

Kids Sunday School

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Dear Parents & Students,

Scripture tells us that God blesses us so that we can bless others. God loves a cheerful giver! When He sees that we are giving freely out of love, God blesses us even more. We are blessed to be a blessing! God has given everyone different spiritual gifts and talents to be used for the benefit of others.

There is always an opportunity to bless someone. The more we seek to bless others, the more opportunities God provides us to accomplish His will: **to love God and love others.**

Our kindness theme for this month is **GENEROSITY: A willingness to give or share; an act of unselfish giving.** Christmas is a time of giving and sharing with those around us and those we have never met and will never see. This Advent season, may you be blessed and be a blessing to others as we rejoice in the greatest gift of all – our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Hope • Peace • Joy • Love

Christian Education Committee

News

Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Jar Filled!

The kids have been busy practicing kindness at home, at school and in our community and have filled the RAK Jar with pom-poms! To celebrate, we will eat pizza and play board games after



Upcoming Events

December 3

Contemporary Worship Service, Luncheon & Hanging of the Greens

December 17

Pizza & Board Games after worship service! Bring your favorite game to play!

December 24

Christmas Eve Service

Christian Education Committee

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worship service on **December 17th**. Encourage your kids to keep spreading kindness! *Kindness starts with one...* and this world could use a lot more kindness! For more information about the RAK movement, check out randomactsofkindness.org.

“Blessed to Bless” Advent Calendar

Pastor Jan shared an interesting Advent calendar with the Committee and we felt it would be a meaningful activity for the kids. Not to mention it totally fits in with our GENEROSITY theme for this month! Here's how it works. On each day of December leading up to Christmas, the kids are to count each blessing they have at home and give a donation. For example, give 10¢ for every hot water tap in your house. We will collect the kids' donations on **December 31st** and send it to the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter to help someone in need adopt a pet.

2017-2018 Projects

Heifer Project: Save the Date!

The Committee is busy making plans to kick-off the kids' Heifer Project with a fun event on **February 4th** immediately following the church luncheon. Our goal is to raise \$1,500 by May!

Heifer International is a non-profit organization dedicated to ending hunger and poverty through the areas of livestock and agriculture. Through charitable gifts, the organization provides livestock animals and environmentally sound agricultural training to poor families across the globe, providing these families with the direct assistance they need – like chickens, cows, pigs, even llamas – so they can create their own farms and businesses, and have steady incomes. For more information, go to heifer.org.

Have a blessed and joyous Christmas!

The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed.

Proverbs 11:25

“ Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give.”

- Unknown

Get Inspired

Kindness Ideas

Make hot cocoa to share.

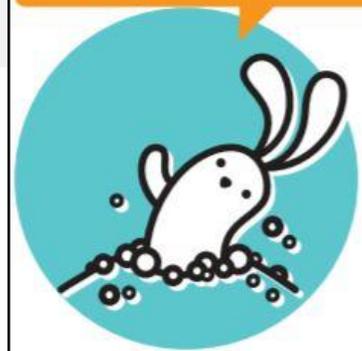
Compliment someone you don't know.

Return a shopping cart.

Send thank you notes to the houses with the best holiday decorations.

For more ideas, see the kindness calendar on page 3!

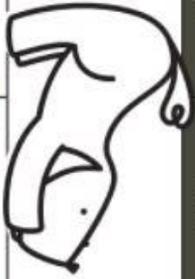
Kindness means being friendly, generous or considerate to ourselves and others through our words, thoughts and actions.



DECEMBER 2017

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS
FOUNDATION

THEME: GENEROSITY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Organize a holiday toy drive 3	Collect canned food for a Food Bank 4	Compliment someone you don't know 5	Send a postcard to the last person who did something kind for you 6	Donate blood 7	Get a pack of cards and write holiday messages to seniors, then deliver to a local nursing home 8	Take someone to the movies 9
Send cards to family and friends 10	Hold the door open for someone 11	Leave change in a vending machine 12	Let someone go in front of you in line 13	Send thank you notes to the houses with the best holiday decorations 14	Donate used books to a library 15	Share a chocolate covered treat with someone you love 16
Donate a new unwrapped toy 17	Take fresh baked cookies to a local nursing home <i>Bake Cookies Day</i> 18	Make two lunches and give one away 19	Collect coats for a local shelter 20	Write a thank you card to your mail carrier 21	Give care packs to the homeless 22	Make a special treat like fakes and share with family & friends 23
Make hot cocoa to share 24	Clean out your closets and donate to a local charity 25	Pay the tab for the person behind you 26	Shovel snow for your neighbor 27	Return a shopping cart 28	Compliment 5 or more people today 29	Make a gratitude list for all the wonderful things you experienced this year 30
Let someone in front of you in traffic 31						

New Year's Eve

For even more kindness ideas, visit our website at www.randomactsofkindness.org

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