

# Tower Bell



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010  
HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION:**

**EXPLORING THE MIGHTY LOVE OF GOD**, was a huge success. We had 68 children—25 from our congregation and 43 from the Children’s Center and the community. Sincere thanks to the “Crew” who worked so hard to make V.B.S. possible.

They include:

**ALL CLASSES**

**CHADDER THE CHIPMUNK & SAILOR JACK**

Riley Norman

**OPENING** (Sing & Play Splash) & **CLOSING** (The Floating Finale)

M, W, F – Kevin Dreyer

T, TH – Judy Eaton

Helper -- Mike Byers

Helper – Dan Chapman

**REGISTRATION**

Phyllis Wezeman

**SNACK** (Goodies from the Galley)

Coordinator – Indi & Joyce Dieckgrafe

Coordinator (Pre-VBS) -- Linda Fox

Snack Helpers

M – Evelyn Shaw & Sylvia Wadzinski

T – Donald & Joann Sporleder

W – Joyce Welter

TH – Carol Clarisey

F – Donna Rehbein

**SOUND SYSTEM**

Stan Welter

**K-5<sup>TH</sup>**

**CINEMA** (Sail Away Cinema) – M, W, F

Coordinator -- Margo Shearman-Howard

**CRAFTS** (Clipper Ship Crafts) – T, TH

Coordinator – Carolyn Schult

**CREW HELPERS**

K-5 – Sarah Bowling, Nikki Chapman, Catherine Clay

Wilhe Dreyer, Kattie Dusick, Sarah McClure,

Calla Norman, Joel Nyirongo, Moses Nyirongo,  
Stacy Skwarczan, Atu Ziwawo

**CREW HELPERS – JUNIOR**

K-5 -- Becca Byers, Robert Howard, Bailey Mott  
Elli Mott, Audrey Sporleder

**CREW LEADERS**

K-5 – Edna Andedo [Crew 2]

K-5 – Edina Namwali [Crew 3]

K-5 – Mercy Nyirenda – W, Th, F [Crew 2]

K-5 -- Debbie Skwarczan [Crew 1]

**DRAMA** (Bible Voyage) – T, Th

Coordinator – Perry Hunt

Drama Helpers – Jill & Bill Hunt

**GAMES** (Ship Rec Games) – M, W, F

Coordinator – John Mott

**STATION HELPERS**

Jena Chapman, Alex Namwali, Nathan Spear

**PRE-K**

**CINEMA** (Chadder’s Theater) – M, W, F

Coordinators –Jennifer Byers -- M, W

Dan Chapman -- F

**CRAFTS** (Craft & Play) – T, TH

Coordinator – Peggy Van Laere

**CREW LEADERS\***

Pre-K -- Crew 1 – Angela Rodriquez

Pre-K -- Crew 2 – Yvette West

Pre-K – Crews 1 & 2 – Miss Hall

Pre-K – Crew 4 – Joyce Johnson

Pre-K -- Crew 5 – LaVonne Sobierlaski

**GAMES** (Games) – T, Th

Coordinator – Dan Chapman -- Th

Coordinator -- LaVonne Sobierlaski -- T

Coordinator – Yvette West -- T

**STORY** (Bible Adventures) – M, W, F

Coordinator -- Judy Eaton

**SUPPORT STAFF**

**CUSTODIAL**

Joe Buzalski & Ken Tyler

**DECORATIONS**

Coordinator --Staci Norman

Helpers – Dan Balog, Natali Balog, Indi Dieckgrafe,

Joyce Dieckgrafe, Jill Hunt, Gwen MacGregor, Calla Norman,

Riley Norman, Peggy Van Laere, Mark Wenkus

**EQUIPMENT** Mike Byers Kevin Dreyer

**LEADERSHIP TEAM** Margo Shearman-Howard

Peggy Van Laere, Phyllis Wezeman

**OFFICE/SECRETARIAL**

Carol Clarisey Donna Rehbein Bonnie Tyler

**SUPPORT**

Bob Agnew Donna Canter

**TRANSPORTATION** Dan Balog

Welcome new members, June 13, 2010  
Please check out the bulletin board in the hall.

