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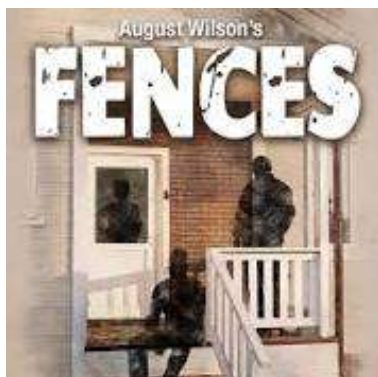
## *TOWER BELL*

October 2026

### Mission Statement:

We are a welcoming and affirming congregation devoted to serving those in most need.

### You are invited to ...



**South Bend Civic Theatre**  
**403 N. Main Street**  
**South Bend, IN 46601**

**Sunday, October 11, 2026**

**2:00 p.m. - Performance**

**Also available – 1:15 p.m. Pre-talk**

***Fences***, one of the ten plays in August Wilson's Century Cycle, is the winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and Tony awards for Best Play, Best Actor, and Best Actress TWICE: once in 1987 and again for the revival in 2010! ***Fences*** is a modern classic and a moving study of the human condition. It's the story of Troy Maxson, a former star of the Negro baseball leagues, who now works as a garbage man in 1957 Pittsburgh. Excluded from the major leagues in his prime, Troy has grown increasingly bitter, and his anger and frustration take a toll on his relationships with his wife and son.

### **Content Advisory**

*This production contains mature themes, emotional family conflict, and period appropriate language reflective of its 1950s setting.*

South Bend Civic Theatre has made the commitment to do one of Wilson's plays a year to share the entire cycle with the community.

***Fences*** is number six in the series.

Since First Presbyterian Church of South Bend is a sponsor of Civic's August Wilson series, we have a block of 20 tickets for the Sunday, October 11 2:00 p.m. matinee.

If you would like tickets, please call, email, or text a YES or a NO to [phylliswezeman1@gmail.com](mailto:phylliswezeman1@gmail.com) or 574-302-1556 by or before Sunday, October 5. There is no charge (but commitment to attend is expected!).

Hope to hear from you soon!

## Smock Senior Ministries Cluster

First Presbyterian Churches of Elkhart, Goshen, Mishawaka, South Bend & Sunnyside  
Education, Entertainment, Enrichment for Folks 50+

Our November event is a WOW, with an unbelievable price, and a firm early **deadline** of **Sunday, October 11. Act now!**

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026 [Optional: Friday, November 6, 2026] SHIPSHEWANA EXTRAVAGANZA



### Thursday, November 5 - \$25.00 per person

5:00 p.m.

Dinner buffet at the Blue Gate Restaurant

195 N. Van Buren Street, Shipshewana, IN 46565

7:30 p.m.

Ticket to "The Vienna Boys Choir" at the Blue Gate Performing Arts Center

760 S. Van Buren Street, Shipshewana, IN 46565

### Optional Extension – Additional \$30.00 per person

After concert – Overnight accommodations and Friday morning buffet breakfast at the Blue Gate Garden Inn (800 S. Van Buren Street, Shipshewana, IN 46565) with time to explore Amish country during the beautiful fall season.

### Recap of price

\$25.00 buffet and show

\$30.00 per person additional for lodging and breakfast (Based on 2 people per room; If 1 person per room the cost is \$60.00)

Yes, that's \$55.00 per person for everything (about a \$200.00 value)

### If you want to go:

1. Email or call Phyllis Wezeman at [phylliswezeman1@gmail.com](mailto:phylliswezeman1@gmail.com) or 574-302-1556 by or before Sunday, October 11 - the sooner the better because rooms will fill fast.
2. Let Phyllis know if you want to attend the buffet and show and if you want to add on the optional overnight and buffet breakfast.
3. Get payment to Phyllis of \$25.00 per person for buffet and show plus an additional \$30.00 per person for overnight and breakfast (or \$60.00 is 1 person per room). Also, include the names of people who will be sharing a room (probably queen/queen).
4. Payment can be made via check payable to First Presbyterian Church of Goshen or given to Phyllis in cash or via Venmo (phylliswezeman).

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS' LUNCH - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

Since January, 2022 First Presbyterian Church of South Bend has held semi-annual lunches for its partners from community groups. They are facilitated by our Outreach Committee, generally led by Carl Hetler (City of South Bend) and Phyllis Wezeman with Staci Norman and volunteers coordinating food. Besides information sharing and networking, each gathering focuses on a topic such as updates on homelessness/housing, food security/hunger, mental health programs, recovery programs, and youth services in Michiana.

September's session, with more than 75 people, focused on Re-entry Programs in Michiana and include the following speakers.

Facilitator - Carl Hetler, Coordinator of Homelessness Services, City of South Bend

Resource People & Topics include:

Dismas House/Hub – Andee Huxhold

Inside the Outside the Series – Terry Farren

Institute for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame – Jim Cunningham

Reform Alliance – Maranda Williams

Restorative Justice Collaborative Hub - Dalila Huerta

Take Heart – Ellen Williams.



*Happy  
Birthday*



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| Natalie Balog   | 10/03 |
| Troy Malindima  | 10/03 |
| Dianne Wojcicki | 10/06 |
| Staci Norman    | 10/07 |
| Annita Nyirongo | 10/25 |
| Johnathan Hehn  | 10/31 |



**“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, Van Gates, Melissa Hahn, Scott Kelso,  
Rachel Potter, Sally Schlobohm, Joann Sporleder, Phyllis Wezeman

**...and friends of FPC...**

Dave Jones, Ann Schwarz,  
Emily Thompson, Vicki Toothaker, Ethan Wadzinski

**...“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.

## UPDATE FROM THE WEZEMANS

As many of you know, on Sunday, July 19, 2026, the connector to the hot water pipe to the shower in the second floor (main) bathroom burst. Gushing water flooded through the ceilings, floors, and walls of that room, the kitchen below it, and the bathroom/laundry room in the basement. When it happened, Phyllis was coming home from leading worship at St. Paul's and Ken was in the shower - so both walked into the situation, especially in the kitchen. After quickly shutting off the water, contacting the insurance agent, starting a claim with State Farm, calling a plumber to diagnose and repair the problem, things were set in motion. Within an hour, State Farm sent ServiceMaster out with a crew to extract water and put dehumidifiers and fans on each floor. Since vital rooms are uninhabitable, and their salvageable contents were moved to three other rooms, Ken and Phyllis were moved to a hotel. After a week of drying, Service Master crews spent about a week gutting the three rooms back to the studs - everything is gone.

Construction company has been secured and has brought in many sub-contractors to give bids, and submitted an 83 page "scope of work" to State Farm on August 13. And, as of today, it is still on State Farm's pile to review and approve. Thus, no work can begin until it is approved.

On Friday, Ken and Phyllis were advised that it could be six more MONTHS! They are still in a hotel, but insurance is looking for other housing with more of a kitchen. Meals have been a challenge and your help has been appreciated. The Wezemans are most grateful for the one or two nights that the congregation has delivered food or given gift cards to help with this situation.

In light of Phyllis' recent and ongoing health issues, all of this is more than overwhelming. Thanks for making it much more tolerable by your card and support.

On Friday, September 25, insurance.

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