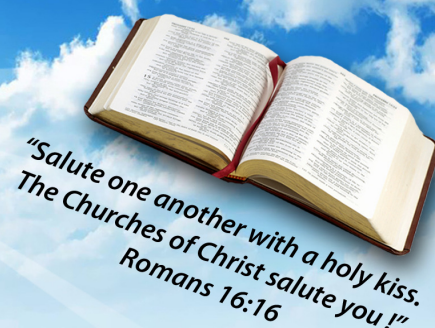




The

Relator

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

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...for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. -Galatians 3:27

The changing of the seasons means the changing of the clothes. It is time to break out the spring and summer garb (or is it? Since most of our readers live in Ohio). Time to prepare for the changes in seasons and the changes in weather or whether ... whether you like it or not.

Are you a storm chaser or are you chased away by storms? Or are you just along for the ride. The storm chaser and the storm runner have something in common ... they both prepare for the storms. One to run to and one to run away.

Most of us probably find the balance between these two extremes and just expect the

unexpected. Community often helps us to do this because we realize we are not alone in this venture and adventure. We know how to be prepared in the event of any weather or whether, and we dress for success.

It is evident from what Paul tells the church in Galatia that there is one set of clothes that covers every season. There is only one way to be successful in the storms of life and in the summer sunshine of life. Success is no less than covering up with Christ.

You see we need a layer of protection that keeps us s.a.f.e. (secure, alert, faithful, and enduring). It is when we put on Christ that salvation comes full force into our lives and we are secure in Him, alert to the devil's schemes because we have the Spirit, faithful to God in all tasks in life, and enduring not till the end but until the forever.

This kind of grace filled

with mercy is only found in the grave ... in the watery grave of baptism. Now you no longer just have a sense of community but of unity with Christ and you are never alone in the storms of life ... you are dressed for success. If you are still wondering Why Baptism? Come check out the sermons at the beginning of May at PCC as we LISTEN UP! *From One*

Who Loves the Christ-Brand Clothing



Wednesday Nights in May for Elementary and Middle School students What We Believe! Our Elementary students will be exploring with Dorothy Faloba the foundational beliefs of a Christian and will be exploring the very reasons for being baptized. Come explore God's plan of salvation for you every Wednesday from 7-8pm.

Also Our 4th Annual PCC Olympics will take place Father's Day June 21st beginning at 6pm. This is always a great event for the whole Family and something that Dad will love.

Our Summer Sunday Nights beginning June 28 will be filled with family activities directed by our deacons. We will explore actual stories from scripture about Daring Disciples and will be dared even double dared to become true disciples ourselves. Every Sunday Night at 6pm.

July 18th ... Family VBS. Yes, you heard it here first ... PCC Family Vacation Bible School. An entire day spent together reliving the glory days of VBS and exploring the here and now of VBS. Details to follow at a later date.

REFLECTIONS

A Mother's prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words; let me show by example instead.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let Thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive Thy glory. Amen.



Little Lambs: Kim Cosma, Gavin & Grant Kelly

Little Angels: Missy Opsitnik

Curious Kids: Marty Shinn, Lucy Cosma, Emma Jenkins, Kristie Dennison

Junior Hi: Anthony DiBaggio

Teens: Mike Phillis, Dom DiBaggio*, Emily Cosma, Cody Opsitnik

Homebuilders: Sheldon Cosma

Loyal Sons & Daughters: Tom Miller, Diana & Rorie Reiter, John & Dorothy Faloba, Ben Fowler, Don & Wanda Huston, Lester & Kim Poynter, Gail Phillis, Jr.*, Marty Snyder, Robin Janofa, Bill Yeager, Bev Evans, Jack & Bonnie Vincent, Carol Kelly

