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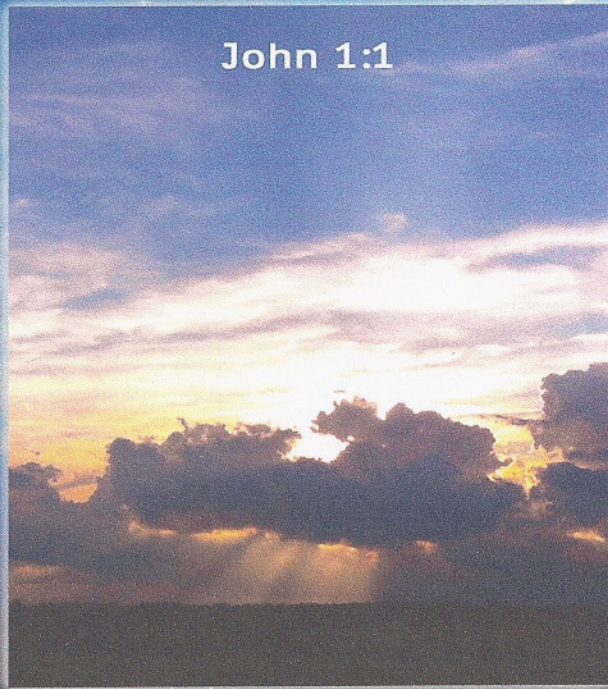
"Salute one another with a holy kiss.
The Churches of Christ salute you!"
Romans 16:16

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January 2014

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John 1:1



Phillips Christian Church

Welcome
2014!

~ January 2014 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>* Denotes services that are at the same time weekly</p>			<p>1 HAPPY NEW YEAR</p> <p>BIRTHDAY Cindy Sawman Missy Opsitnik</p>	2	<p>3 ANNIVERSARY Lynn & Brenda Schmidt</p>	4
	<p>5 8:00 am Trustees Meeting *9:00 am Sunday School * 10:00 am Worship</p>	<p>6 BIRTHDAY Bill Snyder</p>	8	<p>8 *7:00 pm Adult Bible Study and Elementary Youth Group</p>	9	10
<p>12 8:00 am Elders Meeting</p>	<p>13 BIRTHDAY Grant Kelly Gavin Kelly</p>	14	<p>15 10:00 am Stitches & Giggles</p>	<p>16 ANNIVERSARY Joe & Crystal Phillis</p>	17	18
<p>19 8:00 am Board Meeting 6:00 pm Teen Youth Group</p>	20	<p>21 BIRTHDAY Pat Kalbfell Travis Mitchell Emily Cosma</p>	22	23	24	25
<p>26 1:30 pm Outing to Hot Pots for Youth</p>	<p>27 BIRTHDAY Debbie Splitstone</p>	<p>28 BIRTHDAY Betty Davis Aulden Walling Verna Kelly</p>	<p>29 BIRTHDAY Jim Davis</p>	30	31	<p>"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>

REFLECTIONS

FOR THIS NEW YEAR.....

Mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. Write a letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in work and deed. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgive an enemy. Listen! Aologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout envy. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate others. Be kind, be gentle. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice. Decry complacency. Express your gratitude. Go to church. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once again. Christmas was a celebration and there is no celebration that compares with the realization of its true meaning---with the sudden stirring of the heart that has extended itself toward the core of life. Then, only then, is it possible to grasp the sweet msic of the angel choir; to envision the starstruck sky, and glimpse, behind the eyelids, the ray of light that fell athwart in a darkened part and changed the world. (copied) -Author Unknown



Surprised by God

A grandmother took her three-year-old granddaughter into her lap and began reading to her from Genesis. After a while, noticing that the little girl was unusually quiet, the grandmother asked, "Well, what do you think of it, dear?"

"Oh, I love it," answered the child. "You never know what God is going to do next!"

-Anonymous

Cosma 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, 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.

