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.

Indiana State University
Kyra Young

Indiana University South Bend
Moses Nyirongo
Lester Pitogo

Ivy Tech Community College
Joel Nyirongo

Purdue University
Ben Potter

University of Notre Dame
Emmanuel de Leon
Kaylee Kern
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

GRADUATION PARTY

IN HONOR OF

ALL OUR GRADUATES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SOUTH BEND
May 12th

You are invited to join us for service at 9:45am and a celebration in the church parlor will begin directly after service at approximately 10:45am

come and celebrate with us
"I Have Something To Tell You" YA Paperback Release w/ Chasten Buttigieg

May 14, 2024 07:00 PM
Tickets starting at: $20.00
Buy tickets at:

https://app.promotix.com/events/details/Chasten

About

Celebrate the paperback release of Chasten Buttigieg's memoir, "I Have Something To Tell You for Young Adults"!

This young adult adaptation of the hopeful and refreshingly candid bestselling memoir by the husband of a former Democratic presidential candidate about growing up gay in his small Midwestern town. **Completely rewritten with new stories, including resources for readers, parents, and teachers.**
Ticket Levels

VIP: Includes a 6pm Meet and Greet Chips with Chasten, a special Q+A with Chasten Buttigieg and Emily Voorde, photo opportunity, priority seating for general event, and a personalized paperback copy of "I Have Something To Tell You for Young Adults".

General Admission: Includes general event entrance, moderated conversation, audience Q+A, and a signed paperback copy of "I Have Something To Tell You for Young Adults".

Livestream: Includes a livestream link to the general event and a personalized or signed paperback copy of "I Have Something To Tell You for Young Adults". The book will be mailed 5 - 7 days following the general event.

*Personalized ticket purchases will receive a request for personalization BEFORE the event. Form must be completed by the deadline to ensure books are ready for the event.*

About the Book

Growing up, Chasten Glezman Buttigieg didn't always fit in. He felt different from his father and brothers, who loved to hunt and go camping, and out of place in the rural, conservative small town where he lived. Back then, blending in was more important than feeling seen.

So, when Chasten realized he was gay, he kept that part of himself hidden away for a long, painful time. With incredible bravery, and the support of his loved ones, Chasten eventually came out and when he did, he learned that being true to himself was the most rewarding journey of all.

Finding acceptance and self-love can seem like a tremendous challenge, but it is never impossible. With honesty, courage, and warmth, Chasten relays his experience of growing up in America and embracing his identity, while inspiring young people across the country to do the same.

*Proceeds from the event will benefit both Brain Lair Books and RMHS.*

The mission of Brain Lair Books is to uplift marginalized voices by providing books that develop empathy and build community. Learn more at: https://www.brainlairbooks.com/

The mission of River Montessori High School is to meet the developmental needs of adolescents in a community-oriented environment where students are seen, known, and valued as their authentic selves. Learn more at: https://www.RiverMHS.org

Organizer(s)

Brain Lair Books & River Montessori High School

Special guest(s)

Chasten Buttigieg

Venue

River Montessori High School, 333 W Colfax Ave, South Bend, IN 46601, USA
Greetings!

Although “Living Matthew 25,” the 2024 series coordinated by First Presbyterian Church of Downtown South Bend and 106 of its community partners, has ended we trust it will have a long-term impact.

In a seven-week period, fifty-eight activities and events were offered to provide opportunities for people of all ages to explore and experience topics related to ministering to and with the hungry, thirsty, stranger, poor, sick, and imprisoned. Through art experiences, book groups, film series, tours, speakers and studies, as well as numerous service projects, people were challenged to make a difference in countless ways.

Sincere thanks for your part in helping individuals and groups work together, through learning and serving, to build community in the South Bend area and the Michiana region.

We look forward to working with you throughout the year and welcome your suggestions for activities and events.

Thanks again,

Phyllis Wezeman
Chair, Outreach Committee
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When the volunteer coordinator from the Center for the Homeless responded to one of the “Monday Nights at the Movies,” she was introduced to the adult programming coordinator at the Saint Joseph County Public Library. They decided to continue to meet to develop positive, productive activities for the unhomed population that frequent the library during the day. And, the man from SJCPL began to volunteer at CFH to meet their guests.

