

# Easter

Easter is later in the year this time and we'll have some information for you in the coming weeks. For now, here are the significant dates to keep in mind:

**April 14:** Palm Sunday

**April 18:** Maundy Thursday

**April 19:** Good Friday

**April 21:** Easter Sunday

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# The Beacon

## March 2019

***Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." (ESV)***

Dear Friends,

The last couple of months have been very sad ones for our wee church with the untimely deaths of three of our folks – Marty Kirby, Josh Evans, and Kristi Bailes. Their sudden passing surprised all of us and we have been sadly grieving their losses. As church people, we are not immune from sorrow; indeed, Christ Himself wept at the death of His good friend Lazarus. This showed us that even Jesus experienced the hurt of separation and the sadness at losing someone He loved. It makes Christ very human and allows us as a community of faith to naturally grieve those who are gone from our lives.



As a kirk of caring folks, we rely on God's promises and take comfort in His love. We may not fully understand why people died, but we do place our faith in Christ that death is not the end of our relationships and connections to those who have gone before us. The beautiful gift of God's grace allows us the hope that one day we will see them again in Heaven. This gift, in turn, gives us the opportunity and capacity to continue our own earthly journey day by day and year after year. As the Church of Scotland funeral liturgy expresses it: ***we are not meant for the darkness of despair or death; we are created for the light of love and life.***

During the month of March, we will focus on the Season of Lent which is meant to be a time of deep and personal reflection about who we are and what Christ has done to save us from sorrow and death. Each Sunday in worship, we will read about Jesus' journey to Jerusalem where His final conflict with the authorities will result in His untimely and unjust death. However, as we all know the story does not end there, so in April we will have the blessing of Easter to lift us above the shadow of death and into the light of everlasting life.

I'm reminded of the first verse of an old hymn by Isaac Watts which we often sang in Scotland, especially in times of sadness and loss, as a way to remind us of the blessings that are yet to come:

***'Behold, the amazing gift of love  
The Father hath bestowed,  
On us, in calling us His own,  
The children of our God!'***

May you and all of your dearest ones be assured of God's grace and love.

Pastor John



BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- 1 Kim Jaynes
- 1 Madeline Griffin
- 3 Kari Matthews
- 9 Mary Franz
- 11 XeAnna Burse
- 11 Steve Foster
- 13 Elliott Blanchette
- 13 Eleanor Jaynes
- 13 Bayard Erskine
- 14 Mike Massengill
- 14 Kenleigh Pennington
- 16 Maggie Gunter
- 16 Mollie Gunter
- 17 Stan Stevens
- 19 John Stuart
- 19 Ian Bone
- 22 Emme Ritchie
- 25 Cynthia House
- 26 Happy Hilty
- 28 Dale Webb



APRIL

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

Connections

CONNECTIONS CLASS: LENT BIBLE STUDY SERIES – COME TO THE TABLE

During the month of March and into April, Pastor Stuart will be teaching a six-week Lent Bible Study series based on our current church theme of ‘Come to the Table.’ John will present a lesson for discussion using certain passages of scripture that refer to the word ‘table.’ The series will also be used to help our church folks prepare themselves for Holy Week and Easter.

An online version of the study will also be available for those who cannot come to the class. Classes will begin on Sunday March 10 in Pastor Stuart’s classroom at 9:45 AM in the New Wing. The following lessons will be presented:

- Sunday March 10 – All I Need – Psalm 23:1-6
- Sunday March 17 – Something Beautiful – Matthew 26:6-13
- Sunday March 24 – Overturning Tables – John 2:13-22
- Sunday March 31 – O Crumbs! – Mark 7:24-30
- Sunday April 07 – Moving on Up – Luke 14:7-11
- Sunday April 14 – Table Manners – Luke 22:14-27

Everyone is welcome to come to the classes and share their questions, ideas, and suggestions.

WEDNESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP: CHRISTIAN MINDFULNESS

During March, the pastor will present a series on Christian Mindfulness which is a relatively new spiritual movement based on some very old Christian practices. He’ll be using a book by Amy G. Oden called ‘*Right Here Right Now: The Practice of Christian Mindfulness.*’ The purpose of mindfulness is to deepen our connection to God in order to empower us in how we show His love to the world. The presentations on Wednesdays will take place in John’s classroom from 6:40 – 7:25 PM. The proposed schedule is as follows:

- Wed March 06 – What is Christian Mindfulness?
  - Wed March 13 – Why does Christian Mindfulness Matter?
  - Wed Mar 20 – No Class – Spring Break**
  - Wed Mar 27 – Practicing Christian Mindfulness
  - Wed Apr 03 – Making a Difference in the World
- Everyone is welcome to come along and join the series.

MARCH CALENDAR

- March 2  
9:30am Men’s Breakfast
  - March 3  
**Mission Sunday**  
**Church at Sunset Gap**  
No Sunday School  
No Youth Group
  - March 5  
6pm Staff Meeting  
7pm Discipleship  
7pm Fellowship
  - March 6  
WND: Ash Wednesday  
Youth Pancake Supper
  - March 9  
**SPRING FORWARD TONIGHT**
  - March 10  
12:15pm Creative Exp.  
12:15pm Outreach Mtg  
12:15pm Stewardship
  - March 11  
7:00pm Worship Team  
Planning Meeting
  - March 14  
10am PW Circle
  - March 16  
6:30pm BreadBreakers
  - March 17  
**St. Patrick’s Day**  
No Youth Group
  - March 18 - 22  
**Knox Co. Spring Break**  
**No WND this week**
  - March 24  
1:30pm Sonshine Set  
Load-In  
5:45pm Joint Youth  
Group
  - March 26  
10:30am Coffee Club
  - March 28  
7pm Session
- Sonshine Show Dates:  
April 5-6 at 7pm  
April 7 at 2pm



March



MARCH 3RD	MARCH 10TH	MARCH 17TH	MARCH 24TH	MARCH 31ST
	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
	Betty Gibbs	Anna McKay	Dan Gibbs	Anna McKay
	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
MISSION SUNDAY	Suzanne Levering	Rickey and Erin	Keith and Karen	Kay Pennington
	Brooks Eggers	McCallum	Stump	Yvette Franklin
	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer
AT SUNSET	Will Carter	Mollie Gunter	Ella Levering	Ginger Thompson
	Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide
GAP	Jane Brannon	Chloe Levering	Robbie Levering	Larry McKay
	Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader
	Evelyn Stuart	Stacie Armsworth	Lynn Sexton	Betty Gibbs
	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
	Kelcey Levering	Larry McKay	Dusty and Gary	Ian Bone
	Robbie Levering	Anna McKay	Pennington	Patty Britton
	Chloe Levering	Ian Bone	Jim Montgomery	Kellan Sarles
	Jim Montgomery	Linda Quinley	Kay Pennington	Sara Leckie
	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship
No Planet Worship	Stacie Armsworth	Joy Bornhoeft	Farrah Linkous	Erin McCallum
	Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter
	David Eggers	Rickey McCallum	Neill Murphy	Craig Strand
	Joe Jaynes	Mike Jones	Keith Stump	John House
	Flowers	Flowers	Flowers	Flowers
	Jim Montgomery	Pennington		Bornhoeft
	Flowers	Flowers	Flowers	
	Jim Montgomery	Pennington		Bornhoeft



# Creative Expressions

Sonshine Company Presents...  
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Friday & Saturday Evening  
April 5 & 6 7:30 PM  
Sunday Afternoon  
April 6 2:00 PM

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\$10.00 Adults  
\$8.00 Seniors  
Kids 12 & Under  
\$30.00 Family Maximum

Tickets available at the door or online at:  
[www.erinpresbyterian.org](http://www.erinpresbyterian.org)

# Outreach ♣ Fellowship

## MISSION TRIP SUNDAY

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Sunset Gap Community Center in Cosby, TN

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**9:00AM** Meet at Erin Presbyterian Church to carpool and caravan to Sunset Gap )

There is NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.

