

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

February, 2007

Philippians 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Dear Friends,

During the next couple of months we will be focusing on redesigning the Fellowship Hall and kitchen to meet our current and future needs at the church. More and more groups in our congregation are using these vital areas to promote missions, enhance fellowship, and welcome new people into our faith community. In the past, we used these rooms for the occasional pot luck supper and monthly lunches. Nowadays, we are using these facilities every week for various groups and activities. The wear and tear is evident, and the need to update rest rooms, storage space and preparation areas has become much greater than we ever anticipated.

Some people have asked why we need to modernize the downstairs area, and that deserves a good answer. One of the best qualities that Erin has to offer as a church is its friendliness. We love to eat and meet together for different events and occasions. The amount of fun and feasting that we do generates bonds of fellowship and faith between families. This in turn builds up our church community and enables us to do more missions and ministries for Christ more effectively. The Sanctuary enriches our worship, so that we can please God as His servants. The Fellowship Hall encourages us to become family, so that we can please God by serving and supporting one another.

So whether we eat dinner together on Wednesday nights, or lunch with one another during the month, the Fellowship Hall plays a key role in who we are and what we do at Erin.



Over the years, many good Erin people have encouraged others to participate in the life, ministry, and work of our church through the sharing of meals, laughter, and conversations at our dining tables. It's a wonderful way of expressing our faith and one that we all want to continue for the next couple of generations. By modernizing these essential areas in our church building, we will be creating comfortable space where new members and regular visitors can experience the love, friendship, and warmth of Erin Presbyterian Church. And, when all is said and done, isn't that what we're supposed to be doing in order to help other people come to Christ and be an effective part of His Kingdom?

To make all of these worthwhile changes, it's going to cost money. Past generations of Erin members have stepped up to the plate to provide our current church family with a building to grow in worship, fellowship, and discipleship. Our calling is to do the same, and honor those wonderful visionaries and generous contributors of the past with our own financial commitment.

God has already supplied us with the necessary resources; all we have to do is to turn over His riches amongst us to enable Erin to be modernized, so that we can continue to glorify Christ through who we are and what we do.

God bless you all for your loving support to our church.

John

February Sundays**February 04****Communion Sunday**

Psalm 138:1-8 & Luke 5:1-11

*"Gone Fishing"***February 11****Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time**

Psalm 1:1-6 & Luke 6:17-26

*"The Real Deal"***February 18****Transfiguration of the Lord**

Exodus 34:29-35 & Luke 9:28-36

*"Shining Brightly"***February 25****First Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 91:1-7 & Luke 4:1-13

*"A Devil of a Day"***March 04****Communion****Second Sunday in Lent**

Psalm 27:7-14 & Luke 13:31-35

*"No Turning Back"***Daily Devotions**

Almost every weekday, the pastor writes a short devotional based on the follow up readings printed in the Sunday bulletin. This devotional is emailed to subscribers in our church and all over the world. The devotionals have also been published on other Christian websites, magazines, and denominational publications in different countries. If you would like to subscribe to these short five minute devotionals, then go to our home page on the church's website at www.erinpresbyterian.org, where you will see the sign up link. These devotions help many of our people keep connected to God and the church no matter where they are in our country.

*Your birthday not listed?**Please contact the church office, 588-5350.***February Birthdays***(This may not be an accurate list and some names may be missing. If so, please accept our apologies)*

Ginger Thompson	February 2
Julie Blanchard	February 4
Randy Bishop	February 5
Margaret Casteel	February 6
Betty McHargue	February 8
Eva Quinley	February 10
Bette Brasher	February 14
John Lamson	February 17
David McKay	February 17
Marc Miller	February 19
Anna McKay	February 20
Ashley Coke	February 21
McLain Miller	February 24
Mike Cate	February 27
Bob Luedeka	February 27
Harter Crisp	February 28
Robbie Levering	February 28
Gaevin Miller	February 28
Mary Alice Tabor-Vowell	February 28

First Days of March

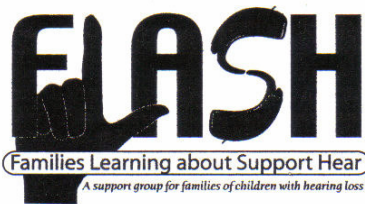
Kim Jaynes	March 1
Jane Yancey	March 1
Kristi Bailes	March 2
Erika Licklitter	March 3
Kari Matthews	March 3
Katy Smith	March 5

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL**MOPS NEWS****Attention, Mothers of Preschoolers!**

Erin MOPS has begun the New Year! Come meet other moms of preschool-aged children, and connect with others who understand what it's like to be "Mommy" to these wonderful tiny people. Join a community of women who support one another as we grow as mothers, women, and children of God. The theme



this year is "Fresh Air: What Every Mother Needs". We'll be doing crafts, hearing speakers, working on mission projects, participating in devotionals, engaging in lively discussion about our needs as mothers, and eating delicious food while our children participate in their own activities with our quality teachers. Most importantly, we'll be making new friends while we worship God together! We meet the 2nd (February 8) and 4th (February 22) Thursdays of each month from 9:30-11:30AM. Every mom with children from birth through kindergarten is welcome to join us, and kids are welcome too! Contact: Katina Sharp for more information (742-2292).



