# WordPlayers

### The WordPlayers are having a FREE preview show on March 5th at 11:00AM. All are welcome!

On a Hill Far Away – Sketches and music by Ethan Norman
The WordPlayers' original production *On a Hill Far Away* captures characters from the
Gospel accounts in the wake of their life changing interactions with Jesus. With an
inspiring mix of humor, drama, and music, *On a Hill Far Away* takes truth and testimony
that seem so far away, and connects them with our here and now in a picture that
people today can step into.
Length: app. 40 minutes

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March, 2016

### **Upcoming Events**

#### March 1st

6PM - Staff MTG 6:30PM - Property MTG 7PM - Discipleship MTG 7PM - Fellowship MTG

#### March 4th

9AM-Church Women United 6PM - Erin Game Night

#### March 5th

10AM - Journey 7 Workshop

#### March 7th

7PM - PW Evening Circle

#### March 8th

10AM - PW Morning Circle **March 10th** 

#### 7:30PM - Stewardship

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#### March 12th

9AM - Sonshine

#### March 17th

12PM - SAM Luncheon 7PM - Session

#### March 19th

9:30AM - Men's Breakfast 6:30PM - BreadBreakers

#### March 22nd

6:30PM - Marketing MTG

#### March 24th

6:30PM - Maundy Thursday Service

#### March 27th

9:30AM - Brandon Breakfast

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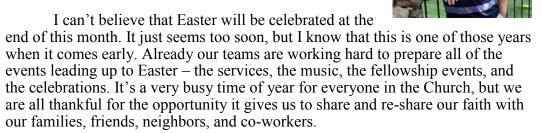
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### A Message From The Pastor

Rev. John Stuart

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." – Ephesians 4:32

Dear Erin folks,



At the heart of Easter is the gift of forgiveness. Our sins, our mistakes, our broken promises, and personal disappointments can be swept clean and put behind us if we choose to do so. The mercy that God gives to us personally can be shared collectively, so that other people can be drawn to Christ's Cross and experience His Resurrection all over one weekend.

It's also a time when we can forgive ourselves of foolish things and personal mistakes. Emotionally, we may carry a lot of baggage from the past which eventually will wear us down. The great news of the Gospel is that we don't need to continually afflict ourselves with them. We can leave our burdens at the foot of Christ's Cross, feel the joy of forgiveness, and go on to live a new life filled with faith, hope, and love.

So whatever you are going through, whatever pain or regrets you are carrying, whatever anxieties or worries are perhaps wearing you out, please know this: Christ can take them off your back and pin them to His Cross because He loves you truly, compassionately, and eternally.

May God bless you and all your loved ones. May He give you your heart's desire and make all your plans succeed.

Pastor John

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#### March, 2016

#### BIRTHDAYS March

- 1 Kim Jaynes
- 1 Madeline Griffin
- 2 Kristi Bailes
- 3 Kari Matthews
- 11 Steve Foster
- 13 Eleanor Jaynes
- 13 Bayard Erskine
- 14 Mike Massengill14 Kenleigh Pennignton
- 15 Kayla Scarbrough
- 16 Maggie Gunter
- 16 Mollie Gunter
- 17 Stan Stevens
- 19 John Stuart
- 22 Emme Ritchie
- 25 Cynthia House
- 26 Happy Hilty
- 28 Morgan Fitch
- 28 Dale Webb

#### If you know of a birthday that is not listed, please contact the office.

#### <u>April</u>

- 1 David Snodgrass
- 2 Carol Robbins
- 3 Henry Thomas Ritchie
- 3 Kathryn Bornhoeft
- 4 Becky Cameron
- 5 Peggy Cuany
- 6 Karen Price
- 9 Dan Berry
- 9 Craig Strand
- 13 Jane Cowen
- 14 Erin McCallum
- 16 Peter McKay17 Jennifer Gahan
- 18 John House
- 21 Melinda Massengill
- 22 Seth Dunaway
- 25 Josh Evans
- 29 Jenny Rogers
- 30 Aaron Foster



# PW Update



#### Thursday, April 21, 2016 – Come See Columbia Day

An opportunity to visit Columbia Seminary, Mission Haven, meet the scholarship recipients funded by the Columbia Friendship Circle and take a trip to the Dekalb Farmer's Market.

