

Erin Presbyterian Church News June 2003



We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:3

Dear Friends,

God says in the Old Testament book of Ezekiel, "I will give you a new spirit and a new heart." It's a promise which I keep attached to my car's steering wheel to constantly remind me of the great powers of renewal and hope that God can bring to all of us.

In recent months, I have been very much in need of those sacred words. One of the reasons that I traveled back to Scotland was to bring closure to a part of me that felt very empty after my dad died last year. I needed to put an end to all of my sorrow and sadness; I needed to put the past in the past; I needed to feel complete and not fragmented by being torn between two cultures, two continents, even two churches.

So I went on a mini-pilgrimage - a retreat of the soul - in order to renew my spirit. I visited with family and saw old friends. I traveled through familiar places and towns. I heard old sounds and Scottish accents. I spoke in Scottish phrases and Scottish words. I was in touch with all of my roots and from there, in that dear green place, the healing that I sought, the spirit that I hoped for, and the heart that I longed for, were all rediscovered, renewed and rebuilt.

Scotland is my past and Erin is my present. God, who never changes, is in both places, people and times. As for the future, well, that is where it has always been, in God's loving hands.

Old hearts and old souls; new hearts and new souls; broken hearts and empty souls can become renewed hearts and refreshed souls through the loving care of God and the everlasting promises of Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today and forever; who keeps His word when He also promises, "I am with you, even to the closure of these days."

So, where do we all go from here? Kris Kristofferson would say "One Day at a Time", but I prefer the words from a modern hymn called "One More Step" which the children of Gardenrose Elementary school used to sing with me during assemblies:

"And it's from the old, I travel to the new, Keep me traveling along with you!"

May God bless you all.

John

PS ~ Thank you for your constant prayers, friendship and support. Your kindness in spirit and generosity of heart enabled me to make this journey of faith via the Pastor's Travel Fund.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

June 1

CHOIR APPRECIATION

June 8

**YOUTH SUNDAY & COMMUNION
DAY OF PENTECOST
PENTECOST OFFERING RECEIVED**

June 15

**TRINITY SUNDAY
FATHER'S DAY**

June 22

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 29

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ERIN EXPRESS**

VOLUNTEERS LIST

Please check the list below each month and mark your calendar for the week(s) when you are responsible for the following activities:

Greeters

June 1 Dave Leckie and John Stuart
June 8 Tracy Long and Marjorie McLean
June 15 Rob and Kari Matthews
June 22 Larry McKay and Barry Robinson
June 29 Buster and Apryl Quinn

Ushers

June 1 Harriet Ayres, Jessica Webb,
Ruth White, Jane Yancey
June 8 Randy and Regina Bishop,
Gary Blackburn, Tom Chesney
June 15 Mike and Mary Nelle Cate,
David Cowen, Robin Cuany

June 22 Jimmy Dean, Morgan and Pat Fitch,
Alex Jaynes

June 29 Tom Chesney, Hugh Jaynes,
Agnes Kirby, Unknown

Nursery Volunteers

June 1 Heather Ritchie
June 8 Mary Scarbrough
June 15 Ann Snodgrass
June 22 Lauren Stuart
June 29 Jessica Webb and Lionel Sands

Guide and Scripture Readers

June 1 Tracy Long and Becca Berry
June 8 David Cowen and Robin Cuany
June 15 Cynthia and John House
June 22 Gary Blackburn and Harriet Ayres
June 29 Morgan and Pat Fitch

Enrichment

June 1 Tracy Long
June 8 Pam Pfeifer
June 15 Karen Price
June 22 Alice Carroll
June 29 Laura Dean

Counters

June 1 Mary Nelle Cate and Tom Quinley
June 8 Larry McKay and Morgan Fitch
June 15 Richard Dougherty and Gary Blackburn
June 22 Jane Cowen and Ann Snodgrass
June 29 Becca Berry and Morgan Fitch

June Communion Servers

June 8 Rebecca Berry, Patty Britton, Laura
Dean, Pam Pfeifer, Tom Quinley,
Katina Stair

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Newsletters, committee chairs and more
are now available from Erin Church's web
site!

PRAYER REMINDERS



And the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise Him up. Pray for one another that you may be healed.