**Suzgo and Anitta Nyirongo and their children, Joel, Moses and Asante.** Joel & Moses also became members. Nyirongos are from Malawi. Suzgo is employed by Notre Dame University in the Biological Sciences Department. Anitta also has her Masters Degree and is currently at home with their children. They join us by Profession of Faith.

**Victor Nyirongo.** Victor is married to Kate and children are Josh, Katie and Victory who are all in Malawi. Victor is attempting to enter a PhD program here. He comes to us by a Letter of Transfer from Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Blacksburg, VA.

**Austin Mandiwa.** Austin moved to the US from Malawi in 2000 and he has been working with AWS since 2001. He has two children, Upile and Mwai. He comes to us by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Victor and Zodwa Chatuluka and their children Naomi and Lawrence.** They have been living in the US for 11 years, coming from Malawi. They come by a Letter of Transfer from Westminster Presbyterian Church, South Bend.

**Bonnie Clay.** Bonnie recently married David Sykes. She has two grown children, is a computer programmer and comes to us by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Daneen Dunlap.** Daneen is the wife of David Dunlap, II. They have one child, Logan and are expecting a second child in November. Daneen comes to us by Profession of Faith.

**Norma Turner.** Norma has two grown children. Norma was a former member of our church, but moved to Zionsville more than 10 years ago. She has moved back to South Bend this past spring and is very happy to be a part of First Presbyterian Church again.

**Sara Witt.** Sara also comes to us by a Letter of Transfer, from Ridgedale Presbyterian Church, South Bend.

**John Wyatt.** John comes to us by Letter of Transfer, from Christ Community Church of Greater Lansing, Lansing, MI. John lives in the historic Robertson Apartments.

**Ellen Tembo.** Ellen comes to us as an Associate Member.

### Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update

We continue in the process of matching our *Church Information Form* through the denomination's Church Leadership Connection website designed to match our congregation's characteristics, with prospective pastor's *Personal Information Forms*. We've reviewed the information for 25 prospective pastors so far, and are in the process of reviewing more in-depth information for several of those. We also have numerous additional sets of initial information to review as our next step. We would appreciate your prayers for our work as we continue with this search.

Dave Sykes and Pete Amos, Co-Chairs

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### ADULT EDUCATION EXTRAS

#### BIBLE READING GUIDE

The "2010 Bible Reading Guide – Embodying Hope," produced annually by the American Bible Society, is available on the literature tables to use as a guide for daily devotions. Please pick up a copy and use it through December 31, 2010.

### GO & GROW QUARTERLY OUTING

#### QUILT GARDEN TOUR – SATURDAY, JULY 31

9:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Ann and Anita Schwarz will host our next Adult

Enrichment "Go & Grow Outing" on Saturday, July 31, as we take a

"Quilt Garden Tour" of Elkhart County. Here's the plan.

**9:30 A.M.** – Leave Church in the bus (and, if necessary, minivans)

Four stops in Elkhart –

Wellfield Botanic Garden -- "Interlocking Hearts of Hope"

Ruthmere Museum – "Tulip"

Elkhart City Central Park – "Friendship Circle"

Linton's Enchanted Gardens – "Kaleidoscope Cascade"

**Lunch** at Das Dutchman Essenhaus & Quilt – "Modified Weathervane"

Five stops in Middlebury

Dutch Country Market – "Eight Birds"

Farmstead Inn – "Blazing Star"

Greencroft – "Bright Hopes"

Krider Garden – "Windmill"

Menno-Hof – "Paths to Peace"

Last stop –

American Countryside Farmers Market – "Giant Dahlia"

Besides the Quilt Gardens at each stop, there are quilt murals at several of them to view. In addition, many of the attractions have shops the group might want to visit.

