



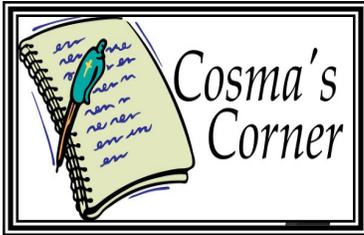
The Relator

January 2015



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

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First, I want to express a great big THANK YOU!!!! from the Cosma5 for all the gifts during the Christmas season from a host of different people and families. We also want to thank the congregation for the generous Christmas bonus which is a special God-directed blessing. And now, we also wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Now as we enter the year 2015, which is hard to believe, especially now that I have heard children refer to the 80's as the late 1900's, as if this was ancient history, you can prepare to give a preacher the greatest gift of all: your involvement in PCC and the church of Christ Jesus universal.

We will begin on the second Sunday of January with a series of sermons that will hopefully challenge you to be Fully Engaged. Of Course, you do not have to wait until then to start the process. Fully has the idea of being driven like a sail full of wind. Fully has the idea of wholehearted commitment. And commitment means you will be engaged and not just able but available.

As Paul writes to the young evangelist Timothy and to us as well: Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.(1Timothy 4:15-16 NIV)

Let us discover together these matters as we discover what really matters. Time for some re-gifting:



From God to Me from Me to You

REFLECTIONS

In 2015,
Resolve to listen

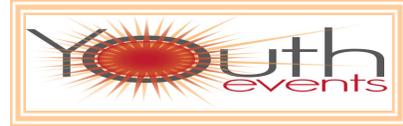
Christian philosopher Paul Tillich said, "The first responsibility of love is to listen." Yet in our fast-paced culture, truly listening to someone has become a lost art.



The intricate Chinese written character for the verb to listen offers wise insight about how to listen to people so they feel heard. The symbol is actually a combination of characters for ears, eyes and an open heart. Basically it reads, "I give you my ears, my eyes and my undivided attention." What a great image of being fully engaged during the act of communication!

James 1:19 offers two wise resolutions for the year ahead: Be "quick to listen" and "slow to speak" (NRSV). Practicing the skill of active listening is a much-needed way to minister to other people, serving as Jesus' "ears" in a hurting world.

★ EXTRA! EXTRA! ★
News & Events



We are planning our Tubing trip on January 31st. It will be a family event. Children will need a parent/guardian to attend with them. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. The cost will depend on attendance. Please sign up by January 19th. Lets hope we have good weather! ---Robin Heestand

- January 4th** ... 8:00 am Trustees Meeting
 6:00 pm Teen Youth (grades 7-12)
- January 13th**... 1:00 pm Stitches & Giggles Potluck Lunch. Bring your knitting or crocheting or just come for the Giggles and fellowship
- January 11th** ... 8:00 am Elders Meeting
- January 18th** ... 8:00 am Board Meeting
- January 29th** ... 6:30 pm Women of Christ will meet. Megan Frederick will be speaking about her work with the Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Diana Reiter will be our hostess.
- January 31st** ... Snow Tubing Outing



Another balloon has been returned from the 185th Anniversary Balloon Launch in September and was launched by Don Smith. This one traveled 230 miles to Rushville, New York. It was found by a gentleman who was deer hunting. Our first returned balloon, launched by Gary Eichler, was found in Keuka Park, NY which is about 300 miles away. The second, launched by Derek Frederick, was found in Shipperville, PA which is approx. 100 miles away. Hopefully more balloons will be returned. – Marty Shinn

'Stitches and Giggles'

Happy New Year!
 Thanks so much for all the crochet hats and burp rags for Akron children's hospital. We are meeting January 13 at 1pm. We are having a Pot luck luncheon. Bring a covered dish and your knitting and crocheting and we will have a great time! - Robin Heestand



The 185th Anniversary Congregational photo has been printed and is ready to be picked up. they will be on the table in the rear of the overflow this coming Sunday, January 4th. Cost is \$5.00. Contact Missy Opsitnik to pick up and pay for your photo. (We had extras printed just in case you didn't have a chance to order one.) - Marty Shinn

The church website has a new look! Complete with a new background, new colors, and new information. This website is easier for visitors to see what we do as church. For visitors from out of town, there is a map on the website where you can type in your address and it will give you step by step instructions of how to get to Phillips. The website is also a great place for congregation members to see what's happening if they misplaced their bulletin. Please remember to "Like" the church on Facebook. To date, we have 66 likes. Invite your friends and family to "Like" us to see inspiring biblical quotes, witty Christian short sayings, and reminders of events happening in and around the church.