#### Saturday, April 30, 2016 – PW Annual Gathering

To be held at New Providence Presbyterian Church in Maryville. The theme this year is "Building Bridges". You will be able to register in the next couple of weeks, so stay tuned to announcements at the next circle meetings, the bulletin board in the hallway and in upcoming bulletins. Keynote speakers are Susan Adle from Mission Haven in Decatur, GA and Camille Gaffron from Villa International in Atlanta.

It would be great to have as many ladies from Erin there as possible for the roll call of churches! Your new Moderator for PW of the Presbytery is a fellow Erinite, so your presence to show your support would be greatly appreciated.

### Thursday, May 12, 2016 – Hosting the Coordinating Team of PW of the Presbytery of East Tennessee

Incoming and outgoing officers of the PWPET will gather in the Fellowship Hall for their quarterly meeting. We will provide coffee, juice, morning treats for their arrival around 9:30 a.m. They will break for lunch at noon, also provided by us (each attendee pays for lunch and reservations are required the week before). Since this is a transition meeting for the officers, they will probably adjourn around 2 p.m. and possibly work through lunch since a large percentage of the team drives from outside the Knoxville area (Chattanooga, Maryville, Lenoir City, etc.).

#### June 8 – June 11, 2016 – Triennial Gathering PW Synod of Living Waters

To be held atFirst Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN. There will be workshops each day, worship services, music, resource rooms, gift shop (crafts, jams/jellies made by PW's from the Synod, all proceeds benefitting Living Waters for the World). If you are interested in attending any part of the Gathering (or the whole), contact*Cecilia Stinnett*at 406-1405 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:cecestinnett@yahoo.com">cecestinnett@yahoo.com</a> for a registration form that includes the fees, list of workshops and hotels being held by the Synod.

The Evening Circle will meet on March 7 at 7:00 pm....we are changing the date to avoid Spring Break. We will be studying Lesson 6 on our own and Lesson 7 will be for discussion.

The Morning Circle will meet on March 8 at 10:00 am. We will be discussing Lesson 6.

Please consider joining at either time....

# 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.



3/13/2016 **Coffee Host** Lori Hudson <u>Greeter</u> Mike Cate Mary Nelle Cate **Bell Ringer** Isabella Armsworth **Guide** John House Reader Stacie Armsworth **Usher Katie Bailes** Dave Leckie Pat Wallin Jim Montgomery **Planet Worship** Kim Pennington Nursery ~ Worship Erin McCallum Counter

3/20/2016 **Coffee Host Dave Stinnett** Greeter **Dave Stinnett** Cecilia Stinnett Bell Ringer Ella Levering <u>Guide</u> Jane Brannon Reader **Evelyn Stuart** <u>Usher</u> Robbie Levering Suzanne Levering Linda Quinley Don Quinley **Planet Worship** Stacie Armsworth Nursery ~ Worship Jackie Griffin Counter John House Justin Bornhoeft

3/27/2016 **Coffee Host** Dan Gibbs Greeter Lynne Jones Farrah Linkous **Bell Ringer** Aiden Strand Guide **Bob McLean** Reader Pat Sexton <u>Usher</u> **Kay Pennington Gary Pennington** Ron DuBois Sonja DuBois **Planet Worship** Joy Bornhoeft Nursery ~ Worship Jennifer Gahan Counter **Neill Murphy** 

**David Eggers** 

#### **Easter Events**

Communion

Class of 2016

**Sunday March 20** – Palm Sunday – palm leaves distributed to everyone during the 11:00am worship service.

Ricky McCallum

Mike Jones

**Thursday March 24** – Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service – special Communion service 6:30pm.

Easter Sunday March 27 – Sunrise service – time and place to be confirmed

**Easter Breakfast** – 9:30AM Fellowship Hall – followed by Easter Egg hunt for the children

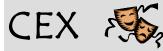
Easter Worship service – 11:00AM in sanctuary – bring all your family & friends

#### **Coffee Conversations Class**

The pastor teaches a Bible Study lesson each Sunday in the heritage Room from 9:45AM to 10:30AM. He uses a process that he has developed for a new series of his Bible Study e-books that are now available for folks wanting to start a basic and simple small group study with their friends, co-workers, and neighbors. You can see a selection of his Coffee Conversations e-books on Amazon at his Christian author web-page, which can be found at this link: <a href="http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B005MAJRNE">http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B005MAJRNE</a>

If you would like to start a small group study, Pastor John will be delighted to help you to organize it and offer you advice about how to lead it. Just send him an email to <a href="mailto:pastor@erinpresbyterian.org">pastor@erinpresbyterian.org</a> and he'll be happy to respond.