**Cost:** Donation for gas and lunch on your own.

**Reservations are necessary**, so we can plan transportation. Please contact Evie Shaw at

[grangerevie@yahoo.com](mailto:grangerevie@yahoo.com) or 272-2971 or Phyllis

Wezeman at [pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org](mailto:pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org) or -234-4159.



## REDBUD DATES!

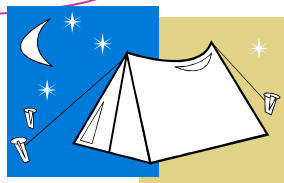
Mark your calendars!

Family Camp—**July 4th Weekend**

All-Church Worship Service—**July 11th**

Day Camp—**July 12—16th**

**We need donations of cookies and brownies for day camp. You can bring them to church and we can take them up to Redbud and put them in the freezer. As always, thank you for your generous donations.**



Family Camp—Labor Day Weekend—**September 4– 6**

Halloween Party—**October 17**—After church

Close Camp on Saturday, **October 23rd.**

Please contact Mike Byers– 259-7617 -for additional information on any of these events.

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE



Fellowship, immediately following the worship service, will be held in the Church Parlor for the remainder of the summer schedule. Coffee and juice will be provided.

## MISSION COMMITTEE

SINCERE THANKS

The Mission Committee expresses its appreciation to the congregation for its support of the most recent “Mission of the Quarter” – Birthday Cake Kits for the Children’s Dispensary.

In addition, the Mission Committee – together with the FPC Malawi Association – wishes to thank all who supported the Pentecost Sunday Malawi Meal. Over \$3,600.00 was raised – enough to make our June 15<sup>th</sup> quarterly contribution for support of our Chibanzi C.C.A.P. Nursery School/Orphan Center and its Feeding Site/Kitchen.

## DID YOU KNOW?

On March 14, 2004, the Mission Committee invited all members from Malawi to stay for a meeting to explore ministry to and with Malawi. During the summer and fall, contact was made with each of the three Synods – Blantyre, Livingstonia, and Nkhoma - - to solicit a project proposal for an ongoing mission partnership. Chibanzi C.C.A.P., under the auspices of Nkhoma Synod, was approved by Session at its November, 2004 meeting.

## FPC MALAWI ASSOCIATION

The FPC Malawi Association and the Mission Committee – working with the Malawi Mission Network Leadership Team of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) – have the honor of hosting the denomination’s annual meeting in South Bend, Indiana from Thursday, August 12 through Sunday, August 15. Here are the details.

## THE MALAWI MISSION NETWORK of

### The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

... a group of Agencies/Organizations, Congregations, Individuals, Presbyteries, and Synods ministering to and with Malawi, Africa ...

## INVITES YOU TO ATTEND ITS 2010 Conference

**Thursday, August 12 – Sunday, August 15**  
Hilton Garden Inn/Inn at Saint Mary’s  
South Bend, Indiana

- **Keynote Speakers**  
Ambassador of the Republic of Malawi & Hunter Farrell, Director World Mission, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- **Mission – Co-Workers**  
Debbie Braaksma, Africa Office Area Coordinator, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Nancy Collins, Regional Liaison to East Central Africa  
Dr. Martha Sommers, Medical Missionary at Ekwendeni Hospital, Malawi
- **Hands-on Mini-Sessions on Malawi Culture will include:**  
Dynamics of Extended Families  
Games and Sports in Malawi  
Malawi Cooking and Foods
- **Panel**  
Christianity: The Church in Malawi and the Malawian Church in the U.S.A.
- **Workshops will include:**  
Tips on Ministering in Malawi  
Working with the Malawi Government
- **Displays/Updates**  
Agencies/Organizations
- **Networking**
- **Worship**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION MATERIALS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE:**

[Malawinetwork.org](http://Malawinetwork.org) or contact:

Julie Burton (Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery) – 918-582-3077 or [eop-rc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eop-rc@sbcglobal.net)