I am looking forward to an amazing year with men of God stepping up to leading beside me and the rest of our current leadership 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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

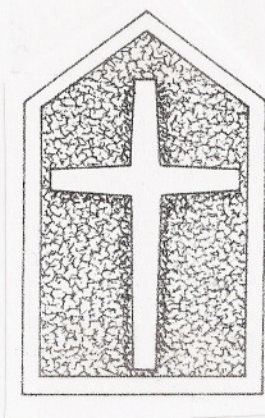
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YOUTH NEWS

---Robin Heestand

Our Congregation, Our Nation, Unspoken Needs, Lost Souls

Nathaniel Davis (immune system problems)
Bill Wiley (health problems)
Cindy Hilliard (cancer)
Landon & Ethan Redmond
Sue Cromer (cancer, undergoing radiation)
Susan McCullough (cancer)
Pat Mansfield (back problems)
Maxine Vincent
Hope Shauck
Elizabeth Faloba (spiritual)
Mary Lou Eberhart (kidney problems)
Carol Baker (cancer)
Reggie and Nancy Webb
Evan Cosma (injury to hand, recovering)
William Worgull (heart problems)
Dan Shirley (mass on chest)
Steve Singer (stroke; recuperating)
David Nocera (broken leg)
Christina Williams (cancer)
Bill Bryan (lung problems)
Paul Clunen (cancer in lungs; stroke)
Bill Cartwright (health problems)



SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Tim Huston, Afghanistan; **Joe Phillis, Ron Walling**;
Joel Newburn, Germany; **Dustin Reiter**—U.S.
Homeland Security Border Patrol; **Kyle Stephenson**,
Afghanistan

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

Stitches and Giggles will meet on January 15 at 10am. Verna Kelly will be here to help us make pillow cases. You will need to bring thread, straight pins, yard stick, scissors and a sewing machine if available.

For a Standard size pillow case you will need: $\frac{3}{4}$ yard of material for the body of the case, $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of material for the cuff of the case and 2 inches of material for the accent band.

For a Queen size pillow you will need: 31 inches of material for the body of the case, $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of material for the cuff of the case and 2 inches of material for the accent band.

For a King size pillow you will need: 1 yard of material for the body of the case, $\frac{1}{4}$ yard of material for the cuff of the case and 2 inches of material for the accent band.

This is for one pillowcase. Hope to see everyone there!!

On January 26th an outing is planned for the Youth to meet here at the church at 1:15 pm (van will leave at 1:30 pm) and go to Hot Pots in Alliance. We all will be painting a mug. We're planning on being back to the church between 4:30 and 5:00 pm. This is open to all Youth.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Poem of Encouragement for Cancer Patients

You Can

Cancer is something that we all fear,
You're not alone, love is near.
It must be very difficult to cope,
Your strongest therapy is your hope.

You have the strength to defeat,
From your head to your feet.
Stick with it, never surrender,
By your side, we're your defender.

Deep inside we sense your power,
Our blessings we'd like to shower.
We're so proud of all that you do,
We know you can, we love you!

by AnitaPoems.com

**THE RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM WISHES EACH OF YOU
A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

YOUTH NEWS

Attention all teens and those almost there who are in 7th grade ... We will be having the kickoff for our Sunday Night Teen Program on January 19th (a Sunday night) from 6 - 7:30 pm. This is for grades 7 thru 12. Bring yourself and your friends for a great night that is just the beginning of more great Sunday nights to follow.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the folks who donated the beautiful new Christmas tree that was in the foyer.

Thanks to all who donated poinsettias to help make our sanctuary so pretty.

Thanks to Jack & Bonnie Vincent for donating the apples and oranges for the Sunday School treat bags.

December 2013 Quarterly Report—update of Health Status—Also Christmas Greeting-

It has been some time since we have communicated with you: We were waiting for some concrete information.—This regarded the selling of our house and property—update on our health problems and also to send you Christmas Greetings. It is evident that the house has not been sold—We have been since last July when six individuals one by one sought to buy—but for varied reasons did not (unable to obtain loan—more property that could handle,etc. Three other people later also looked—=and again did not buy)- After the holidays we will list it with a Relator..

Our health problems have worked in like manner. At the present time I am doing quite well with my lower back—I have flare ups from time to time—but able to handle okay. Pat has chronic painful lower back problems—she has worked with a Neuronist this time since mid July—she has improved but not completely—she goes back to him on the December 16th—for another procedure—this should take care of her problem—when you are on Medicare you have to follow certain procedures and that is what she has been doing. We are praying and hoping that we can resolve our health and dental problems with Doctors we know before our move.

Report wise; We finished up our Summer VBS programming the first of August . We were able to generate total Mission offerings of \$5,115.66 which was directed to the salary of Brother Makuku, who is now the minister in his home Church (which Hasten built for him and the congregation) in Odzi,.Zimbabwe, Africa. Then from the Oak Grove Church in Industry, Pa, they gave Hasten a love offering of \$532.73 directed to repairs on the Dama Clinic—of course in Zimbabwe, Africa. The Clinic is up and running and meeting the health needs of many people in this area...

