

# Christ Church (Episcopal)

Reading, Pennsylvania

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



Saint Mary the Virgin—Mother of  
Our Lord

August 16, 2026

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### **8am Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

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*Please stand*

#### The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
Celebrant: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  
People: **let us exalt his Name together.**

#### **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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you:  
People: **And also with you.**  
Celebrant: Let us pray.

#### **The Collect of the Day**

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

#### **The First Reading:** Isaiah 61:10-11

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm 34: 1-9**

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**I will glory in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  
let us exalt his Name together.

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

Look upon him and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed

**I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,  
and he will deliver them.

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

**The Second Reading Galatians 4:4-7**

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*At the end of the reading*

Reader: The Word of the Lord:

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 1:46-55**

*Before the reading*

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

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

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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: Let us pray today that we will hear God's call in our lives and that, like Blessed Mary, we will have the faith and courage to respond and live out our vocation:

Intercessor: In thanksgiving for your grace, revealed in Blessed Mary, and for all that inspires us from her life, that following her good example, we may hear afresh your call to holiness of life: God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For your holy church, that it may persevere in its witness to you and continue building up the communion of saints. We pray especially for Bryce, our rector, Audrey, our bishop, Kevin, our assistant bishop, Sean, our presiding bishop, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, The Church in Wales and the churches and ministries of the Diocese of the Susquehanna. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

That we who are gathered here may receive grace to grow into the likeness of Christ. We pray especially for those celebrating this week: Scarlett Frymoyer, Drew Jones, Bryan Allen, Julia Richie-Sammin, Victoria Wilson, Beverly Flatt, Dane Miller, Jacqueline Wilson, Julie Anna Gonzalez and Rick and Shirlee Wolf . God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

That the leaders of this world may strive for justice and peace; and honor the common good. Be with those living in fear and danger, especially those living in places of war and for all innocent lives taken. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

That all who are poor, homeless, or hungry may find refuge in you; and that the sick and the suffering may be relieved from affliction, especially those on the prayer list printed in the bulletin and any we name now... God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In communion with Blessed Mary and all the saints, let us commend the world to the mercy and protection of God, that, with all the saints in ages past, we and all the departed may find a dwelling place in the habitations of your majesty and glory, remembering Polly and Herman Sunderman and Polly and William Pflum. God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin** 360

**The Peace** 360

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

People: **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

### **Prayers for the Preparation of the Table**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## The Holy Communion

### **The Great Thanksgiving** (Prayer B from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

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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 367*

### **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 368*

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
Celebrant and People: **We remember his death  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory**

### **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: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Cover images:**

Center: "Virgin Mary Annunciate" (1431 - 1433)

Bottom left: The shield of the Diocese of the Susquehanna

Bottom right: Line drawing of Christ Church, Reading

*Celebrant and Homilist at 8AM and 10AM*

The Reverend Bryce P. Wandrey

*Altar Guild Team*

Linda Jones (Captain), Linda Lacey, Brittany Underkofler, Armani Rodriguez, Amie Henderson,  
Julie Anna Gonzalez

8am Service Participants

*Lector and Intercessor*

Dane Miller

*Usher*

Rick Wolf

*Communion Assistant*

Ellen Sunderman

10am Service Participants

*Organist and Choir Director*

John Painter

*Crucifer*

Ian Hoelscher

*Lector*

Joann Hyneman

*Acolytes*

Lauren Hoelscher and Lillian Arguelles

*Intercessor*

Kate Schuler

*Gospel Book*

Ozi Abara

*Communion Assistants*

Andrea Griffith and Milah  
Smith

*Ushers*

Walt Frankowski, Doris Schilpp, Linda  
Jones and Sherry Faust

*Verger*

Matt Hoelscher

*Greeting Team*

Brenda Guardian, Daniel Harris and Justin Skwiat

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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**

*Arioso*

J.S. Bach

**Processional Hymn 278**

*Sing we of the blessed mother*

### The Liturgy of the Word

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

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### The Gloria

Maccabaeus



2. Son of the Father, bearing this world's sin;  
Lamb of God have mercy, grant us peace within.  
You O Christ are holy, you alone are Lord;  
With the Holy Spirit, evermore adored.  
Glory to God! Our hearts to you we raise!  
Joy and peace on earth, in highest heaven praise!  
Text: Edwin Le Grice; Tune: Maccabaeus

Celebrant: The Lord be with you  
People: **And also with you**  
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### **The Collect of the Day**

