

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. NIV

Dear Friends,

Our wee church has changed throughout the years and many people have come and gone. A church is a place where travelers, like us, can rest and be thankful; find faith and fellowship; share experiences and look for answers to life's many questions. Over the last nine years, I have watched people in church enhance their understanding of the scriptures and build up their relationship with God. It hasn't been an easy road to take, but they have persevered and come to a moment in their lives where they have been touched by the Holy Spirit and given a new hope, a new lease of life, a new beginning.

I love people. I love their different ways and gifts; their diverse experiences and backgrounds. Everyone who walks through the doors of Erin Church has a story to tell, a journey to experience, and a unique way of life. Some people think that churches try to make everybody the same, with no room for thinking, no time for freedom, no place for rebels, individuals or mavericks. I must admit that there are churches like that, but I am happy to say that Erin celebrates and encourages the rich variety of families and folk that make up the unique and brilliant pattern for the living tapestry we call church.

Jesus loved people too. He spent most of His time laughing, eating, drinking and partying with them. In fact, He did it so much that He shocked His religious peers who constantly criticized and bedeviled Him, until they got the upper hand and crucified Him. It seems that the religious culture in



His day wanted to deny His individual, unique and personal approach to Faith and Life. They wanted to shut Him up and close Him down before He infected the whole community with His Good News talk and radical message. They failed.

Jesus loves you. He loves the way you tackle life and try to overcome its problems. He loves the way you hold on to hope in the midst of trouble and grief. He loves the way you continue to see life as a precious journey where your time is valuable, your perceptions are important and your experiences are valid to the life, work and ministry of our community.

Sometimes the most faithful people are not necessarily the ones who sit in the pews each Sunday. Sometimes they are the ones who sincerely struggle with God and who look for answers, who are wanting to be shown that God cares and that life is not just a chaotic journey, but that a purpose, a meaning and a reason are behind all that we do, all that we feel, all that we know.

God loves cheerful givers, those people who sincerely seek answers and who take time to support, care and love their fellow travelers; who give of themselves in order that others may find encouragement, strength and peace in their lives.

May the road always rise up to meet you and may God keep you in the palm of His Hand.

John

SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 5

**PEACEMAKING OFFERING
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 18:25-31 & Luke 6:37-42
“Just Desserts”

October 12

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE WILL LEAD
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Proverbs 28:18-26 & Luke 6:43-49
“OOPS!”

October 26

REFORMATION SUNDAY
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 12:1-9 & Luke 7:1-10
“A Soldier’s Faith”

November 2

COMMUNION SUNDAY
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 17:17-24 & Luke 7:11-17
“Christ Cares”

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

- October 5 Evelyn Lowry and Agnes Kirby
- October 12 Hugh and Eleanor Jaynes
- October 19 Catherine Landstreet and Evelyn Lowry
- October 26 Dave Leckie and John Stuart
- November 2 Jane Yancey and Ruth White

October Communion Servers

- October 5 Gary Blackburn, Jane Cowen,
Richard Dougherty, Morgan Fitch,
Barry Robinson, Mike Pierce



Communion Servers should meet in the Mini-Kitchen at 9:00 a.m. to prepare communion.

If you recently volunteered to serve as a guide, scripture reader, greeter, usher, nursery worker, and enrichment I or enrichment II, you should receive a roster within the next month. If you don't, please contact the church office, 588-5350.

Ushers

- October 5 Harriet Ayers, Jessica Webb, Ruth White, Jane Yancey
- October 12 Gary Blackburn, Tom Chesney, David Cowen, **Available**
- October 19 Randy and Regina Bishop, Mike and Mary Nelle Cate
- October 26 Robin Cuany, Jimmy Dean, Alex Jaynes, Hugh Jaynes
- November 2 Tom and Harriet Ayers, Randy and Regina Bishop

Nursery Volunteers

- October 5 Mary Scarbrough
- October 12 Lauren Stuart
- October 19 Kristi Bailes
- October 26 Amanda Baucom
- November 2 Mary Scarbrough

Guide and Scripture Readers

- October 5 Becca Berry and John Baucom
- October 12 Regina Bishop and Randy Bishop
- October 19 Evelyn Stuart and John Stuart
- October 26 Charles Snodgrass and Beth Snodgrass
- November 2 Pat Fitch and Morgan Fitch

