



# FPCSB

August 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.*

## Redbud day camp

### The Final Year



1964  
to  
2025







The different stations during the day camp: Upper Left: A Story; Upper Right: digging up Sassafras roots for Sassafras Tea; Middle Left: snack time with the group called the "Bats"; Middle Right: changing stations; Bottom Left: another group with story time in the Gazebo; Bottom Right: a station down by the river.







Upper Left: arriving to day camp in the morning; Top Right: Kona Ice as a treat on the last day—Thank you Mike Byers! Bottom Left: working on a sign to decorate the lodge and for the group picture; Bottom Right: the annual group picture of all who attended the final Redbud Day Camp July 14-July17, 2025

*Happy  
Birthday*



Bryson Byers	08/03
Martha Msiska	08/09
Dan Balog	08/21
Geoffrey Gakuya	08/21
Destiny Malindima	08/21
Scott Peacock	08/21
Damaris Mtika	08/27
Rufus Bowling	08/29
Salla Utonga	08/29
Fran English	08/31



Ladies in the sewing room in the basement of the west wing, learning to crochet.

Left is Sylvia

Center is Jennifer

Right is Sonya

# BACK TO SCHOOL

AUGUST 13, 2025





**SAVE THESE DATES – FOR UPCOMING FPC, SOUTH BEND EVENTS!  
SIGN UP SOON!**

**Saturday, September 13, 2025 – 10:00 A.M. - Admission Begins (til 5:00 P.M.); 12:00 P.M. - Polish Buffet from The Skillet in Private Pavilion**

**An Outing to Potawatomi Zoo with Polish Buffet from The Skillet in Private Pavilion  
500 S. Greenlawn Avenue, South Bend, IN 46615**



Enjoy the first outing of 2025-2026 for the Smock Senior Ministries Cluster. It includes admission to Potawatomi Zoo, a private pavilion for our group of folks from First Presbyterian Churches of Elkhart, Goshen, Mishawaka, and South Bend, as well as Sunnyside. Come at 10:00 A.M. when the Zoo opens and explore on your own until 5:00 P.M. when it closes (or come anytime within those hours). We'll have a private pavilion and at 12:00 P.M. a Polish Buffet, from The Skillet, will be served. Thanks to the Smock Foundation, the price for everything is only \$10.00 per person.

If you would like to participate, please contact Phyllis Wezeman at 574-302-1556 or [phylliswezeman1@gmail.com](mailto:phylliswezeman1@gmail.com) before the firm deadline of Friday, August 29.

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**Sunday, September 21, 2025 – 2:00 P.M.**

**[Note: RSVP deadline is Friday, September 5, 2025]**

***Seven Guitars*, South Bend Civic Theatre's production of the fifth play in August Wilson's Century Cycle**

Saint Joseph County Public Library – Auditorium  
305 S. Main Street, South Bend, IN 46601



As a sponsor of SBCT's August Wilson series – their commitment to produce one play a year in his 10-play cycle chronicling each decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century – FPC, SB has been given 20 complimentary tickets to the show. If you would like one or more, please contact Phyllis Wezeman at 574-302-1556 or [phylliswezeman1@gmail.com](mailto:phylliswezeman1@gmail.com) before the firm deadline of Friday, September 5.

*Seven Guitars* is part elegy, part mystery, and all Blues. Nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, Wilson's freewheeling comedy takes an intimate look at seven friends and the events leading up to the untimely death of an up-and-coming blues musician, Floyd "Schoolboy" Barton. Set in Pittsburgh's Hill District in 1948, this tale of star-crossed stardom, told in flashback, follows Floyd's last days, as his determination for a better future slams against life's harsh realities.

Please note that the September 21 production takes place at the Saint Joseph County Public Library Auditorium. Besides three already sold-out shows at SBCT, two have been added at the library, several will be performed at Ghostlight Theatre in Benton Harbor, and others will be offered for area high school students who are provided with a study guide for the show.

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**Saturday, October 4, 2025 – 10:00 A.M.**

**Ethnic Eating**

**Breakfast Buffet at Dutchmaid Restaurant in Rentown**

**1535 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Road, Bremen, IN 49506**



Enjoy an all-you-care-to-eat Amish breakfast buffet at Duthmaid Restaurant in Rentown. Rentown is an unincorporated Amish community, just off 2B Road, east of Bremen, south on Birch Road. We'll have a private area or room and the cost will be approximately \$15.00 per person (Buffet - \$11.99 per person plus beverage, tax, and tip). You can pay that day.

We'll also visit the Rentown Country Store, across the street, which has an exceptional bakery, bulk candy section, cheese shop, and meat market. Brochures on the history of the area will be available. There is also a clock maker, furniture shop, and greenhouse to explore.

If you would like to attend (family and friends welcome), please contact Phyllis Wezeman at 574-302-1556 or [phylliswezeman1@gmail.com](mailto:phylliswezeman1@gmail.com) before the deadline of Sunday, September 28. Carpools can be arranged.



**“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” ...**

Jennifer Brittain, Kevin Dreyer, Scott Kelso, 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.

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

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