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*Please be seated*

**The First Reading:** Isaiah 61:10-11 (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*

**Gospel Hymn 438** *Tell out my soul*

**The Holy Gospel:** Luke 1:46-55 (see page 4 for the text of the reading)

*Before the reading*

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

**The Nicene Creed** 358

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

Intercessor God, in your mercy,  
All **Hear our prayer.**

**Confession of Sin** 359

## The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

## Announcements and Children's Message

### The Offertory Anthem

*Thou art gone up high (The Messiah)*  
Andrew Maier, soloist

G.F. Handel

### The Presentation Hymn 380 From all that 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.

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## Sanctus

Richard Proulx

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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**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
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### The Fraction Anthem

The Fraction Anthem is a musical score for a choir or congregation, consisting of three systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. of the Lord." The music is in 3/4 time and features a variety of note values, including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The final system ends with a "Fine" marking.

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## The Agnus Dei

Gregory Murray



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## The Communion Hymn 324 *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

*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

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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 Closing Hymn 232 *By all your saints still striving*

*Verse 2 is on the opposite page titled "St. Mary the Virgin" August 15*

### The Dismissal

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*Prince of Denmark March*

Jeremiah Clarke

#### For those in need of our prayers....

|               |                 |                  |              |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Runette       | Todd            | Beverly          | Mertz Family |
| Connie        | Randall         | Byron and Sherry | Randi        |
| Albert        | Ellen           | Penny            | Mary         |
| Laraine       | Sid             | Darryl M.        | Albert       |
| MJ and family | Sandi           | Lola and family  | Randy        |
| Kate          | Max             | Sue              | Terra        |
| Ashley        | Joshua          | Jeffrey          | Angelica     |
| Frances       | Lola and Family | Bruce            | Sandi        |
| David,        | Lou             | Elizabeth        |              |

*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 the church.*

### Alice Training

**(Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate)**

The Security Task Force will be holding another ALICE training session at the Church at 8:00AM on Saturday August 22. All congregants are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The training session, which will be conducted by Chris Spohn and Ellen Sunderman, our own trained ALICE instructors, will last for approximately 4 hours and will include classroom instruction as well as various mock exercises involving the types of threats we might possibly encounter in the event that an intruder entered the Church. Please use the following link if you wish to register for this training: <https://forms.gle/eDnMcVZmRdnuvjfR8>

Participation in the mock exercises is strictly voluntary.

**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.

**Altar Candle Memorials for August 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 Polly and Herman Sunderman from Peter, Nancy and Ellen Sunderman and To the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of her parents, Polly and William Pflum from Cynthia Pipkin.**





# Youth Mission Trip Presentation

Please join us in the Parlor on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:05AM to hear about our Mission Trip which took place in June. Our Youth and Leaders will be with us to share their experiences.

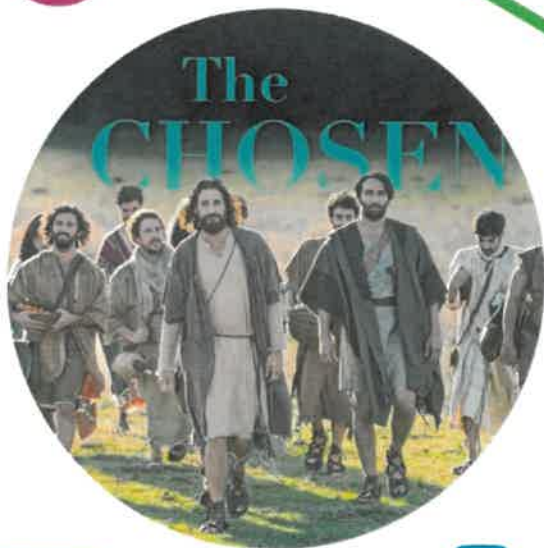


## Blessing of the Backpacks and free Ice Cream!

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Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am

Please be advised that there is no Rummage Sale in August. Come see us in September and preview some of our fall merchandise. The dates are September 2, 5 and 9 from 10AM to 1PM.



## *The Chosen* People's Choice Awards

Beginning on August 30<sup>th</sup> during our Adult Forum (9:05AM to 9:45AM) we will be looking at the life of Jesus and his followers through your chosen clips from the TV show *The Chosen*. Please join us for this engaging way to delve into the life of our Lord.