Enrichment I

- October 5 Kari Matthews
- October 12 Alex Jaynes
- October 19 Pam Pfeifer
- October 26 Heather Ritchie
- November 2 Evelyn Stuart

Enrichment II

- October 5 Anna McKay
- October 12 Alice Carroll
- October 19 Karen Price
- October 26 Patti Britton
- November 2 Tracy Long

Counters

- October 5 Jane Cowen and Tom Quinley
- October 12 Randy Bishop and Morgan Fitch
- October 19 Richard Dougherty and Gary Blackburn
- October 26 Barry Robinson and Ann Snodgrass
- November 2 Pam Pfeifer and Tom Quinley

Please remember that if you are unable to volunteer on your assigned date, please contact another individual to serve for you. Then, please call the church office (or e-mail Erin1877@aol.com) to advise of the change.

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

Gallatin, TN: Eva Denning, *mother of Eva Quinley*

Greenwood, South Carolina: Cornelia Erskine; NHC; PO Box 3109; Greenwood, SC 29648

Huntsville, Alabama: Mattie Tap Beard

Jacksonville, Florida: John Ball, *coworker of Ann Davis*

Kansas: Bob Ellis, *nephew of Helen Staples*

Michigan: Flora Hudson and Chuck Hudson, *sister and nephew of Mae Brandon-Pershing;*

Tom and Karen Moore, *daughter and son-in-law of Earl and Ruth White*

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

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

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

At Home:

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| 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 |
| Henry Thomas Ritchie | Ethan Shannon |
| Pat Swain | Pearl Swallows |
| Edith Stellacci (<i>mother of Regina Bishop</i>) | |
| Michael Williams (<i>son of Bill Williams</i>) | |

If there are any changes needed for the above prayer list, please contact Millisa, 588-5350, in the church office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| Regina Bishop | October 1 |
| Evelyn Lowry | October 2 |
| Kacey Massengill | October 8 |
| Mary Bryan McLeod | October 10 |
| Marc Stair | October 10 |
| Jim Hilty | October 11 |
| Susan Hoover | October 13 |
| Helen Dean | October 16 |
| Robin Cuany | October 17 |
| Chuck Scarbrough | October 17 |
| Darrell Hickman | October 18 |
| Sonja DuBois | October 19 |
| John Baucom | October 20 |
| Logan Luedeka | October 20 |
| Michael Pierce, Jr. | October 20 |
| Mike Pierce, Sr. | October 20 |
| Rob Matthews | October 22 |
| Scottie Swanner | October 24 |
| Jacque Roberts | October 25 |
| Ellen Loveless | October 26 |
| Jennie Dean | October 27 |
| Bob Hoover | October 29 |
| Michelle Waters | October 29 |
| Joan Conley | October 30 |
| Scott Ludwig | October 31 |
| Peggy McKinney | November 1 |
| Lindsay Pfeifer | November 3 |
| Hanna Matthews | November 4 |
| Savannah Johnson | November 5 |
| Amanda Scarbrough | November 5 |
| Kathy Claiborne | November 8 |
| Zach Ludwig | November 8 |
| Julie Miller | November 8 |
| Robby Wadhams | November 8 |



*Your birthday not listed?
Please contact the church office, 588-5350.*

THANK YOU

WE EXPRESS OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY to Buster and Apryl Quinn on the death of Buster's father, Bill Quinn, who died on Sunday, August 17, in Mississippi; and to Linda Patterson on the death of her friend, Mary Lester, who died recently in Knoxville.

THE QUINN FAMILY would like to express their appreciation for all of the love, prayers, cards, and telephone calls that members of Erin Church have shown.

PEARL SWALLOWS, MAUD HOOVER, AND SUSAN HOOVER would like to express their appreciation for all of the love, prayers, cards, and telephone calls that members of Erin Church have shown.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO Shandra Evans on the birth of her first son, Tyler James Grant, who was born on Wednesday, September 3, in Knoxville.

PILGRIM

WRITTEN BY: CLAUDE HOUBLER

EDITED BY: JUDY H. CLAPP

During World War II, if you attended a post theater before the main attraction and cartoon, you were treated, on screen, to the picture of a man in pilgrim garb walking away from you and over a hill. The overvoice told you in religious tones that the man was a pilgrim on a journey, and after that portion of the movie was over, one felt as if the pilgrim on the screen was the viewer.

