

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

“I am coming to you”. Christ shared these simple but powerful words to assure us that He will always be at our side. This is the hope and inspiration that carries us forward and is fundamental to our faith.

Instilling this understanding is a gift we pass onto our children. The Pentecost offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start in the years from childhood through young adulthood that will last a lifetime.

For the past two years, during Pentecost, the Serving Team has had a Pentecost Paper/Financial Drive. We shared the donated paper items with Head Start.

This year we would like to collect items for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Solution Center. Following is a little background on each of the organizations:

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization was founded in 1904 when a young New York City children’s court clerk named Ernest K. Coulter was seeing more and more children come through his courtroom. The forming of the organization helped to combat the rising tide of juvenile delinquency and the increased number of children coming into the courts. The Big Brothers Big Sisters organization defined the meaning of one-to-one mentoring. Mentoring works!

An impact study shows that children are more likely to excel and make better choices with their lives when they have felt the quiet power of the match experience.

Solution Center: Domestic abuse and homelessness are horrific issues that will not go away by ignoring them.

Solution Center exists because, while these two issues may have their dissimilarities, they have one very important thing in common – they affect human beings. The Center offers a multitude of services to those dealing with domestic abuse and homelessness. The staff understand that every situation is different. Services are personalized for everyone who needs assistance.

The monetary donations received for Pentecost will be divided, as follows:

- 40% will be split between Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Solution Center.
- 25% supports Young Adult Volunteers,
- 25% Supports Ministries with Youth
- 10% is devoted to Children at Risk.

You can pay online [here](#) or by check or cash (mark your donations accordingly and put them in the offering plate).

The list of items needed can be found at the Welcome Center in the Narthex, or the link provided [here](#). The list will also be in the Wednesday Updates. You can donate items through the end of May.

Thank you for your support,

The Serving Team

Big Brothers/Big Sisters & Solution Center Paper Drive

Paper Towels	13 Gallon Trash Bags
Toilet Paper	Aluminum Foil
Construction Paper (any color)	Quart/Gallon Size Baggies
Paper Plates	Tissue
Post It Notes	Diapers (any size)
Coloring Books	Pull-ups (any size)
Crayons/Markers (for coloring books)	Baby Wipes