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"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven." --Matthew 5:16

- Thanks so much for everyone who participated in the annual "Gifts of Children"
  Worship Service on February 21<sup>st</sup>! We appreciate all of the time and efforts of all of
  the children and youth, and we appreciate that Erin provides the opportunity to
  share gifts with our Erin church family and community! A special thanks to Cynthia
  House for directing and coordinating this service.
- Sonshine Company presents: "Hope Rising Ranch"! Our annual Spring Production is gearing up and "saddling" up for the show production on April 22-24, 2016. The kiddos, parent volunteers, staff and church volunteers are working hard on the show---and we are excited to bring to you the flavor of the Wild West along with a trip down memory lane through music, dance, and song. It's truly an adventure for all generations! Look for information on show times and tickets in the church bulletin, newsletter, the church website, and social media!
- The Erin Youth Players' Summer Production for 2016 will be "Suessical"—the Musical! We are excited about the opportunity to offer our program and community outreach as a theatre experience for youth in a learning Christian environment, and we are thrilled to be presenting this production as a 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary production of this wonderful musical. Please look for more information in the church bulletin, newsletter, website, and facebook page regarding April auditions information.

For more information on CEX programs, activities, and outreach opportunities, please see <a href="https://www.erinpresbyterian.org">www.erinpresbyterian.org</a>, contact the church office, or see a ministry team member.

# Erin Game Night



Do you like to play cards, dominoes, board games? Of course you do! Then, come visit with your fellow Erin Presbyterian family across a game table. Our next game night will take place on Friday, March 4th from 7:00-9:30. Bring a hearty appetizer or substantial munchie to share with everyone. Last month, we emptied the refreshment table with 26 participants that worked up an appetite playing ten different games. Also, Eden & Carole McDonald led the group in a fun trivia competition that included prizes for the two winners Kim Pennington and Keith Stump.

So, invite your friends, your neighbors, your family to come join in and fellowship with us at Erin! If you have questions, please contact Karen Stump, game night coordinator at 660-6288 or any fellowship team member.





### Ministry Matters

CEX, Kristi Bailes Discipleship, Stacie Armsworth Fellowship, Betty Gibbs Outreach, Cecilia Stinnett Property, Kelly Ross Stewardship, Justin Bornhoeft

### Fellowship Update

March 1<sup>st</sup> is just around the corner, and we hope you can join the Let's Do Dinner group on that date at 5:00 pm at Cheddar's Restaurant on Kingston Pike. This is open to anyone, so come and join us! Please let Mary Scarbrough at 691-8658, or Barbara Brazelton at 693-3749 know if you are able to attend.

Easter is almost here – can Spring be far away?!!! While making up your March calendar, we hope you will join us at the Brandon Breakfast on Easter Morning at 9:30. The breakfast is followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children at 10:00 and worship service at II:00. Feel free to invite a friend to join us!

# ATTENTION ALL SENIORS!!!!

You are cordially invited to join other Senior Adult Ministry members at a FREE luncheon on March 17 at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Come and catch up with your friends (and maybe make a new one!) and see what is going on at Erin. This is open to all members who are 55 years of age and older. We hope to see you there!

### Discipleship Update

#### Mark Your Calendars

The fourth annual Claude & Pat Houbler Annual Church Family Retreat at Camp John Knox will be Friday-Saturday, August 26-27. Save the date!

#### **Sunday School Cancelled**

There will be no Sunday School on March 27, Easter Sunday, to allow everyone to participate in the Brandon Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. Have a Blessed Easter!

### Stewardship Update

Hello Friends,

On February 21st the congregation approved the pastor terms of call for a six month period from January 1st to June 30th. This aligns the call with the new budget year that ends on June 30. Look for the next terms of call to take place in the May/June timeframe for the next fiscal year which runs July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

The good news on the financial front is that we continue to live in the financial black.

Should you have any questions about church finances or other Stewardship activities, feel free to contact Eva, Neill, or me. Better yet, come join our next Stewardship meeting on March 10 at 7:30pm in the new education wing.

God bless,
Justin Bornhoeft

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### Youth Notes



#### **Erin Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

March 9, 2015 @5:45

Please join us for a spaghetti dinner and help support our Erin youth. All funds raised at the dinner will be used for youth Montreat expenses. Tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for children and will be on sale beginning Sunday, February 28 in the Narthex.

Thank you to everyone that came out for the youth pancake dinner. We really appreciate everyone's support. With your help we were able to raise \$456.73 for this summer's Montreat camps.

