

Presbyterian Women

Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes
2016-2017 PW/Horizons Bible Study by Judy Yates Siker

Each of the study’s nine lessons look at Jesus through a particular theological lens. **Who is Jesus...**

- According to Mark?
- According to Matthew?
- According to Luke?
- According to John?
- According to Paul?
- According to Hebrews?
- According to Non-canonical Gospels?
- According to Other Abrahamic Faiths?
- According to Contemporary Interpretations?

Join us on either the second Monday evening of each month at 7 p.m. or the second Tuesday morning of each month at 10:00 a.m., beginning in September. Both circles will meet in the Parlor.

Thank you to everyone that donated coloring/activity books and crayons to our Spring mission project. The items will put smiles on the faces of many children at Volunteer Ministry Center!

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Upcoming Events

August 2
6:00PM - Staff MTG
6:30PM - Property MTG
7:00PM - Fellowship MTG

August 8
7:00PM - PW Evening Circle

August 9
10AM - PW Morning Circle
7:30PM - Stewardship MTG

August 13
RALLY DAY SET-UP

August 14
RALLY DAY
9:00AM - Breakfast
9:30AM - Sunday School
12:15PM - CEX MTG

August 21
YOUTH SUNDAY
9:30AM - Sunday School

August 23
6:30PM - Marketing MTG

August 25
7:00PM - Session MTG

August 26-27
CHURCH RETREAT
John Knox Center

August 28
9:30 AM - Sunday School

Message from the Pastor

Rev. John Stuart



‘But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”’ – Luke 2:10

Dear Friends,

We all need the Good News in our lives. There are so many tragic and violent events happening in our country and around the world that we are all suffering from a weariness with regard to the wickedness we constantly hear about in news reports from all over the planet. These tragedies and terrorist attacks can make us feel as though the world is an unhappy and insecure place. We may currently experience both sadness and anxiety about the future; we may even feel that God is distant and has lost control of humanity.

Those feelings are not new or unique to our present world. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, His people were oppressed and terrorized by foreign invaders. There was a hopelessness among the Jewish people – their confidence and esteem had been eroded; their dreams and plans for the future appeared to be irreparably broken. Even secluded shepherds on the hillsides above Bethlehem experienced those fears, so when the angels suddenly appeared to them, they were absolutely terrified and probably thought that the world was coming to an end.

But it wasn’t ending; it was only just beginning. The long-awaited Messiah had been born in the town of Bethlehem. Things were now going to change in a wonderful way. And the words which the angel spoke to them, reassured the terrified shepherds completely:

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”

The main ministry of Christ’s Church is to repeatedly express those words of hope and reassurance to a broken world. We are all human and frail, subject to fears and anxieties, illnesses and weaknesses. The Church exists to bolster our confidence, heal our souls, and lift up our spirits. Christ’s ministry and message are relevant all of the time. If we are looking for resources to help us cope and overcome the present difficulties in life, then the Church is there to provide us with God’s love and compassion, knowledge and wisdom, comfort and reassurance.

As we begin a new year in the church cycle, please know that. at Erin, Christ’s Good News is available for everyone. Our mission is to encourage all of us to embrace Jesus, Who can help us discover hope, strength, and love in God. We are weak, but He is strong; we are frail, but He is powerful; we are fearful, but He is wonderful.

In the midst of your worries and weariness, **come to worship** and be lifted up with the amazing gift of God’s love and the Good News of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

May God bless you and all your loved ones.

Pastor John

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BIRTHDAYS

August

- 3 Agnes Kirby
- 4 McKenzie Stump
- 6 Kevin Griffin
- 9 Lauren Stuart
- 9 Marcia Mechlin
- 10 Owen Matthews
- 11 Helen Henry
- 14 Hugh Jaynes
- 14 Mary Frierson
- 15 Keith Stump
- 16 Garren Miller
- 17 Effie Fellers
- 20 Sue Rayburn
- 20 Bud Yard
- 24 Lucy Cate
- 25 Pam Stevens
- 28 Don Gunter
- 30 Lynn Sexton
- 31 Bob Price
- 31 Lauren Gahan

Birthday not listed?
Let us know!

