

# Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

**Christ is All and in All**



**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

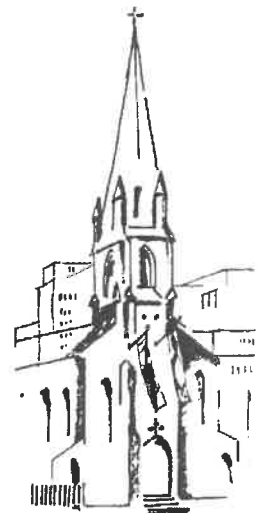
**July 7, 2024**

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## Today's Readings

### **The Old Testament Reading:** 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

### **The New Testament Reading:** 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

### **The Gospel:** Mark 6:1-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas

and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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For those in need of our prayers....

Archie	Joe
Courtney	Grace
June	Kathy
Peter	Matt
Kristin	Britt
Lisa	Elly
Kathy	Jan
Penny	
Gigi	
Stephanie	
Holly	
Beverly	

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Cover image: “Jesus sends out the twelve” by Johann Christoph Weigel (1661-1726)

### **The Prayers of the People**

Celebrant: We pray today for the family of faith, for loving relationships, and for the life of families around us, saying, Hear us, good Lord.

Intercessor: Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for all people of faith; especially for Bryce, our rector, Kevin, our Bishop, Michael our presiding bishop, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, St. Thomas, Morgantown and for those who teach and guard the faith. May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts, and knit us together in the bond of your love. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for the leaders of the nations, and for those in authority under them. Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right discernment in all things. We also pray for everyone living in fear and danger, especially the people of Ukraine and the Holy Land. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for our cities and towns in which we live; for those who live and work here, and for those celebrating this week, Mary Jane Androne, Caroline Wandrey, Kortney West and Bryan Weyandt. Speak your word of peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for those who seek meaning and purpose in life, for those who long to know you, the very Word of life. Open their ears to hear your voice, and open their hearts to the knowledge of your love in Christ. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.**

We pray for those bowed down with grief, fear or sickness, especially those printed on our prayer list in the bulletin and those we name now...May your living Word bring comfort and healing to all those in need. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.**

We give thanks for all those who have died in the faith of Christ, remembering Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Bengtson and Charline Allen, and we rejoice with all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled. Hear us. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant: Merciful Father,

All: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

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**8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

*Page numbers on the right side of this bulletin are from "The Book of Common Prayer" (BCP) - the black book in the pew racks.*

**The Liturgy of the Word**

*Please stand*

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading:** 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 48:1-9**

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised;  
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

**Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion,  
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.**

God is in her citadels;  
he is known to be her sure refuge.

**Behold, the kings of the earth assembled  
and marched forward together.**

They looked and were astounded;  
they retreated and fled in terror.

**Trembling seized them there;  
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.**

As we have heard, so have we seen,  
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God;  
God has established her for ever.

**We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God,  
in the midst of your temple.**

Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end;  
your right hand is full of justice.

**The New Testament Reading:** 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**The Gospel Reading:** Mark 6:1-13 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

*Before the reading*

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:

People: **Glory be to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the reading*

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord:

People: **Praise be to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**The Homily**

*Please stand*

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People** (page 4 of this bulletin)

Celebrant: Hear us.

People: **Hear us, good Lord.**

**Confession of Sin**

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**The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**The Holy Communion**

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer A, page 361)

**The Sanctus**

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*The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 362*

**The Lord's Prayer and Breaking of the Bread**

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**The Invitation to Communion and Communion**

*Everyone is invited to receive. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail. There will be two chalices for receiving: the first to drink from and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking).*

**The Post-Communion Prayers**

*The Celebrant first prays the following:*

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Then all pray together on page 365.*

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**8:00 AM Service Participants**

*Celebrant and Homilist*

The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Communion Assistant*

Cynthia Pipkin

*Lector and Intercessor*

Rick Wolf

*Altar Guild*

Linda Jones (Captain), Linda Lacey  
And Brittany Underkofler

*Usher*

Ellen Sunderman



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**Prelude**                 *Still wie die Nacht*   Carl Bohm

**Processional Hymn** 398   *I sing the almighty power of God*

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**People:**     **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity (said together)**

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**Kyrie**   Kevin Hackett

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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**The Collect of the Day**

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People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

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*At the end of the reading*

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People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Gospel Hymn** 234 *The eternal gifts of Christ the King*

**The Holy Gospel:** Mark 6:1-13 (full text on page 2 of this bulletin)

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

After the reading

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Please be seated

**The Homily**

*Please stand*

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**Announcements and Children's Message**

**The Offertory Anthem** *Sing with Grace in Your Heart*

G. F. Handel

Victoria and James Wilson *soloists*

Sing with grace unto the Lord,  
Sing with grace in your heart, singing praises unto our God;  
Giving thanks, thanks to God, singing with grace, with grace in your hearts  
to the Lord.