#### **Youth Calendar**

Our youth have started keeping a calendar of their activities, located outside of the youth director's office. Please stop by and see all the things our youth have going on and take the opportunity to go out and see them shine outside of church. Just this past month we've had Knox County Middle School Honors Band, KSO Youth Orchestra, Bye Bye Birdie, Hansel and Gretel with the Knoxville Opera, LipSync at Bearden Middle, a talent show, and basketball games. So if you have a free Friday night and are looking for something to do, check out our youth calendar! The kids are also listing things like big tests, projects for school, and tryouts and auditions, so that we can offer up a little extra prayer for them during those times.



# Marketing Update

#### Erin Presbyterian Church Congregant Survey

Now that we have adopted new Mission and Vision statements, we want to make sure that we continually work to live up to these statements. To make sure that we are on the right track, our team has developed a series of questions that we'd like you to answer. The survey is available both online and on paper. If you are able, please consider taking the survey online. This will help the Survey Team collate responses more quickly and accurately. The link to the online survey is <a href="http://goo.gl/forms/wr7RYJkdDH">http://goo.gl/forms/wr7RYJkdDH</a>. More detailed information is available on the cover page on the survey.

Thank you!

Stacie Armsworth, Justin Bornhoeft, Suzanne Levering, and Kelly Ross Survey Mini-Team (a subcommittee of The Strategic Marketing Team)

### Kids Ministries

Planet Worship Volunteers			
MARCH			
3/6:	Kelcey Levering		
3/13:	Kim Pennington		
3/20:	Stacie Armsworth		
3/27:	Joy Bornhoeft		

### News from PLANET W RSHIP





Let's Grow

Last month in Planet Worship, the children made a Lenten parament for the communion table. This month, we will continue the theme "Let's Grow into Lent: Lessons from our gardening God." Each week, children will explore bible stories with the theme of gardens and growing. Stories will be told through a series of symbols, which the children will use to decorate a special Lenten tree. Coordinating worship bulletins will be available near the children's worship bags for each Sunday in Lent and on Easter.



Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 pm Family Life Center



On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Pioneer Club will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss, who was born on March 2, 1904. In his lifetime, Theodor Seuss Geisel wrote and illustrated over 40 books, including some of the most popular children's books of all time. His works have been translated in over 20 languages and sold over 600 million copies. *The Cat in the Hat* (1957) and *Green Eggs and Ham* (1960) are his two biggest sellers. Interestingly, *Green Eggs and Ham*, was the result of a bet that Dr. Seuss could not write

These words are, in order of appearance: I am Sam; that; do not like; you green eggs and ham; them; would here or there; anywhere; in a house with mouse; eat box fox; car they; could; may will see tree; let me be; train on; say the dark; rain; goat; boat; so try may; if; good; thank.

a book using only 50 words.

Throughout this month, Pioneer Club kids will continue to explore the wonderful works of Dr. Seuss. However, there will be *no Pioneer Club on March 16<sup>th</sup>*, due to Knox County Schools Spring Break.

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# Legacy Fund/Financials

The Legacy Fund is a new development program that was approved by Session to help provide a secure financial future for our church through encouraging members to make major gifts, mainly through Bequests in their Will. It is intended to help provide a secure financial basis for the future of our church. It will be set up as a designated account, to be used for expenditures that fulfill long-term goals, while still providing enough flexibility to ensure that our church remains secure and prosperous in the medium-term. The Legacy Fund will not be used for routine operating expenses or to fill annual income shortfalls. Spending priorities include:

Paying down the debt

Exceptional maintenance needs or additional renovations

Campaigns to recruit new members

Seed money for new ministry team initiatives

Search/replacement costs for personnel

Other non-operating budget expenditures, approved by Session

The Legacy Fund will be for bequests or other major planned gifts and is not intended to compete with annual giving. A "development team" will carry out a fund-raising campaign, which may include presentations to the congregation, one-on-one meetings with interested donors and their families, arranged consultations or seminars with finance/estate planning experts, preparation of gift/bequest agreements or payment plans, etc. A permanent plaque or wall display will be established in the church to joyfully thank major contributors to the Legacy Fund who choose to be recognized. The initial campaign for the Legacy fund will last for approximately two years, until the end of 2018. Annual reports on donations and expenditures will be provided to Session and the congregation, with names of donors removed. If you'd like to find out more about the Legacy Fund, please contact Larry McKay at <a href="majority-legacy">legacy</a> McKay at <a href="majority-legacy">legacy</a> like to find out more about the Legacy Fund, please contact Larry McKay at <a href="majority-legacy">legacy</a> like to find out more about the Legacy Fund, please contact Larry