We drove 14,095 miles this year. Visited : Fredricktown Christian Church—New Alexander Christian Church. First time visit with the Hanoverton Christian Church—Helping them wit a renewal of their Mission Programs. John Martin, one of our own congregation is presently their Minister. Olive Hill Christian, in Olive Hill, Kentucky. Oak Grove Church of Christ, Industry, Pa. Hempfield Township Church of Christ, Greensburg, Pa.; Lake Church of Christ, Chardon, Ohio; Labelle view Church of Christ, Steubenville Ohio; Conner House Christian Church,Hubbard, Ohio ; South East Christian Church, Louisville,Ky. And of course our own First Christian here in Columbiana. Conducted six Funeral Services.

May the GOOD LORD bless and keep you, may HE cause HIS face to shine upon you and give you peace.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and concerns you have shared with us across the years. Thank many of you in your gifts and monetary gifts from time to time. We love each of you dearly.

Sincerely yours in HIS SERVICE:

Clarence and Pat



PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER

--Robin Janofa

Little Lambs: Gavin and Grant Kelly

Little Angels: Missy Opsitnik

Curious Kids: Marty Shinn

Junior High: Mike Phillis, Anthony DiBaggio

Teens: Cody Opsitnik, Ali Opsitnik

Homebuilders: Bill* and Marty Snyder, Rorie and Diana Reiter, Dorothy Faloba, Robin Janofa, Rachael Grandon, Carl and Judy Merriman, Bill Yeager, Beverly Evans, Bob Shinn, Jack and Bonnie Vincent, Janet and Ed Dibaggio

Loyal Sons & Daughters: Tom and Linda Miller, Ada Bailey, Gail Phillis, Sr.*, Gail Phillis, Jr.*, Dick and Verna Kelly, Carol Kelly

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR 2013

Congratulations to the following for having perfect attendance for the entire year of 2013:

Gail Phillis, Sr.
Gail Phillis, Jr.
Bill Snyder

RELATOR MAILING LIST

We are updating our RELATOR mailing list. If you are currently receiving the RELATOR and no longer want to please let us know.

Please call Barbara Phillis (the Editor) at 330-222-1900 or e-mail phillipschristianchurch@hotmail.com.



"Old Man Winter" has arrived complete with not so great driving conditions. If you would like the church van to pick you up just call the church office at 330-332-4467 and leave a message or call Sheldon at 234-567-7273 and the message will be delivered to the van driver.

Creation KALEIDOSCOPE

Make this fun craft to remember what our heavenly Creator made.

What you need:

- Adult help
- Tall chip can with lid
- Hammer and nail
- Acrylic paint; paintbrush
- Water, glitter, white glue
- Colored tissue paper
- Stronger craft glue (not hot glue)
- Star stickers or sequins
- Two 4" x 5" pieces of clear Con-Tact paper
- Scissors; pencil; permanent marker

What you do:

1. In bottom center of can, hammer a hole with a nail. Paint outside of can. Let dry.
2. Add glitter and a little water to white glue. With a clean paintbrush, glue tissue paper to bottom outside of lid.
3. Add stars to sticky side of Con-Tact paper. Place a matching piece on top, sticky sides together.
4. Put craft glue along edge of can opening. Glue Con-Tact paper square over opening. Let dry.
5. Place lid on can, over Con-Tact paper. Turn lid to get kaleidoscope effect.
6. With marker, write "In the beginning ..." on can.

SEEK FIRST

Seek first the kingdom of wealth and you'll worry over every dollar. Seek first the kingdom of health and you'll sweat every blemish and bump. Seek first the kingdom of popularity, and you'll relive every conflict. Seek first the kingdom of safety, and you'll jump at every crack of a twig. But seek first [God's] kingdom, and you will find it. On that, we can depend and never worry.

--Max Lucado, *Fearless*

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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



Need a new tradition to begin the new year? One way to reflect on your blessings as the days and months pass is to fill a Blessing Jar. Simply find a container (ideally with a lid) and place it in a prominent place in your home. Next to it, set slips of paper and writing utensils.

FILL A JAR



Encourage every family member to jot down one thing they're grateful for every day. If you have a large family, you may need one jar for each person. You can also use different-colored paper slips for each family member.

Every week, sit down together and review the many ways that God is present in your lives.