September

- 2 Grace Scott
- 6 Joe Jaynes
- 7 Donald Quinley
- 7 Lydia Foster
- 16 Jane Ellen Jackson
- 16 Madeline Stinnett
- 19 Allyson Streckfuss
- 20 Buster Quinn
- 20 Jamie Dockery
- 21 Larry McKay
- 26 Apryl Quinn
- 27 Kay Pennington
- 27 John McKenry
- 29 James Hudson
- 29 Nicole Waters



Sunday School 9:45am - 10:30am

Pastor Stuart’s Sunday School Class: Connections

The pastor begins a new season of teaching to his Connections Class on Sunday, August 21, in the Heritage Room. Every month, the pastor leads an adult class and chooses a different theme for the month. From August through the end of September, the class theme is “Where Is God When it Hurts?”

Being human means that we are frequently subject to suffering and pain. Sadness and despair can also diminish our faith. This six week series looks at Bible passages that deal with pain, as well as discussing current issues across our country and around the world.

- Aug 21 Psalm 77 – Has God Forgotten to Be Gracious?
- Aug 28 Isaiah 53 – The Servant Who Suffers
- Sep 04 Matthew 14 – Killing John
- Sep 11 Where Was God on 9/11?
- Sep 18 Acts 4 – Faith on Trial
- Sep 25 Revelation 6 – The Four Horsemen

Each class begins at 9:45AM and ends about 10:30AM in the Heritage Room, which is located one door down from the church parlor. Everyone is welcome to attend the classes where people have the opportunity to ask questions, make comments, and share their ideas, in both a friendly and encouraging manner.

Theme for October: A new 5 week series – A Man Called Peter: His First Letter



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.

August

8.7.16	8.14.16	8.21.16	8.28.16	9.4.16
Coffee Host	Coffee Host	Coffee Host	Coffee Host	Coffee Host
Dave Stinnett	Lori Hudson	Larry McKay	Dan Gibbs	Anna McKay
Greeter	Greeter	Greeter	Greeter	Greeter
Ginger Thompson	Ron DuBois	Eden McDonald	Don Quinley	Patty Britton
Suzanne Levering	Sonja DuBois	Carole McDonald	Linda Quinley	Pat Wallin
Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer
Kenleigh Pennington	Isabella Armsworth	Carter McCallum	Ella Levering	Aiden Strand
Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide
Kristi Bailes	Ron DuBois	Don Quinley	Joy Bornhoeft	Anna McKay
Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader
Farrah Linkous	Sonja DuBois	Eva Lynch	Suzanne Levering	Larry McKay
Usher	Usher	Usher	Usher	Usher
Brooks Eggers	Rickey McCallum	Eden McDonald	Tammy Murphy	Robbie Levering
Katie Bailes	Erin McCallum	Bob McLean	Jim Thompson	Patty Britton
Farrah Linkous	Jim Montgomery	Kim Pennington	Mike Cate	Linda Quinley
Lynn Jones	Don Quinley	Dusty Pennington	Mary Nelle Cate	Don Quinley
Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship
Joy Bornhoeft	Jane Brannon	Brooks Eggers	Erin McCallum	Kim Pennington
Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
Tammy Murphy	Kim Pennington	Erin McCallum	Kelsey Sarles	Jennifer Gahan
Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter
Dave Stinnett	Sean Gahan	Ricky McCallum	John House	Sean Gahan
Larry McKay	Eva Lynch	Mike Jones	TBD	Eva Lynch
Communion				Communion
Class of 2018				Class of 2019



To help contain the cost of cooling/heating the building,
PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE
when your event has been cancelled or rescheduled.

