## Thoughtful Thursday 05/29/2025

## Beginnings, Endings and Changes

It is spring. This morning the sun has once again returned. If the weather prognosticators are correct, we are in for some warmer, summer-like days. The month of May is over. It started with memories of yesteryear's May baskets and thinking about Mother's Day, Memorial Day, cookouts, camping trips, church camp, the list goes on. A muchanticipated summer vacation may be coming soon, or one is being planned. The flowers are planted and are being tended to, to keep them beautiful. With the rains that we have had, the lawn is a lovely shade of green and requires frequent attention.

As we change the calendar to June, the commencement ceremonies, with their appropriate celebrations have mostly finished. The graduates will be moving on to new schools, new adventures, or careers. For older children or adults, the choice for their futures may or may not have been made. Some may have some trepidation, wondering if they have made the right choice of a place to further their education, or are beginning a first job. They may have decided to enter a trade apprenticeship rather than to only spend extended hours in a classroom with the responsibilities that brings. They are ready to commence their hands on learning, to earn a paycheck and plan for their future. We pray that they will turn to God for guidance in all they do throughout their lives. His love never fails.

Wednesday evening the congregation was invited to participate in a meet and greet with our potential minister, The Rev. Dr. Doug Pfeiffer. It was a positive meeting. He has a vision for growing our church and moving it forward in many areas. Of those attending, growing the church seemed to be the top priority. We will be further discussing calling him as our settled paster at the congregational meeting on Sunday. Please plan to attend!

Sunday June 1, will bring a change to our service schedule time from 10:30 to 9:00 A. M. We will have our customary coffee time following worship instead of before. This Sunday will also be the congregational meeting. The meat for the congregatgi

We have been asked by the region to pray for the following churches, individuals and groups; New Disciples of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Sherry Schwab, Intern. Trinity Christian Church, Bridgewater, IA, John Eilers and Tom Carpe. National Benevolent Foundation – as the Disciples social and health services arm of the church.