

# The Beacon

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## Upcoming Events

### May 1

Youth Silent Auction  
2 PM- Joint Team MTG

### May 3

7 PM- Discipleship MTG  
Fellowship MTG

### May 8

12:15PM- CEX MTG  
Outreach MTG

### May 9

7 PM- PW Evening Circle

### May 10

10 AM- PW Morning Circle  
6 PM- Staff MTG  
6:30PM- Property MTG  
7:30PM- Stewardship MTG

### May 11

5:45PM- Last WND before  
Summer

### May 12

10 AM- PWPETCT

### May 15

Teacher Appreciation Sunday

### May 19

7 PM - Session

### May 21

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

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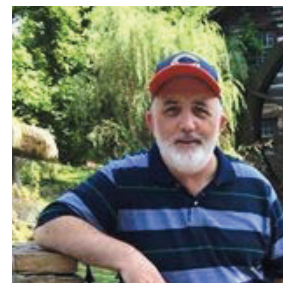
## A Message From The Pastor

Rev. John Stuart

**Revelation 3:20**      **Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.**

Dear Friends,

Quite recently, one of our young kids brought me a beautiful colored crayon drawing. It was a picture of our church with her standing in it. She had written a caption above it, which read: "Thank you for welcoming me." She drew the picture during a Sunday School lesson, which was all about our congregation being a welcoming church.



It was a lovely picture and a great lesson. Our wee church is a wonderful welcoming place and for years people have walked through our doors to be welcomed by our greeters, ushers, and members in the pews on Sunday mornings. It feels good to know that we sincerely care about the visitors in our midst and how often we encourage and embrace them to be part of our church family.

Lots of congregations are welcoming churches. Whenever I go somewhere on vacation, I like to visit a local church, not just to worship God, but to also experience what kind of welcome is given. I haven't been disappointed once because most Presbyterian Christians actually care about visitors and want them to feel accepted and comfortable in a new place.

These days, however, with 80% of mainline churches plateauing or declining, it's not enough just to be a welcoming church in order to survive. Churches have to take it one step further up and become an **inviting** church. In other words, if congregational members take church growth seriously, then they will also invite other folks, family, and friends to church on Sunday mornings. Even our wee church could effectively grow, if we were all to commit to inviting and bringing others to our worship services on Sunday mornings.

So, will you accept this challenge today? Will you invite other people to come and worship at Erin? Will you reach out to others and let them know where we are, what we do, and how we serve God? Erin is already a wonderful welcoming church; let's take it up a notch and become an intentional inviting church, so that Christ's ministry and mission will continue to effectively expand in our community.

**Matthew 28:19**      **Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

God bless us all.  
Pastor John

**BIRTHDAYS**

May

- 1 Henry Fellers
- 2 Joan Miller
- 2 Britani Massengill
- 3 Carson Matthews
- 4 Gary Pennington
- 4 Will McCallum
- 6 Kelcey Levering
- 7 LaVonne Knight
- 9 Justin Bornhoeft
- 12 Ruth White
- 12 Mila Yau
- 13 Ann Snodgrass
- 18 Cade Quinn
- 19 Donna Schall
- 20 Wes Fellers
- 21 Beverley Owen
- 22 Jim Thompson
- 26 Colton Pennington
- 27 Zach Cowen
- 28 Diana Brandon
- 30 Libby Dunaway

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

June

- 2 Betty Gibbs
- 2 Anna Bornhoeft
- 3 David Cowen
- 3 Abby Scarbrough
- 4 Keegan Stump
- 4 Konnor Stump
- 5 Linda Ross
- 5 Gaines Miller
- 5 Ella Levering
- 6 Linda Moxham
- 8 Molly Miller
- 8 Thomas Boyd
- 9 Stacie Armsworth
- 11 Jane Brannon
- 12 Charles Snodgrass
- 15 Ashley Draper
- 16 Karen Stump
- 16 Joy Bornhoeft
- 16 Hannah Yau
- 18 Pat Wallin
- 20 Tammy Murphy
- 21 John Miller
- 21 Jack Draper
- 23 Hayden Crisp
- 24 Rob Lynch
- 24 Brooks Eggers
- 30 Lacie Scarbrough



