



The

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

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Cosma's Corner

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.

Proverbs 4:7

Eat your vegetables. Drink your milk, it makes for strong bones. Drink some coffee, it will put hair on your chest. Don't drink coffee, it will stunt your growth. Always carry a blanket in the car during the winter months. Always wear a clean pair of underwear. Put your hat on, it's cold outside. Put a coat on, you are going to catch a cold. A penny saved is a penny ... A bird in the hand is worth 2 in the ...

Well, you get the point: someone always has some form of advice to offer and often the offering is what we have

termed as *unsolicited*. There is good advice and there is bad advice and then there is just advice. Then there is advice about how to receive advice: *take it with a grain of salt* (really not sure what that means and even as I say that I know someone is saying *Well I know* and I can offer him some more advice. Just so you know ... I like mine with sugar or honey.)

Now to all you graduates out there I would like to offer you some advice but I am not sure you are asking ... but I do know someone who knows. He knows that *yesterday is the past and tomorrow is the future but today is a gift. That is why it is called the present.* And God is not bound by these instead he holds these 3 stages of your life in His hands. He is the one who passes on these words of wisdom about wisdom to one of the wisest men ever to live.

So just read it and do it. It doesn't matter how much you have (little or much) it will cost you everything, but it is worth it. I am not sure why wisdom is referred to as a she ... but I am sure a female can tell me why. She can cost you everything, but she is worth it.

From One Grad to Another: *Carpe Diem!*

Come and Join us :
We are holding a
fellowship meal after
church on May 1st
to celebrate our
2016 graduates.
See you there !!!



**Celebrate Our
GRADUATES !**

reflections..

If You Give Mom a Muffin

If you give a mom a muffin,
 She'll want a cup of coffee to go with it.
 She'll pour herself some.
 Her three-year-old will spill the coffee.
 She'll wipe it up.
 Wiping the floor, she'll find dirty socks.
 She'll remember she has to do laundry.
 When she puts the laundry in the washer,
 She'll trip over boots and bump into the freezer.
 Bumping into the freezer will remind her
 she has to plan for supper.
 She will get out a pound of hamburger.
 She'll look for her cookbook
 ("101 Things To Do With a Pound of
 Hamburger").
 The cookbook is setting under a pile of mail.
 She will see the phone bill, which is due
 tomorrow.
 She will look for her checkbook.
 The checkbook is in her purse
 that is being dumped out by her two-year-old.
 She'll smell something funny.
 She'll change the two-year-old's diaper.
 While she is changing the diaper, the phone
 will ring.
 Her five-year-old will answer and hang up.
 She'll remember she wants to phone a friend for
 coffee.
 Thinking of coffee will remind her
 that she was going to have a cup.
 And chances are...If she has a cup of coffee,
 Her kids will have eaten the muffin that went
 with it.

- Beth Brubaker



MAY CALENDAR

May 1st ... 8:00 am Trustees Meeting

May 8th ... 8:00 am Elders Meeting

MOTHER'S DAY

*Each lady present will receive a gift
 compliments of the Sunday School
 Department.*

May 15th ... 8:00 am Board Meeting

**May 19th ... 6:00 pm Women of Christ &
 Stitches & Giggles Meeting**



WOMEN
 of
 Christ



Our last meeting for
 summer break will be on
 May 19 at 6:00 p.m. at
 the church. Everyone
 attending is asked to
 bring either a dessert or
 salad to share. Robin's

Stitches & Giggles group will also be
 joining us. Of course, any one else who
 would like to come and listen to our
 speaker, is welcome.

We will have a spokesperson from our
 local Hospice who will come to talk to
 us about what they do for our
 community and what they can do to
 assist us if the event arises when we
 need help.

In October, we will start back up for fall
 and Robin Heestand will let everyone
 know when her group will begin.

Have a great summer and don't forget
 to pray for our country, our church and
 our families.Diana Reiter

4th Crystal Phillis
 6th LeAnne Walling
 9th Linda Miller
 12th Nick Cosma
 Lester Poynter
 14th Ben Fowler
 17th Marty Shinn
 25th Beverly Evans
 Sarah Phillis

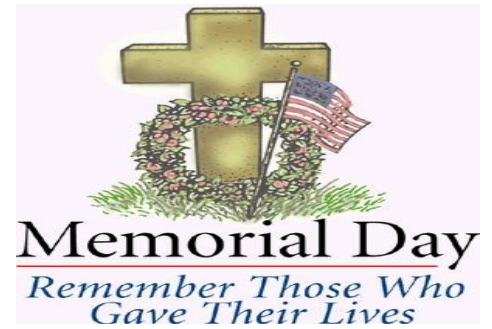


Dear Phillips Christian Church ,
 Again, Thank You for all you have done for my
 family. Thank you for your prayers, gift and to
 those of the congregation who have provided
 meals for our family.

