

**Thoughts For the Journey — MAY 2015**

**Kindness is Timeless**

**Social media brings out the worst in so many people. Anger, hostility, rudeness and profanity have replaced civility and younger generations are accustomed to obscenity as the soundtrack of their generation. Perceived humor in our day is built on innuendo and without it, this generation is practically speechless.**

**Beloved, as we age, we see the trends come and go, and they become less important to us as a society. We can ride the waves in a desperate attempt to remain relevant or we can try a timeless approach. Regardless of what is considered cutting-edge in any year, the practice of kindness never gets old nor does it ever go out of style.**

**We spread flowers, not hate and nastiness, when kind, positive words emanate from us. In doing so, we change the people around us and bring light to dark worlds (Matthew 5:16). God's people should make kindness a law in their lives (Proverbs 31:26). A kind word soothes a savage beast. A smile banishes the scowl and warms the frozen heart. People gravitate to kindness and appreciate its medicinal value.**

**Kindness disarms anger (Romans 12:20) and it transcends time and place, so it never goes out of fashion. Beloved, kindness touches the heart and soul of humanity as nothing else can. We need it desperately in a coarse and hateful world. If every soul were treated with kindness, so much evil could overcome. When we add Christ to a kind disposition, it is an unstoppable force for good (Colossians 3:12).**

**Spread kindness, goodness and love to the world and then share Christ with an open heart. Beloved, kindness opens doors that anger would never see. When we lift others above their doldrums, they will hopefully begin to see the world in a different light. In so doing, we then create the possibility that Christ can finally be seen.**

**Blessings for Journey,**

**Rev. Chuck**

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIV.

- 1 Sue Webb
- 2 Cody Wilson  
Chuck & Gene Slusher
- 3 Carol & Buz Bokman  
Bob & Tammy Hammond
- 5 Stacy Zawoyski
- 6 Shari Kyle
- 7 Roger Driver  
Dan Hicks  
Sharon Kiesel
- 8 Theresa & Mac McDonough
- 9 Harry Hinkel  
Brett Nash
- 11 Aaron Durbin
- 12 Tom Mott
- 13 David Insley
- 15 Lois Brasse
- 18 Chris Hickman
- 19 Jeannie Sizemore  
Maggie Carpenter  
Vern Black
- 20 Ray & Karen Konko
- 21 Tammy & Mel Gamble
- 23 Nanci Ickes
- 24 Steve Cihla  
Sally Belfi
- 26 George & Diana Butcher
- 27 Julie Haumschild

## Serving at the Lord's Table:

- 8:00 Ed Carter, Chris Hensley,  
Laura Kuhn
- 9:30 Theresa Sizemore, Carol Butcher,  
Carol Swartz, Polly Tallos, Jerry  
Mullins, Erik Tallos, Marlene Black

ELDERS— Robin Galvin,  
Ralph Thompson



## MISSIONS — MAY 2015

Cornerstone Among Women — Pocket  
change on the small table display.

Food Pantry — Canned fruit

Salvation Army — Sample size toiletries  
(soaps, shampoo, toothpaste,  
toothbrushes, etc.)

Cans For Cody — Alum. Drink Cans

Recycle Papers — Bin provided

Cancelled Stamps — Leave 1/4 inch of  
envelope around the stamp.

**MONTHLY FREE COMMUNITY MEAL** on April 28th was enjoyed by over 50 people. As always, we appreciate all who donated time and energy (6 made meatballs, 10 served & many cleaned up with the help of the boy scouts). The main ingredients for this meal was donated by the Eaton Twp. Fire Dept. and the rest by our congregation. Thank you to Pat Ables for the gluten free noodles. We're also getting great feedback about how delicious the meals are and how warm the fellowship.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! The next meal is Tuesday, MAY 26th, 5:30.

## Wednesday Night Adult Class: *The Evolution of Faith*

What if God wanted us to grow and change both our theology and our beliefs? In "The Evolution of Faith," Phillip Gulley invites us to discard obedience to antiquated faith claims and worldviews and discover our true beliefs. Gulley will encourage us to seek answers within and develop our own apologetics, a belief system that evolves as new ideas and realities are introduced. As we un-tether ourselves from those beliefs that no longer further the faith, we can open ourselves to a Christianity we can believe in—one that brings out the best in us. Christianity comfortable with people of other faiths, a Christianity grateful for scientific knowledge, a Christianity rooted in God's grace and informed by Jesus' example.

This new adult study will begin on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. We will start at 6:30 pm and end at 8:00 pm. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this challenging and enlightening study.

Blessings, Rev. Chuck

Deliver your  
heart to Jesus,  
He is your  
salvation.

## GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY — MAY 24th

If you are graduating from high school, college or another educational institute, please let Polly Tallos know or call the church office, 748-2230. We will recognize our graduates during worship on May 24th.



Secret Sister "reveal" Luncheon  
Sunday, May 17th, 12:15

Bring a salad to share. Come and  
enjoy a lunch with your sisters in  
faith.

Any questions or if you need a ride,  
see Paula Krasnevech or call the church  
office.

## THANK YOU

*Our thanks to everyone for the nice cards sent to me when my brother passed. The Cystic Fibrosis Warriors would like to thank the church and everyone who supported the spaghetti dinner and raffle. We had a crowd as soon as the doors opened. We were able to raise \$3,000. The many generous donations of food and prizes from the community was awesome.*

*Thank You, Theresa McDonough*

