

LIVING MATTHEW 25 2026

Feed the Hungry
Welcome the Stranger
Clothe the Needy
Care for the Sick & Imprisoned
Act Boldly

Opportunities to Build Community in the South Bend Area through Learning and Serving

Facilitated by First Presbyterian Church of Downtown South Bend & its Community Partners

May 2026

First Presbyterian Church of Downtown South Bend Mission of the Month

Unity Gardens

Saturday, May 16, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Come help prepare the "Morningside Gardens" on the west side of First Presbyterian Church of South Bend for the 2026 seasons. This site is tended by the church and River Montessori High School for the benefit of the community. Coffee and donuts provided in the morning and lunch at noon.

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 333 W. Colfax Avenue, South Bend, IN. Park behind the church building and enter through the door marked Social Hall. All welcome.



Birthday Cake Kits – Future Project

In the future, FPC, SB will assemble "Birthday Cake Kits" containing ingredients and supplies for a child, youth, or adult to have a special celebration. Items packed in a foil pan include: boxed cake mix, can of frosting, can of lemon-lime soda, box of birthday candles, balloons, and instructions/recipe. If your agency – such as CASA, Food Bank, St. Margaret's House – would like to receive a quantity of these kits, please let us know – plus the number you can use.

Mondays at the Movies - Film List and Links

Seven films on the theme of "home" – displacement and immigration – were shown during the 2026 season. Here's the list of titles and the links so people may continue to view them:

Brooklyn: <https://sjcpl.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S99C2136894>

Gut Renovation: <https://www.kanopy.com/en/sjcpl/video/354445>

West Side Story (2021), but here's the 1960's version: <https://www.kanopy.com/en/sjcpl/video/11814790>

The Breadwinner: <https://sjcpl.bibliocommons.com/v2/record/S99C2239876>

No Other Land: <https://releasing.dogwoof.com/no-other-land>

In the Heat of the Night: <https://www.kanopy.com/en/sjcpl/video/12983344>

Evicting the American Dream: <https://pcusa.org/evicting-american-dream>



Community Partner Events

Thursday, May 7 – 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

United Religious Community – Interfaith National Day of Prayer Observance

Participate in this annual event in a new location with a unique format. Breakfast and program will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. followed by conversations groups until 10:00 a.m.

Location: Raclin Murphy Encore Center [Morris Performing Arts Center] 211 N. Michigan Street, South Bend, IN 46601

Registration: rscj.com/2026-national-interfaith-prayer-breakfast-st-joseph-county



Living Matthew 25 is a series coordinated by First Presbyterian Church of Downtown South Bend, in cooperation with many community partners, and offered to the people of the Michiana area as an opportunity to engage in learning and serving especially focusing on the six themes of the passage – hungry, thirsty, stranger, poor, sick, and imprisoned. All are welcome.

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