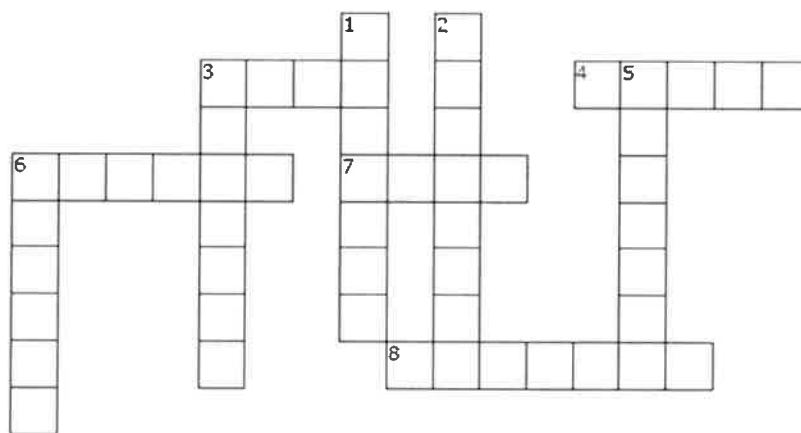
## The Covenant Cup

Join us for the second annual **Covenant Cup**, a friendly golf outing between Christ Church and Trinity Lutheran, held at Heidelberg Country Club on **Sunday, September 27th**, with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. This year, we are partnering with Habitat for Humanity. All proceeds from this event will go to support Habitat and their mission of providing quality, affordable housing to the people of Reading and Berks County. The afternoon will feature men's and women's longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests, followed by a celebratory banquet buffet. Final registration deadline is September 15th. Scan the QR code to register today!



# Mary's Song

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46 (NIV)



## ACROSS

3. The spiritual part of humans which lives forever
4. To be filled excessive self-esteem
6. To feel the need or desire for food
7. Having great wealth
8. Having good things given to you, especially from God

## DOWN

1. To give honor, praise, and adoration to
2. To show mercy or compassion to another
3. One who yields or surrenders to the will or authority of another
5. To express great joy or happiness
6. Not proud or boastful

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|---------|---------|---------|--------|----------|
| soul    | rejoice | blessed | hungry | servant  |
| glorify | humble  | proud   | rich   | merciful |

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Words are taken from Luke 1:46-55 (NIV).



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

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|-----------|--------|--------|----------|---------|
| blessed   | great  | mercy  | rejoices | soul    |
| deeds     | holy   | mighty | rich     | spirit  |
| fear      | humble | name   | rulers   | things  |
| glorifies | hungry | proud  | servant  | thrones |

This Week at Christ Church  
Sunday, August 16—St Mary the Virgin—  
Mother of Our Lord

**8AM Holy Eucharist** (spoken)  
**9:05AM Adult Forum** - Pilgrim Course on  
The Beatitudes  
**10AM Holy Eucharist** (sung)  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

Monday, August 17  
**10AM-2PM Church Open Day**  
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Tuesday, August 18  
**9:30AM Centering Prayer**  
10AM Literacy Conversation Class  
12PM—1PM NA meeting

Wednesday, August 19  
**9AM Staff meeting**  
**12PM Noon Eucharist**  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
5:30-7PM NA Meeting

Thursday, August 20  
**9:30AM Centering Prayer**  
**9:30AM Bible Study**  
10AM Literacy Conversation Class  
**11AM Morning Prayer**  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting  
5PM-6:30PM NA Meeting

Friday, August 21  
12PM—1PM NA Meeting

Saturday, August 22  
8AM Alice training  
12PM-2PM NA meeting

Sunday, August 23—The Thirteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

**8AM Holy Eucharist** (spoken)  
**9:05AM Adult Forum** - Mission Trip  
Presentation  
**10AM Holy Eucharist** (sung) Children Led  
Service  
**11AM Milah Smith Appreciation Luncheon**  
**11:30AM Sweet Ride Ice Cream**  
4PM—5PM NA meeting

#### Upcoming Events

**August 20** Bible Study resumes at 9:30AM  
**August 22** ALICE Training 8AM  
**August 23** Blessing of *our children's*  
*Backpacks* and Children led service at 10AM  
Milah Smith Appreciation Luncheon 11AM  
Sweet Ride Ice Cream at 11:30AM  
**August 29** CCR at the Fightin' Phils at  
6:45PM  
**September 6** Blessing of the Football  
Teams 8AM and 10AM  
**September 9** Christ Church at the Highlands  
2PM  
**September 9** Interfaith service at Oheb  
Sholom 7PM  
**September 13** Sunday School resumes  
Acolyte training and Pizza Party at 11AM  
**September 15** ESL Conversation Dinner at  
6PM  
**September 16** Beatles' Mass at 5:30PM  
**September 20** Ministry Fair at 9AM and  
10AM  
**September 27** Covenant Cup Golf  
Tournament