

# Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

*IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.*



Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

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**Reading, PA**

**8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

Page numbers on the right hand side of the bulletin refer to parts of the service that can be found in *The Book of Common Prayer* (the black book in the pews).

*Please stand*

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)

**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.**

**Kyrie**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

People: **Christ have mercy**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The First Reading:** Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And

God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the

heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm 8** (The psalm is read responsively by whole verse)

O Lord our Governor,  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

**Out of the mouths of infants and children  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

What is man that you should be mindful of him?  
the son of man that you should seek him out?

**You have made him but little lower than the angels;  
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

You give him mastery over the works of your hands;  
you put all things under his feet:

**All sheep and oxen,  
even the wild beasts of the field,**

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

**O Lord our Governor,  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

**The Second Reading:** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one

another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

*Before the reading*

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

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*After the reading*

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**The Homily**

*Please stand*

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

Celebrant: We come boldly to the throne of grace, praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for mercy and grace, saying, we plead before your throne in heaven.

Intercessor: Father of heaven, whose love profound a ransom for our souls has found: We pray for the world, created by your love, for its nations and governments. Extend to them your peace, pardoning love, mercy and grace. We especially pray for anyone living in places of war and destruction. Generous and Merciful Lord: **We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Almighty Son, incarnate Word, our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord: We pray for the Church, created for your glory, for its ministry to reflect those works of yours. We pray for Bryce, our rector, Audrey, our bishop, Kevin, our assistant bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda and the churches and ministries of the Diocese of the Susquehanna. Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace. Generous and Merciful Lord: **We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath the soul is raised from sin and death: We pray for families and individuals, created in your image, for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying, especially for those on our prayer list printed in the bulletin and for those we name now... Breathe on them the breath of life and bring them to your mercy and grace. Generous and Merciful Lord: **We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son, Mysterious Godhead, Three in One: We pray for ourselves, for all of those celebrating this week, Midge Pendergast and Michael West. We also pray for all whom we remember before you; Cynthia, Louis and David Thun. Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven, to receive life and pardon, mercy and grace for all eternity. Generous and Merciful Lord: **We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Celebrant: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin** 360

**The Peace** 360

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

People: **And also with you.**

**Announcements**

The Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving** (Prayer D from *The Book of Common Prayer*) 372

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 373*

## **The Sanctus**

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving on page 373*

Celebrant and People: **We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord God.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Great Thanksgiving on page 375*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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## **The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **The Invitation to Communion**

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*Everyone is invited to receive. There will be two chalices for receiving: communion rail. and the second chalice is for intinction (dipping the host instead of drinking.) Gluten Free wafers are available; if you require gluten free please indicate this when receiving. If you would prefer to receive a blessing please indicate this by crossing your arms while at the communion rail.*

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

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## **The Blessing**

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Celebrant: ...; and the blessing God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

## **The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve our Triune God.  
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant and Homilist at 8AM and 10AM*  
The Reverend Doug Moyer

*Altar Guild Team*  
June Tull (Captain), Priscilla Hirschenhofer, Andrea Griffith and Kim Alarcon

8am Service Participants

*Lector and Intercessor*  
Rick Wolf

*Usher*  
Ellen Sunderman

*Communion Assistants*  
Ellen Sunderman and Chris Spohn

10am Service Participants

*Organist and Choir Director*  
John Painter

*Crucifer*  
Benjamin Frymoyer

*Lector*  
Cynthia Pipkin

*Gospel Book*  
Cadence Carvalho

*Intercessor*  
Mary Arguelles

*Acolytes*  
Lillian Arguelles and Dalia  
Carvalho

*Communion Assistants*  
Terry Rowles and Jill Braun

*Verger*  
Kathleen Brantman

*Ushers*  
David Emes, Joann  
Hyneman,  
Garrett Hyneman and Jack  
Lacey

## Christ Church (Episcopal)

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### 10am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Hymns can be found in the blue books labelled *Hymnal 1982* or the green books labelled *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. Page numbers on the right hand side of the bulletin refer to parts of the service that can be found in *The Book of Common Prayer* (the black book in the pews).

#### Prelude

Processional Hymn 371

*Thou whose almighty word*

#### 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)

**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.**

#### Kyrie

Kevin Hackett

The image shows a musical score for a Kyrie. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy." for the first system and "Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." for the second system.

