

Outreach News

Thanks to everyone that participated in the **Angel Tree** ministry. Because of your generosity, **50** needy children received gifts to brighten their Christmas morning!
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The donations to **Cents-Ability** during Wednesday Night Dinners for last Fall have been counted at **\$ 52.55!** It's amazing what a few cents per person at one meal a week adds up to, doesn't it? The money has been designated to **FISH Hospitality Pantry** to help with their food pantry needs during this busy time of year for them. The Cents-Ability cans will once again be placed on the tables at Wednesday Night Dinners in January and collected in May. If you or your family would be interested in having a Cents-Ability can on your dinner table at home, feel free to take one from the Outreach room (top of bookcase) or ask any member of Outreach.



Sunday, January 31st

Directly after worship, come to the Fellowship hall for lunch and hear Dr. Larry McKay speak on water issues that affect us all. See displays of the missions that our church supports both locally and abroad. You might even win some prizes! Stay tuned to your weekly bulletin inserts this month for further details and sign-up sheets for this event.

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Monday, January 11th, 2016 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Human Trafficking is the second-fastest growing criminal industry, just behind Drug Trafficking. According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, almost every county in Tennessee is affected by this problem. For more information, go to www.tbi.tn.gov and search Human Trafficking.

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Upcoming Events

- 5th**
6:30PM - Property MTG
7:00PM - Discipleship MTG
7:00PM - Fellowship
- 10th**
12:15PM - CEX MTG
12:15PM - Outreach MTG
- 12th**
6:15PM - Staff MTG
7:30PM - Stewardship Mtg
- 16th**
9:30AM - Men's Breakfast
- 21st**
7:00PM - Session MTG
- 23rd**
6:30PM - Breadbreakers
- 26th**
6:30 PM - Marketing MTG
- 31st**
12:15 PM - Mission Fair

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A Message From The Pastor

Rev. John Stuart

'He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." – Revelation 21:5



Dear Friends,
It's the start of New Year, so many of us will be hoping that something different, something special, or something good will happen to us in 2016. Usually, we try new things and make fresh resolutions about our lives, hoping that we will be able to get rid of bad habits or cultivate new experiences in our daily lives.

The great thing about a New Year is that it gives all of us a wonderful opportunity of starting afresh, resetting our lives, and beginning again. It's the same experience that Christians may have known when they first gave their hearts to Jesus, or asked God to change their lives. It's what some folks in these parts call "being reborn;" it's what Presbyterians have called "being regenerated" for centuries.

I hope that all of your dreams and ambitions, as well as your hopes and aspirations for 2016, will be fulfilled in each of your lives. I also pray that we will all do our best to get closer to God by worshipping more on Sundays at church, read the Bible on a daily basis, and become a part of a Sunday School class or a ministry team at Erin. Our wee church can make a lasting and effective difference to our community and the wider world. Your participation is crucial to the success of all that we seek to do for the Lord in our lives, as well as touching the lives of others around us.

May God bless you and all your loved ones throughout 2016. May you all experience a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Pastor John Stuart
John Stuart

Connections Sunday School Class

Each Sunday, the pastor teaches a Sunday school class in the Heritage Room from 9:45AM to 10:30AM. Every month, a new topic is chosen and the pastor enables the class participants to discuss Bible passages, faith experiences, and current events. The following is a list of topics for the classes in January. *Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to participate.*

Jan 03 – Feb 07, 2015

6 week series – Humble Beginnings

A look at some of the Bible's most famous characters and their simple origins.

Jan 03	Abraham and Sarah – Godly Gypsies	Jan 24	Esther – Beauty and the Beast
Jan 10	Joseph – Walk Like an Egyptian	Jan 31	Peter – Just a Common Fisherman
Jan 17	David – The Shepherd King	Feb 07	Lydia – The Laundry Lady

- BIRTHDAYS

January

1

Christa Mueller

3

Joe Tate

4

James Montgomery

Lanie Webb

Suzanne Levering

John Moxham

6

Mary Nelle Cate

Chloe Webb

Tracy Foster

9

John Sturgis

10

Kelly Boyd

11

Alee Strand

12

Kelly Canan

14

Paul Armsworth

19

Tara Link

Elizabeth Sturgis

LouL Tate

21

Evelyn Stuart

Al Wallin

28

Mike Jackson

30

Lora Yard

31

Hallie Fellers
- If you know of a birthday that is not listed, please contact the office.*

February

2

Ginger Thompson

6

Neill Murphy

8

Joe Judge

9

Sidney Ryan

10

Eva Quinley Lynch

12

Rose Armsworth

13

Jodi Yau

Dan Gibbs

14

Bette Brasher

17

David McKay

19

Marc Miller

Cecilia Stinnett

20

Anna McKay

22

Grant Dunaway

24

McLain Miller


27

Mike Cate

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Robbie Levering

Gaevin Miller

Harter Crisp
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Kids Ministries

Planet Worship Volunteers	
JANUARY	
1/3:	Farrah Linkous
1/10:	Kristi Bailes
1/17:	Jennifer Gahan
1/24:	Jane Brannon
1/31:	Lori Hudson




EPIPHANY

This month in Planet Worship, kids will learn about Epiphany and celebrate the arrival of the Three Wise Men, who brought gifts of gold, myrrh, and frankincense to Jesus. Throughout the month, we'll learn how Epiphany (also known as Three Kings Day) is celebrated around the world.

