



# FPCSB

January 2025

## 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.*

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# 2025



**May you have a blessed  
New Year full of God's  
love and peace.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

# MALAWI MISSION NETWORK CONFERENCE 2025

[www.mymvpc.com/mmn-conf](http://www.mymvpc.com/mmn-conf)

**Date: July 31 - August 3, 2025**

**Cost: TBA**

**Place: Loveland, Colorado, USA**

**Host Church: Mountain View Presbyterian Church**

*The Malawi Mission Network is a loose association of people in and connected with the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA) who are interested in mission work in Malawi. ANY AND ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!*

Those wishing to share:

- Workshop Proposals
- Organizations to include
- Displays at Conference
- Other Information
- Questions

***PLEASE CONTACT MMN by email at***

***jdkee1002@gmail.com***

MESSIAH Concert, December 8, 2025

Put on by Juan Carlos Alarcon and Various Singer



## ETHNIC EATING – 2025

Our first two Ethnic Eating events are set – and they will be wonderful opportunities for food, fellowship, and fun!



**Tuesday, January 7, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Aladdin's Eatery**

Lebanese/Mediterranean Cuisine

317 University Drive, Mishawaka, IN 46545

[Order off extensive menu; Separate checks]

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Kate's Kitchen**

Authentic Malawian Cuisine

701 N. Niles Avenue

South Bend, IN 46617

[Family style "Taste of Malawi" buffet; One price inclusive]

Note: Kate's food has been wildly popular at events like ArtBeat and the Ethnic Festival and has sold out every year. Kate's father, Mr. Caswell Mhango, was a member of FPCSB while he was in the U.S.A. for cancer treatment.]

As always, additional information will be emailed to you. Reservations are required.

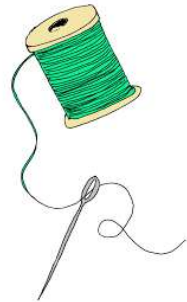
Please note! Post-pandemic, most restaurants are wary of taking a large group because they do not have the capacity or staff to cook for them and serve them. And, absolutely no restaurant wants a group on a weekend when they have the potential for more business. Therefore, we are grateful for the locations that will work with us to take a large group, allow us to order off the menu or provide a buffet or family style meal, and let us pay with separate checks. Let's support them while we have a great evening together! Additional family members and friends are most welcome!

For additional information, and reservations, please contact [phylliswezeman1@gmail.com](mailto:phylliswezeman1@gmail.com) or at 574-302-1556.





The Sewing Class  
Put on by  
Carol Young for St.  
Margaret's House  
in our  
church basement.



*Happy  
Birthday*



Kevin Dreyer	01/04
Nick Muraya	01/05
Mary Ndegwa	01/10
David Wojcicki	01/10
Melissa Hahn	01/19
Alisea McLeod	01/21
Carol Kretsch	01/23
Indi Dieckgrafe	01/26
Dane Hildebrecht	01/31



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

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**... “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” ...**

Kevin Dreyer, Jim and Sally Schlobohm, Irma Schultheis, Joann Sporleder

**...and friends of FPC...**

Samira Abou Arraj (Younes), Barbara Jones, Freddy Mathews,  
Fred Mockerman, Bernadine Poling, Ann Schwarz, 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.

### **Crochet Class & Free-form (anything goes) Crochet**

Anything from beginner to hanging out together for projects to Afghans.

If there is an interest in this please contact Carol Young and we can put it on the calendar  
for next year!

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