

# Tower Bell

## RALLY DAY!

**First Presbyterian Church of  
South Bend**  
Is inviting the community to join us for

**Rally Day Sunday - September 12, 2010**

**Child Care— 9:15 a.m.**

**Education for all ages— 9:30 a.m.**

Adult—Chapel—Pathfinders: How will we  
connect ourselves and our community to FPC, SB?  
Scot Blair, Facilitator

Children (Pre-K—5th) First Hour: Celebration of  
“Disciples, Apostles, and Us” summer Sunday school  
study with Quiz Bowl and prizes

**Worship— 10:45 a.m.**

**Faith Steps Sunday School (Pre-K-Fifth Grade):  
Joseph— 11:00 a.m.**

**FREE Lunch— 11:45 a.m.**

**Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social  
12:30 p.m.—2:00 p.m.**



**Social Hall & Front Lawn of**  
Face painting  
Balloon animals  
Family fun

**Please sign up in the Narthex  
to bring items for  
the lunch & ice cream social.**

## FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**9:15 a.m.—Child Care**

**9:30 a.m. Church School for all ages**

**9:30 a.m.—9:50 a.m.—Youth Choir**

**10:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.—First Hour**

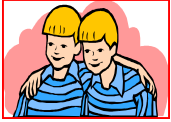
**10:45 a.m.—WORSHIP**

**11:00 a.m.- Faith Steps  
(Pre-K through Fifth Grade)**

**11:45 a.m.—Fellowship**

## Pastoral Nominating Committee Report

We have evaluated records for over 80 pastoral prospects so far, which includes reviewing the 8-10 pages of information on provided on each person. We then select those who we feel fit our congregations' needs well for further exploration. We're then reviewing additional information, listening to Sermons, and scheduling phone interviews for those we've selected as good prospects. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we work diligently to identify our next pastor.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### CHILD CARE [INFANTS & TWOS/THREES]

On the last day of the summer worship schedule, **September 5**, an Infant Nursery and a Twos/Threes Class will be offered from 9:15 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. When the regular Sunday schedule resumes on **September 12**, child care will be available from 9:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. Janet Mwachande is the attendant, assisted each week by regularly scheduled, nurturing volunteers.

### CHILDRENS' MINISTRIES – NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

On Labor Day week-end, Sunday, September 5, pre-k through fifth grade children will attend the 9:30 A.M. worship service with their families, participate in the children's message, and leave for Faith Steps summer Sunday school to learn more about "Disciples, Apostles, and Us."

When the regular Sunday schedule resumes on September 12, pre-ks through fifth graders will have a new education hour schedule. It will be:

**9:30 A.M. – 9:50 A.M. -- Youth Choir**

**10:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. – First Hour: "Learning the Lord's Prayer"**

**10:45 A.M. – Worship with families**

**11:00 A.M. – Faith Steps Sunday School – First Rotation – Joseph.**

Details of this schedule will be mailed to each family with Pre-K through Fifth Grade children.

### CHILDRENS' MINISTRIES – MISCELLANEOUS

#### BIG HEARTS BUNCH

The "Big Hearts Bunch," our caring kids' club for third, fourth, and fifth graders, will meet Sunday, **September 19** at 11:45 A.M. for lunch and to learn about the missions of FPC, SB. We'll do a project for one of them, too.

#### 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.

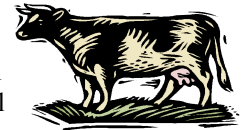


### "FEATURING FIRST KIDS" BULLETIN BOARD

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 and it has been redone to reflect current grades. 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.

### PRE-K – FIFTH GRADE FAMILY OUTING – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

Pre-Ks through Fifth Graders, and their families, are invited to a fantastic outing to Fair Oaks Farm on Saturday, September 18, 2010. We'll leave church in the bus or in carpools AT 9:30 A.M. to travel to the Adventure Center complete with 30,000 cows being milked three times, four million glasses of milk being produced, and 80 calves being born – everyday. We'll visit the seven wonders – dairy barn, stewards of the land, dairy fun room, theater 4D, cowculating contest, birthing barn, and cheese factory. Bring a sack lunch – but save room for homemade ice cream. Cost for kids, pre-k through fifth, is \$4.00 per person. Cost for siblings, friends, and parents is \$7.00 per person. Adults in the congregation are invited to join the group as well. Reservations are essential and can be made by Sunday, **September 12** by contacting Phyllis Wezeman at 574-234-4159 or [pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org](mailto:pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org).