The word “pilgrim” is defined as one who travels to a holy place as an act of devotion. This definition applies to a Pilgrim, who after accepting Jesus Christ as Savior, is on a “sanctification” journey to heaven. This “journey” is part of God’s plan for the Pilgrim, but one does not make it alone. The Holy Spirit is with the Pilgrim, helping and reminding the Pilgrim of Christian rules of beliefs and behavior.

As it was pointed out in a previous article, Pilgrim’s journey will have its “ups and downs.” So let us consider one “up,” which is the opportunity for Pilgrim to witness for Jesus Christ. Now opportunity is defined in Webster’s New World Dictionary as “a combination of circumstances favorable for the purpose.” So Pilgrim must decide when is the favorable time.

Let’s take a typical day in the life of Pilgrim who happens to be a platoon sergeant in the United States Army. Sergeant Pilgrim has 40 men under his command. One squad leader* (*Hereafter called leader) concerns Sgt. Pilgrim because the leader is not producing as he should and that reflects on the rest of the platoon members.

After morning roll call, Sgt. Pilgrim asks that leader to have a meeting. And during the meeting, the leader admits to the lack of motivation. As one stated “you never know what the day will bring,” but be rest assured God has plans for each human being on our planet. In this case, God is concerned about a certain leader at Fort Benning, Georgia. The leader is worried about his relationship with a girl he met in Columbus, Georgia. He likes her, but she has been trying to talk to him about Jesus Christ. The leader said that he doesn’t go for all that “religious

stuff.” And besides, how could anyone come back to life after they died on a “tree.”

At that, a “light” came on within Sgt. Pilgrim. The “opportunity” was there for the Sergeant to witness for Jesus. The Sergeant wondered which of the many options of witnessing he should take, and he had to go slowly because of the stated opposition to religion by the leader. Quickly, Pilgrim ran the options through his mind:

- 1) He could tell the leader about Jesus Christ and back up his statements with key Bible references. For example, John 3:16 and expand on that; or
- 2) He could tell the story of Jesus as found in the Four Gospels and include Biblical quotes from the New Testament; or
- 3) Pilgrim could tell what Jesus Christ had done for others especially when problems occurred; or
- 4) Pilgrim could invite them to his church to hear about Jesus Christ (always invite them to church. Tell them that you will take them.); or, better yet,
- 5) Pilgrim can tell the leader what Jesus Christ has meant in his life. As the old saying goes, “Now we are getting down to the meat of the subject.” Meat gives you physical strength, and telling people about Jesus Christ and what he has done for you will give you spiritual strength to your witnessing. It will show the person the TRUTH that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who promised that by accepting His Son as Your Savior, you will have everlasting or eternal life. Personal experiences lend strength to your witnessing for Jesus Christ.
- 6) There are other options not known for now, so as the saying goes, “you can play it by ear” or wait until the situation “jells.” This option may occur more than one can picture because you are dealing with the human being – a complex person.

(Pilgrim continued from page 4)

Sgt. Pilgrim chose to go with a combination of option 2 and 5. And he chose the Gospel of John as his centerpiece with key chapters from the other three Gospels.

He asked the leader if he truly loved this young lady and wanted to solve any problem facing them. The leader affirmed that he did. At that, Sgt. Pilgrim told him that Jesus Christ loved him. The leader smirked and said, "How does Jesus love me?" Inwardly, the Sergeant said a quick prayer for spiritual wisdom and guidance.

In response to his question, Pilgrim decided to use the "feed back" method for expanding the discussion and to get the leader to "open u." So the Sergeant puts the question to the leader in this form: "Why is there doubt that Jesus loves you?" Or "Is it difficult for you to believe that Jesus loves you?"

When the leader responded with more disbelief, Sgt. Pilgrim pointed out in his Bible, John 3:16 and what it states about God and His love for us. Right away the leader had questions about the Bible – what is it?, who wrote it?, what is its purpose?. Sgt. Pilgrim answered to the best of his ability and agreed to find the answers to any questions that he couldn't answer. The session ended because of "chow call" but the leader agreed to talk further about Jesus.