James 5:15-16

Please remember these members of Erin's family in your prayers during the coming month:

Arbor Terrace: Helen Staples

Echo Ridge Retirement: Dorothy Farnham;
8458 Gleason Road; APT 102

Ft. Pierce, FL: Edith Stellacci,
mother of Regina Bishop

Greenville, TN: Gay Hawk,
niece of Marion Sanks (Serious Condition)

Greenwood, South Carolina: Cornelia Erskine;
437 East Cambridge St; 29464

Kansas: Bob Ellis, *nephew of Helen Staples*

Michigan: Flora Hudson,
sister of Mae Brandon-Pershing

New York: Chris Skinner, *friend of Tracy Foster*

Osceola, Wisconsin: Virginia Dick,
sister of LaVonne Knight

Scotland: Barbara Smith, *mother of Evelyn Stuart;*
Dollina Campbell, *friend of Cathy Satterfield*

Shannondale Health Care Center - 801 Vanosdale Road: Carolyn Cuany, Room 208; Lelia Rimmer, Room 215; Mary Lester, *friend of Linda Patterson*

Shannondale Retirement Center - 801 Vanosdale Road: Irene Cooper, Room 322;

St. Jude's: Walker Hecht (4 years old)

At Home:

Jeanette van Aalst	Christy Blanchard
Mae Brandon-Pershing	Margaret Casteel
Michelle Cross (<i>friend of Debbie Vowell</i>)	
Gladys Fisher	Connie Hawkins
Ruth Henderson	Pat Houbler
Ann Johns	Jo Ludwig
Elizabeth Martinson	JE Pershing
Marion Sanks	Ethan Shannon
Kent Shore (<i>great friend of Darrell Hickman</i>)	
Bonnie Sise	Pat Swain
Pearl Swallows	
Michael Williams (<i>son of Bill Williams</i>)	

WE EXPRESS OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY

To Margaret Casteel on the death of her husband, J. D., who died on Sunday, May 18, in Knoxville.

To the Tracy Foster on the death of her father, A. B. Henry, who died on Friday, May 23, in Lenoir City.

To the family and friends of Florence Curtis, who died on Tuesday, May 27, in South Carolina.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

David Cowen	June 3
Abigail Scarbrough	June 3
Bryar Long	June 3
Jalen Long	June 3
MeLoed Dean	June 6
Derry Evans	June 6
Brian Leckie	June 6
Kerry Wadhams	June 6
Gladys Fisher	June 7
Thomas Boyd	June 8
Charles Scarbrough	June 9
Alex Jaynes	June 10
Charles Snodgrass	June 12
Pat Wallin	June 18
Ryan Holliday	June 19
Ralph Kirby	June 21
John Miller	June 21
Claude Houbler	June 22
Molly Wadhams	June 22
Jenny Carter	June 23
Molly Price	June 24
Alice Carroll	June 26
Jeanne Ayres	June 27
Marjorie McLean	June 30



HERITAGE ITEMS AVAILABLE

As part of the Heritage Weekend Celebration, several items are available. **1.)** A Commemorative Brass Bookmark at a cost of \$5. **2.)** The last 25 years of Erin Church history at a cost of \$5 for black and white and \$10 for color. **3.)** The first 100-year history at a cost of \$5. **4.)** A book, "Ministers of Erin Presbyterian Church" from 1877 to the present at a cost of \$3. For more information or *to purchase your copy*, please contact the church office, 588-5350.

SUMMER MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES!

The Erin Choir will be enjoying a vacation on Sunday mornings during the summer months. That means there are a dozen opportunities for you to share your musical and creative gifts with us during worship! If you would like to sing a solo, play an instrument, sing as part of a small ensemble, whistle, dance, or do something else creative for the Lord, this is your chance!

Great dates are still available! Run, don't walk, to the nearest phone (or keyboard) and call (or email) Joe Jaynes at 675-1728 (jtj@abacusarts.com) to volunteer! Don't delay; call today!

KITCHEN ITEMS MISSING

Several items have disappeared from the kitchen. If you have borrowed something, please bring it back. We are missing at least four (4), possibly more, large commercial cookie sheets. Also missing are two (2) large baking pans, a large white embossed bowl, a round stainless steel bowl (the kind used to mix bread in), several mixing bowls and measuring cups. These are expensive items to replace.

DO YOU LIKE TO EAT OUT?