Phyllis Wezeman (First Presbyterian Church, South Bend, IN) – 574-234-4159 or [pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org](mailto:pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org)

**Congratulations to Bob Agnew and Diane Braise who were married on May 29th in Cincinnati, OH.**



*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you for being such a wonderful congregation. Your many congratulations and best wishes to Diane and I on the celebration of our marriage have been greatly appreciated. The bonds of friendship, faith and love brought us together and lead us forward. We are grateful for people like you who have blessed us along the way. Thank you again for your many kindnesses.*

*Love in Christ, Diane and Bob*

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**In Memory of:**

*Dr. Carolyn Balog—5/26/2010  
Richard Bennett— 5/28/2010*



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**MidTown-South Group Lunch  
Wednesday, July 14,** at 11:30 at Allie's Cafe, Mishawaka Avenue.

**North Side Group Lunch  
Tuesday, July 20,** at 12:00 at Bob Evans, Roseland.

Also, please put above info. in appropriate bulletins. Thanks!

Last month we had 15 at South lunch and 13 at North, which is great! We are starting our 4th year and people have not grown tired of this yet!

**Next Tower Bell Deadline is  
July 21st.**

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**



**CHILD CARE  
[INFANTS & TWO'S/THREE'S]**

During the summer worship schedule, an Infant Nursery and a Twos/Threes Class is offered every Sunday from 9:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. Janet Mwachande is the attendant, assisted each week by regularly scheduled, nurturing volunteers, including:

- July 4 – Carol Mwachande**
- July 11 – Perry Hunt**
- July 18 – Rikki Tuesley**
- July 25 – Ann or Anita Schwarz.**

**FAITH STEPS**

During the summer schedule, children – pre-kindergarten and up – attend the beginning of worship with their families. After the children's message, pre-ks through fifth graders may leave for Faith Steps Sunday School. The summer's theme is "Disciples, Apostles, and Us" and each week will focus on one of Jesus' original "thirteen" disciples, as well as the apostle Paul, and how their lives challenge us to live as Jesus' disciples today.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**CHILDREN'S LIBRARY**



"Check out" the great books in the Children's Library, Room 221, on the second floor of the Education Wing. "Check out" of books is on the honor system. Judy Eaton is the Librarian.

**"FEATURING FIRST KIDS" BULLETIN BOARD**

Our "Featuring First Kids" Bulletin Board is located on the wall near the Church Office. It displays nametags for our Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade children. Pre-Ks through Fifth Graders should pick up their nametags when they arrive at church, wear them throughout the day, and hang them on their "grade" ribbon before they leave the building.

**WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN**

Children of all ages are invited to participate in worship with their parents or caregivers on Sundays and on special days throughout the year. For Pre-Schoolers, Worship Bags are available in the Narthex which may be used during worship and returned to their rack at the end of Church. Children's messages will be shared during the 9:30 A.M. service. Following the Children's Time, Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade girls and boys may leave for summer Faith Steps Sunday School in the Education Wing or they may return to sit with their families

## ADULT SMALL GROUPS

### COPING WITH LIFE ALONE SERIES

The Coping with Life Alone Series assists men and women who have suffered the loss of a spouse by death or endured the death of a marriage by divorce or separation from their spouse. The series provides a safe environment where grieving spouses are able to express their deep feelings with sensitive facilitators who themselves have suffered the death of their marriage. Each of the sessions begins with prayer, a short talk or video on the subject, a time of reflection, and a group discussion. First Presbyterian Church of South Bend is one of the supporting congregations for this program.

**The summer series, held from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. on Wednesday nights through July 14, takes place at Grace United Methodist Church, 3012 Twyckenham Drive, South Bend, Indiana. Topics for July include:**

**Wednesday, July 7, 2010**

**“Coping with Memories”**

**Wednesday, July 14, 2010**

**“Where Do We Go from Here?”**

There is a charge of \$25.00 for the series. For additional information, please contact Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or [pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org](mailto:pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org).