# CEX



Thanks so much for your participation, encouragement, and support of this year's Sonshine Company Production: "Hope Rising Ranch!" Our annual Spring Production was time well spent after a year of our children's theatre workshop....an adventure to bring to you the flavor of the Wild West along with a trip down memory lane through music, dance, and song. The cast, crew, and set were amazing, and it was such a beautiful way to show that God's love is ever-present and amazing, and that nothing is impossible! "Hope Rising Ranch" showed us how real and amazing God's love is for us, how every day begins with a "Good Morning," how we can learn from one another, how to remember to be "Happy", and essentially, what "We Believe."

Thanks so much to our congregation---we are blessed at Erin to have such a wonderful ministry program for kids, families, and our community!

Journey 7 and Dayspring Dance have had a wonderful year! These programs will end in mid-May, and will resume with the new school year. Thanks to all of our youth participants and their families. A special thanks to Jessica Magers-Rankin for directing our J7 troupe this year, to Courtney Vanderpool for directing and choreographing our Dayspring troupe this year!!



Erin Youth Players present "Seussical—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. Rehearsals will start in May, and show dates are:

Thursday, June 23 (7:00 p.m.)

Friday, June 24 (7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 25 (7:00 p.m.)

Sunday, June 26 (2:00 p.m.)

**"Oh, the Places You'll Go" when you experience this show! Please plan to join in the fun!**

Production team opportunities are available...if you and/or youth are interested in helping with the show this year, we can put you to work! Please contact Kristi Bailes ([kristi\\_bailes@yahoo.com](mailto:kristi_bailes@yahoo.com)).

## Ministry Matters

*CEX, Kristi Bailes  
Discipleship, Stacie Armsworth  
Fellowship, Betty Gibbs*

*Outreach, Mike Jones  
Property, Kelly Ross  
Stewardship, Justin Bornhoeft*

### Fellowship Update

Many thanks to our Wednesday Night Dinner chefs for the wonderful meals they have prepared for us this past season! Dan and Betty Gibbs, assisted by Pat Wallin, Diana Brandon and Carole and Eden McDonald were joined this year by "Team Two" consisting of Pat Wallin, Jackie Griffin, Linda Quinley and Bob McLean. Their generous contributions of time and talent are gratefully appreciated. Of course, when there is cookin' and eaten', there is always clean up! Our cook teams are joined primarily by Al Wallin, Larry McKay, Justin Bornhoeft, Paul Armsworth, Bob McLean, Lynn and Pat Sexton and Effie Fellers as their schedules permit for these not so fun chores. Many thanks to them and the others who jump in now and then.

Our last Wednesday Night Dinner for the season is May 11<sup>th</sup>. The local Presbyterian Women of the Church will be celebrating their birthday that evening, so please come and join us for the fun!

There will not be a "Let's Do Dinner" in May. Please join this fun group on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. The restaurant where we'll meet is to be announced.

Watch for news on the July 3rd Pot Luck Luncheon after church to celebrate our Country's birthday! The first Wednesday Night Dinner in the Fall season will be September 7<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, we hope everyone has a fun and safe summer!

### Stewardship Update



The Stewardship Committee expresses its sincere gratitude for the generous estimate of giving cards received during New Consecration Sunday. If you haven't yet turned in your estimate of giving card for 2016, we encourage you to participate - to let God's wondrous Spirit work through you for the benefit of Christ's church. Growing in Christ, our theme for this Stewardship Campaign, should continue to be our goal - not just for this season, but forevermore. Dennis Lovin, our NCS Moderator, was quick to realize the wonderful symmetry of our having our New Consecration Sunday and Confirmation Sunday on the same day. We were given the opportunity to re-commit and pledge to our Creator a portion of the resources He has so richly given us, at the same Service when six of our impressive young people turn over their lives to Christ. This is a marvelous time in the life of Erin Presbyterian Church. Praise the Lord!