Some of the participants in the three-week art class, “Brushstrokes for Hope,” were guests of St. Margaret’s House, a day center for women. When the class ended, the instructor and staff from SMH, worked together to write a grant to continue art lessons for all women at the center. This resulted in an exhibit at the South Bend Museum of Art for the public to enjoy.

During a Dismas House simulation on life outside, members of FPC, SB met men from the South Bend Community Re-entry program. Now the men work with church members to care for the grounds and to share a hot meal together.

When one session of the civil rights book group was held at Olivet A.M.E. Church, the oldest African American congregation in South Bend, members from several churches decided to continue meeting and Olivet’s pastor was invited to be the preacher for the community Maundy Thursday service.

During Indiana University South Bend’s “Party with a Purpose,” students not only made reusable sanitary pads for women and girls in Malawi, Africa they also organized a campus and community-wide menstrual product collection and distributed the items to local facilities that serve the needs of women.

As one person bought a bottle of shampoo and added it to 149 more bottles from their organization, their donation – together with 150 items like deodorant, toothbrushes, and towels from 14 more local groups, were put into “Welcome Bags” for community residential agencies at Holy Cross College’s “Spring into Service” event.

While people from the community were singing about welcoming the homeless at the “Who Is My Neighbor?” hymnfest, a distraught woman carrying a shopping bag in each hand entered the door of the church. Greeters invited her into the parlor to sit down, listened to her story, made her a sandwich, and helped her find the help she needed.

Teens met in a refurbished warehouse to consider a South Bend story with the local author of the young adult novel, Junkyard Dogs, and discussed ways to help youth facing issues of hunger and homelessness.

How did Living Matthew 25 touch your life?