**11:00AM** Worship service at the Sunset Gap Auditorium

Lunch to follow worship

**12:30-3:00PM** (or however long you are able to stay) Putting our hands to God's work at Sunset Gap!



**BLUE OUT SUNDAY** on Sunday, March 10, 2019 to bring awareness to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance!

Wear blue to church that day.



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** collection will be on April 21, 2019.



**FISH PANTRY WORK DAY** Saturday, April 27, from 9:30-11:30.

### BREADBREAKERS

Thank you to Jackie and Kevin Griffin who have rescued the March Breadbreakers! We will meet at their home at 2920 Oakwood Hills Lane on Saturday, March 30, at 6:30 pm. It's always a fun evening of too much food and just the right amount of fellowship. Please consider joining us!

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Bible Study will meet on Thursday, March 14, at 10 am in the Parlor. Pat Wallin will lead our discussion on Lesson 6, Remain in Conversation with God. The scripture reference is Psalm 16. Pat will also provide light refreshments. All women of Erin are welcome.

### COFFEE CLUB

Do you like coffee? Do you like sweets?

Maybe your favorite thing is just a hot cup of Dunkin Donuts Coffee and some delicious treats!

Join Pastor John, Joy and April on the third Tuesday of each month for our Coffee Club in the Fellowship Hall.

This month we're having it on the 4th Tuesday due to Spring Break: Tuesday, March 26th at 10:30am

We hope you'll visit with us!

### CANCELLATION

In case of cancellation, we will update our facebook page and webpage with the information.

You should also receive an email from [cancellation@erinpresbyterian.org](mailto:cancellation@erinpresbyterian.org).



# Youth

THE NIGHT OF  
SATURDAY  
MARCH 9TH



## **ASH WEDNESDAY PANKCAKE SUPPER**

Pancake Dinner Youth Fundraiser takes the place of WND March 6th at 5:45pm. Tickets are \$6 for Adults and \$4 for kids. This benefits Middle Schools and High School summer Montreat trips.



## **YOUTH GROUPS IN MARCH**

March 3rd: No Youth Group  
March 10th: Youth Groups at normal times  
March 17th: No Youth Groups  
March 24th: Joint Youth Groups 5:45pm  
March 31st: Youth Groups at normal times

## **PHOTOS FROM YOUTH SUMMIT**



# Family Ministries

## Planet Worship Volunteers

March 3	No Planet Worship
March 10	Stacie Armsworth
March 17	Joy Bornhoeft
March 24	Farrah Linkous
March 31	Jennifer Gahan
April 7	Erin McCallum



## in Planet Worship

During Lent, weekly lessons will follow the lectionary readings. Children will read and discuss the same New Testament readings used in adult worship.

Each lesson will begin with a responsive Lenten prayer and the extinguishing of a purple Lenten candle. Like the candles of the Advent wreath, Lenten candles are a mindful way of marking the six Sundays leading to Easter. Lessons will end with a unison Lenten benediction.

## Mission Trip Sunday:

There will be no Sunday School nor Worship at Erin Church on March 3<sup>rd</sup> as we take church to Sunset Gap in Cosby, TN. Meet at Erin around 9/9:15am to carpool or caravan to Sunset Gap.

**Pioneer Club**  
**Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm**  
**Family Life Center**



This month, our young pioneers will do a little “globe hopping” as we travel to three different countries for three unique celebrations. We start the month in Brazil to celebrate Carnival with elaborate masks, good food, and samba dancing. Then, we’ll hop across the pond to Ireland just in time for St. Patrick’s Day! We’ll learn all about the patron Saint and the legends and traditions of this special day. We finish our “globe hopping” tour with a stop in Valencia, Spain for the Las Fallas Festival. Dating back to the Middle Ages when the arrival of spring was marked with bonfires and offerings, Las Fallas celebrates Spanish tradition with fireworks, monuments, flowers, and music.

**There will be no Pioneer Club on March 20<sup>th</sup> due to the Knox County Schools Spring Break.**