Please join in on the fun and fellowship on Tuesday, June 3, at the Calhoun's on Bearden Hill at 5:30 p.m. Please call Maud Hoover, 463-7399, or Harriet Ayers, 966-9822, by Sunday, June 1, to make reservations. *All are welcome!*

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

This year marks the 81st anniversary of the tradition of giving our "Birthday Offering." More than 25 million dollars has been given by Presbyterian Women to be used in mission projects throughout the world. The Creative Ministries Offering Committee, composed of nine members, selects each year's recipients. Each December, the committee selects several projects to receive the awards. The winners will be announced in the January/February issue of the *Horizons* magazine. This year's recipients will be: Presbyterian Children's Home and Services of Austin, Texas; The Sleeping Porch of Wimauma, FL; Good News Shelter for Survivors of Domestic Violence of Seoul, Korea; Area Residence for Kids, Inc. of Dublin, GA; and Cleveland Campus Mosaic of Cleveland, OH.

We are asking your help to support these missions and others throughout our small world.

Each June, Erin Presbyterian Women celebrate with our **Birthday Picnic**, which will be held on **Saturday, June 7, at 5:00 p.m.** at the pavilion located in Campbell Station Park (next to the Farragut Library). *Everyone is invited to join us*, but as usual we do need to know how many to expect. Chicken, drinks, rolls and Birthday Cake will be provided. Please bring a covered dish (salad, appetizer, vegetable or casserole). Bring your Birthday offering to the picnic or if you unable to attend the picnic, you may place your birthday donation in the offering plate at church. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Pat Sexton, 693-3187, or Harriet Ayers, 966-9822.



Graphic: Celebration giving.
Illustration by Carol Cornette.

SUCH IS THE KINGDOM

Beginning Wednesday, June 11, and continuing through the summer, *Such is the Kingdom* will meet from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

“CATS”

Come One, Come All, make your reservation(s) now for the upcoming trip to see “CATS” at the Cumberland County Playhouse. The cost of the trip is \$48; a \$10 deposit is required when making your reservation. We need to fill a bus, so please make plans to attend this event — and invite your friends to come along as well. For more information or to register, please contact Sharon, 588-5350, at the church. *All are invited to attend!*

THE PENTECOST OFFERING

The second of the special annual offerings of the church is the **Pentecost Offering**. It will be received on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. The proceeds of this offering are divided, 40% for our congregation and 60% our General Assembly. We spend our portion for ministry that helps youth at risk in our community. The General Assembly’s 60% is used, 50% for ministries with youth and young adults and 10 % for ministry with children at risk. Between now and Pentecost Sunday, the Mission and Evangelism team will provide to you information that will help you connect with the ministries that this special offering supports.

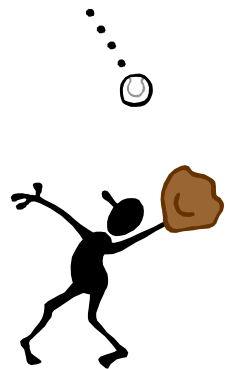
Our moderator of the General Assembly, Rev. Fahed Abu-Akel remarked recently, “As I reflect on the condition of our children and youth in the U. S. and around the world, I am convinced that our financial investment in the Pentecost Offering is needed more than ever before. My prayer is that God will use you by the Spirit to bless God’s children through this offering.”

- Eleanor Jaynes



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

The Erin Senior Adult Ministry is sponsoring a group trip to the Smokies Baseball game on Friday, June 27, at 7:15 p.m. The Smokies will play Greenville, SC (Atlanta Braves farm team). We will have group rates behind the home plate. Tickets cost \$8.00 per person, and all monies will be due on Monday, June 15. This is also fireworks night, so mark your calendar now! Carpoolers should meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!



CHURCH REVENUES DOWN

In the past twelve months, church tithing has decreased. One reason, suggests George Barna of Barna Research, is that there has been a decline in the proportion of people who tithe. Here are some highlights from their research.

- ✎ The proportion of Christian adults who tithe dropped 62% in the past year;
- ✎ In 2002, only 6% of born again households tithed to their church;
- ✎ Tithing is generally among Protestants: 5% of adults who attend Protestant churches tithed last year, compared to less than 1% among Catholics;
- ✎ People over the age of 55, college graduates, evangelicals, Republicans, conservatives, and residents in the South are most likely to tithe; and
- ✎ There is no segment in which at least 10% was tithed.

