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COMING UP

GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

Thanksgiving Care Packages • Each year our deacon ministry blesses those in need by providing food for their holiday dinner, plus a little extra! You can help by donating food items (**through November 17**), nominating a care package recipient online (**through November 17**), sorting/packing food (**November 18–20**), or delivering care packages to recipients (**November 24 & 25**). Please consider donating a frozen turkey and some nonperishable food items. Donations may be left in grocery carts located at church entrances. Please check the expiration dates on donated items. To view a shopping list, sign up as a volunteer, or nominate a recipient, visit **GracePolaris.org/Thanksgiving** or text **THANKSGIVING** to **614-888-7733**.

Communion Sunday, November 24 at 5:00 p.m. • Ministry Center • We reaffirm our gratitude to Jesus and commitment to His family through threefold communion. All believers are welcome as we reflect and celebrate God's work on our behalf. Bring a dish to share. Ministry for children Birth–Kindergarten will be available after the love feast. Feel free to simply observe if you wish. RSVP at **GracePolaris.org/Communion**.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Volunteer this Christmas! Join us in spreading Christmas cheer around our church building! Get more info at **GracePolaris.org/Decorate**. Help us share the story of Jesus through A Family Christmas Celebration. Sign up to serve in hospitality or participate in a non-speaking drama role at **GracePolaris.org/Celebration**.

WITNESS EQUIPPING

CHALK TALK

Over the next four weeks, we will explore each "soil" from our God's Field Guide (Week #5). This week we are focused on those who are on the "path" and do not understand God's Word. How do you break through the noise of the world? Jesus told us to love our neighbors (and our enemies). One way of showing love is through acts of unsolicited kindness that show God's heart through us. Softening the soil through kindness can be used by the Holy Spirit to work in people's hearts and grab their attention.

IN THE HUDDLE

- Why do you think acts of kindness loosens the soil of people's hearts?
- Why does the world expect something in return for kindness?
- We are to love our enemies. Who do you tend to avoid?
- What kinds of activities could you do to show kindness?

PLAY OF THE WEEK

15 Yard Play: Show kindness to a Not-Yet-Christian.

EXPLORE

- 1 What should the apostles' statement in Acts 5:29 look like in our current culture? How does it encourage us in our commitment to proclaim the message of Christ?
- 2 What does it look like in our demeanor, speech, and action to have patience & trust in God's ultimate plans?
- 3 How do we prepare ourselves to have the response to suffering that the disciples had in Acts 5:41?

PRAY

Pray that the Lord would cultivate patience in your heart and life. Pray also that He would help you view your whole life through the story of Jesus in the Gospel, just like the disciples did.