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**The Collect of the Day**

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People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**The First Reading:** Genesis 1:1-2:4a (see page 2 for the text of the reading)

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**The Gospel Hymn** 362 *Holy, holy, holy (verses 1, 3 and 4)*

**The Holy Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20 (see page 5 for the text of the reading)

*Before the reading*

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

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

*After the reading*

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord**

*Please be seated*

**The Homily**

*Please stand*

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People** (see page 5)

**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 Offertory Anthem**

**The Presentation Hymn 380** *From all the dwell below the skies (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 D from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

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## The Sanctus

William Mathias



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

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### The Breaking of the Bread

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People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**The Fraction Anthem**

Jacques Berthier

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and ne-ver be  
 hun - gry. Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
 trust in him and you will not thirst.

**The Invitation to Communion**

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**The Agnus Dei**

Kevin Mayhew

*Adagio* (♩ = 69) *mp*  
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the  
 world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace. *pp*

**The Communion Hymn** WLP 764 *Taste and see*

*If Eucharist 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 Prayer** 365

**The Blessing** 366

Celebrant: ...; and the blessing God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**The Closing Hymn** 368 *Holy Father, great Creator*

**The Dismissal**

Celebrant: Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve our Triune God.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

**Altar Candle Memorials for May are given for Blessings Received by Susan Frankowski; Paul and Alice Swain and Arthur and Mary Hoare by Stephen and Charlotte Hoare and Sherry Feick Chandler by David and Judy Feick.**

**Altar Flowers for today are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Cynthia, Louis and David Thun from their family.**

**Cover images:**

Center: *The Holy Trinity* by Albrecht Durer (1511)

Bottom left: The shield of the Diocese of the Susquehanna

Bottom right: Line drawing of Christ Church, Reading

June 7th is the ECW charity Sunday where the charities that are supported through the year's fundraising and Rummage Sales are recognized. After the 10AM service, the ECW is sponsoring a luncheon and the return of Chris Ivey, juggler. He was a hot last time he performed so we are bringing him back!

## APPEARING LIVE



# CHRIS IVEY

### DETAILS

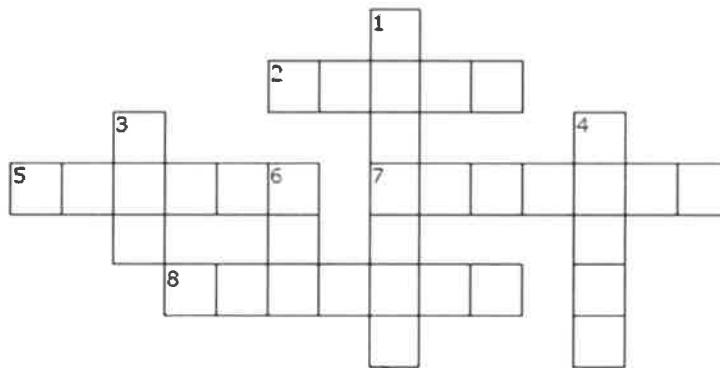
Back by Popular Demand!  
Sunday, June 7, 11:45 AM  
Fellowship Hall  
Lunch Provided

*THEATRICAL JUGGLING SHOW*

# And It Was Very Good

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Genesis 1:1-2:4a (NIV)



## ACROSS

2. Creatures with feathers and wings, usually able to fly
5. Living things that have a stem, leaves, roots, and sometimes flowers
7. Living things that can move and eat
8. The space that seems to be over the earth like a dome

## DOWN

1. To cause something to exist, or to make
3. General term for the human race, or any member or group of it
4. The planet on which we live
6. The waters that cover most of the surface of the earth

CREATED	BIRDS	ANIMALS	EARTH
HEAVENS	PLANTS	MAN	SEA

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N P S B S K N D S B K J G R L  
P U D I K O M E A W G N T S I  
Y V S R Y U E H N R I V G F G  
S B V D U R R P G N K P O G H  
C I T S T T X C N A L N D R T  
P R X I N U X I P J N T E Y V  
C L O K I Y G Y N N X I S S S  
J R A O D E C N F Q T T G L S  
W E E N B R P H W E E L A H H  
U B A A T I V E G B M M M S T  
L W I R T S A A B X I A I X X  
S A A V T E M V V N P F L Y T  
C E N T B H D E A S E S A E U  
I F A D E D C N S L S D B E D  
N A J S S R N S M A L E Z S G