Outreach News

Water Angels Update

The *Back to School Bash* party will not be taking place this year. The funds will instead be used by the agency to buy more school supplies and backpacks for the children of Mechanicsville. The Outreach ministry team made a monetary contribution to their efforts.

KARM Update

Last month we mentioned we were working with KARM to set up an on-site donation center in our parking lot one weekend this Fall. Pending final approval of the date, it will most likely be the beginning of October. We will continue to keep you posted!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

The last few months have been particularly difficult when it comes to disasters. It appears that every time we tune in to the news there is another tragedy unfolding somewhere around us, whether here in the U.S. or abroad. It can be overwhelming. The Outreach Ministry Team has designated a portion of your contributions from the past month to PDA’s General Disaster Relief account where the funds can be used where they are needed the most. Anyone can contribute to PDA at *any time* and designate a particular account (U.S. flooding, public violence, etc.). Some brochures are available in the narthex or you may give online. Search online for *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*. Under the menu, you can click ‘Disaster Responses’ to choose National, International or Specialized. There is a red ‘Donate Now’ button. Toward the bottom of the main page you may scroll through and click on one of the ‘Currently Responding’ disasters, and the link will take you to a page that will provide updates on the situation, information on ways to give, act, and pray. Each link will also include the designated PDA disaster response account number for that particular crisis, for those wanting to submit checks rather than pay by credit card.

Claude & Pat Houbler Annual Church Family Retreat

August 26-27 at John Knox Center, Ten Mile

Our annual church family retreat is a time for fun, food, and fellowship as we continue to explore our faith. Our speaker this year is Carol Howard Merritt. Rev. Merritt writes and speaks on ministering to new generations in the 21st Century. Her books include *Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation* and *Reframing Hope: Vital Ministry in a New Generation*. She is a regular columnist at the *Christian Century*, and blogger with the *Tribal Church* and *Huffington Post*. She will lead us in discussions on how to put our new Vision Statement into practical action and how to remain a vital and thriving church in the 21st century. Carol, her husband Rev. Brian Merritt and daughter Calla live in Chattanooga. We are very excited to have her! The retreat also provides plenty of opportunity to relax and enjoy the beautiful John Knox Center on Watts Bar Lake. Take time to fish, canoe, swim or simply stroll along the shore watching for Great Blue Herons. Activities such as archery and the high ropes course are also available. There is something to appeal to everyone, young or old. We hope you can join us! If you have any questions please talk with Joe Jaynes or Anna McKay. Registration for the retreat ends on Sunday, August 7.



Ministry

CEX: Amanda Murphy
Discipleship: Joe Jaynes
Fellowship: Jim Montgomery
Outreach: Cecilia Stinnett
Property: Jane Brannon
Stewardship: Eva Lynch

FELLOWSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The Fellowship and Congregational Care team will be meeting on **August 2 at 7 pm in the Parlor**. If you would like to help our Committee with Wednesday Night Dinners, Receptions, Sunshine Cards, or the general compassion and care of our Erin family, we would love to have you join us. We are always happy to see new smiling faces! **Contact Betty Gibbs or Jim Montgomery at any time.**

SONSHINE MUSICAL THEATRE

The season is almost upon us! Our team of young writers is hard at work building this year’s show. It’s a mystery! Someone important is missing, and the troupe only has 24 hours to find her! Yikes! Will they make their flight to New York for America’s Got Talent? If you are 1st through 5th grade, or 6th grade with no experience, then Sonshine Company is for you. You will learn acting skills, vocal skills and dance skills. If you are shy and can’t imagine being on stage, loud and outgoing, or if you’re somewhere in between, Sonshine Company is for you! Nothing builds confidence and self-esteem, or teaches teamwork, like theatre. Consider joining Sonshine Company for its 21st season of successful children’s theatre at Erin church!

