

# FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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### This week at First Central:

This Sunday Pastor Mark's message is "A Glimpse into the Heart of Jesus" from John 17:1-5.

For a video preview of Sunday's message on Pastor Mark's blog [Click here](#).

There are three ways to watch the service if you are unable to attend in person.

- You can now watch the services live on YouTube [here](#). Facebook was becoming more difficult, so we switched to a more user-friendly platform. We will continue to have a Facebook page, but the livestream is now on YouTube.
- You can view the service (after the fact) on Pastor Mark's [blog](#).
- You can also view the service (again, after the fact) on the church website, [www.firstcentral.church](http://www.firstcentral.church).



The Baby Bottle Drive begins this Sunday, Mother's Day, and ends on Father's Day. Pick up a baby bottle this Sunday and return it on June 18<sup>th</sup> filled with your donation — change or paper. Checks are accepted as well, made payable to the Pregnancy Care Center.



### Join us for a church-wide potluck dinner on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5 pm.

Please bring a dish to share -- main dish, side dish, salad or dessert -- enough for 6-8 people. And please provide a list of ingredients in your dish, to help those with allergies or other food issues to know what's safe for them to eat. We don't need the whole recipe -- just what's in it.

**Hope to see EVERYONE there.**

**There is no sign-up; just show up. ☺**

**The Mission Focus Class** (ages K – 6) is collecting money for the Open Doors ministry during May, June, and July. The money will be put toward the earthquake relief effort in Turkey.

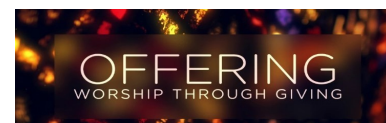
Open Doors provides aid to the persecuted churches in the 10-40 window. **Young people will be at the sanctuary doors at the end of service to receive your donations.** You can also give through your regular giving envelope or through Breeze. Just be sure to label the contribution "Mission Focus—Open Doors." You can read more [here](#).

### Upcoming dates to be aware of...

- NO Senior Saints this month
- May 20<sup>th</sup> — church-wide potluck dinner — 5 PM.
- May 21<sup>st</sup> — baptism and welcoming new members
- June 25<sup>th</sup> — semi-annual business meeting immediately following our worship service
- July 16-21 — youth serving at Pine Brook Camp



We have just one Senior Saint celebrating a birthday in May. Dorothea Moores' birthday is May 20<sup>th</sup>. You can send birthday greetings to Dorothea at: 100 Nelson St., Chicopee MA 01013.



### Giving back to God:

DATE	BUDGET	GIVING
May 7	\$9,519	\$10,034
Year-to-date:	\$180,861	\$174,653

Thank you for your faithful giving.

### "Outside the Walls"

The last part of the puzzle may have been found!

If the tent checks out this Saturday, National Hot Dog month is July! The National Hot Dog Day is Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, so the closest Saturday is the 22<sup>nd</sup>. What a perfect day for a hot dog outreach from noon to 3:00 PM.

It's time to start putting the event together. Please, talk to me about your ideas for the event and let's get rolling! We will meet again on the first Tuesday in June (6<sup>th</sup>) but don't wait to offer ideas and your help that can be given in the meantime. This is the exciting part!! Just say, "Yes, God!" and show up! ☺ Dave Piela — 413-734-6779.



**We want to remind everyone that there are many ways to be kept "in the loop" here at First Central.**

1. **Visit** our website: [www.firstcentral.church](http://www.firstcentral.church).
2. **View** the Power Point announcements before service.
3. **Listen** to announcements that are given from the pulpit.
4. **Watch** for our newsletter in your inbox every Friday. (If you're not getting it, then we don't have your email address — call the church office, or email us, with your email.
5. **Check out** First Central's Facebook page.
6. **Look** for the signs around the building. There are at least a dozen signs around the building which list upcoming events in addition to signs listing our current Sunday School classes.

*We try to give plenty of notice of upcoming events. We're not always perfect, but we do our best. We hope you'll do your part.*