Thanks to all who served during the Stewardship Campaign: Dan and Betty Gibbs, Diana Brandon, Eva Lynch, Rickey McCallum, Carole McDonald...your contributions were invaluable.

# Presbyterian Women



The Erin PW Spring Mission Project for 2016 will focus on the PW-wide emphasis on children's literacy. We will be collecting coloring books, activity books, crayons, and colored pencils (no markers please) to be used on the Hospitality Cart and for special occasions at East TN Children's Hospital. These books should have some readable portions and geared for ages 3-15. There will be a collection box in the Narthex from May 4- 22. Please help us provide a short diversion for these young patients.

PW Birthday Offering will be celebrated at the last Wednesday Night Dinner on May 11. We will have picnic fare and birthday cake. We will also share tables with our "fellow birthday month-ers". The theme for the 2016 Birthday Offering is "Let Justice Roll Down". Four recipients were selected to receive this year's offering: Heartland 180 in Overland Park, KS; Direct Action and Research Training Center, Miami, FL; Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley in Oakland, CA; and Building Minds in South Sudan, Pittsford, NY. Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

PW Circles will meet on May 9 at 7:00 pm and May 10 at 10 am. We will be concluding our study of Come to the Waters with Chapter 9 – River of Life – Hope.

# Discipleship



## You're Invited!

**Who:** Erin Congregants

**What:** Claude and Pat Houbler Annual Church Family Retreat

**Where:** John Knox Center, Ten Mile, TN.

Our speaker will be **Carol Merritt**, a PCUSA minister and a nationally-known speaker and writer on religious issues. Her books are available in the church library and additional information can be found at [www.carolhowardmerritt.org](http://www.carolhowardmerritt.org). Because we have such a high-profile speaker at this year's retreat, we plan to open the afternoon session to pastors and lay pastors from other churches.



To help the Discipleship Team plan cabin space, meals, and activities, **RSVP** to indicate your readiness to attend by **May 15**, using the online survey at [goo.gl/forms/LCbTRffzvl](https://goo.gl/forms/LCbTRffzvl). Paper copies of the survey are also available in the Narthex.

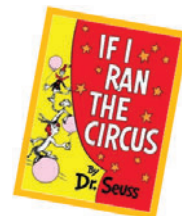


# Kids Ministries

Planet Worship Volunteers	
MAY	
5/1:	Jennifer Gahan
5/8:	Lori Hudson
5/15:	Erin McCallum
5/22:	Brooks Eggers
5/29:	Kim Pennington

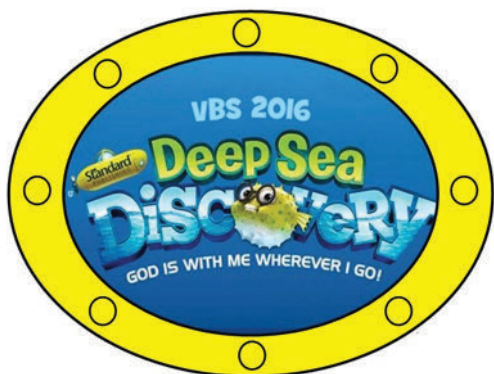


**Wednesdays**  
**6:30 – 7:30 pm**  
**Family Life**



There are only 2 more Wacky Wednesdays left!  
 The last Pioneer Club will be on May 11<sup>th</sup>.  
 We will have an end-of-the-year party under the **BIG TOP**,  
 as we read “If I Ran the Circus.” There will be games,  
 treats, and a crazy craft or two – it’s sure to be a **CIRCUS!**

Sweep, sweep up the memories. Those old, untidy memories.  
 Of what we had one day.  
 Sweep, sweep out the nonsense. That crazy happy nonsense. Sweep, just  
 sweep it all away.  
 Sweep, sweep out the laughter. There's no more time for laughter.  
 At least, not until after. . . I come back. . . now You know I just may!