During the second session, Sgt. Pilgrim gave the leader a copy of The New International Version of the New Testament. He suggested that he read the Gospel of John and to write out any questions concerning Jesus Christ and His Father God.

As the sessions continued, Sergeant could tell that it was time to ask the leader the all important questions – "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God and do you take Jesus Christ to be your Savior, Redeemer, and Friend?"

The leader replied that he did and asked God to forgive him of his sins. Sgt. Pilgrim and the leader held hands, bowed their heads and said the Lord's Prayer. Afterwards, Sgt. Pilgrim discussed the leader's baptism and his invitation to visit the post's chapel on this coming Sunday.

This concludes for now this article that I am please to have had the opportunity to write with the help of the Holy Spirit. Now you readers are

pilgrims on a journey for Jesus Christ. During your morning prayer before you start your day (Psalm 118:24), ask God for the opportunity to witness for His Son, Jesus Christ, and to help you be alert when He "opens that door."

*Now every morning is the love
Our wakening and uprising prove;
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life and power and thought.
New mercies, each returning day,
Around us hover while we pray;
New perils past, new sins forgiven,
New thought's of God,
New hopes of Heaven.*

Written by: John Keble, Guideposts

PLEASE JOIN YOUR FRIENDS AT ERIN

For the 13th Annual Hunger Hike on Sunday, October 5! The hike begins at 2:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Park. We will have a pizza luncheon at the church prior to the hike, but you **MUST** sign up to attend. This is a great opportunity for fun and fellowship with other church members and a chance to help end hunger in East Tennessee. We look forward to seeing you there. A sign up form and display are located in the Narthex.

THE ERIN CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

Do you have an interest in lifting your voice in praise somewhere other than the shower? Then the Erin Choir is the place for you. We need singers in every section: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. No formal vocal training is required ... just a willingness to learn. And we welcome all ages, from high school to senior adult! We believe that God is worshipped in many ways. Consequently, the Choir is committed to performing a wide variety of music, from classical to contemporary. More importantly, we strive to have fun with the music and with each other. In addition to singing, we share joys and concerns and support one another with prayer and compassion each week. Rehearsals are 7:30-8:30 p.m. each Wednesday night, in the room behind the stage in the Fellowship Hall. If God is calling you to this joyful ministry, please join us!

LETTERS FROM KAREN HARRIS

September 11, 2003 – Donations – Thank you so much for being willing to help me while I am here in Belize. I received the church newsletter and it made my day when I got it! I think it took about a week to get to me, so that is not bad.

The day after I arrived in Belize was the first day of teacher in service, so my time here started off really busy. That week, I helped teachers organize their rooms, had staff meetings, and just got acquainted with Belize. It is very hot here (we are in the tropics) and there is no air conditioning in most places. I seem to never cool down! I am just now getting used to the heat!

Last week school started and it has been great so far. I have a desk in the office and am an office assistant, PE teacher for grades K thru 8, librarian, and tutor. I also tutor 3 Korean students after school for 2 hours 4 days a week. This has kept me fairly busy during the week! On the weekends, everything closes at noon on Saturday and is closed all day on Sunday, so I am forced to rest! I have been visiting churches here and am not sure yet which one I will attend, but I have enjoyed seeing the way different cultures worship Christ. With Christian Love, Karen Harris.

September 16, 2003 – Donations – Hi everyone! I hope you are doing well. I am doing fine here in Belize. After my 3rd week here I am really getting comfortable with everything. I am remembering my way around all 2.5 miles of the city and have walked it many times! Saturday I drove my car for the first time. I left the house around 9:00 a.m. and ran all of my errands by 9:45 a.m. I had driven all over town, to some places twice, and I only drove about 5 miles! Tammy, Charlie and I went to Spanish Lookout (a Mininite village) and San Ignacio Saturday afternoon. In Spanish Lookout we went to "Wal-Mart," a store that is as close to Wal-Mart as they come, it has cheap prices, but to put the size in comparison, it is a forth the size of a small grocery store in the states! We also went to the Western Dairies which is the Dairy in Belize and had some fresh ice cream! There is no complaining about that. In San Ignacio we went to a health food store that a friend wanted to check out that had good coffee and smoothies! It even serves Star Bucks coffee! This week, I am starting a physical fitness challenge for the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders where they will be doing sit-ups, pull ups, a shuttle run, a sit and reach, and a one

mile run. I am modeling the program after the Presidential Physical Fitness Challenge in the United States. So far the students have been really enthusiastic about wanting to do the best in every event. On Sunday, September 21, Belize will be celebrating its independence so this weekend is full of celebrations and we have Monday off. I will update you all on the events. I think about you often and keep you all in my prayers. Karen