UPCOMING SENIOR SACK LUNCH EVENTS

June 19: “Picnic”

July 17: “Sonshine Singers”— Children of Erin will sing, led by Cynthia House

TO ALL WHO CAME TO HONOR US on our 50th anniversary, to those who worked so hard to create our reception, to our children Joe & Kim, Mary & John, and to our grandchildren, our sincere thanks for a day that we will never forget. We love you all. Eleanor and Hugh Jaynes

PER CAPITA

Per Capita is paid by each church who is a member of the Presbytery and is based on a church's annual membership, which is taken from the submitted church statistic form. Yearly membership dues for this year are \$28.56 per church member. They are given to three areas; and they are:

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| 1. General Assembly | \$5.44 |
| 2. Presbytery of East Tennessee | \$20.00 |
| 3. Senate | <u>\$3.12</u> |

Grand Total Per Church Member \$28.56

Therefore, for the 2003 year, the church will pay \$8339.52. That is \$694.96 per month. It is requested that each church member pay for his or her own membership fees for 2003. Payments can be made monthly (\$2.38) or yearly (\$28.56). Please remember to write "Per Capita" in the memo line of your check. This money is tax deductible and will be included on your contribution report. For more information, please contact Millisa, 588-5350, in the church office.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

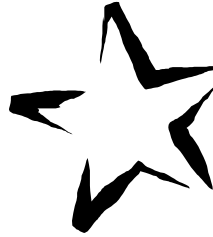
Regular Monday Night Bible Study will not be held during June, July, and August, but will meet once per month – TBA. The regular weekly Monday Bible Study will resume in September 2003.

Witnessing and The Holy Spirit
by Claude Houbler

Will resume in the July
newsletter

SHINE LIKE THE STARS

One of our youth, Lynsey Stuart, has been selected to be a part of the Presbytery of East Tennessee's delegation to the Connection Assembly 2003 titled "Shine like the Stars." The Connection Assembly is a triennial assembly for the Presbyterian Youth Connection designed to equip and empower young people to lead, to listen, and to learn within their faith communities. This year's Connection Assembly will be occurring in Louisville, Kentucky on July 30-August 3, 2003. Participants will be involved in an assortment of activities including workshops, worship services, interactive exhibits, recreation, presbytery group meetings, caucus gatherings, and legislative sessions. Lynsey is one of seven delegates chosen from our Presbytery. Ironically, Lynsey is following in the steps of our Youth Director, Becca Berry, who was a delegate to the first Connection Assembly in 1997. Becca has also been chosen to attend this years' Assembly, as the adult chaperone. Erin Church is very proud to be sending two representatives to this great event!



VBS

Outback's Expedition



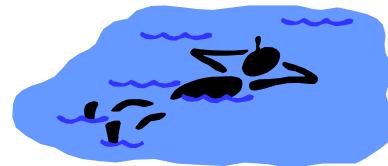
Vacation Bible School will be held during the month of July. More information will follow in the July newsletter and the upcoming bulletins.

JUNE

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Choir Appreciation Youth to Montreat	2 4:30 Body Recall 7:30 AA 7:00 p.m. B&G Meets	3 5:30 p.m. Dinner Out 7:00 p.m. Finance Team 7:00 p.m. CC&F Team 7:00 p.m. CE Team	4 4:30 Body Recall 5:15 p.m. Such is the Kingdom	5 7:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast 8:00 p.m. Glenfinnan	6 4:30 Body Recall 7:30 AA	7 5:00 p.m. PW Birthday Picnic
8 YOUTH SUNDAY COMMUNION Pentecost Offering Received	9 4:30 Body Recall 7:30 AA	10 7:00 p.m. M&E Team 7:00 p.m. Worship Team 7:00 p.m. Scottish Tour 2004 Meeting	11 4:30 Body Recall 4:30-6:30 Such is the Kingdom	12 7:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast 8:00 p.m. Glenfinnan	13 4:30 Body Recall 7:30 AA Ministry Reports Due	14 Quinley Wedding
15 FATHER'S DAY	16 4:30 Body Recall 7:30 AA	17 10:00 a.m. Presbytery	18 4:30 Body Recall	19 7:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast 12:00 p.m. Senior Sack Lunch 7:00 Session	20 4:30 Body Recall 7:30 AA	21
22	23 4:30 Body Recall 7:30 AA	24 6:30 p.m. Staff Meeting NEWSLETTER INFO DUE	25 4:30 Body Recall	26 7:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast	27 4:30 Body Recall 7:30 AA 7:15 p.m. Smokies	28
29 ERIN EXPRESS PERFORMANCE	30 4:30 Body Recall 7:30 AA	June Mission Emphasis – Medical Relief				
2003						

Pool Picnic Party

A pool picnic party will be held Sunday, July 20,
at the home of Charles and Mary Scarbrough.
More information will be available in the July newsletter.



KROGER CARES gift certificates
are still available. For every \$5,000
we use, the church will get \$250!
Please see Pam Pfeifer to get yours!

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