Cynthia House, Director
Kelly Boyd, Assistant Director
Rachel Little, Music Director
Carolyn Gahan, Choreographer and Dance Coach

Parent’s Informational Meeting
August 31, 6:30 to 7:30 in Noah’s Ark
First Session: Sept. 7, 6:30 in Noah’s Ark
Last Day to Register for Membership: Sept. 21

LET’S DO DINNER!

The **LET’S DO DINNER** group will be meeting on **August 2 at 5 pm at Sullivan’s Restaurant on North Shore**. Everyone is invited to join in the fun and catch up with each other. **Please call Mary Scarbrough at 691-8658 by August 1** if you are able to join us!

Financials

Erin Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet as of July 27, 2016

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	Jul 27, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	11,941.23
HF Savings	160,644.68
SunTrust Checking	1,001.69
SunTrust Debit Card Account	328.47
Total Checking/Savings	173,916.07
Total Current Assets	173,916.07
Fixed Assets	
Building Improvements	12,826.00
Computer Equipment	1,109.97
Furniture and fixtures	35,699.89
General Equipment	9,764.55
Accumulated Depreciation	-32,255.45
Total Fixed Assets	27,144.96
TOTAL ASSETS	201,061.03
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	472.23
Total Other Current Liabilities	472.23
Total Current Liabilities	472.23
Total Liabilities	472.23
Equity	
Restricted Funds	250.00
Retained Earnings	134,278.50
Unrestricted Funds	47,164.25
Net Income	18,896.05
Total Equity	200,588.80
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	201,061.03

	Jul 1 - 27, 16
Income	
Creative Expression Income	135.00
Discipleship Income	337.50
Fellowship Income	65.00
Offerings	30,335.00
Property Income	770.00
Stewardship Income	0.01
Total Income	31,642.51
Gross Profit	31,642.51
Expense	
Creative Expressions Ministry	58.81
Fellowship Team	137.98
Outreach Team	2,105.79
Pastoral Ministry	2,203.74
Payroll Expenses	484.38
Property Team	3,626.56
Restricted Accts Expense	187.20
Stewardship Team	3,942.00
Total Expense	12,746.46
Net Income	18,896.05

Kids Ministries

Planet Worship Volunteers	
August	
8/7:	Joy Bornhoeft
8/14:	Jane Brannon
8/21:	Brooks Eggers
8/28:	Erin McCallum
9/4:	Kim Pennington

The Planet Worship *BIBLE OLYMPICS* theme has been a gold medal success! Kids have enjoyed learning the principles of the Olympic Motto, *Faster – Higher – Stronger*, and how to train to be Olympic Disciples. We’ve studied the stories of Moses, Jacob, and David from the Old Testament. Our Bible Olympics will conclude on August 7, but tune in August 5 – 20 to watch the real summer games in Rio de Janeiro. The Planet Worship theme for the remainder of the month will be “Back to School: Worship 101.”



Sunday School Returns! Rally Day August 14th

2 & 3 Year Old Class: Nursery
Younger Elementary (4yrs - 1st Grade): Family Life Center
Older Elementary (2nd-5th Grade): Family Life Center

Children’s classes use the PCUSA *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* curriculum. Lessons are rooted in the foundation of our Presbyterian identity, where God’s grace and our gratitude are the center of our faith, life, and worship. Fall lessons will focus on the stories of Moses and the Exodus.



MOPS Open House August 25th at 9:30am Family Life Center

Come to the MOPS Open House to learn more about this non-denominational support group for Mothers of Preschoolers. MOPS moms met twice a month at Erin Presbyterian to share in the joys and challenges of parenting young children. Monthly meetings include a time of devotion, presentations by guest speakers, crafts and fellowship. Childcare is provided for regular meetings. This year’s theme is “*We Are The Starry Eyed*”. Being Starry Eyed is about embracing every moment of our life...those that are wonderful and mundane, hopeful and fearful, those that feel full of light, and those that feel dark and painful. So join us this year as we look for *HOPE, WONDER, KINDNESS, and LIGHT* in our daily walk as moms.