Families Learning about Support Hear is a family friendly

organization that supports all types of families and

children dealing with different degrees of hearing loss. FLASH is open to any parent, grandparent, sibling, caregiver or other support person and allows a positive environment where there is an opportunity for folks to meet others who are dealing with similar issues. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 15th** from 6:30 to 9:00PM in the Family Life Center. For more information, please contact Heather Ritchie, 584-1637, or e-mail flash.supportgroup@gmail.com.

Family Council at Erin! This is an opportunity to discuss important topics regarding children, grandchildren and the future of Erin in an open forum setting.



Reverend Stuart will lead this council and the second meeting will be held **February 18th** after service. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and we'll order pizza! If you have any topics that you would like to discuss, please talk to Reverend Stuart or Shane Crisp as they will be organizing an outline of topics for the forum. Everyone is welcome. If you are not able to attend, please feel free to submit any thoughts, ideas or concerns in writing and your ideas will be heard. Please call

the office and indicate your needs regarding childcare.



As parents, we want our children to feel happy, healthy and loved. Mommy & Me believes spending time together is the best way to make that happen. This group provides you and your child fun and simple ways to make the most of the time you spend- Laughing, Loving, Learning-Together. Mommy & Me is for all moms, dads, grandparents, and other caregivers with children 6 and under who wish to participate in a fun time of bonding with their children. We sing songs, read stories, play games, dance, and laugh together. And the best part? It's free! No commitment, no fees. Just show up and enjoy yourself! Mommy & Me meets every Monday at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. If you have a question about the group, don't hesitate to call Katina Sharp at 742-2292 or email her at KatinaSharp@aol.com. You can also visit the Mommy & Me website at www.MommyandMe.com. We hope to see you there!



Enjoy a night out for Valentine's Day!

Parents' Night Out will be on Friday, February 16 from 6-9PM. Rates are \$15 for one child, \$20 for two children, and \$25 for three children. Pizza will be provided for the children. Please complete the form below and place in the offering plate. We must have your children registered by Wednesday, February 14th.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Come to G.E.T. Games! Hey middle school and high school Youth! Do you need a mid-week break or some time to relax and have fun? Come to G.E.T. Games every Wednesday! We play basketball, cards, board games, or anything fun you can think of! We



meet after Wednesday Night dinner in Becca's office until 7:30. Bring a friend, bring a Frisbee, and be ready to blow off some steam!

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY



LET'S DO DINNER! The holiday season is over and it is time to get back in gear! Join us Tuesday, **February 6th** at 5:15 pm at the Parkside Tavern on North Peters Road.

BARNABAS will meet Tuesday, **February 6th** at Hogan's at 11:45am. New members are welcome to join us. For more information please contact Mary Scarbrough at 691-8658.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Schedule of Events

5:00-6:00 - Journey Seven
 5:45-6:15 - Dinner
 6:15-6:30 - Clean up
 6:30-7:30 - Women's Study Group
 Table Talk
 Sonshine - grades K-8
 Kid's Club - 4-5 years and grades K-5
 GET Games - grades 6-12
 Hand Bells
 Nursery - infants - 3 years
 7:30-8:30 -Choir

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Wednesday Dinner is such a success, that Erin needs more help in the kitchen! If you would like to cook, coordinate, serve, etc, please contact Allyson McLeod or the church office. Thank you!

Breadbreakers

We will meet on Saturday, February 24th at the McLeod's home at 6:30pm for dinner. Please call the church office at 588-5350 if you plan to attend. We look forward to starting off the New Year with you!

Mens' Breakfast

Erin's men will meet Saturday, February 17th at 8:45 am. Come enjoy a time of fellowship, and after breakfast. A sign up sheet is located in the narthex. Please call Dale Webb (212-9772) for more information.



Please join us on Tuesday, February 20th at 6:00 pm for the **Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!** Come for good food, entertainment, and fun fellowship as we celebrate the beginning of the Lent season.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Co-team will meet Monday, February 5 at 1:00 in the Parlor.

PW Circle II will meet Monday **February 12th** at 7:00pm at Mary Scarbrough's house. Tracy Foster will lead the Bible Study. **Circle IV** will meet Tuesday **February 13** in the Parlor at 10:00am. Alma Siedentopf will lead the Bible study.



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

New Connections Sunday Morning Class

The Problem of Pain

By

C. S. Lewis

Join us for a new Sunday school class in the Noah's Ark Room at 9.45am. It's a ten week journey and discussion of one of C.S. Lewis' great books called "The Problem of Pain." For those of us who are fans of Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia, this is a good book to get to know the heart and soul of one of Christianity's greatest writers. The book covers questions about pain and suffering, asking why does it happen to us and how can we respond to dealing with pain. As the back cover of the book describes:

If God is good and all-powerful, why does He allow His creatures to suffer pain? And what of the suffering of animals, who neither deserve pain nor can be improved by it? The greatest Christian thinker of our time sets out to disentangle this knotty issue. With his signature wealth of compassion and insight, C.S. Lewis offers answers to these crucial questions and shapes his hope and wisdom to help heal a world hungering for a true understanding of human nature.

