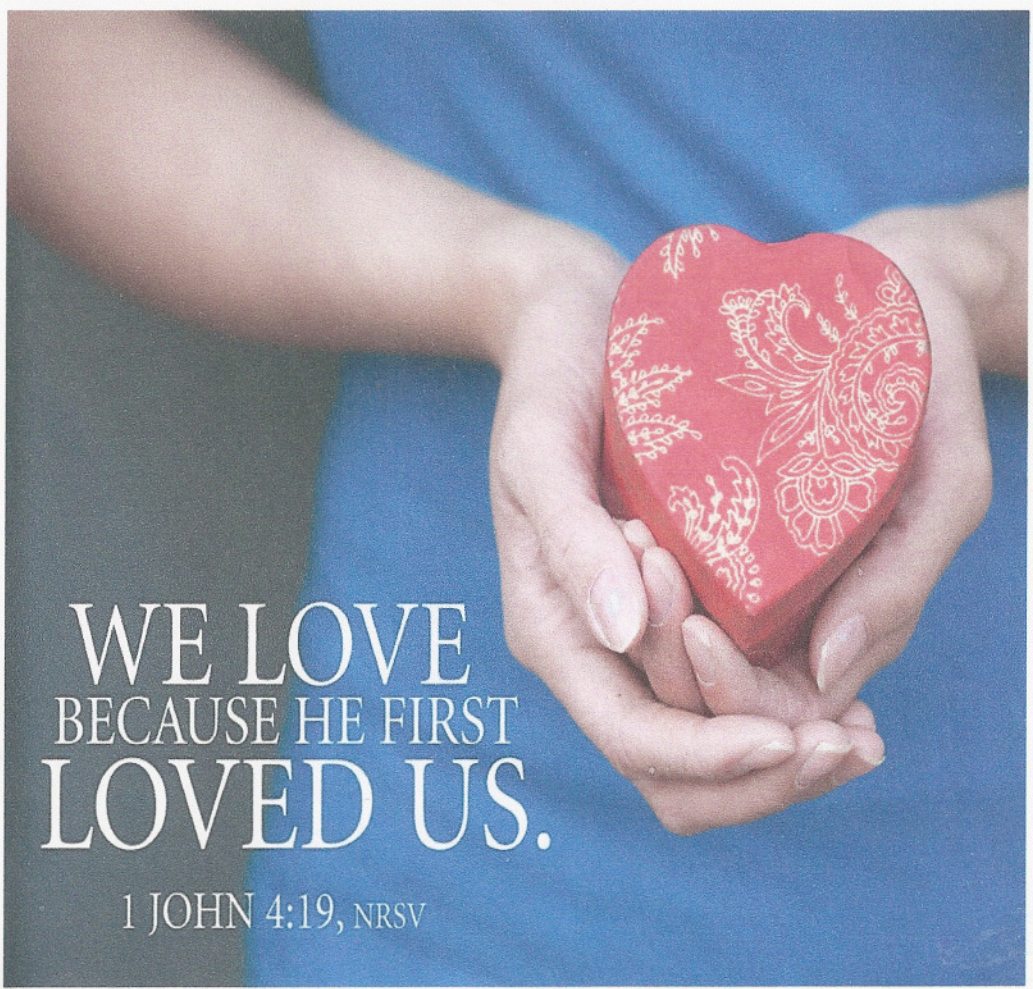
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"Salute one another with a holy kiss.
The Churches of Christ salute you!"
Romans 16:16

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February 2014



WE LOVE
BECAUSE HE FIRST
LOVED US.

1 JOHN 4:19, NRSV



Phillips Christian Church



REFLECTIONS

"KEEP ON GOING"

No matter what the day brings
Or what may come along,
Just put a smile upon your face,
And sing a happy song....
No matter what the day brings
Or what may lie in store,
Just fill your heart with hope and peace
And happiness galore....
No matter what the day brings
Or what may be your cares,
Just reach to God and He will send
An answer to your prayers.....
No matter what the day brings
Or what may touch your soul,
Just walk with Jesus all the way
And you will reach your goal....
And keep on Going !!!!!
(copied) -Hope C. Oberhelman
"Help me, Lord, My God, save me in your
Kindness." Psa. 109:26

I KNOW HE'S THERE !!

I've never seen God, but I know He's there;
In the stars, on the earth, He is everywhere.
I've never heard God, but He speaks to me;
In my heart, in my mind, He sets me free.
I've never touched God, but I've felt His love;
He brings warmth and kindness from Heaven
Above,
He radiates power, yet gentleness too
He cares for us all, matters not what we do
God shines through His people who we meet
Everyday;

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**COSMA
CORNER**

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that liveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that liveth not knoweth not God for God is love. 1 John 4:7&8 KJV

I love using that verse and quoting in from the King James version of the Bible, because those very exact words have been put to music and taught to me when I was a youngin'.