## Weekend VBS June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

**Friday:** 2 – 5pm, with a potluck dinner  
**Saturday:** 9am – 3pm, lunch provided  
**Sunday:** 2 – 5pm

For Ages 3 yrs. Old – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Middle and HS Youth Serve as Jr. Helpers

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**  
 on-line at

[www.vacationbibleschool.com/erin\\_messiah](http://www.vacationbibleschool.com/erin_messiah)

Childcare will be provided for volunteers with children under 3 years old.  
 Please register *all children*, including Youth Helpers and those in the nursery.

# Outreach

One of our PC (U.S.A.) Mission Co-Workers in the Middle East will be the guest of the Presbytery's Peacemaking Committee on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Rev. Elmarie Parker is based in Beirut, Lebanon and serves as the Regional Liaison between the PCUSA and Presbyterian partner churches in Lebanon, Syria, and Iran. She will present a program for area churches and the Knoxville community on **Monday evening, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the sanctuary of Westminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 Northshore Drive, Knoxville.

To find out more about the ministry of Elmarie Parker and her husband, Scott, go to their website:

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/elmarie-and-scott-parker/>

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## Holocaust Memorial Day 2016

Begins Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at sunset and ends Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at nightfall.

It commemorates the genocide that resulted in the death of an estimated 6 million Jewish people, 2 million Romani people, 250,000 mentally and physically disabled people, and 9,000 homosexual men by the Nazi regime and its collaborators.

It was designated by the United Nations General Assembly on November 1, 2005, after a special session held earlier that year on January 24<sup>th</sup> marking the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps and the end of the Holocaust.

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## Pentecost Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

Last day to collect the Pentecost Special Offering. Remember, this particular offering benefits ministries for younger members of God's family. ***Forty percent of the Pentecost Offering remains here at Erin to support ministries with children and youth in our church and community.*** This year we have the privilege of having two of our own youth, **Carolyn Gahan** and **McKenzie Stump**, attending the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Perdue University July 19-23. Please give generously to help transform the lives of our young people and to support the offering that will be taken at the Triennium to build 'calamity resilient' shelters in the Philippines.

# Youth Notes



Congratulations to our graduating seniors! Michelle Waters and Sarah McKay will both be graduating from Bearden High School this month. Michelle will be attending Maryville College in the fall, majoring in education and Sarah will be attending the College of Business at UT Knoxville. Be sure to wish the ladies well on their next steps!

We have three Erin youth that will be attending Tennessee Governor's Schools this summer. Governor's School is a very competitive program and students have to be nominated by school counselors and principals to be considered for admittance. Ashley Draper will be attending the Governor's School for the Scientific Exploration of Tennessee Heritage at ETSU, May 29- June 24. Carolyn Gahan and McKenzie Stump will be attending the Governor's School for the Arts at MTSU, June 5 - June 29. We're so proud of our young ladies!