KAREN HARRIS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Karen, a Missionary Volunteer at the Belize Christian Academy of Belmopan, Belize, which is a school for about fifteen different nationalities of students, needs your help. **How can you help?** *Commit to pray* for Karen as she faces significant life changes as she depends on God for all of her needs (financial, emotional, physical, spiritual, etc.). *Provide financial support* for Karen. Her missionary position is voluntary. *Communicate with Karen*, by providing positive correspondence. More information is available at the church office. For financial support, please make your check payable to Erin Church; write *Karen Harris* in the memo line.

NEW MUSIC OPPORTUNITY

"Erin A Cappella" The latest addition to Erin's growing collection of vocal groups is now forming, and we need YOU. "A cappella" is a musical term meaning "unaccompanied". Just voices ... no instruments. The group will perform for Sunday worship 2-3 times per year, and rehearse for a few weeks leading up to each performance.

If you would like to participate in this unique and beautiful form of vocal art, please contact Joe Jaynes (jtg@abacusarts.com, 675-6432) to indicate your interest. You don't need to be a great singer ... just someone who loves to sing and wants to make beautiful music. Our first performance is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 23. Please join us!

THANK YOU

Thank you to the members of Erin Church, my friends, for all of the love and support that you have given to my family and I over the past few weeks while Billy underwent surgery. His recovery has been excellent. PRAISE BE TO GOD!

Millisa Moore, Church Secretary

COSTUME HELP NEEDED!

By Kim Jaynes

The upcoming production of *All the Way Home* by the Erin Stage Company, with performances scheduled for the first two weekends in November, is by far the most exciting as far as costuming is concerned. The setting for the play is Knoxville in the summer of 1915, and the cast includes characters of all ages, from little boys to grandmothers. The clothing of the period is wonderful – think *Music Man* and *Titanic* – with pretty cotton shirtwaists, hats with big flowers, shawls, petticoats and lace collars for women, three piece suits and hats for men, and knickers, caps and overalls for boys. However, this will also be our most challenging play ever from a costuming standpoint. There are eleven characters, and many need multiple costumes for various scenes.

We need your help! First of all, there are books and websites showing fashions for the period – we’ve even found an entire website devoted to shoe styles in America, decade by decade. But these references show the latest high-style fashions for the period, not necessarily what people around here really wore. We’re looking for photos of people living in medium-sized Southern cities such as Knoxville from 1910 through 1915, that show clothing, accessories, hairstyles and so forth. If you have photos that we could use as a reference, please give me a call. Be sure to put your name and phone number on the photos and I’ll make sure they are returned to you, or you can give me photocopies. And if, by chance, you have clothing or accessory items (men’s or women’s hats, shawls, and so forth) in your attic that you think might be appropriate, let me know right away.

Second, we need shoppers! If you have some spare time and enjoy poking through secondhand clothing shops, you can help us by locating hats, shoes, shirts, aprons and other items that can be purchased cheaply. I will furnish you with a list of sizes and items to be on the lookout for. This will help tremendously, as many of us work full-time and we have a lot of ground to cover!

Finally, we need sewers. Some of the costumes will have to be made from scratch, though fortunately there are several excellent patterns available. Other items that we purchase will need to be altered to fit. Therefore, we can use those with more advanced

sewing skills as well as those who can hem a skirt or sew on buttons.

In short, we would appreciate any help you can offer. We hope to have the costumes set by the middle of October, so give me a call at 675-1278 if you’d like to work with us. It’s going to be a lot of work, but also a lot of fun!