Everyone is welcome to join the series. The book can be purchased at Borders for \$9.95, or you may get it cheaper on www.amazon.com.

Wednesday Night Table Talk

The Wednesday night group that the pastor is leading will be turning its attention to current issues and religious



events that are happening all over the world. Sometimes our news is tainted with secular opinions that make religious people out to be zealous fanatics and spiritual nutcases. The pastor hopes to introduce current topics to help us get to the heart of these complicated issues that try people's souls today.

Monday Night Study Group

We meet every Monday in the parlor at 7.15pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and share their ideas, questions, and opinions about various subjects. We're finishing off a book about other religions and faith called "What's the Difference?" Copies of this study will be available in the narthex on Sunday 7 January. The group has some light-hearted as well as serious moments. The pastor leads the discussion and sometimes we end up going off subject to deal with current events and burning issues.

Come along and see for yourself. You'll like it! We promise.

2007 Online Study: Mark

The pastor will be starting a new online study for 2007. It will be a journey through the Gospel of Mark. These studies take about fifteen minutes to complete and build up our knowledge of Christ's ministry and mission during New Testament times. The study also gives participants time to meditate on select short passages and seek ways to apply the lesson.

A sign up will soon be able in the worship bulletin and people interested will be able to sign up online at the church's website on our home page at

www.erinpresbyterian.org.

The studies are sent by email each day, Monday to Friday and participants go at their own pace. There will also be opportunities for feedback and perhaps we will try to have a bulletin board set up on our website for comments and messages.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES



SAM Sack Lunch will be Thursday, February 15th at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Dine with us and enjoy the musical talents of Suzanne Hickman on the piano! Please join us for a special (Day After) Valentine's Day luncheon

Body Recall has resumed! Join us at 4:00pm every Monday, Wednesday,



and Friday for exercise and fellowship. See you then!

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

**Stewardship Figures
Jan 2007**

	<u>Jan 07</u>	<u>Jan 07</u>
Income		
Administration		
Income	11.58	11.58
Property Income	898.00	898.00
Discipleship Income	215.00	215.00
Fellowship Income	81.00	81.00
Outreach Income	484.20	484.20
Offerings	17,668.00	17,668.00
Total Income	19,357.78	19,357.78
Expense		
Administration	2,474.16	2,474.16
Property Team	8,172.77	8,172.77
Discipleship Team	1,576.02	1,576.02
Fellowship Team	672.17	672.17
Outreach Team	3,067.19	3,067.19
Stewardship Team	42.35	42.35
Worship Team	283.45	283.45
Pastoral Ministry	8,997.10	8,997.10
Personnel	5,932.08	5,932.08
Memorial Expenses	935.00	935.00
Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	32,152.29	32,152.29
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Net Income	<u>12,794.51</u>	<u>12,794.51</u>

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY!**

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF
February 4, 2007

IRAQ

Levi Martin (husband of Bev Cowen's granddaughter)

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

The Family of Hugh and Eleanor Jaynes - a close cousin of Hugh's passed away. Please pray for comfort and support for the family throughout this time of loss.

Barbara Wallin - still recovering from her bad fall at Parkwest Hospital.

Emma Reed - (grandmother of Mike Sharp) was diagnosed with cancer throughout her body.

Zack Morris - (son of Amanda Morris) is recovering from surgery.

Nancy Haun - (formerly Nancy Foshee) recently had surgery for breast cancer. Please pray for her recovery and remission and for the loved ones who support her.

Ervin McClellan - father of Kathy McClellan, was diagnosed with cancer which has spread to various parts of his body.

FLORIDA

Kathy Hood (daughter of Alma Siedentopf)

MICHIGAN

Flora Hudson, sister of Mae Brandon-Pershing, suffering from serious heart problems.

WASHINGTON

Sandy Tessier undergoing chemotherapy for cancer

SOUTH CAROLINA

Sara Mantel (friend of Sara Leckie)

MAINE

John House Sr. (father of John House) - hospitalized after a serious auto accident. Please pray for his recovery.

ERIN PRAYER CHAIN: the prayer chains will be supervised by **Katina Sharp**. She has volunteered to temporarily take over this vital ministry to ensure that messages and requests are not overlooked. You can contact Katina by e-mail at **Katiquando@aol.com** or call her at 742-2292. Thank you Katina for looking after this important area of our church's ministry.

The Erin Presbyterian Church News is published monthly. Comments and submissions are welcome. Please submit articles by **Monday, February 26th** for inclusion in the next month's issue. Place submissions in Administrator's mailbox in the Church Office or send articles and/or calendar events via e-mail to "**admin@erinpresbyterian.org**".

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