Prayer Requests

Our Congregation,
Unspoken Needs,
Lost Souls
NE Ohio Bible College
Highland Church
Bill Wiley (migraines)
Nathaniel Davis (immune system problems)
Mckenzie Smith (daily treatments for platelet count, her infant, Malakia, breathing problems)
Colton Price (RSV, Akron Children's)
Margaret Greier (health problems)
Paul & Gwen Clunen (health problems)
Ray Esterly (prostate cancer)
Renee Baker (cancer)
Hope Shauck
Betty Walton (broken hip)
Margaret Lacey (health problems)
Carter Walker (baby with epilepsy)
Staci Sanders (health concerns)
Chelsea Furlong (Ewing's sarcoma, United student)
Kim Briggs (cancer)
Brett Leyman (spiritual needs)
Maxine Vincent
John Kudar (bladder cancer)
Mary Lou Eberhart (kidney problems)
Jeff Strange (please pray for successful treatments)
Burt Sutter (cancer)
Kim Bergman (kidney cancer resistant to treatment)
Deb Phillips (cancer)
Ellie Wright (vision problems)
Steve Singer (Vincent)
Bill Yeager (health problems)
Bev Evans (recuperating-knee replacement surgery)
Bob Fluharty (stroke, starting rehabilitation)
Jean Fluharty (health issues)
Bob Bryan (recuperating from surgery on leg)
Trixie Taucher (recovering from auto accident)
OUR SHUT-INS Jim Dorsey; Bess Staubs; Pat Kalbfell; Bob Bryan; Dorothy McFadden; David Phillis; Margie Bell; Martha Crookston





MAY CALENDAR

May 3rd ... 8:00 am Trustees Meeting

May 7th ... 6:30 pm Women of Christ
and Stitches & Giggles

May 10th ... 8:00 am Elders Meeting
... Mother's Day. Each lady present
will receive a small gift, compliments
of the Sunday School Department

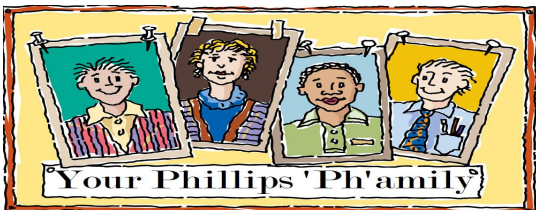
May 17th ... 8:00 am Board Meeting

May 25th ... Memorial Day observed

May 15 ... Carl & Judy Merriman

May 16 ... Ed & Janet DiBaggio

May 28 ... Bill & Carol Kelly



'Stitches and Giggles'

Welcome Spring!

Forgot that I signed up
for Ladies group in

May, so I decided to combine Stitches and
Giggles and Ladies Group. We will meet at 6:30
pm on May 7th.

I have been taking some wreath classes, so we
are making a bandana scarf wreath. I'll provide
the wreath forms. You will need to bring 3
bandana scarves, any color you want (I made a
red white and blue one), scissors, ruler and also
a salad to share. Always on our last meeting
we eat!
- Robin Heestand



May 4 ... Crystal Phillis

May 6 ... LeAnn Walling

May 9 ... Linda Miller

May 12... Nick Cosma
Lester Poynter

May 14... Ben Fowler

May 17... Marty Shinn

May 25... Beverly Evans
Sarah Phillis

Sheldon Cosma is the first member of our church
family to be highlighted in our new column!

Sheldon was born on September 12, 1973 in Youngstown, Ohio.

Sheldon is our current minister here at Phillips and also works at Ventra in Salem as an operator. He has been in the ministry for 22 years in four different states.

He lives in the parsonage at our church with his family. His wife's name is Kimberly, whom he met when she lived in Bluefield, WV attending Bluefield College of Evangelism. He and Kim have 3 children, Evan (22), Emily (19) and Lucy (10). They were married on March 7, 1992. Sheldon's parents are John and Vicki Cosma who live in Henderson, Tennessee.

Among Sheldon's interests are basketball, reading, 'Ultimate Frisbee', swimming, traveling and long walks on the beach.

Sheldon graduated from Crestview High School (Go Rebels!). He went on to Bluefield College of Evangelism in Bluefield, W. Va. where he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Sheldon has an achievement well known in this area of being the spelling bee champion during his school years. Most recently he has a new "hand modeling" career in the works.