Love in Christ,
 Albert Bricker



Thanks Verna and your
 "disciples" Youth Group,
 This comes to THANK YOU ever
 so much for all your kindness.
 The soup was delicious and how
 thoughtful of you for thinking of me.
 In Christian Love, Elizabeth Thatcher



The anthropologist and naturalist, Loren Eiseley, who died in 1977, wanted this epitaph for his wife and himself: "We loved the earth, but could not stay."

No one can stay, of course. We all are moving inexorably toward that final day when "the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done" (Book of Common Prayer).

This Memorial Day we particularly remember the men and women who have perished in war, giving the ultimate sacrifice to make the world a better place. They too "loved the earth, but could not stay." May God hasten the day when we can solve our disputes peacefully.

We also remember all our loved ones whose stay on Earth is over. Christians believe that death does not end all. We trust that the God who made us will provide for us when our bodies can no longer sustain us.

A memorial stone on the campus of the College of Wooster in Ohio, placed there by a class many years ago, reads:

*United in time
 Divided in time
 To be reunited
 When time shall be no more.*

That is a hope we can have for ourselves, our loved ones and those who sacrificed all.

15th Carl and Judy
 Merriman
 16th Ed and Janet
 DiBaggio
 28th Bill and Carol
 Kelly



Our Nation
Our Congregation
Lost Souls
The Unspoken Needs of our People
Northeast Ohio Bible College
Highland Christian Church
Nathaniel Davis (immune system problems)
Bill Wiley (health issues)
Maxine Vincent (cancer)
Franklin Kutz (on chemo)



Elizabeth Thatcher (health problems)
Donald Barnhart (hip problems/kidney disease)
Dee Barnhart (cancer, on chemo)
Don Huston (heart surgery and pacemaker)
Baby Elijah (born with heart defect, home)
Beverly Evans (at daughter's home to continue healing)
Albert Bricker and Family (minister at Highland, auto accident)

OUR SHUT-INS

Jim Dorsey; Bess Staubs; Pat Kalbfell;
Dorothy McFadden;
Martha Crookston

Klyer Stortz (awaiting kidney transplant)
Richard Faloba (spiritual needs)
Mary Lou Eberhart (health problems)
Venus Ogle (thyroid tests came back negative, PTL!!)
Jeff Strange (new treatment)

Kim Bergman (kidney cancer)
Steve Singer (blood condition)
Suzanne Holloway (lung cancer)
Dorothy Knepper (lung cancer)
Alice Gamble (back surgery)
Mary Lou Hartzell (throat cancer)
George Faull (pray for strength)

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Joe Phillis; Joel Newburn; Kyle
Stephenson; Paige Wyss