All our blessings come from him, praise our God, praise the Lord  
Great is our God, gracious and kind, sing with thanksgiving unto the Lord,  
Sing with thanksgiving unto our God songs of praise unto our God  
Singing, singing songs of praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord.

**Presentation Hymn**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow (Hymn 380, vs 3)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

## The Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Prayer A page 361)

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts:

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant continues with the Great Thanksgiving on page 361*

## The Sanctus

Richard Proulx

*The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #125*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## The Lord's Prayer

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### The Fraction Anthem

G C Am D , Bm Em  
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and ne-ver be  
 Dsus<sup>4</sup> D , G D Em Bm ,  
 hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
 C D G *Fine*  
 trust in him and you will not thirst.

### The Invitation to Communion

#### Agnus Dei

#### Healy Willan

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
 7 world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 13 O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the  
 18 world, grant us your peace.

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**The Communion Hymn 343** *Shepherd of souls*

*If Eucharistic visitors are being sent forth today to take the sacrament to people at home, the following prayer is said after Communion:*

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

All: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup, Amen.**

### **The Post-Communion Prayers**

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### **The Blessing**

**The Closing Hymn 535** *Ye servants of God*

### **The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Tuba Tune*

C. S. Lang

**10AM Service Participants**

*Celebrant and Homilist*  
The Reverend Bryce Wandrey

*Organist and Choir Director*  
John Painter

*Verger*

*Gospel Book Bearer*  
Andrea Griffith

*Lector*  
Victoria Wilson

*Intercessor*  
Charlotte Hoare

*Ushers*  
Walt Frankowski, Richard Androne,  
Doris Schilpp and Linda Jones

*Communion Assistants*  
Kate Fanning and Milah Smith

*Crucifer*  
Amelia Fanning

*Acolytes*  
Derek Morris and Ben Frymoyer

*Altar Guild*  
Linda Jones (Captain), Linda Lacey  
And Brittany Underkofler



## **Bookbag Drive August 2024 at Christ Church, Reading**

Below is a checklist of items needed to complete a full backpack which we will bless on August 4th and then take to Mary's Shelter. You can team up with others to complete a backpack or go it alone! It's up to you.

- 1 backpack of any color
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 3 2-pocket folders
- 1 pack of index cards
- 1 box of crayons (pack of 16 or 24)
- 1 coloring book
- 1 pack of washable markers (pack of 8)
- 1 safety scissors
- 1 box of color pencils (10 in a box)
- 1 pack of mechanical pencils (10 or 12 in a pack)
- 1 ruler
- 1 pack of erasers
- 1 glue stick
- 1 lunch box or an insulated lunch bag

Are you interested in **studying the Bible together** at Christ Church with Father Bryce? If so, please see the online survey in our Enews or the paper survey on the table near the Orrick Door (please answer either the Enews survey or the paper one, not both!). The study time would last one hour and we would begin sometime in August. Please leave comments or suggestions on the enews survey or on the blank side of the paper ballot.



On Sunday, August 18th at our 10AM service we will be  **blessing our children's bookbags**  for the new school year. This is a wonderful chance to send our children back to school with God's blessing and a Christ Church carabiner!

Join Education for Ministry (EfM) to:

- Deepen your Christian faith.
- Learn how to articulate that faith.
- Let that faith inspire you into action!

Through study, prayer, and reflection, trained mentors facilitate small group discussions and guide participants to examine life through an increasingly informed and inspired theological lens. More than Bible study, EfM participants read and discuss the Bible, Church history and theology. In person groups are forming around the Diocese and virtual options are available. If interested or for more information, email EfM Diocesan Coordinator Cathy Bailey ([cathybaileynnp@gmail.com](mailto:cathybaileynnp@gmail.com)).

Get on the Hogwarts Express this summer with our **Vacation Bible School!** From Monday, July 29th to Thursday, August 1st from 5:30 to 7:30PM we will be at Hogwarts and opening our Bibles to explore our faith through the exciting world of Harry Potter and related Bible Stories. Scan the QR codes below to **Enroll** and take the **quiz!**



**Regular Christ Church Office hours:**

Monday: 8:00 am - 2:00 PM; Tuesday 8:00AM-12:30PM

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

**The Christ Church Mission**

Sharing God's Love with All

Please visit us at [www.rdgchristchurch.org](http://www.rdgchristchurch.org). The Diocesan and church staff members are listed, as well as a calendar of events. You may use this website to send in prayer requests. You may also request to be added to the list for e-news and newsletters.

**Altar Candle Memorials for July** are given for **Blessings Received** by Susan Frankowski; **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Charline Allen** by Faith McKoy, **Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare** by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare; **Sherry Feick Chandler** by David and Judy Feick.

**Altar Flowers for today** are to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Mr. Bengtson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Bengtson.**

**Lectern Flowers for today** are to the **Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Charline Allen** by her sister, Faith McKoy and the Allen Family.