Living Matthew 25 - 2024

58 Activities & Events Offered to/with the Community

by

First Presbyterian Church of Downtown South Bend and ~106 Partners

2/14/24 – Worship - Ash Wednesday Service. First Presbyterian Church of South Bend
2/16/24 – Event – Si me amarias – Bilingual Family Celebration with Juan Carlos Alarcon, El Campito Child Development Center, LaCasa de Amistad, and The Music Village. LaCasa de Amistad
2/17/24 – Service – Hope for the Hungry Pop-up Food Pantry. Near Northwest Neighborhood Center
2/18/24 – Speaker – Minute for Mission – Connect 2 Be the Change. First Presbyterian Church of South Bend
2/18/24 – Service – 25th Anniversary Winter Walk. St. Margaret’s House
2/19/24 – Movie – Eighth Grade with Browning Cinema of DeBartolo Performing Arts Center of the University of Notre Dame. Saint Joseph County Public Library
2/20/24 – Service – Senior Suds. Burton’s Laundromat with Christ the King Lutheran Church, Clay United Methodist Church, and Oak Street Health
2/21/24 – Soup & Study – Reflecting on Matthew 25 (Week One). Christ the King Lutheran Church
2/21/24 – Soup & Study - Soup Supper & Vesper Service (Week One). Sunnyside Presbyterian Church
2/22/24 – Art – Visualizing Matthew 25. Raclin Murphy Museum of Art/University of Notre Dame
2/23/24 – Book Group – The Light We Carry: Overcoming In Uncertain Times (Michelle Obama). Olivet A.M.E. Church
2/24/24 – Art – Visualizing Matthew 25. Raclin Murphy Museum of Art/University of Notre Dame
2/25/24 – Speaker – Minute for Mission – Busy Hands of Michiana. First Presbyterian Church of South Bend
2/25/24 – Concert – Sacred Roots, Shared Stories: A Concert Featuring Children’s Choir of Michiana & Vesper Chorale/ Musical Arts Indiana. Kern Road Mennonite Church
2/26/24 – Movie – Sidewalk Stories with Browning Cinema of DeBartolo Performing Arts Center of the University of Notre Dame. Saint Joseph County Public Library
2/28/24 – Soup & Study – Reflecting on Matthew 25 (Week Two). Christ the King Lutheran Church
2/28/24 – Soup & Study - Soup Supper & Vesper Service (Week Two). Sunnyside Presbyterian Church
2/29/24 – Author/Book Event – Junkyard Dogs with Katherine Higgs-Coulthard. One Roof Southeast Neighborhood Center
3/1/24 – Book Group – A Woman’s Life Work: Labors and Experiences of Laura S. Haviland (Laura Smith Haviland). Civil Rights Heritage Center
3/3/24 – Speaker – Minute for Mission – Kuyamba Ministries. First Presbyterian Church of South Bend
3/3/24 – Teen Event – Junkyard Dogs with Author Kat Higgs-Coulthard. South Bend City Church
3/4/24 – Movie – Women Talking with Browning Cinema of DeBartolo Performing Arts Center of the University of Notre Dame. Saint Joseph County Public Library
3/5/24 – Service – Senior Suds. Burton’s Laundromat with Christ the King Lutheran Church, Clay United Methodist Church, and Oak Street Health
3/6/24 – Soup & Study – Reflecting on Matthew 25 (Week Three). Christ the King Lutheran Church
3/6/24 – Soup & Study - Soup Supper & Vesper Service (Week Three). Sunnyside Presbyterian Church
3/7/24 – Service - Party with a Purpose for International Women’s Day. Indiana University South Bend
3/7/24 – Service – Menstrual Product Collection for local Food Pantries and Women’s Residences. Indiana University South Bend
3/8/24 – Book Group – The First Ladies (Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray). OneRoof Southeast Neighborhood Center
3/8/24 – Event – South Bend Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet at REAL Services Senior Meal Site. Charles Black Community Center
3/10/24 – Speaker – Minute for Mission – YWCA North Central Indiana. First Presbyterian Church of South Bend
3/10/24 – Concert – M.U.S.I.C. - Adaptive Arts. First United Methodist Church of South Bend
3/11/24 – Service – Casseroles/Dinner. Hope Ministries
3/11/24 – Movie – Pariah with Browning Cinema of DeBartolo Performing Arts Center of the University of Notre Dame. Saint Joseph County Public Library
3/12/24 – Art – Brushstrokes for Hope (Session One). First Presbyterian Church of South Bend
3/13/24 – Soup & Study – Reflecting on Matthew 25 (Week Four). Christ the King Lutheran Church
3/13/24 – Soup & Study - Soup Supper & Vesper Service (Week Four). Sunnyside Presbyterian Church
3/14/24 – Service – Assemble/Sort Items. Food Bank of Northern Indiana
3/14/24 – Service – Pack Meals. Cultivate Food Rescue
3/16/24 – Service – Hope for the Hungry Pop-up Food Pantry. Near Northwest Neighborhood Center
3/17/24 – Speaker – Minute for Mission – Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Joseph County. First Presbyterian Church of South Bend
3/17/24 – Service – Easter Baskets for El Campito Child Development Center, Hope Ministries, and LaSalle Park Homes. First Presbyterian Church of South Bend
3/18/24 – Movie – *Roma* with Browning Cinema of DeBartolo Performing Arts Center of the University of Notre Dame. Saint Joseph County Public Library
3/19/24 – Service – Senior Suds. Burton’s Laundromat with Christ the King Lutheran Church, Clay United Methodist Church, and Oak Street Health
3/20/24 – Soup & Study – *Reflecting on Matthew 25* (Week Five). Christ the King Lutheran Church
3/20/24 – Soup & Study - Soup Supper & Vesper Service (Week Five). Sunnyside Presbyterian Church
3/21/24 – Event – Community Partners’ Lunch – Food Summit with Broadway Christian Parish, City of South Bend, Clay United Methodist Church, Cultivate Food Rescue, First United Methodist Church of South Bend, Food Bank of Northern Indiana, and REAL Services. First Presbyterian Church of South Bend
3/22/24 – Event - Reentry Simulation with Beacon Resource Center, Dismas House of Indiana, First Presbyterian Church of South Bend, Goodwill Industries of Michiana, Life Outside Re-entry Assistance, South Bend Community Re-entry Program, and University of Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns Education-in-Prison Program. Saint Joseph County Public Library
3/23/24 – Service - Spring into Service: Welcome Kits for Guests at Center for the Homeless, Dismas House of Indiana, Hope Ministries, Our Lady of the Road, St. Margaret’s House, Upper Room Recovery Centers for Men & for Women, YWCA. Holy Cross College
3/24/24 – Speaker – Minute for Mission – CASA. First Presbyterian Church of South Bend
3/25/24 – Movie – *How to Die in Oregon* with Browning Cinema of DeBartolo Performing Arts Center of the University of Notre Dame. Saint Joseph County Public Library
3/26/24 – Art – Brushstrokes for Hope (Session Two). First Presbyterian Church of South Bend
3/28/24 – Maundy Thursday Service. First Presbyterian Church of South Bend, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Olivet A.M.E. Church, St. Peter’s United Church of Christ, and Zion Community Church. St. Peter’s United Church of Christ
3/29/24 – The Way of the Cross - Downtown South Bend. First Presbyterian Church of South Bend