PEACEMAKING

By Sonja DuBois

At Erin we are one of the 4,700 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations who have signed the Commitment to Peacemaking indicating that we will incorporate peacemaking into the mission and ministry of our church. As many of us have participated in the current Peacemaking study, we are becoming more involved in this ministry and on October 5, when we collect the Peacemaking Offering, we have an opportunity to support this mission financially.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul shares this message of Peace to those who are far and those who are near. On World Communion Sunday, October 5, our Peacemaking offering actually helps to do just that. By supporting the offering we will be able to heed that message and help provide some of the resources necessary to bring help in far away places and at home.

Last year the Peacemaking Offering totaled just over 2 million dollars. This money was put to work to create a better existence for many people globally as well as locally. Serenity Shelter in Knoxville will receive 25% of our collection. I hope you will be generous so we may see the fruits of justice for some of our neighbors who live in poverty.

KROGER CARES – Gift certificates are available. For every \$5,000 we use, the church will get \$250! Proceeds will benefit the Playground Fund! Please see Pam Pfeifer, 691-8492, or contact the church office, 588-5350, to get yours!

Senior Adult News

SENIOR SACK LUNCH

Come join us on **Thursday, October 16**; it will be a toe tapping time with **Jane Yancey and the Golden Cloggers**. It should be a lot of fun.

In place of a sack lunch, we will be serving lasagna, salad, rolls, dessert and drinks, all for the low price of **\$3.00**. **Where else can you get lunch and entertainment for \$3?**

Coming up in November, Earl White (Jane's husband) will give a talk and slide show of his travels in the mysterious land of the Nile, Egypt.

BODY RECALL

The Erin Body Recall class has been "bulging at the seams" since the Fall class began on September 3. Newcomers are always welcome, even those who consider a "brisque sit" their favorite activity! Actually, half the movements are done from the chair. You will stretch from head to toe in a motivating class led by Ron Roberts who trained in Berea, Kentucky. The nationally acclaimed program was developed to bring mobility and vitality to anyone who wants to improve his or her quality of life.

Some people have expressed an interest in an earlier class time. With this in mind, an additional class from 2:30-3:30 p.m. will be offered beginning on Monday, October 5. Body Recall II would be offered *in addition* to the one that now meets from 4:30-5:30 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

There are 20 classes remaining in the Fall session, and cost is \$1 per class. It is strongly recommended that participants purchase the Body Recall Manual available in class. The existing class has participants, who are associated with Erin, but half are visitors and we welcome anyone who wants to come.

To learn more or to sign up for Body Recall II, call Ron Roberts, 966-8666, or Millisa at Erin Church, 588-5350.

FAMILY HELPERS

Family Helpers is a program designed to be a win/win situation for both the person who needs help and the person(s) who can help. Right now the program is not working because we are not getting requests for work to be done. The Senior Highs have committed one Saturday a month to help with projects, Bob McLean has volunteered to mentor them on minor household repairs, and we are waiting for requests.

How to place a request - there are forms in the Narthex to complete, or if you can't do that just call Millisa Moore in the office and give her the information. She will forward the information to someone to take care of it.

We welcome volunteers who would like to help others with those little "Honey Do" jobs that they can't take care of for some reason or other. If you would like to be part of the **Volunteers**, please call Harriet Ayers (966-9822).

LET'S DO DINNER

Come join us for dinner at Wasabi Japanese Steakhouse on Bearden Hill (above where Cooker's used to be - Turn at the light at China Inn) on Tuesday, October 7, at 5:15 p.m. We seem to be on a roll! Last month was German; this month is Japanese and next month will be Italian. There are lots of great restaurants in Knoxville for us to try. Each month the group decides on where we will meet the next month. **Please call Harriet Ayers, 966-9822, or Maud Hoover, 463-7399, with your reservation by Monday, October 6.**

Wasabi's has an "Early Bird" special. The cost of the complete meal is \$11.95 or \$12.95 depending on your choice of meat. You can share a meal with someone for an additional cost of \$6. They will provide you with soup, salad, vegetable; the only thing you share is the meat. If you are coming alone, I am sure that someone will share with you if you choose. If you haven't been to a Japanese steakhouse before, this is your chance! It really is fun when you are with a group. *Next month: Macaroni Grill*

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

In October, the EPW will continue our study of the Horizon's Bible Study "The Face is Familiar" Lesson 2 - A Daughter Remembered - Key Idea: The face of Jephthah's daughter reflects the power of remembrance. Please read Judges 11:29-44



Circle II meets Tuesday, October 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor. Circle IV meets Monday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sonja DuBois. The lesson leader will be Tracey Foster.

