

# FCBC WEEKLY UPDATE

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### This week at First Central:

This we continue our study in the book of Titus. Pastor Mark's message is, "A Grace Full Life" from Titus 2:11-15. We will also have observance of Believer's Baptism and welcome in new members.

*We will no longer be livestreaming.* See explanation below.

If you are unable to attend in person you can watch the service, after the fact, in one of two ways:

- You can view the service on Pastor Mark's [blog](#).
- You can also view the service on the church website, [www.firstcentral.church](http://www.firstcentral.church).



We received a voicemail this week from Samaritan's Purse thanking us for partnering with them in Operation Christmas Child. There were a total of 11.3 million boxes collected and 10 million were packed in the United States. The next collection will be 11/18/24 thru 11/25/24.

We will participating again this year. More information will be coming as the dates gets closer.



Our Lord's Pantry is a practical outreach to our community, but it takes many people to make it happen each week. We need volunteers for the "check-in table" as well as some strong people to help set it up and break it down every week.

We also need a few people to help unload our orders from the Food Bank, which we get every two or three weeks, usually on a Thursday or a Friday. This takes less than an hour.

The Pantry hours are Tuesdays from 9—11 AM, except the second Tuesday of the month, when we're open from 6—8 PM instead. We could really use a couple (or more) of Spanish-speaking volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering, we invite you to join us on any Tuesday (see hours above) to observe the process and see if it's something you would like to help with. For questions, contact Jean Thibault at (508) 353-3915 or Gail Grant at (413) 244-8754.

### Due to some technical challenges, we will no longer livestream our worship service on Sunday morning.

Instead, we will record the entire service on video and the sermon on audio. We will post the video to the church website and the church Facebook page as soon as we can, often by Sunday afternoon or Monday morning. We try to post the audio of the sermon on the church website by the middle of the week. Since we cannot livestream the service, we encourage you to join our community of faith at FCBC on Sunday mornings. Please continue to pray that God will bless and use our ministries to touch lives and change hearts. Thanks for understanding.

Our next **Senior Saints** gathering is next Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 AM.

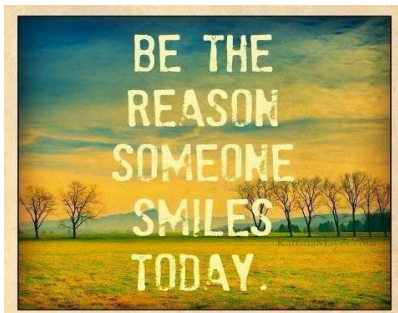
- Deli platters will be provided. Please bring a salad, bread (assorted) or a dessert to share.
- Since "April showers bring May flowers", we're having a little contest. Provide a centerpiece and other decorations you'd like for your table— win a prize.
- To sign up, text Carol Sumler (413-433-1648) or Rosemary Stewart (860-729-8118).

### Missing something?

Our "Lost and Found" basket is located on the second floor beneath the coatrack outside of Room 211 (near the elevator).

We currently have several items, some of which have been there for weeks.

Stop by and see if anything is yours. Note: for small items like glasses and keys, we put these on the bulletin board outside of the church office — Room 203.



<u>DATE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>GIVING</u>
April 7	\$9,519	\$11,145
Year-to-date:	\$135,620	\$140,709

*Thank you for your faithful giving.*