### 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 10:45 A.M. service. Following the Children's Time, Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade girls and boys may leave for Faith Steps Sunday School in the Education Wing or they may return to sit with their families.

## ADULT EDUCATION

### “CHAPEL” CLASS – SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. – Chapel

Sunday morning adult education classes on various themes and topics

**September 5** – No Class – Last week of summer schedule

**September 12** – Rally Day – Fall Kick-off –  
Pathfinders: How will we connect ourselves and our community to FPC, SB? Scot Blair, Facilitator

**September 19 & 26** (continuing for four Sundays in October) – Bible Study: “Behold, There Is a New Creation” – a six week series for the whole church. Linda Thorpe-Gordon, Facilitator.

### ADULT SMALL GROUPS

#### ECO-STEWARDS

Sincere thanks to Alisea McLeod for starting and coordinating the Adult Enrichment Committee’s Eco-Stewards Group for several years. The coordinator for the 2010-2011 program year is Margo Shearman-Howard. Please contact Margo with your suggestions for activities and your commitment to be involved. One project, in cooperation with Better World Books ... an international company warehoused in Mishawaka, Indiana that collects and sells books to fund literacy initiatives worldwide ... is the book 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. In fact, we just received a check for \$52.87 for books sold from our bin. Please tell family and friends to “clean their shelves” and fill the container. For additional information, contact Margo Shearman-Howard at 574-246-9587 or [M\\_Shearman@comcast.net](mailto:M_Shearman@comcast.net).

#### FPC WOMEN

FPC Women will offer two daytime Bible study groups and a first Thursday “lunch and learn” series during the 2010-2011 program year. The Naomi group meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 12:30 P.M. in the Parlor and their first meeting is **September 23**. The Mary and Martha group meets the first Thursday of the month at 1:15 P.M. in the Parlor and their first meeting is **October 7**. The first catered luncheon is Thursday, **October 7** at 11:45 A.M. in the Social Hall. For additional information, contact Gwen Lofgren at 574-255-8272 or [g.lofgren@sbcglobal.net](mailto:g.lofgren@sbcglobal.net) about the Mary and Martha group or the luncheons or Joann Sporleder at 574-272-6172 or [jwspor@aoo.com](mailto:jwspor@aoo.com) about the Naomi group.

### 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 Joyce Welter – 574-291-3617 or [Jjoyceellenw@aol.com](mailto:Jjoyceellenw@aol.com).

#### 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 in the Church office.

#### TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN’S

##### BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday Evening Women’s Bible Study, at the home of Ruth Roll, will resume September 7 and 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).

#### 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. The date and location of the September meeting will be announced in the “Church Chatter.” For information, please contact Mlekwa Mwachande at 574-2289-5371 or [mzatimbewe@yahoo.com](mailto:mzatimbewe@yahoo.com)

### 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.

The following people prepared casseroles and/or served at Hope Ministries from April through August:

- Ann and Anita Schwarz (5)**
- Judy Eaton (4)**
- Don and Joann Sporleder (3)**
- Cathy and Bruce BonDurant (3)**
- Eve Pierce (3)**
- Dixie Thurin (2)**
- Nellie Namwali (2)**
- Pam Proctor (2)**
- John and Jan Mihelich (2)**
- Edie Parker (2)**
- Donna Rehbein (2)**
- Gail Carleton (2)**
- Alma McClelland (1)**
- Gwen Lofgren (1)**
- Sue Marsh (1)**
- Norm Bone (1)**
- Leandra Allen (1)**
- Gwen MacGregor (1)**
- Kathy Cates (1)**
- Les and Beth Lamon (1)**
- Vicki Toothaker (1)**
- Marty St.John (1)**

We extend a sincere thank you to all of you for your unselfish help to the homeless in our community.