Please give the Erin Presbyterian Women's Bible Study a Try!

EPW October dates to remember:

- October 4** – Spiritual Retreat
(First Presbyterian Church - Cleveland, TN)
- October 23** – Sunset Gap Day (Cosby, TN*)

* Please call Pat Sexton or Harriet Ayers if you would like to go to Sunset Gap. Reservations are due by Monday, October 13. Cost of lunch: \$5.

"MINISTER TO ALL"

A reminder to you, soon it will be
Our Pampered Chef party on Thursday, you see.
A playground we want, for games and for fun.
The Lord our God knows the children deserve one.
For a bird flies and a fish swims in the sea,
But children play and squeal and laugh with glee.
"Minister to All", He said with nudge.
A place special for them to swing and eat fudge.
A house He prepares for one and for all,
Where all needs will be met for the teeny and the tall.
Open your heart and yes, your checkbook this day.
Help the children come to Him in their own special way.

Thursday, October 9, 2003
 6:30 p.m.
 Erin Presbyterian Church

HALLOWEEN PARTY

A Halloween Party will take place on Sunday, October 26, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Charles and Mary Scarbrough. Hot Dogs and Drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish that goes with hot dogs or bring a dessert.

Please contact the church office, 588-5350, to RSVP or fill out the signup in the bulletin.

REFUGEES FROM RUSSIA

Submitted by Sonja Dubois

I would like for you to meet the new Mrs. Delbert Todd. Many of us knew Victoria, this eleven years ago, as a shy young girl. She came to Knoxville with her grandparents, parents and two sisters from Russia. By sponsoring this family, our congregation became integrally involved in their lives. You might say we were part of a true success story. Even though Nonna, the Mom, was a biology teacher back home, she was the first to start work as a seamstress. She now has her own shop, quality alterations at Homberg Place. Her husband, Farkhed, operates his own dental lab from home. At 72 grandma Aza still prefers working as a designer and seamstress to staying home with her husband Sumbad. Lalita the oldest offspring is happily married and a mother to two little boys. Her life has become even busier as she recently went back to U.T to complete her education.



Delbert and Victoria met in high school. She graduated E.T.S.U. and continued at U.T. for her masters degree. She works in Atlanta for an accounting firm. Delbert is a multi-talented young man. He works as a computer analyst. He likes to fly airplanes and has his pilot's license. Karate is a favorite sport. So you can see, we can feel blessed in having cared for this family. When we met this fine Russian family at the airport, we brought a teddy bear for their five year old daughter, Enara, who is now a junior in high school. About four years after arriving in the U.S. Nonna had a handsome baby boy.

Jesus said "welcome the stranger" and the Erin congregation did just that!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The session has scheduled a congregational meeting following the worship service on Sunday, October 12, 2003. The meeting is to receive the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee and to elect five elders for the session's class of 2006. Nominations may be made from the floor if nominees have agreed beforehand to serve if elected.

CBS TO TELEVISION SPECIAL ON INTERFAITH PEACEMAKERS

Prevention, forgiveness are focus of October 12 telecast

By Jerry L. Van Marter

LOUISVILLE - While much of the Iraq War debate is centered on whether the U.S.-led effort is a "just war," many theologians continue to focus on how to prevent wars and bring forgiveness to peace processes after wars. On October 12, the CBS television network will telecast "Peacemakers," a closer look at a few of the world's peacemakers, their organizations, programs and insights. The half-hour program will air at 8:00 a.m., Eastern Time. It is being produced with the cooperation of the National Council of Churches - including the Presbyterian Church (USA), The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, The Jewish Theological Seminary and the Southern Baptist Broadcast Communication Group. John P. Blessington is the executive producer of the special and Ted Holmes is the producer. Some of those featured on the program include: *John Paul Lederach, a Mennonite who teaches peace building at the University of Notre Dame and who has worked in West Africa, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Northern Ireland and elsewhere; *The Rev. Patricia Ackerman, an Episcopal priest who is part of the Fellowship of Reconciliation's Iraq working group; *William Vendley, secretary general of the World Conference of Religions for Peace; and *Masanko Banda, vice-president of Pathways to Peace.

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