-Cody Opsitnik

Lost Souls
Our Nation
Unspoken Needs
Our Congregation



Northeast Ohio Bible College
Nathaniel Davis (immune system) [Wiley]
Bill Wiley (waiting for results of tests, health problems)
Sophie Null (3 yrs old on chemo for cancer) [Wiley]
Gary Flamino (cancer) [Wiley]
Linda Ro (losing weight GI problems) [Wiley]
Margaret Greier (health problems) [Faloba]
Paul Clunen (health problems) [Faloba]
Brendon Whitman (I PEX) [Faloba]
James Jensen Family [Faloba]
Maxine Vincent [Miller]
Jay Lafferre (surgery due to Parkinson's) [Miller]
Mary Lou Eberhart (kidney problems) [Evans]
Kathy Taucher (ALS) [Stratton]
Julianne Poynter (recovery going well)
Jeff Strange (please pray that treatments are successful) [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 being treated)
Bill Yeager

OUR SHUT-INS Jim Dorsey; Bess Staubs; Pat Kalbfell; Bob Bryan; Dorothy McFadden; David Phillis; Margie Bell; Martha Crookston



SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Tim Huston; Joe Phillis;
Ron Walling ; Paige Wyss ;
Joel Newburn, Germany;
Kyle Stephenson;
Clinton Barnhart, Kuwait

Hello to Everyone.



This is the first communication we have sent since moving south to Kentucky – and yes, we have finally gotten moved to 2142 Taylor Wood Road, Simpsonville, KY 40067-6602. You can reach us at 502-498-4527 on our landline, or at 330-921-4653, which is our cell number.

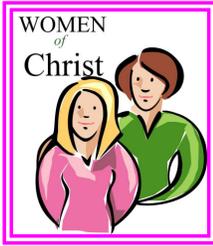
We are still opening boxes and hunting things – also getting new doctors and dentist. Still getting familiar with the area, learning how to get from one place to another.

Our health problems come and go but nothing threatening. We lost our founder and friend Dr. Dennis Pruett in the latter part of November. We have a solid leadership and HASTEN Mission will carry on in medical missions. Pat and I plan to begin more outreach to churches in the area. The annual business meeting will take place in mid-January, so after that, I will send a report. In the mean time, share in the great joy that Jesus came to bring to all those who will accept Him.

Pat and I send our love to each of you.

for•give *To Love*
/fər'giv/
•stop feeling angry or resentful toward (someone) for an offense, flaw or mistake.
•cancel (a debt)

Our cookie exchange went well with 7 women participating and enjoying everyone else's treats.



For the month of January, we will be meeting on the 29th at 6:30 pm to hear about Megan Frederick's job with Columbiana County

Board of Developmental Disabilities in our community. Hope you can come and listen to her presentation. I will host this meeting.

We will still be doing our Valentine's Night Out in February, so plan on that. Details will be in the church bulletin. Sign up will be on board in foyer when details are finalized. We will again be going to Chef's Table in Lisbon.

We had a nice 2014 full of fellowship with our ladies here at Phillips and why not start your New Year 2015 joining us? We'd love to have all of you. Just watch the bulletin for what we're up to. **May you have a great New Year!**

- Diana Reiter

Dear Phillips Christian Church,



I want to thank the people who gave the generous gift vouchers from Aldi's. Nothing is expected from anyone, but they are very appreciated and needed to take the edge off the needs of one.

Again, my gratitude is very much in thanking those who gave so much.

A very Blessed and Healthy Christmas to all.

Polly Szolka

Jan 1 ... Cindy Sawman, Melissa 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



Jan 3...Lynn & Brenda Schmidt

Jan 16...Joe & Crystal Phillis

Perfect Attendance!

Little Lambs: Kim Cosma, Grant Kelly

Curious Kids :Marty Shinn, Emma Jenkins, Kristie Dennison, Trevor Poynter

Jr. High: Anthony DiBaggio

Teens: Dom DiBaggio, Emily Cosma, Julianne Poynter

Loyal Sons & Daughters: Don & Wanda Huston, Sheldon Cosma, Ada Bailey, Bev Evans, Gail Phillis, Sr., Gail Phillis, Jr., Clyde & Nita Floor, Bill Snyder, Robin Janofa, Bill Yeager, Ellie Wright, Bob Shinn, Jack & Bonnie Vincent; Tom & Linda Miller, Lynn & Brenda Schmidt, Diana Reiter, Ben Fowler, Tami Dennison, Lester & Kim Poynter

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9:00 am ... Sunday School

10:00 am ... Worship

WEDNESDAY

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

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Welcome!
2015!

Six New Year resolutions

1. Forget the past and honor God more.
2. Live for Christ in the world.
3. Trust God with a strong faith.
4. Remain faithful to my church.
5. Witness to the lost.
6. Cultivate the talents God has given me for His glory.



**Join Us!
Start the New
Year Right !**