It is interesting that as we enter the month of February, especially around the 14th, the subject of love is brought to the surface of numerous conversations, as well as being a motivation for gift giving that the chocolatiers, florists, and greeting card companies love. The problem, however, in our society and in our world is that people have the last part of that Scripture song backwards. We have made love our god and have even turned it from a selfless act into a self-serving act. Some have even perverted it and have tried to use it to manipulate morals, people, and even have attempted to use it to manipulate the One from whom it originates.

You have heard me say it before, because I heard it over and over again: *Love is thinking the best and doing the best for another even to the point of self-sacrifice.* However, it is never enough to say it ... it must be lived. It is love that cleans up the vomit of a child, the incontinence of a loved one ... all the messes in life and the messed up lives. Love is messier than people would like to admit but it is worth it. God knew this and that is why He sent His one and only Son to die for us, the unlovely and unloveable ... because make no mistake ... **GOD is LOVE!**

From One Unlovely Mess To Another



PRAYER

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YOUTH NEWS

--RobinHeestand

NEEDS

Our Congregation, Our Nation, Unspoken Needs, Lost Souls

Northeast Ohio Bible College

Nathaniel Davis (immune system problems)

Bill Wiley (health problems)

Cindy Hilliard (cancer)

Landon & Ethan Redmond

Sue Cromer (cancer, undergoing radiation)

Pat Mansfield (back problems)

Maxine Vincent

Hope Shauck

Elizabeth Faloba (spiritual)

Mary Lou Eberhart (kidney problems)

Carol Baker (cancer)

William Worgull (heart problems)

Dan Shirley (lymphoma)

Steve Singer (stroke; recuperating)

David Nocera (pain from fractured leg)

Christina Williams (cancer)

Olivia Volshel (health problems)

Bill Bryan (lung problems)

Paul Clunen (cancer in lungs; stroke)

Bill Cartwright (health problems)

Our Spring Revival (beginning March 30th)

Gail Phillis, Sr. (heart valve replacement February 19th)

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Tim Huston, Afghanistan; **Joe Phillis, Ron Walling**; **Joel Newburn**, Germany; **Dustin Reiter**—U.S. Homeland Security Border Patrol; **Kyle Stephenson**, will be returning to the States first part of February

OUR SHUT-INS

Jim & Geraldine Dorsey, Bess Staubs, Pat Kalbfell, Bob Bryan, Dorothy McFadden, Faye Bell, June Williams, David Phillis, Margie Bell

STITCHES & GIGGLES

--Robin Heestand

We want to say a big Thank You to Verna Kelly and Brenda Schmidt for bringing their sewing machines to our January meeting and for helping us make pillow cases.

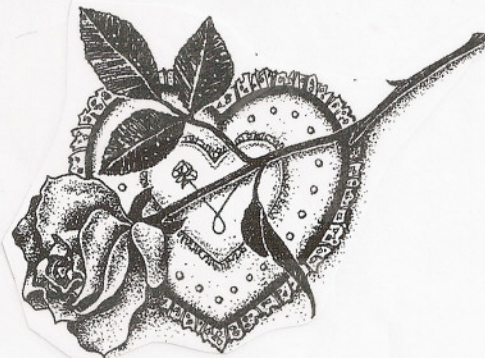
This month's meeting will be February 12th at 10:00 am. We are making a snowman! Bring a tube sock, rice to fill it, some scrap fabric and little buttons. You can also bring your knitting or crocheting.

Verna will be back if anyone that could not make it last month and wants to make their pillowcase.

Bring your friends and be prepared to have a great time!

We had a great turn out for the Teen Youth Group (7). Big thanks to Janet DiBaggio for making homemade pizza for it. February 2nd we will be meeting at Jason and Jen Shinn's home on Salem Grange Rd from 6pm to 7:30. Teen Youth Group will be every Sunday night in February.

Some events coming up are the Easter Egg Hunt April 13th at 2:00 pm (we will need lots of cookies) and on May 31st a Fishing Party at the Heestands. There will be more information closer to the event.



WOMEN OF CHRIST

Our Valentine's dinner will be held at 6:00 pm on February 14th at The Chef's Table in Lisbon. All are welcome. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

The ABC's of Love

Use this alphabetical list of love-in-action verbs as a reminder of the many ways to reflect Christ's love:

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| A ccepts | N otices |
| B ehaves | O verlooks |
| C omforts | P rovides |
| D efends | Q uiets |
| E mpowers | R ejoices |
| F orgives | S upports |
| G rows | T ries |
| H elps | U nderstands |
| I nvests | V olunteers |
| J oins | W elcomes |
| K neels | eX pects |
| L istens | Y ields |
| M entors | adds Z est to life |

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RELAY FOR LIFE

--Marty Shinn

Our Relay For Life Team is tentatively planning a "Soup For The Cure" sale sometime in February. Plans are being made and "formulas" (recipes) are being perfected. We'll keep you posted.

Always remember: Cancer is a word not a sentence!