**First Presbyterian Church of Downtown South Bend**

**LIVING MATTHEW 25 – 2024 - PARTNERS [~106]**

Adaptive Arts
Africa Bags
Beacon Resource Center, The
Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Joseph County
Broadway Christian Parish, South Bend
Busy Hands of Michiana
CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocates Program of St. Joseph County
Cathedral of St. James Episcopal, South Bend
Center for the Homeless
Charles Black Community Center, City of South Bend
Venues Parks & Arts
Christ the King Lutheran Church, South Bend
City of South Bend
Civil Rights Heritage Center
Clay United Methodist Church, South Bend
Connect 2 Be the Change
Cultivate Food Rescue
Dismas House of Indiana
DTSB - Downtown South Bend
El Campito Child Development Center
Evangel Heights United Methodist Church, South Bend
Faith in Indiana
First Presbyterian Church, Mishawaka
First United Methodist Church, South Bend
Food Bank of Northern Indiana
Goodwill Industries of Michiana
Granger Sunrise Rotary Club
Habitat for Humanity
Health Plus Indiana
Holy Cross College
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, South Bend
Home for Tracy
Hope for the Hungry
Hope Ministries
Housing Authority of South Bend
Indiana University South Bend
  Alpha Sigma Tau
  Alumni Association South Bend Region
  College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
  Department of English (Film Studies)
  Department of History
  Feminist Student Union
  Honors Program, The
  International Programs
  International Student Services
  Raclin School of the Arts
  Schurz Library
  Student Government Association
  Titans Feeding Titans Food Pantry
  Women and Gender Studies Program
Kern Road Mennonite Church, South Bend
Kuyamba Ministries
LaCasa de Amistad
Ladies’ Meet Up
LaSalle Park Homes
Life Outside Re-entry Assistance
Malawi Matters
Malawi Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Music Village, The
Musical Arts Indiana
  Children’s Choir of Michiana
  Vesper Chorale
Near Northwest Neighborhood Center
Oak Street Health, Saint Joseph County Department of Health
Oaklawn Foundation
Olivet A.M.E. Church, South Bend
OneRoof Southeast Neighborhood Center
Our Lady of the Road
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) - Mission Agency
Presbytery of Wabash Valley of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren, South Bend
REAL Services
Ripple Effect Choir
River Montessori High School
River Park Food Pantry
Saint Joseph County Public Library
Saint Mary’s College
Saint Peter’s United Church of Christ, South Bend
Saint Vincent de Paul Society
Salvation Army
Self-healing Communities of Greater Michiana
South Bend City Church, South Bend
South Bend Civic Theatre
South Bend Community Re-entry Center
South Bend Community School Corporation
  Adams High School
  Riley High School – Career and Technical Education Department
  Washington High School
South Bend Society of Friends (Quakers)
South Bend Symphony Orchestra
Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, South Bend
Synod of Lincoln Trails
St. Margaret’s House
Ten Thousand Villages, Goshen
Traditions Health [Harbor Light Hospice]
United Religious Community
Unity Gardens
University of Notre Dame
Browning Cinema
Center for Social Concerns Education-in-Prison Program
DeBartolo Performing Arts Center
Department of Film, Television & Theatre
Raclin Murphy Museum of Art
Upper Room Recovery Community – Men’s Residence
Upper Room Recovery Community – Women’s House
Word and Table
YWCA North Central Indiana
Zion Community Church, South Bend

**Businesses**
Brain Lair Books
Burton’s Laundromat (Western Avenue)

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**Mission Calendar**

**May—**
4 — (Tentative) - Unity Garden
12 — to honor our 2024 Graduates
— Items needed for Redbud: Individual cookies & chips

**June—**
2 — Make Hope Missions Casseroles after worship

**July—**
14 — Redbud Camp Worship @ Redbud Camp in Michigan
15—18 Redbud Day Camp
21 — Redbud Campers sing in Sanctuary

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**Happy Birthday**

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“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, Jennifer Brittain, the Bill and Linda Fox,
the Kalamaras Family, Jim and Sally Schlobohm, Joann Sporleder
…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
May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15
Join Us For Worship on Sunday Morning @ 9:45