John 1:16 is Sheldon's favorite verse in the Bible. "Out of His fullness, we have all received grace in place of grace already given." Christmas is his favorite holiday because it is the beginning of the life of our King!

Sheldon's best memories at our church is when he gets to assist (baptize) someone in starting his/her new life in Christ. The funniest times at Phillips for Sheldon are our PCC Olympics and our family fellowship times.

Now you know a little more about a member of our "Phillips 'Ph'amily. Read next month and see who we interviewed, you never know, it might be you !!

As we pause to observe Memorial Day, we are dedicating this page to those from our congregation **SERVING IN THE MILITARY along with all of the fallen soldiers who died for our freedom and liberty.**

Tim Huston
Ron Walling
Joel Newburn

Joe Phillis
Paige Wyss
Kyle Stephenson
Clinton Barnhart

The price of freedom

In “What Did He Die For?” Twila Paris reminds us why we observe Memorial Day — and why we worship Jesus as our Savior. The first verse tells of a 21-year-old soldier fighting for America’s freedom during World War II. The second verse recalls another young man, many centuries prior, sent by his Father to win eternal freedom from sin for the entire world.

The chorus offers this challenge:

*“What did he die for when he died for you and me,
Made the sacrifice so that we could all be free?
I believe we will answer each to heaven
For the way we spend a priceless liberty.
Look inside and ask the question, What did he die for?”*

Memorial Day challenges us to live so as to honor the sacrifices made by members of the military. We value our freedom because of the heavy price people have paid for it. Likewise, every day we’re challenged to live so as to honor Jesus’ supreme sacrifice. He calls us to spend our “priceless liberty” using our blessings to bless others.

God is nigh

The simple but powerful bugle melody “Taps” has been a standard component of U.S. military funerals since 1891. It’s also played during each of the 2,500 military wreath ceremonies conducted every year at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, including those held on Memorial Day.

Many legends exist about the origin of “Taps” — both its melody and its lyrics. The words below, by Horace Lorenzo Trim, make an appropriate bedtime prayer.

Day is done, gone the sun
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky
All is well, safely rest
God is nigh.

Fading light dims the sight
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright
From afar, drawing near
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise for our days
’Neath the sun, ’neath the stars, ’neath the sky
As we go, this we know
God is nigh.



A memory for Memorial Day

“WE GAVE
OUR TODAYS
IN ORDER
THAT YOU
MIGHT
HAVE YOUR
TOMORROWS.”

There is a cemetery in Okinawa where many American military men are buried. Near the entrance to the burial ground, visitors find a thought-provoking statement that we might recall on Memorial Day. The sign reads: “We gave our todays in order that you might have your tomorrows.”
—Albert L. Zobell in Speaker’s Handbook

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SERVICES: SUNDAY

9:00 am ... Sunday School

10:00 am ... Worship

5:30 pm Teen Youth Group

WEDNESDAY

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

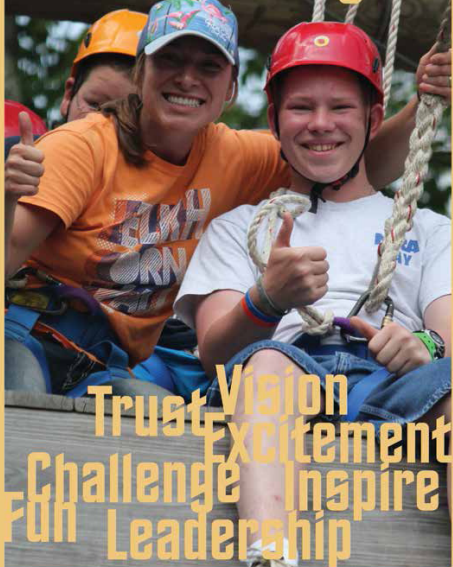
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Time for Camp !

Elkhorn Valley '15



Trust Vision
Excitement
Challenge Inspire
Fun Leadership

Happy Mother's Day!

She opens her mouth with wisdom,
the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:26, ESV