PERFECT ATTENDERS/JANUARY

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-ROBIN JANOFA,

S.S. Secretary

LITTLE LAMBS: Gavin Kelly, Grant Kelly

LITTLE ANGELS: Missy Opsitnik

CURIOUS KIDS: Marty Shinn

JUNIOR HIGH: Michael Stratton, Anthony DiBaggio

TEENS FOR CHRIST: Mike Phillis, Cody Opsitnik, Don DiBaggio, Emily Cosma

CHRISTIAN HOMEBUILDERS: Bill & Marty Snyder, Carl Merriman, Robin Janofa

LOYAL SONS & DAUGHTERS: Beverly Evans, Bill Yeager, Janet DiBaggio, Dick & Verna Kelly, Bill & Carol Kelly, Gail & Barb Phillis, Gail Phillis, Jr., Lynn Schmidt, Rorie & Diana Reiter, John & Dorothy Faloba, Ben Fowler, Rachael Grandon, Jason Shinn

THANK YOU NOTES

Phillips Christian Church:

I would like to take a moment to thank you for your generous donation to United families this Thanksgiving and Christmas. The two families that received meals were so grateful! They hugged me several times and asked me to pass along their gratitude. (I assured them I was only the middle man) We had plenty of hats and gloves for all of the backpack kids! Your caring and concern are very much appreciated!

-Sue Laughlin, United Local

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for the fruit basket and the carolers. I'm sorry I missed the singing, but I had a house guest and we were out and about.

Thank you too Sheldon for you and your son getting us to the church and back home again Christmas eve. It was a lovely service and we were glad to be there to enjoy it.

Many, many thanks for the bulletins Marty Shinn sends us faithfully and the Relator! May the New Year bring blessings to you all. Effectually,
Elizabeth (Thatcher)

To Our Brothers and Sisters at PCC:

Thank you for all your gifts, prayers, phone calls, cards, texts, food and flowers to let us know you are thinking of us during the loss of our PapPap McElhaney. Our loss is heaven's gain. Thanks for the beautiful arrangement...the cat loved it....a little too much! As always, as it seems it to be a habit of you people, thank you for reaching out from your families to our family!
The Cosma 5

A bigTHANK YOU to all who helped with the luncheon we had after the ordination on the 19th. As always the food was very good and the fellowship even better.....

In the 2013 directory there is a list of fellowship volunteers. We can always use more help. If you want to join in the "fun" at tearing down after a dinner, just let me know.

In March we are having a 5th Sunday Rally here and we will be needing cupcakes that night. There will be a sign up sheet later. A box of cake mix will give 24 cupcakes.

I don't know how many will be here ---more about that later. Any questions, just ask me!!!!
-Marty Snyder

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I know He's beside me when I kneel and pray

I hope I might meet Him when my life is done:

I know He'll be with me, the Father and the Son!!!

(copied) - Clara Ashmore

~ February 2014 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>* Denotes services that are at the same time weekly</p>						1
<p>2 8:00 am Trustees Meeting *9:00 am Sunday School *10:00 am Worship *6-7:30 pm Teen Youth Group</p>	<p>3 BIRTHDAY Jack Vincent, Sr. Gail Lea Phillis Jerry Phillis</p>	4	<p>5 *7:00 pm Bible Study and Elementary Youth Group BIRTHDAY Bill Wildman</p>	<p>6 BIRTHDAY Mike Phillis</p>	7	<p>8 BIRTHDAY Glen Huston</p>
<p>9 8:00 am Elders Meeting</p>	<p>10 ANNIVERSARY Don & Wanda Huston</p>	<p>11 BIRTHDAY Scott Phillis</p>	<p>12 10:00 am Stitches & Giggles</p>	13	<p>14 6:00 pm Women of Christ Valentine's Dinner at the Chef's Table ANNIVERSARY Bill & Jeanie Wiley</p>	<p>15 BIRTHDAY Jack Vincent, Jr. Faye Bell</p>
<p>16 8:00 am Board Meeting</p>	<p>17 BIRTHDAY Kaylie Shinn</p>	18	<p>19 ANNIVERSARY Bill & Missy Opsitnik</p>	20	<p>21 BIRTHDAY Martha Crookston</p>	22
23	24	25	<p>26 ANNIVERSARY John & Chris Toalston</p>	27	<p>28 BIRTHDAY Tom Miller Clyde Floor</p>	<p>"A loving heart is the truest wisdom." Charles Dickens</p>

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SERVICES: SUNDAY

9:00 am ... Sunday School

10:00 am ... Worship

WEDNESDAY

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

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



SHARE JESUS
WITH A FRIEND



**TEEN
SUPERBOWL**
Party

THE GOSPEL IN MINIATURE

GOD: the greatest lover
SO LOVED: the greatest degree
THE WORLD: the greatest company
THAT HE GAVE: the greatest act
HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON: the greatest gift
THAT WHOSOEVER: the greatest opportunity
BELIEVETH: The greatest simplicity
IN HIM: the greatest attraction
SHOULD NOT PERISH: the greatest promise
BUT: the greatest difference
HAVE: the greatest certainty
EVERLASTING LIFE: the greatest possession

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