### ECO-STEWARDS – BOOK DRIVE

Our Adult Enrichment Committee’s Eco-Stewards Group, in cooperation with Better World Books ... an international company, warehoused in Mishawaka, Indiana, that collects and sells books to fund literacy initiatives worldwide ... continues to collect books. Please deposit them in the new collection bin in the back parking lot, just off the William Street entrance. For each book from that bin sold by B.W.B., our Malawi schools receive fifteen percent of the total. For additional information, contact: Alisea McLeod, Eco-Stewards Coordinator, at 574-288-4784 or [aliseamcleod@hotmail.com](mailto:aliseamcleod@hotmail.com) or Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or [pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org](mailto:pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org).

### TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday Evening Women’s Bible Study, at the home of Ruth Roll, continues each week at 6:30 P.M. Linda Fox is the facilitator. For additional information, contact Linda Fox at 574-277-6317 or [billorlynn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billorlynn@sbcglobal.net) or Phyllis Wezeman at 234-4159 or [pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org](mailto:pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org).



### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our “Prayer Shawl Ministry” is a group of people who work individually in their homes crocheting or knitting tangible symbols of the presence of God in our lives. While each shawl is being created, prayers are offered silently for the person in need. When the shawl is completed, it is delivered to the recipient. For additional information or to suggest the name of a person for whom a shawl could be made, contact Phyllis Wezeman 574-234-4159 or [pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org](mailto:pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org).

### TIES TO MALAWI

“Ties to Malawi” is a small group for persons interested in arts, crafts, or sewing. It generally meets once a month to create handmade items from recycled men’s neckties and donates the proceeds to mission projects in Malawi. Since several people are doing prep work and sewing at home, the next meeting of the group will be announced in the Church Chatter. The group is in need of discarded jewelry, especially necklaces and pins. Please leave donations on the table on the Colfax Porch or in the Church office. For additional information, contact Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or [pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org](mailto:pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org).

### Tai Chi for Arthritis

You don’t have to have Arthritis to get the health benefits of its slow and gentle movements. A waiver is required to be signed by everyone taking the class. Wear comfortable loose clothing. Shoes should be non-marking and flat soled.

Class begins: **Monday, July 12**

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Chapel

Cost: 8 weeks -- \$35

Register with Phyllis Wezeman by calling 234-4159

### WOMEN’S GUILD

The Women’s Guild is an association of Christian women who gather for Bible Study, Prayer, and Service. It is modeled after the Women’s Guild of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi and it is an extension of the Presbyterian Women’s groups of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Meetings are held one Saturday a month, from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. The July date is the 10<sup>th</sup> and the gathering will take place at the home of Martha Ziwawo, 4309 Irish Hills Drive, Apartment 1A, South Bend, Indiana. For additional information about monthly meetings contact Mlekwa Mwachande – 574-289-5371 or [mzatimbewe@yahoo.com](mailto:mzatimbewe@yahoo.com) or Phyllis Wezeman – 234-4159 or [pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org](mailto:pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org).

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## YOUTH NEWS!

**Mid Highs, Senior Highs and their Parents** are invited to a cookout at The Proctor's to Celebrate our Youth!

**Sunday July 11 at 7pm** at the Proctor's

(3260 Yankee St Niles MI). Come play ladder golf, corn hole, bounce house, and have a bonfire! Burgers and Hot Dogs, Lemonade, Iced Tea, and S'mores will be provided, please bring a dish to pass and RSVP to Sarah...269-357-4528 or [procto12@msu.edu](mailto:procto12@msu.edu) Hope to see you there!

**Mid High Monday Night on July 26 @ Norman's.**

Two Senior High students, **Marte Eggleston and Jordan Amos** will be attending **Triennium Youth Conference** this July. Please pray for them to have an uplifting exciting experience that makes them stronger in their faith. We are excited to be joining a delegation from Wabash Valley Presbytery and meeting new friends and seeing old friends again. Triennium is a 5 day youth conference at Purdue University for Presbyterian High School Youth from across the country.