# 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.

MAX

5/1/2016	5/8/2016	5/15/2016	5/22/2016	5/29/2016
<u>Coffee Host</u>	<u>Coffee Host</u>	<u>Coffee Host</u>	<u>Coffee Host</u>	<u>Coffee Host</u>
Anna McKay	Lori Hudson	Dave Stinnett		
<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
Pat Sexton	Erin McCallum	Marty Kirby	Kelli Canan	Kristi Bailes
Lynn Sexton	Ricky McCallum	Agnes Kirby	Hunter/Hayden Crisp	Katie Bailes
<u>Bell Ringer</u>	<u>Bell Ringer</u>	<u>Bell Ringer</u>	<u>Bell Ringer</u>	<u>Bell Ringer</u>
Aiden Strand	Carter McCallum	Kenleigh Pennington		
<u>Guide</u>	<u>Guide</u>	<u>Guide</u>	<u>Guide</u>	<u>Guide</u>
Anna McKay	Pat Wallin	Lynne Jones	Bob McLean	Sherry Draper
<u>Reader</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Reader</u>
Larry McKay	Joy Bornhoeft	Sara Leckie	Pat Sexton	Ashley Draper
<u>Usher</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Usher</u>
Robbie Levering	Kay Pennington	Jim Montgomery	Ron DuBois	Bob McLean
Tammy Murphy	Gary Pennington	Suzanne Levering	Sonja DuBois	Dave Stinnett
Linda Quinley	Kim Pennington	Brooks Eggers	Patty Britton	Rob Lynch
Don Quinley	Dusty Pennington	Katie Bailes	Pat Wallin	Mike Cate
<u>Planet Worship</u>	<u>Planet Worship</u>	<u>Planet Worship</u>	<u>Planet Worship</u>	<u>Planet Worship</u>
Jennifer Gahan	Lori Hudson	Erin McCallum	Brooks Eggers	Kim Pennington
<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
Lynne Jones	Jennifer Gahan	Jackie Griffin	Tammy Murphy	Brooks Eggers
<u>Counter</u>	<u>Counter</u>	<u>Counter</u>	<u>Counter</u>	<u>Counter</u>
Sean Gahan	Ricky McCallum	John House	Neill Murphy	Sean Gahan
Eva Lynch	Mike Jones	Justin Bornhoeft	David Eggers	Eva Lynch
	<u>Communion</u>			
	Class of 2018			



The Erin Property Team invites you to  
"Spring Clean-Up Day"

**Saturday, May 21, 2016**

*Breakfast: 9:00 am*

*Clean Up Time: 9:30-12:30*

## Volunteer Tasks

Outside: weeding, spreading mulch, porch pot planting

Inside: dusting, window cleaning, pew supplies and more.

Bring rakes, tarps, wheelbarrows, garden gloves, Round-Up, power blowers, general tools and cleaning supplies if you have them.

**All skill levels are needed and welcome!**



Join us for a "Spring Clean-Up  
Day Breakfast"

*Hosted by the Gibbs*

*9:00 am - 9:30 am*

**Sign up here and leave in the  
offering plate:**

Name(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

# Coming to Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_

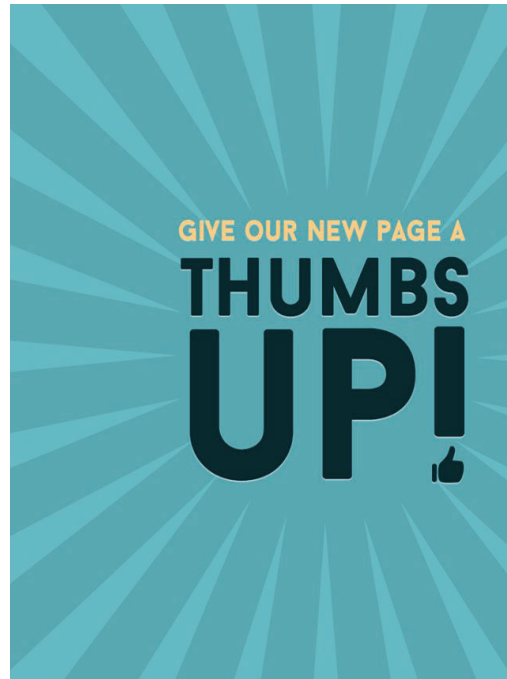
Task(s)

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# Marketing Team Update

**Marketing Team Update** - Don't forget to like our new Facebook page! We're using that page to promote all the good things that go on at Erin (like the upcoming Seussical Show, Wednesday Night Dinners, Sunday School and more!) Visit [www.erinpresbyterian.org](http://www.erinpresbyterian.org) and click on the Facebook icon to find our Facebook page. If you want to go above and beyond, like our posts and share them on your own Facebook pages. Don't worry, our group Facebook page will live on so you can continue to use it for internal communications. Stay tuned for a presentation from our team with our survey results in the coming days. We are still working to summarize the responses we received. You all shared so many phenomenal ideas and helpful information but most importantly, your hearts. In return, we send out a heartfelt thank you.

- The Erin Presbyterian Marketing Team



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