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to all the Planet Worship volunteers who led lessons throughout 2015! Erin Church is blessed to have a team of 13 volunteers who lead Planet Worship each week. The sharing of your time and talents is a true blessing and a gift to our children. Thank you for your dedication and for helping our children to grow in their faith.

In Christ,
Joy Bornhoeft



Returns Wednesday January 6th
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Family Life Center

JANUARY – cold, windy, sometimes snowy – the perfect month to stay inside and curl up with a good book! Oh, what to do when the sun does not shine and it's too wet to play and too wet to go out?? Well, we'll read **The Cat in the Hat** and learn a few tricks and some new games from the Cat himself. And then, we'll have a slumber party, wear our pajamas, and read **The Sleep Book** and **A Great Day for Up**.

Also, this month, we will celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday with a lesson on tolerance and the reading of the Dr. Seuss classic, **The Sneetches**.



Volunteers

If you need to change your volunteer slot, please organize a swap or a substitute. Then, let the front office know at 588-5350 or admin@erinpresbyterian.org.

1/3/2016	1/10/2016	1/17/2016	1/24/2016	1/31/2016
<u>Coffee Host</u> Dave Stinnett	<u>Coffee Host</u> Lori Hudson	<u>Coffee Host</u> Larry McKay	<u>Coffee Host</u> Dan Gibbs	<u>Coffee Host</u> Betty Gibbs
<u>Greeter</u> Ginger Thompson Suzanne Levering	<u>Greeter</u> Ron DuBois Sonja DuBois	<u>Greeter</u> Eden McDonald Carole McDonald	<u>Greeter</u> Don Quinley Linda Quinley	<u>Greeter</u> Gary Pennington Kay Pennington
<u>Bell Ringer</u> Rose Armsworth	<u>Bell Ringer</u> Aiden Strand	<u>Bell Ringer</u> Carter McCallum	<u>Bell Ringer</u> Isabella Armsworth	<u>Bell Ringer</u> Ella Levering
<u>Guide</u> Kristi Bailes	<u>Guide</u> Ron DuBois	<u>Guide</u> Bob McLean	<u>Guide</u> Eva Lynch	<u>Guide</u> Jane Brannon
<u>Reader</u> Suzanne Levering	<u>Reader</u> Sonja DuBois	<u>Reader</u> Lynne Jones	<u>Reader</u> Cathy VanOstrand	<u>Reader</u> Dave Stinnett
<u>Usher</u> Brooks Eggers Katie Bailes Bob McLean Lynne Jones	<u>Usher</u> Ricky McCallum Erin McCallum Jim Montgomery Don Quinley	<u>Usher</u> Eden McDonald Jim Thompson Kim Pennington Dusty Pennington	<u>Usher</u> Amanda Murphy Suzanne Levering Mike Cate Mary Nelle Cate	<u>Usher</u> Dave Leckie Robbie Levering Patty Britton Tammy Murphy
<u>Planet Worship</u> Farrah Linkous	<u>Planet Worship</u> Kristi Bailes	<u>Planet Worship</u> Jennifer Gahan	<u>Planet Worship</u> Jane Brannon	<u>Planet Worship</u> Lori Hudson
<u>Nursery ~ Worship</u> Tammy Murphy	<u>Nursery ~ Worship</u> Kim Pennington	<u>Nursery ~ Worship</u> Jennifer Gahan	<u>Nursery ~ Worship</u> Kelsey Sarles	<u>Nursery ~ Worship</u> Kelcey Levering
<u>Counter</u> Neill Murphy David Eggers	<u>Counter</u> Sean Gahan Eva Lynch	<u>Counter</u> Ricky McCallum Mike Jones	<u>Counter</u> John House Justin Bornhoeft	<u>Counter</u> Dave Stinnett Larry McKay
<u>Communion</u> Class of 2017				

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Stewardship I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you. Thank you for being part of our church family. Thanks for the fellowship. Thanks for caring. Thanks for the financial support. Thanks for the time and talents you provide to the church. Thanks for the kindness. Thanks for the love. Thanks for sharing. And most of all, thanks to God who makes all things possible.

God bless you,
Justin Bornhoeft
Stewardship Convener

S.A.M

In the past, Erin's Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) met monthly for a "bring your own sandwich" lunch. They took day trips to museums and community theaters, and they invited local speakers in to address interesting topics.

Is there interest among our 55+ members to re-start SAM? Join us for a gathering after church on Sunday, January 17th to discuss ideas. Please call the church office 588-5350 by Friday, January 15th if you plan to attend. Even if you cannot attend, please call the office and provide your thoughts.

Wednesday Night
Dinner
starts back on January
6th!
All are welcome to join!
Call the church office
With your reservation.