Did you forget your checkbook this morning? Have you been wanting to set up a pledge but keep forgetting? Life just got a whole lot easier: scan the QR code on your phone and it will take you directly to our giving homepage.

The **ECW Rummage** sale will be having their Bag sale on July 10. For \$5.00, you can fill a bag with clothes and shoes. What a deal! Come see our selection!

We are starting a new six-week **Pilgrim Course today** on the Eucharist. This is an innovative and inspiring program for people of all stages along the road of following Jesus. We meet in the Parlor from 9:05 to 9:45am. Please join us in this course for the Christian journey

Three cheers for our Courtyard Committee who have cleaned and manicured our beautiful church garden! Committee members have picked up garbage, pulled weeds, killed weeds, raked leaves and pruned bushes, while having lots of fun together. All are invited to join this important ministry. Please contact Fr. Bryce if you are interested.

### Welcome to Christ Episcopal Church

We are happy to welcome you to our church and worship services. Here are some things that you may find helpful. If you would like to know more about us there are cards that you can fill out hanging in each pew. Please hand your completed card to an usher as you leave today. Please join us after the service in our Fellowship Hall (down the stairs near the front of the church and on your right at the bottom of the stairs) to get to know us better. The most readily accessible restroom is through the door near the front of the sanctuary. Once you go through that door turn right; the restroom is across from the elevator. Parking is available for free on the street on Sundays and in the M&T parking lot behind the church on the corner of Washington Street and Madison Ave.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Vestry</u></b></p> <p>Wayne Fanning (Senior Warden)            Diane Morris (Junior Warden)            Terry Rowles (Pastoral Care)            Pam Wheat (Grants)            Carolyn Handy (Stewardship)            Michael West (Finances)            Connie Fegley (Worship)            Anita Powell (Hospitality)            Kim Alarcon (Outreach)            Mary Arguelles (Children/Youth)            Chuck Brantman (Security/Property)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Our Ministries</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Worship</u></b>            Acolytes     Altar Guild            Eucharistic Ministers            Lectors and Intercessors            Vergers            Guitar and Taizé Services            Healing Team            Centering Prayer            Morning Prayer     Ushers            Kristallnacht Service</p>	<p><b><u>Music</u></b>            Parish Choir     Bell Ringers            Children's Choir            Fall Festival of Arts</p> <p><b><u>Education</u></b>            Adult Forum     Library            Children's Ministries            Education for Ministry</p> <p><b><u>Pastoral Care</u></b>            Cards and notes     Prayer Lists            Eucharistic Visitors            Flower Delivery     Pastoral Visits</p> <p><b><u>Fellowship</u></b>            Sunday Coffee Hour     50+ Club            Hospitality Committee</p> <p><b><u>Business</u></b>            Property Ministry            Church Maintenance Days            Stewardship Team            Planned Giving            Communications            Capital Campaign            Security Taskforce</p>	<p><b><u>Outreach</u></b>            Opportunity House            Rummage            Mary's Shelter            Narcotics Anonymous            Literacy Council of Reading Berks            ESL Dinners            Daughters of the King            Episcopal Church Women            Helping Harvest            Veterans Coalition of PA            Angel Tree            Berks Community Health Center            Berks Youth Chorus</p>
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## **This Week at Christ Church**

**Sunday, July 7**—The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9:05AM Adult Forum/Pilgrim course  
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)  
11AM Fellowship Hour  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

**Monday, July 8**

12PM—1PM NA meeting  
5:30-6:30PM NA meeting

**Tuesday, July 9**

9AM Citizenship class  
9:30AM Centering Prayer  
12PM—1PM NA meeting

**Wednesday, July 10**

10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale  
12PM Holy Eucharist  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
5:30-6:30PM NA Meeting

**Thursday, July 11**

9:30AM Centering Prayer  
11AM Morning Prayer Red Bridge Park  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

**Friday, July 12**

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

**Saturday, July 13**

12PM—2PM NA Meeting

**Sunday, July 14**—The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8AM Holy Eucharist (spoken)  
9:05AM Adult Forum/Pilgrim course  
10AM Holy Eucharist (sung)  
11AM Fellowship Hour  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

## **Upcoming Events**

**July 10** ECW Rummage sale. Bag sale this month, all clothes and shoes, fill a bag for \$5.00

**July 13** Opportunity House Dinner  
Sponsored by the Property Committee

**July 27** 9AM-11AM Courtyard  
Clean-up

**July 29 to August 1** VBS 5:30 to 7:30PM

**August 4** Transfiguration Sunday and  
Mary's Shelter's Bookbag Drive

**August 11** St. Mary, Mother of our Lord

**August 18** Blessing of the Bookbags

**August 31** 9 AM-11AM Courtyard  
Clean-up

**September 1** Blessing of Football Teams



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