



FPCSB

May 2026

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.*

Silvertones Spring Concert

Join the Silvertones on Saturday evening, May 16, 2026, 7:00 PM

as we celebrate our tenth anniversary!

The concert will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 333 W. Colfax, South Bend, Indiana.

We are revisiting music from past years and are eager to share these old favorites with you.

This concert is our gift to the community. Admission is free and all are welcome!

The Silvertones are Forever Learning Institute's Glee Club

MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Malawi Mission Network

- 2026 -

International Conference

Tuesday, August 18 - Friday, August 21
Montreat, NC

When?

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 through Friday, August 21, 2026

Tuesday – registration, displays, dinner, worship, opening events

Wednesday & Thursday - full days of activities from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday – closing session, worship

Where?

Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, North Carolina

Lodging - Assembly Inn, William Black Lodge, and South Carolina Lodge; Meetings - Upper Anderson

What?

Large group sessions – speakers, panels

Small group sessions/workshops - two sessions take place at the same time and participants self-select one to attend

Worship (Morning and Evening) - liturgy, music, and message

Displays – agency/organization tables, with representatives, and presentations to large group

Networking

Who?

Planning Team - Malawi Mission Network Leadership Team & Presbytery of Western North Carolina

Keynote speaker - Rev. Brian Kamwendo, General Secretary, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Nkhoma Synod

You?

Would you like to be considered to offer a large or small group session and, if so, on what topic?

Would your organization like to be considered for a display table?

Would you like to be considered to lead a worship service?

[For all options, expenses to be covered by participant.]

If the answer is yes to any, or all, of these questions, please contact:

Phyllis Wezeman, MMN Leadership Team * phylliswezeman1@gmail.com or 574-302-1556

Deadline for consideration: May 15, 2026

How?

Registration Information: <https://www.presbyterywnc.org/mission/malawi-mission>



A Note from Rev. Jacob Kadzakumanja, Pastor of our partner congregation (since 2004) - Chibanzi Church of Africa Presbyterian. Note on the map Chibanzi is situated north of the capital city, Lilongwe, between Mponela and Dowa. They will receive the boxes of Bibles, hymnals, reusable sanitary pads, knitted and handmade toys, pillowcase dresses, handmade baby clothes, and more packed to ship to Malawi, Africa.

This is a welcome idea that the congregation will be pleased of.

Thanks very much in advance for the kind gesture shown.

God continue blessing you and the entire congregation of First Presbyterian Church of South Bend.

May Mission: Church Grounds Beautification and Unity Garden Planting

It is that time of year that the trees are getting new leaves, flowers are starting to appear, the grass is getting greener and the church grounds need a little attention! As we have done for over 10 years, we will plant a Unity Garden on the west end of the property. We need to clean out the beds, plant new veggies, and put down new mulch in between the beds to help with weed/grass control. These garden plots provide fresh veggies for anyone in our church neighborhood throughout the summer. This would also be a great time to put flowers into the planters by the sanctuary and office doors, and prune and weed the butterfly garden in the memorial garden area. If you like to trim bushes or tree limbs, bring your trimmer! So, grab your gloves, some garden tools, and join in the fun Saturday, May 16th from 9am to 12 pm. There will be donuts and coffee to get you going and lunch around noon.

*Happy
Birthday*



Nengizi Moyo	05/08
Pamela McNeer	05/12
Phyllis Wezeman	05/17
Josh Sporleder	05/18
Amelia Wenkus	05/24
Maxwell Drain	05/27
Dave Norman	05/29
Jennifer Beudert	05/30
Guy St. John	05/31



“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,
Rachel Potter, Sally Schlobohm, Joann Sporleder

...and friends of FPC...

Karen Blackley, Ann Schwarz, Emily Thompson,
Vicki Toothaker, 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 Presbyterian Church
333 W. Colfax Avenue
South Bend, IN 46601**

You and your family are invited!

Celebration of 2026 Graduates



**Sunday, June 7, 2026
11:00 a.m.
Social Hall**

Come for cake & best wishes!

Worship is at 9:45 a.m. & you are invited to the service, too!

Congratulations!

2026 Graduates



Amelia Wenkus
Adams High School

Destiny Malindima
John Adams High School



Calli Morgan Hahn
John Glen School



Scott Kelso
Trinity Academy



Ben Hewitt
Riley High School



Addison Anderson-Owens

Nicholas Chritton

Kaiden Kopec Robb

Louis Obregon

Camden Poe

Joshua Sanders

Zoe Schwartz

Kayleigh Sheehan

Marissa Staffelbach

James Zwart