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Little Lambs: Kim Cosma

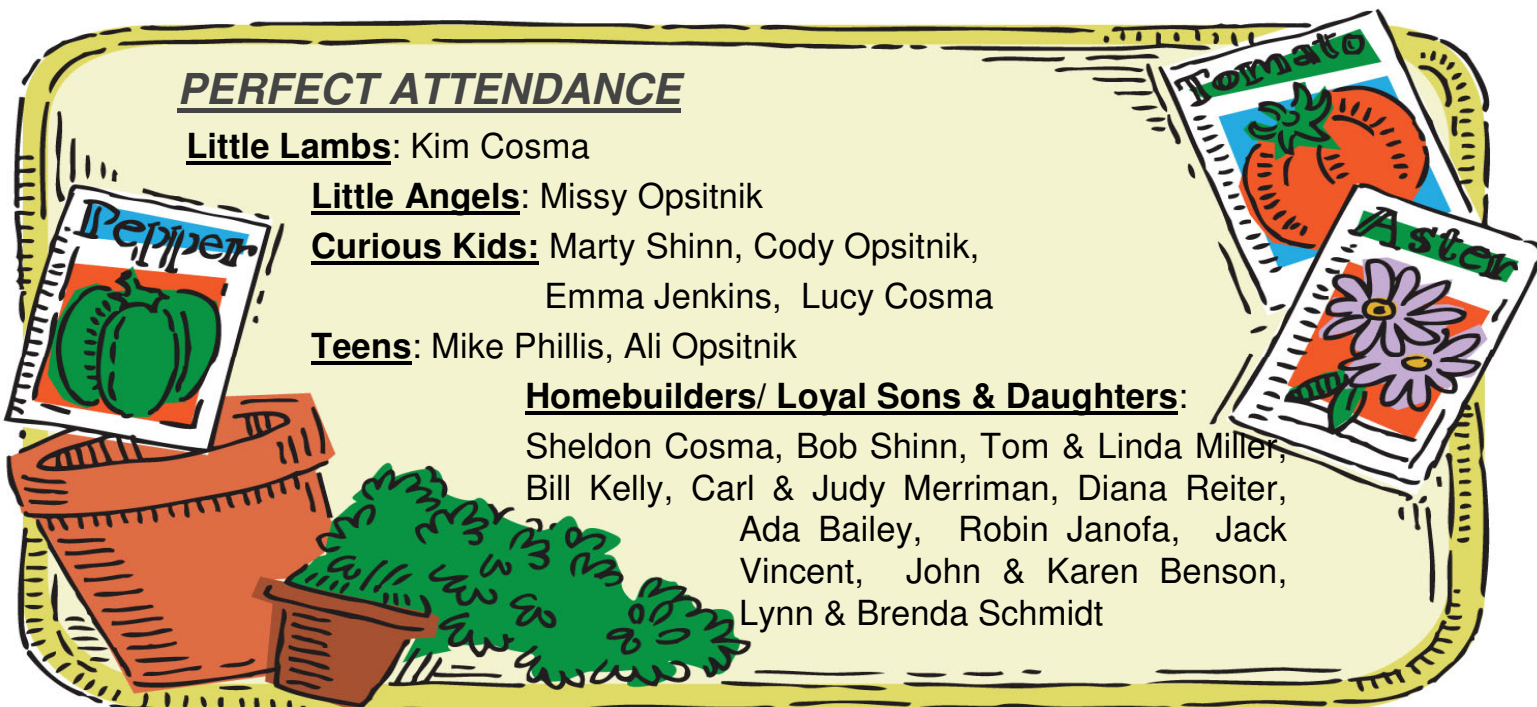
Little Angels: Missy Opsitnik

Curious Kids: Marty Shinn, Cody Opsitnik,
Emma Jenkins, Lucy Cosma

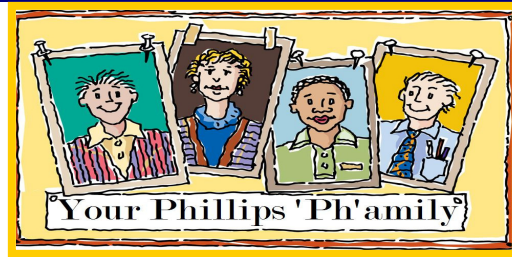
Teens: Mike Phillis, Ali Opsitnik

Homebuilders/ Loyal Sons & Daughters:

Sheldon Cosma, Bob Shinn, Tom & Linda Miller,
Bill Kelly, Carl & Judy Merriman, Diana Reiter,
Ada Bailey, Robin Janofa, Jack
Vincent, John & Karen Benson,
Lynn & Brenda Schmidt



**Our spotlight for our
"Meet Your Church Family"
is Michael Travis Stratton.**



He was born on September 18, 1991 at Alliance Hospital, Alliance, Ohio. Michael's parents are Ronald and Janet Stratton of Salem. He has one sister, Cassandra and one brother, Hunter.

Trixie Taucher is his new bride of less than one year. She lived in Salem before they got married on August 15, 2015. He met her on the school bus ride to United Local. They were married last year at the church and now live on Kirk Road in Austintown, Ohio.

Michael's present job is a Fire Tech for Radi-O-Sound Communications of Salem. He says "eating" is his hobby if you consider that one? Also, he is involved with Venture Crew, a coed version of Boy Scouts.

United Local of Hanoverton, Ohio is where Michael graduated in the Class of 2010. He is also a former student at Kent State University of Salem. Michael feels his best achievement in life so far has been marrying his lovely wife, Trixie. He considers one of his best talents to be his critical thinking when it comes to problem solving and mathematics.

"Whatever you do work at it with all your heart as if working for the Lord not man" -is his favorite verse in the Bible.

Christmas is his favorite holiday. Besides it being the birth of our Saviour, it is also the time when people seem to treat each other far better. Activities he is involved with at Phillips are deacon, Junior Church teacher, and Worship Leader.

His best memory here was during a Bible Bowl game one night, maybe twelve years ago when he was a young boy. He answered a question and right after he answered it incorrectly, he smacked the one pole in the basement and a light fixture rattled loose and fell to the ground shattering it. That made a lasting impression on him.

What others don't know about him and Michael wished they did is that he wishes he could take singing lessons someday. He wants to be a better singer for others enjoyment and for praising the Lord with song.

Thanks, Michael for giving us an insight into your life and good luck on your new marriage to Trixie.

- *Written by Diana Reiter*

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"When God Created Mothers"

- Erma Bombeck

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said. "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And God said, "Have you read the specs on this order?" She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said. "Six pairs of hands.... no way."

It's not the hands that are causing me problems," God remarked, "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. God nodded.

One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say. 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

God," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Get some rest tomorrow...."

I can't," said God, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

HAVE YOU
TALKED
TO GOD
TODAY?

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

But tough!" said God excitedly. "You can imagine what this mother can do or endure."

Can it think?"

Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model."

It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear."

What's it for?"

It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

You are a genius, " said the angel.

Somberly, God said, "I didn't put it there."