Anyone wishing to help during the next 5 months should contact Bruce BonDurant. His phone is 232-2386. Email [bjl1160@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bjl1160@sbcglobal.net).

**FPC Malawi**

FPC, SB FEATURED IN DENOMINATIONAL PUBLICATION

First Presbyterian Church of South Bend was featured in the Fall/Winter Issue of *Ideas! For Church Leaders*, a publication of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), with an article titled "Embracing Another Culture." It can be downloaded from this link and is on pages 20-21:

<http://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/curriculum/pdf/ideasfallwinter2010.pdf>

It is also available on the literature tables.

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**REDBUD**

**Labor Day Family Camp—Saturday, September 4—  
1:00 p.m.—Monday morning—September 6**

**\$25 per family**

**We will also be picking peaches that Saturday afternoon at  
Lemon Creek.**

**For more information or reservations, please contact Mike  
Byers—259-7617**

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MidTown/South lunch group, **Wednesday, September 8**, at 11:30 a.m. at Allie's Café, Mishawaka Avenue.

NorthSide lunch group, **Tuesday, September 21**, at 12:00, at Bob Evans Restaurant in Roseland.

**In memory of:  
Lynn Cassady—August 9, 2010**



In the nursery...  
This sign was posted at a church nursery:  
We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. -  
1 Corinthians 15:51, RSV

## THANK YOU.....

*We would like to thank our church family for your support, both physically with food and spiritually with prayers and hugs, after the passing of our wife and mom, Carolyn. We can not express how deeply we appreciated all of you who came to the viewing or funeral. Thank you also to those who showed your love through the meals, cards, donations to Malawi, or prayer shawls. Thank you*

*Dan Balog, Staci and Dave Norman, Natali Balog and Mark Wenkus*

*Dear friend of St. Margaret's House,*

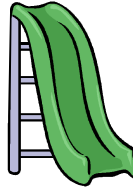
*We are extremely grateful for your generous donation of diapers and wipes in February. We are very sorry for our delay in sending our thanks; please know that despite our tardiness we extremely appreciate your donation. Our ladies were so happy to have these items that they desperately need and use on a daily basis. Because of your thoughtfulness and dedication to serving the community, we are able to assist the women and children who come to us seeking help.*

*Every day we try to treat each woman who comes through our doors with dignity and respect. By delivering high quality services to help them meet their immediate needs, we assist them in taking concrete steps toward a better future. We are honored by your support and we want you to know that your donation is making a real difference in the lives of the women and children of St. Margaret's House. Sincerely, Sofia Barbato, Guest Services*



## CHILDREN'S CENTER RECEIVES PLAYGROUND GRANT

I am pleased to announce that the Children's Center of the First Presbyterian Church is the recipient of a \$5,000. playground grant through the Indiana Family and Social Services administration/Division of Family Resources/Bureau of Child Care. These grant funds will be used for the Pour In Place track on the Toddler side of the existing playground. I am still need about \$2,500 to complete this project and pay the outstanding bill for the installation of the two slides that needed to be replaced when the rubber mulch was purchased.



Please keep your eye out for any potential funding sources or grants for the downtown area.

Donna Canter, CC Director

## ND CONCESSION STAND VOLUNTEERS

Once again the First Presbyterian Church will be running the All American Concession Stand during the Notre Dame Basketball games. The First Presbyterian Church receives fifteen percent of the proceeds. Forty Percent of those funds come back to the Children's Center.



Parents and staff can volunteer to work the concession stand by signing up. Signs will be posted as soon as ND sends us the Basketball Schedule. If we have enough volunteers, the Children's Center could consider offering child care for those who volunteer.

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### Session report from Thursday, August 26, 2010

- PNC Report listed on page 1 of the Tower Bell
- **Members of the Mission Committee met with Session to discuss how this committee is to move forward in their missions.**
- **Replacement of hall carpets and plaster and painting was voted on and approved up to \$13,500.**
- **Doug Marsh accepted position as Stewardship Chair for the 2010-2011 Stewardship Campaign.**
- **Discussion held regarding our long-term needs and possibly looking into a financial consultant.**

**The next Tower Bell deadline is September 23, 2010.**