

# Kids Sunday School

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Dear Parents & Students,

In an effort to keep you better informed, we have decided to develop a monthly newsletter for the Kids Sunday School program – welcome to our first installment!

We are very excited about our growing program and feel a great sense of responsibility to help our students GROW in faith and provide the best possible Sunday School experience that we can!

Yours in Christ,

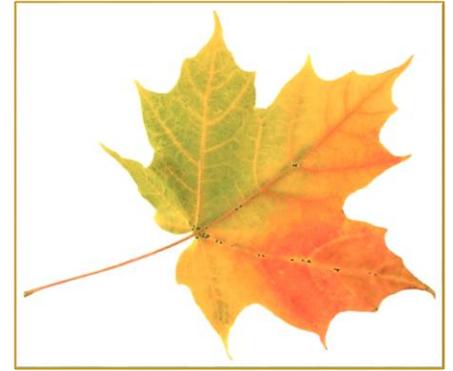
Christian Education Committee

## News

### Donations Received

Over the past several months, the Committee received two, \$500 donations designated for the Kids Sunday School program. With these funds, we have created a new space in the basement for children ages 0-3, as well as a new teen area in the basement of the parsonage. The Committee recently received another \$500 donation from Church Women United (thanks ladies!), as well as other donations from members of the congregation that will go towards snacks, supplies and special events.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to the Kids Sunday School program, please see Seleen Shives.



## Upcoming Events

### October 26

St. Paul's Trick or Treat

### November 5

Contemporary Worship  
Service & Luncheon

## Christian Education Committee

Seleen Shives

Jo-Ann Sheffield

Loy Garber

Linda Garber

Donna House

Kylene McLucas

Hillary Alexander



## 2017-2018 Projects

### Random Acts of Kindness

*Performing an act of kindness that the receiver does not expect.*

The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation (RAK) is a non-profit organization aimed at changing the world with KINDNESS. They raise awareness and provide guidance and educational resources through their website: [www.randomactsofkindness.org](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org).

The Committee really loves the mission of this group! After all, Jesus told his disciples:

*Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:26-28)*

We are called to serve, and so we have decided to integrate this project into our Sunday School curriculum this year to help pass kindness on in our own community. We hope to inspire and empower students to find ways to be kind in their daily lives.

Each month, we will focus on a different *concept of kindness*: **caring, compassion, respect, helpfulness, responsibility, perseverance, self-discipline, assertiveness, fairness, integrity, gratitude and self-care.**

Once students have the ideas and the tools to act on those ideas, the next step is to help students put those ideas into action. At this point, students will have experienced how great it feels to perform acts of kindness. And what does everyone want to do after doing something cool? Talk about it, of course! We will take time each week to give students the opportunity to share any random acts of kindness that they performed during the previous week. This month, we will focus on the concept of **HELPFULNESS: Assisting or serving in a kind way.**

### Heifer International

The Committee has also decided to participate in the Heifer Project for the 2017-2018 term. Heifer International works with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth. We are planning a fun kick-off event for this project after Christmas. Stay tuned!

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The purpose of human life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to help others.

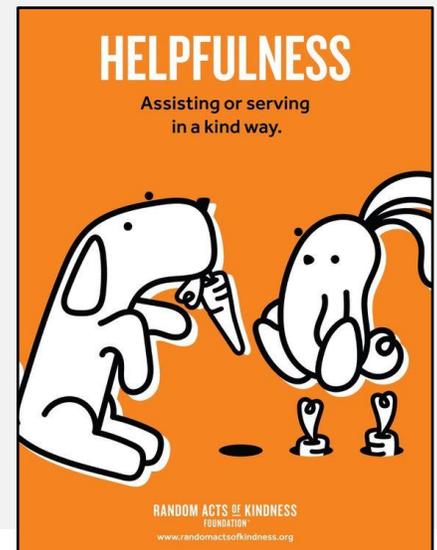
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– Albert Schweitzer

## Get Inspired

### Kindness Ideas

RAK provides fun calendars that feature an idea-a-day so you can practice kindness every day of the year! See page 3!



OCTOBER 2017

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS  
FOUNDATION\*

THEME: TEAMWORK

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Share your favorite vegetarian recipe on social media <b>1</b>  <i>World Vegetarian Day</i>	Start a book drive at school or work <b>2</b>	Gather recipes from family & friends and create a recipe book to share with them <b>3</b>	Become an organ donor <b>4</b>	Share your favorite story with someone <b>5</b>  <i>Do Something Nice Day</i>	Smile at everyone. It's contagious! <b>6</b>  <i>World Smile Day</i>	Hold a neighborhood car wash <b>7</b>
Organize a neighborhood clean up <b>8</b>	Help someone who has dropped something <b>9</b>	Sharpen pencils for your classroom <b>10</b>	Write a positive note to a classmate or co-worker <b>11</b>	Clean up after yourself <b>12</b>	Help someone for free <b>13</b>	Have dessert before dinner! <b>14</b>  <i>National Dessert Day</i>
Volunteer for a local community organization <b>15</b>	Get together with your team and do something nice for your boss <b>16</b>  <i>Boss's Day</i>	Offer to help a co-worker with something <b>17</b>	Share a positive blog post <b>18</b>	Write a letter to yourself to send sometime in the future @ futureme.org <b>19</b>  <i>National Evaluate Your Life Day</i>	Pay for the person's meal behind you at a drive thru restaurant <b>20</b>	Offer to help a neighbor with something <b>21</b>
Make a random acts of kindness list with your friends <b>22</b>	Cheer on a friend or co-worker. Tell them they're doing a great job! <b>23</b>	Pay attention in class or a meeting <b>24</b>	Start a RAK Club at school or in your community <b>25</b>	Be polite on the road <b>26</b>	Offer to help a friend with a home project <b>27</b>	Treat yourself and someone else to a chocolate treat <b>28</b>  <i>National Chocolate Day</i>
Offer to help a family member with something <b>29</b>	Gather friends and make cards & treat bags to take to a local nursing home on Halloween <b>30</b>	Take cards and treat bags to a local nursing home <b>31</b>  <i>Halloween</i>				

For even more kindness ideas, visit our website at [www.randomactsofkindness.org](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org)

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Helen Overly provided special music on our first day of Sunday School!



Be kind to  
one  
another.  
Ephesians 4:32