



FPCSB

TOWER BELL

MISSION STATEMENT

*As disciples of Christ,
First Presbyterian Church exists:
to let people know that they matter to God,
by showing them that they matter to us,
in order that they may let
others matter to them.*

MATTHEW 25

*By accepting the Matthew 25 invitation,
we are becoming a more relevant
presence in the world. We recognize
Christ's urgent call to be a church of
action, where God's love, justice and
mercy shine forth and are contagious. And
we rejoice how our re-energized faith can
unite us for a common and holy purpose:
our common identity to do mission.*

VISION STATEMENT

*As a caring community with a
commitment to Christian social justice,
we will create transformational space
to provide access to resources and
forge relationships with community
service and arts organizations.*

Many of us remember Carol King singing "Tapestry," and movin' and groovin' to it often. I was taken back to that song (and those times!) when it recently came across my Spotify playlist, and I thought of our church and all that we are and do. We could call our church, and all that we do, including stewardship, "A Tapestry of Faith."

"A Tapestry of Faith" – a theme that reminds us that the tapestry we weave is enriched not just by one thread, but by the inclusion and diversity of many, each contributing its unique hue to the overall pattern. This diversity extends to the gifts we offer, for it takes gifts of all sizes, large and small, to create a thriving, vibrant community of faith.

Large gifts, like the mighty branches of the trees on our campus, can shelter many. They enable us to undertake significant projects, deepen our impact in the community, and sustain our ministries. These generous offerings are like cornerstones, providing a solid foundation for our shared ministry.

Yet, just as vital are the smaller gifts, which collectively yield a similarly powerful outcome. Small gifts may seem unassuming, but they possess the power to transform lives in subtle and meaningful ways. They contribute to support of the day-to-day business of the church, nurture our faith, and ensure that no one is left behind.

It is essential to remember that in our diverse congregation, the capacity to give varies. What matters most is the warm heart behind each gift – the love and commitment it represents. Each contribution, whether large or small, is a testament to your belief in our mission and ministry, your dedication to our faith family, and your desire to make a difference.

Our gifts, regardless of size, affirm that every individual, with their unique means and talents, is an integral member of our church family. So let us celebrate the diversity of our gifts and the unity of our purpose. Together we can build the story of a church family bound by faith, love, and service.

Love,
Dedie



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the sweet send off after church on September 10. We so appreciate your hugs and warm wishes, AND the beautiful parlor table full of delicious treats!

How you are all missed! It is hard to be in another church, looking around and seeing none of your beautiful faces (or the lovely sanctuary, or hearing the wonderful music).

It will take some time before we are settled! Downsizing is so challenging! The closets and cupboards are crammed and there are still more boxes and furniture to squish in! However, the sheets and towels for the guest bedrooms have been found and we would love visits from you - for a few hours, days...Help us explore Indianapolis - anywhere except a hardware store!

Thank you for your kindness, thoughtfulness, and cherished friendships.

Love,

Dianne and Dave Wojcicki



Ethnic Eating - Mark your calendar & save the date!

Our next quarterly Ethnic Eating adventure will be Friday, December 1 at 6:00 P.M. at India Garden Restaurant on Edison Road in South Bend. Plan on an evening of delicious food and a fun time!

Blanket Sunday—10-22-23



**There is a lot happening in the
month of November!**

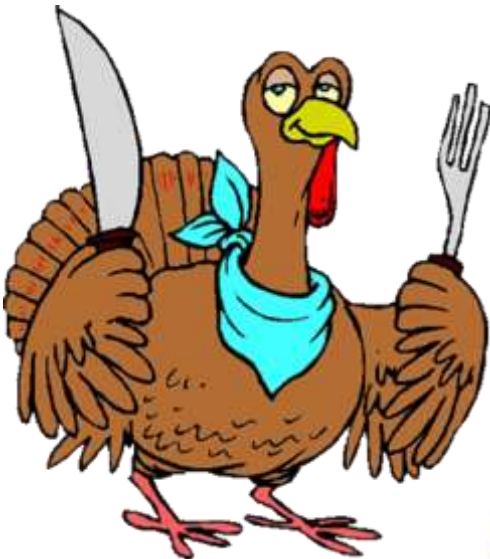


***Fall back on
November 5, 2023 at 2:00 AM
Or set your clocks back Saturday night
before bed!***

**In this month of Thanksgiving, let us give
thanks, on November 11, to those who
have served our country to make it safe, .**

Thank you!





***November 23,
2023***

***Give thanks to
God for all that He
has given us day
after day.***



ENOUGH!

