



FPCSB

September 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.*



NEVER FORGET



SEPTEMBER 11
2001



September 22, 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

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 20th 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 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.

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

Ethnic Eating

Breakfast Buffet at Dutchmaid Restaurant in Rentown

1535 - 3rd Road, Bremen, IN 49506



Enjoy an all-you-care-to-eat Amish breakfast buffet at Dutchmaid 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.

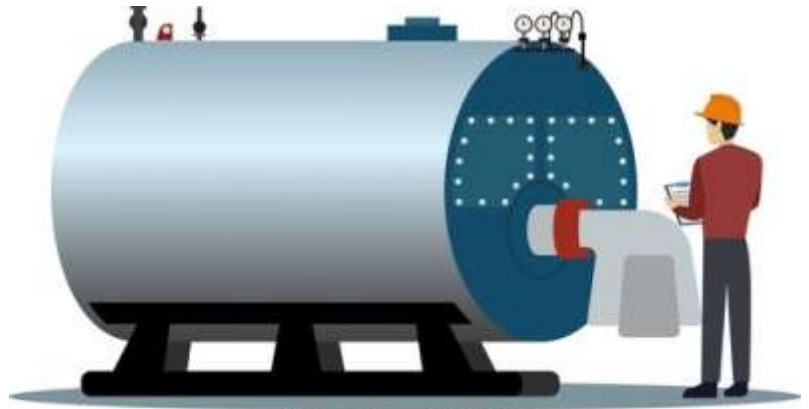
We'll also visit the Rentown Country Store, across the street, which has an exceptional bakery, bulk candy section, cheese shop, and meat market. Brochures on the history of the area will be available. There is also a clock maker, furniture shop, and greenhouse to explore.

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

BOILER UPDATE:

The church boiler needed replacement this year. Bids were sought from multiple companies and a contract released earlier this month.

The replacement should be completed within the next couple of months.



September Mission

Our focus for the month of September is the Youth Service Bureau of St. Joseph County. The YSB works with youth in our community that have experienced abuse, neglect, homelessness or lack of resources to help them recover and provide a foundation for success in the future. One item that they provide is diapers and wipes for those that may have young children themselves. So in September our mission will be to collect diapers and wipes to donate to YSB. They have indicated that the sizes that are most needed are 2,3,4,5 and pull-ups. We will collect diapers and wipes on the back table of the sanctuary throughout the month of September. The last Sunday of September Deanie Kopec, the events manager from YSB will join our worship and give a Minute for Mission explaining more about how YSB works in our community.

*Happy
Birthday*



Malou Audi	09/02
Mlekwa Mwachande	09/04
Donna Pfeil	09/08
Martha Ziwawo	09/23
Agatha Munthali	09/27
Joel Nyirongo	09/29



“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” ...

Jennifer Brittain, Kevin Dreyer, Scott Kelso, Sally Schlobohm,
Irma Schultheis, Joann Sporleder

...and friends of FPC...

Samira Abou Arraj (Younes), Barbara Jones, Freddy Mathews,
Ron (Poppy), Ann Schwarz, Emily Thompson, Mr. Ullrich, Ethan Wadzinski, 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.

History & Memories of Michiana

Roberta Crawford

There was a huge wedding in South Bend on September 30, 1916. The bride was the oldest daughter of JD and Anna Oliver, the owners of the well known Oliver Plow Works factory. Their daughter, Gertrude, would be marrying a gentleman from the East Coast, Frederick Cunningham. The marriage would take place at the First Presbyterian Church. One thousand guests were invited to THE wedding of the year. Afterwards the guests would attend a reception at the bride's residence, Copshaholm. The couple would be honeymooning while on a motor trip along the East coast. They would return to South Bend and set up their household at 630 West Washington street.



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