HEAVENS	EARTH	PLANTS	SEAS	CREATED
NIGHT	DAY	WATER	FISH	SKY
TREES	DARKNESS	BIRDS	FEMALE	GOD
LIGHT	ANIMALS	BEGINNING	MALE	LAND



**Do you need prayers?** All of us have our times when we don't feel whole and we need someone to pray for us. Or, we have someone in our lives who is broken and needs healing. Our Healing Prayer Team is back on the 3rd Sunday of every month to pray for you and with you. If you would like to join them please come up to communion early (after the ushers and choir), commune with our prayer team, receive anointing with holy oil and then proceed to the baptistry for healing prayers.

For those in need of our prayers....

Runette	Kristin	Wyatt	Beverly
Connie	Randall	Byron and Sherry	Angelica
Joe	Matt	Max	Randy
Cindy	Kate	Kraras Family	Mary
Elizabeth	Lou	David	William
Liz	Cindy	Stacy	Mertz Family
Kate	Randy	Cindy	Mark
Mary	Cathy	Kevin	David
Lisa	Deb	Bruce	Ryan
Kelly	Terra	Darryl	William
Amelia	Wayne	Henry	Elinor
Darryl	Nancy	Scott	Penny
Linda	Frances	Jay	Jaime
Grace	John	Rev. Todd	Darryl

*Kindly submit any names you would to be added to the prayer list by emailing Kim @officemgr@rdgchristchurch.org or writing the name on the paper on the table outside in the hall.*

**Regular Christ Church Office hours:**

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

Wednesday 8:00 am - 2:00 PM

**IN the city. WITH our neighbors. FOR everyone.**

We are grounded in the values of love, service and faithful stewardship. Firmly rooted in compassionate collaboration, we welcome partnerships that nurture our neighbors and address pressing issues in our community. We endeavor to be a cornerstone for the city of Reading, enabling all that come through our doors to experience the dignity, purpose and opportunities that God desires for everyone.



The Next ECW Rummage Sale will be held June 3, 6, and 10 from 10AM to 1PM. Come check out the spring/summer collection of clothes, housewares, shoes...something for everyone.



**We are open!**

Every Tuesday  
from 10AM—2PM  
our doors are  
open with  
volunteers on  
hand to greet  
visitors.

If you would like to join  
our team of volunteers  
please contact Sherry  
Faust  
(sfaust313@gmail.com)  
or Ellen Sunderman  
(esunderman@msn.com)

This Week at Christ Church

Sunday, May 31—Trinity Sunday

**8AM Holy Eucharist** (spoken)  
**9AM Sunday School**  
**9:05AM Adult Forum** - Pilgrim Course on  
The Ten Commandments  
**10AM Holy Eucharist** (sung)  
**11:30AM Junior EYC**  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, June 1

12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, June 2

9AM Literacy Class  
**9:30AM Centering Prayer**  
**10AM-2PM Church Open Day**  
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, June 3

**9AM Staff meeting**  
**10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale**  
**12PM Noon Eucharist**  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, June 4

9AM Literacy Class  
**9:30AM Bible Study**  
**9:30AM Centering Prayer**  
**11AM Morning Prayer**  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, June 5

12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, June 6

**10AM-1PM ECW Rummage Sale**  
12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, June 7—Second Sunday after  
Pentecost

**8AM Holy Eucharist** (spoken)  
**9AM Sunday School**  
**9:05AM Adult Forum** - Pilgrim Course on  
The Ten Commandments  
**10AM Holy Eucharist** (sung) **ECW Charity  
Sunday**  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Upcoming Events

**June 7** ECW Charity Sunday at 10AM  
**June 14** The Third Sunday after Pentecost  
with Holy Baptism  
**June 14-20** Youth Mission Trip  
**July 5** Independence Sunday  
**July 6-10** V.B.S. 6PM-7:30PM  
**July 18** Bicentennial Block Party from  
12pm to 5pm  
**August 2** Blessing of Mary's Shelter  
Bookbags at 8AM and 10AM



Offeratory Envelopes

Please help support  
the EYC and their  
summer service  
project by taking one  
of the envelopes on  
the wall in the  
Fellowship Hall and  
returning with your donation into the  
offering plate by June 1. Thank you!