

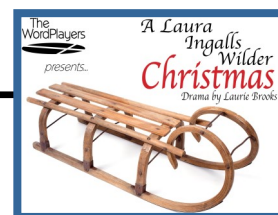


For unto us
a child is born,
..... HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED
Wonderful Counsellor,
THE MIGHTY GOD
THE EVERLASTING FATHER,
The Prince of Peace.



Isaiah 9:6

The WordPlayers Present:
A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas which tells a story of heal-
 ing that celebrates the importance of enduring family bonds,
 with period songs, humor, depth of
 character and music based on the beloved series
Little House on the Prairie. December 15th and 17th 7:30pm
 and December 16 2:30pm at the Clayton
 Performing Arts Center, 10915 Hardin Valley Rd.
Adults: \$12,
Youth(13-17): \$10, and Child (12 & under): \$8
Tickets are available online and at the door.
 To order tickets by phone, call Pellissippi Box Office:
 865-539-7529
For more information, call 865-539-2490



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DECEMBER 2017

Message from the Pastor...

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest Heaven, and on Earth peace to those on whom His favor rests." (NIV)



Dear Friends,

The countdown has begun and we're all getting ready for Christmas. Most of us enjoy this time of year – the music, the lights, the events, and the meals. Our church gets very busy as different groups, teams, and program leaders prepare their presentations and ministries that will take place in the church and around the community. It is a special time and one that we can all gladly share with our families and friends, neighbors and colleagues.

It's a good opportunity to reach out to folks and invite them to the special programs and services. Each year, Erin has a beautiful Candlelight worship service with wonderful music, traditional Bible readings, and a meaningful message. To hear people joyfully sing the old familiar Christmas hymns makes the whole experience memorable. From the pulpit, I get the added bonus of seeing several generations of families all sitting together as they enjoy the worship. When we connect together like this, we continue the ministry of Christ's favor and joy to the whole world.

Our Candlelight Service begins at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary and we will be distributing invitational postcards that you can give or mail to your loved ones and neighbors during several Sundays in December. Please take this opportunity to encourage members of your family, as well as your friends, to come along to the worship service. Many of them are just waiting to be asked and we will gratefully welcome them at the church.

May you and all your loved ones enjoy the delights of this special season. God bless you all.



BIRTHDAYS

December

- 1 Heather Ritchie
- 10 Susan Miller
- 12 Jim Brannon
- 14 Lynne Jones
- 15 Lori Hudson
- 16 Sean Gahan
- 17 Jenny Boyd
- 19 David Eggers
- 20 Matthew Miller
- 20 April Cyr
- 20 Farrah Linkous
- 21 Cathy Van Ostrand
- 26 Henry Ritchie
- 27 Paula Gunter
- 29 Barbara Brazelton
- 30 Sarah McKay

January

- 1 Christa Mueller
- 3 Joe Tate
- 4 John Moxham
- 4 Jim Montgomery
- 4 Suzanne Levering
- 4 Lanie Webb
- 6 Mary Nelle Cate
- 6 Tracy Foster
- 6 Chloe Webb
- 10 Kelly Boyd
- 11 Alea Strand
- 12 Kelli Canan
- 14 Paul Armsworth
- 19 Laurie Stapleton
- 19 Tara Link
- 21 Al Wallin
- 22 Evelyn Stuart
- 28 Mike Jackson
- 30 Lora Yard
- 30 Andy Jaynes
- 31 Hallie Fellers



DECEMBER 3RD

ADVENT WORKSHOP AND CHRISTMAS POTLUCK THIS SUNDAY

9am to 9:30am: Coffee and Breakfast pastries in the Narthex, followed by a Christmas Carol Sing-along.

9:45am to 10:30am: Advent Workshop stations in the New Sunday School Wing. Our workshop is in lieu of regular Sunday School classes. All children, youth and adults are invited to attend! Come make a Christmas card ornament, a decoupage tile advent wreath with candles, and Advent calendar and an “Advent In Action” idea.

5pm: Christmas Potluck We look forward to ,kicking off the Christmas season with our family and friends here at Erin Church. Please sign up in the Narthex to bring a dish and join us as we celebrate this first day of Advent!

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Fill out the insert in the bulletin this Sunday to dedicate Poinsettias in memory, or in honor, of someone you love. The price for a poinsettias is \$15 and you can put “Poinsettia” in the memo of your check.

DECEMBER 10TH

PW CHRISTMAS LUNCH

PW Circle will meet on Thursday, December 7, at 10 am. Our lesson this month will be on Gift of the Spirit – Patience led by Suzanne Levering. After our lesson, we will celebrate a Christmas Lunch at Apple Cake Tea Room.



DECEMBER 17TH

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Let’s get together and Sing!
Do you love all-time favorite Christmas carols? Come share them with the homebound and those who can use a little extra cheer this Christmas! 6pm on the 17th with more details forthcoming.

DECEMBER 24TH

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Come worship with us as we celebrate the new born King!
Our Candlelight Service begins at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary, with traditional Christmas hymns, scripture readings and hearing the good news of our Savior come to earth in a manger, as we enjoy the glow of beautiful candlelight.

CHILD CARE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Beginning on November 29, we will offer nursery care on Wednesday nights for infants and toddlers (through three years old) whose parents wish to join one of the programs taking place from 6:30 to 7:30. Lynne Jones, our nursery coordinator, will be in the nursery from a little before 6:30 to shortly after 7:30. If you have small children and want to join the pastor’s Bible study, play Handbells, or help clean up the kitchen, this is your chance!

OUTREACH & DISCIPLESHP

Thank you so much for all who gave so generously and brought gifts for our Angel Tree! Thank you, also, for all the coats that were donated for the Coats for the Cold Project for Morgan and Scott Counties.

The Christmas Joy Offering will be collected during the Christmas Eve. Candlelight Service on December 24th at 6:30pm. There will be collection boxes available for children and adults wanting to start a collection on December 3rd.

DECEMBER 2017

- December 2**
9:30am Men’s Breakfast
- December 3**
9am Advent Workshop
5pm Christmas Potluck
- December 7**
10am Presbyterian Women Christmas Lunch
- December 17**
6pm Caroling and Cookies
- December 20**
No Wednesday Night Dinner. It will return January 10th
- December 24**
CHRISTMAS EVE
6:30pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- December 25**
CHRISTMAS DAY
OFFICES CLOSED
- December 26**
OFFICES CLOSED

