



FPCSB

October 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 FALL PARTY 2025

To: All Redbud Families
(parents, please accompany your campers)



What: Please join us for a Fall Party at Redbud. Kids and adults, wear your best Halloween costumes and bring a small bag of candy to share.

When: Saturday, October 11, from 3-5. Barbecue Sandwiches and dessert will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

**RSVP to Jennifer at 574-229-2502 or Mike at 574-229-3550
by Thursday, October 9.**



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.

Congratulations

to Joel & Kiera Nyirongo on the birth of their daughter,
Zara Emiliana Nyirongo,
on September 23, 2025 at 9:01 P.M.

Weight - 6 lbs. 12 oz.

Proud family members are grandparents Annitta
and Suzgo Nyirongo plus

Aunt Asante and Uncle Moses.



BOILER 2025

When the boiler was shut down for the season, it was found that it had come to the end of its life. It was leaking. It was so old it would be hard to get parts for it even if it was fixable. It was time for a new boiler. Work began the first week of September.



The old boiler had to be cut apart to be able to get it out of the basement. The pieces were taken out of the basement through an exterior door of the boiler room. And then pulled up through the removed grate by a tele-



scoping forklift, where they were then put on a flat trailer. The new boiler pieces were put in the boiler room the same way. 09/24, the forklift is gone & the boiler is in but not completed. There is some other work to complete.

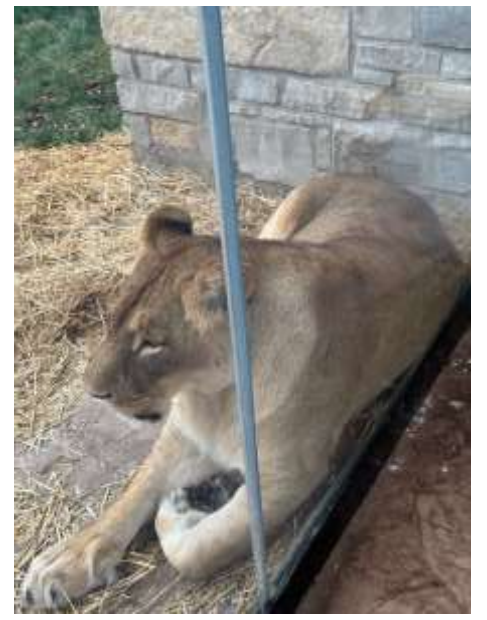
Outing to Potawatomi Zoo with Polish buffet from The Skillet restaurant

Saturday, September 13th - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On a rainy day, over 70 people from First Presbyterian churches of Elkhart, Goshen, Mishawaka, South Bend, and Sunnyside enjoyed fun and fellowship during the bi-monthly Smock Senior Ministries cluster outing.



Smock Foundation





Blanket Sunday

October Mission

Blanket Sunday, October 19, 2025. The timetable for the days is:

9:45 a.m. - Worship in the sanctuary
[All are welcome]

11:00 a.m. - Coffee hour & Blanket instruction/making

12:00 p.m. - Lunch {All are invited to be our guests}

1:00 p.m. - Conclude [Done or not; Finishing and packing will take place during the week]

In order to get a lunch count, we'd appreciate it if you would please let us know how many might be coming. Please tell Wendy 574-234-4159, or Phyllis 574-302-1556.



*Happy
Birthday*



Martha Ziwawo	09/23
Agatha Munthali	09/27
Joel Nyirongo	09/29
Natali Balog	10/01
Troy Malindima	10/03
Dianne Wojcicki	10/06
Staci Norman	10/07
Annitta Nyirongo	10/25
Jonathan Hehn	10/31



“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, Van Gates, Scott Kelso, Sally Schlobohm, Joann Sporleder

...and friends of FPC...

Amika Micou, Ron (Poppy), Ann Schwarz, Emily Thompson, 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.

FIRST ANNUAL WOMEN IN RECOVERY WALK

Honoring the Courage and Power of Women in Recovery

Saturday, October 11, 2025

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Starting at Life Treatment Centers | Ending at The Dismas Hub
South Bend, Indiana

WHAT TO EXPECT

- A 1.5-mile walk through the community
- Stories of strength and perseverance from women in recovery
- Stops along the route with activities and prizes
- A united show of community support

WHY IT MATTERS

The Women in Recovery Walk is a celebration of women who embody resilience, courage, and healing. This inaugural event shines a light on voices too often overlooked, honoring the determination of women who are leading the way toward stronger families and healthier communities.

GET INVOLVED

- Walk alongside women in recovery and show your support
- Share the event with your friends, families, and networks
- Support programs that amplify women's voices and journeys



NEED MORE INFO OR WANT TO RSVP?

Contact: Andrea Gordon

Email: andrea@dismasin.org

Please be sure to include the number of expected attendees.

Thank you for your support! Together, we walk for change.

— Dismas House of Indiana and Event Partners



THE UPPER ROOM
RECOVERY COMMUNITY





CURIOUS ABOUT DISMAS HOUSE?

A FRESH START. A TRUE SECOND CHANCE.

At Dismas House, we provide more than just a place to live — we offer a family-centered home for individuals returning from incarceration. Our mission is to foster healing, belonging, and self-determination through compassionate support and a community that cares.

What We Do:

- Safe, supportive housing for returning citizens
- Daily programs in life skills, healing, and creativity
- Peer mentorship and community reintegration
- Opportunities for residents to thrive, not just survive

WHY IT MATTERS:

The journey home after incarceration is challenging. Without support, many fall back into the cycle of incarceration. At Dismas House, we help residents rebuild their lives with dignity, purpose, and connection — because no one should have to do it alone.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your support helps provide shelter, meals, job assistance, therapy, and hope. Every donation directly impacts someone's second chance.

Scan to Support



Or visit www.dismashouseofindiana.org

Together, we can create a community where everyone belongs, and every story has a chance for redemption.

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