PLAYS TO END GUN VIOLENCE

Youth-Led Plays

THE SMILES BEHIND

Niarra C. Bell

A CALL FOR HELP

By Pepper Fox

LIGHTNING STRIKE

Amanda Fagan

A DISORDERLY HOUSE

Sam Lee Victor

NO PROSPERING WEAPONS

Justin Cameron Washington

THE MATTER AT HAND

Valentine Wolf



SOUTH BEND
CIVIC
THEATRE

Adams High School • CIVIC Youth Company
Clay High School • Connect 2 Be the Change
Gentlemen & Scholars • Inspiration Place, Inc

7pm | Wilson Auditorium | South Bend Civic Theatre

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

ENOUGH! PLAYS TO END GUN VIOLENCE

NOVEMBER 6

FREE But Ticket Required

ENOUGH! Plays to End Gun Violence is a nation-wide program that calls on teens to confront gun violence by creating new works of theatre that will spark critical conversations and inspire meaningful action in communities across the country. The program consists of six bold short plays by six remarkable teen writers who were selected by this year's committee of America's most lauded playwrights. We invite you to join us for an evening of art and activism, where area youths' voices unite on stage in a vital evening of theatre addressing gun violence in our community.

Join the CIVIC and our community partners for a reception at First Presbyterian Church at 5pm. The reception is free but also requires a ticket. Seating is limited!

Timeline of Events

5:00pm – Welcome Reception (Reservation Required)

First Presbyterian Church of South Bend
333 W Colfax Ave
South Bend, IN
46601

6:30pm – March to End Gun Violence through Downtown South Bend

7:00pm – Presentation of Plays at South Bend Civic Theatre's Wilson Studio Theatre

WILSON AUDITORIUM

SOUTH BEND CIVIC THEATRE

*Happy
Birthday*



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| Evie Shaw | 11/03 |
| Noreen Fowler | 11/04 |
| Linda Fox | 11/08 |

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| Ferd Kretsch | 11/08 |
| Gary Nicholls | 11/09 |
| Mike Byers | 11/16 |
| Suzugo Nyirongo | 11/16 |
| Sylvia Wadzinski | 11/16 |
| Robert Audi | 11/19 |
| Carolyn Schult | 11/21 |
| Aussie Munthali | 11/22 |
| Jim Wildrick | 11/25 |

Redbud Guest Volunteers

Sunday, October 22nd turned out to be a beautiful fall day and a perfect day for working at Redbud!

The Living Stone Church of South Bend brought a few volunteers from their "SEISMIC" group at the church.

In just a few short hours they painted 2 picnic tables, 3 benches, and a 2-person cast iron bench. They also helped by wrapping kayaks for the winter sleep and organize our craft room. It was a great turnout!

One of the volunteers is Art Gorman's daughter. Some may remember Art from the Music camp days. He was a Legend at Redbud. There were some tears of joy talking about the days of old!

Once again, our spirits are renewed with the reminder of what a special impact Redbud has on everyone!



Pledge Cards will be available
in the bulletins on Sunday,
November 5, 2023,
and
afterward in the narthex. Also,
from the church office.

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



“To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven”...

... “A time to be born”...

...“A time to love”...

The Presbyterian Church of Edwardsburg, MI, FPC Mishawaka,
Sunnyside Presbyterian Church

... “A time to grieve”...

... “A time to heal” ...

Dan Balog, the Beudert Family, the Bogue Family, Jennifer Brittain, the Clarisey Family, the Darnell Family, the Dreyer Family, the Fowler Family, Bill and Linda Fox, the Gates Family, the Horvath Family, the Moyo Family, the Munthali Family, the Murdock family, the Proctor Family, Jim and Sally Schlobohm, Irma Shultheis, Joann Sporleder, the Welter Family, the Wezeman Family

...and friends of FPC...

Samira Abou Arraj (Younes), Todd Bajdek, Barbara Jones, Freddy Mathews, Fred Mockerman, Bernadine Poling, Emily Thompson, Sharon Walbert

...“A time to die”...

... “and a time for peace”...

Those serving in our military & their families, those who serve our community: teachers, police officers, fire fighters, emergency responders, healthcare workers, postal service employees, grocery store workers, and elected officials. Victims and families of gun violence.

“Lunch Bunch”

Every third Thursday of the month

Allie's Café

2323 E Mishawaka Ave, South Bend, IN 46615

We have a continuous reservation for 12.

Please contact Wendy in the church office to reserve a spot!

574-234-4159

November 16 and December 21.

First Presbyterian Church
333 West Colfax Avenue
South Bend, Indiana 46601
Return Service Requested

First Presbyterian Church of South Bend—We welcome all visitors! Visit our website: www.fpcsouthbend.org



**Join Us For Worship
on Sunday Morning
@ 9:45**