Prayerfully submitted,

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Larry McKay, Chair of the Legacy Fund Development Team February 2016

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# Erin Presbyterian Church Budget vs. Actual - All July 1, 2015 through February 13, 2016

	Jul 1, '15 - Feb 13, 16	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Memorial Income	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Creative Expression Income	824.00	5,337.83	-4,513.83
Discipleship Income	5,505.48	7,778.77	-2,273.29
Fellowship Income	7,063.00	6,336.15	726.85
Offerings	238,345.45	215,289.45	23,056.00
Outreach Income	162.55	0.00	162.55
Property Income	23,400.03	5,834.45	17,565.58
PW Income	431.00	0.00	431.00
Restricted Accts Income	2,019.00	0.00	2,019.00
Stewardship Income	240.58	52.14	188.44
Total Income	279,991.09	240,628.79	39,362.30
Gross Profit	279,991.09	240,628.79	39,362.30
Expense			
Creative Expressions Ministry	6,291.21	13,918.75	-7,627.54
Discipleship Team	7,949.67	21,509.87	-13,560.20
Fellowship Team	5,585.78	6,617.21	-1,031.43
Outreach Team	17,272.04	18,620.68	-1,348.64
Pastoral Ministry	61,055.70	65,802.74	-4,747.04
Property Team	46,383.44	32,089.62	14,293.82
Restricted Accts Expense	323.00	0.00	323.00
Stewardship Team	67,581.46	80,103.81	-12,522.35
Worship Team	825.91	2,060.70	-1,234.79
Total Expense	213,268.21	240,723.38	-27,455.17
let Income	66,722.88	-94.59	66,817.47

#### Erin Presbyterian Church Balance Sheet As of February 13, 2016

## Erin Presbyterian Church Profit & Loss

July 1, 2015 through February 13, 2016

	Feb 13, 16		
ASSETS			Jul 1, '15 - Feb 13, 16
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings		Income	
HF Primary Checking	4,407.87	Memorial Income	2,000.00
HF Savings SunTrust Checking	186,583.40 1.001.63	Creative Expression Income	824.00
SunTrust Debit Card Account	697.24	Discipleship Income	5,505.48
Total Chapking/Savings	192,690.14	Fellowship Income	7,063.00
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Total Current Assets	192,690.14	Outreach Income	162.55
Fixed Assets	,	Property Income	23,400.03
Building Improvements	12,826.00	PW Income	431.00
Computer Equipment	1,109.97	Restricted Accts Income	2,019.00
Furniture and fixtures	35,699.89	Stewardship Income	240.58
General Equipment	9,764.55	Transfer from Capital Campai	0.00
Accumulated Depreciation	-32,255.45		
Total Fixed Assets	27,144.96	Total Income	279,991.09
TOTAL ASSETS	219,835.10	Gross Profit	279,991.09
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		Expense	
Liabilities		Creative Expressions Ministry	6,291.21
Current Liabilities		Discipleship Team	7,949.67
Other Current Liabilities Payroll Liabilities	43.20	Fellowship Team	5,585.78
		Outreach Team	17,272.04
Total Other Current Liabilities	43.20		
Total Current Liabilities	43.20	Pastoral Ministry	61,055.70
Total Culterit Liabilities	40.20	Payroll Expenses	0.00
Total Liabilities	43.20	Property Team	46,383.44
Equity		Restricted Accts Expense	323.00
Restricted Funds	250.00	Stewardship Team	67,581.46
Retained Earnings	105,654.77	Worship Team	825.91
Unrestricted Funds	47,164.25	Total Expense	213,268.21
Net Income	66,722.88	Total Expelise	
Total Equity	219,791.90	Net Income	66,722.88
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	219,835.10	Erin Presbyterian Ch	urch

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#### EPC Capital Campaign/Lower the Debt Acct Profit & Loss

July 1, 2015 through February 13, 2016

	Jul 1, '15 - Feb 13, 16
Income Lower The Debt Pledges	9,260.00
Total Lower The Debt	9,260.00
Total Income	9,260.00
Expense Expenses Administrative Bank Service Charges Interest Expense	1.75 14,516.02
Total Administrative	14,517.77
Total Expenses	14,517.77
Total Expense	14,517.77
Net Income	-5,257.77

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