

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

April 2008

Psalm 100:2

*Worship the LORD with gladness;
Come before him with joyful songs.*

Dear Friends,

I can't believe that April is already here! This year is whizzing by at lightning speed. Christmas just seems like yesterday and with an early Easter, it feels as though half the year has already gone.

April is a busy month for our church. On Sunday April 6th, we'll be celebrating World Tartan Day at our morning worship. Everyone is encouraged to wear tartan or plaid and join in the celebrations. The Scottish Society of Knoxville will be here, too, sporting their kilts and Scottish costumes. A bagpiper and drummer will be playing in the parking lot before and after the service. We'll have an old-fashioned Kirking of the Tartans during worship, and I'll be telling Scottish stories to the children, as well as during the sermon.

It promises to be a great occasion, so bring your families and friends, as well as your cameras!

On Sunday April 20th, we hold our annual "Celebrating the Gifts of Women" Sunday service. The women of our church will lead the worship and Molly Garnet, who is a chaplain at UT, as well as being the Pastoral care person at Presbytery for pastors, will be preaching. It's always a wonderful service to attend and it's a great way of honoring the time, work, and faith that our church women give to our congregation.

Finally, on the last Sunday in April, we will be holding a special baptismal service for Aaron Tuan Foster, the third child that Steve and Tracy Foster have adopted from South East Asia. It will be a joyful celebration and I am certain that



everyone will enjoy the whole occasion. A reception in the church parlor for Aaron and his family will take place after worship.

As always, we're delighted to see visitors and friends at our worship. And perhaps these special services will give our regular church members the opportunity to invite loved ones and neighbors to come and join the celebrations.

God be with you all.

John

New Church Member Class

A new Church Membership Class will be taking place on Sunday, April 20th, directly after the worship service. The pastor will lead participants in an hour long class, informing them about the life, work, ministries and missions of our church. Invitations to join the church will be sent out during the first week of April. If you would like to join this class, please contact Leslie at the church (588-5350) or email the pastor at pastor@erinpresbyterian.org

Participants in the class will then be given the opportunity to formally join our church on Sunday April 27.

The Elder Retreat will be Saturday, April 26th in the Family Life Center.

April Sundays

April 6

**World Tartan Sunday
Communion Sunday**

Psalm 116:12-19 & Luke 24:28-35
“Abide with Us”

April 13

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 80:1-7 & John 10:1-10
“Hearing His Voice”

April 20

Celebrating the Gifts of Women
TBA

April 27

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 66:5-12 & John 14:15-21
“A Holy Helper”

May 4

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Psalm 68:32-35 & John 17:1-11
“This Eternal Life”

April Birthdays

(This may not be an accurate list and some names may be missing. If so, please accept our apologies)



Tom Pfeifer, Sr.	April 1
David Snodgrass	April 1
Brad Fortune	April 2
Carol Robbins	April 2
Henry Thomas Ritchie V	April 3
Mike Bilbrey	April 4
Becky Cameron	April 4
Karen Price	April 6
Pat Swain	April 8
Dan Berry	April 9
Jonathan Wilkins	April 9
Jane Cowen	April 13
Erin McCallum	April 14
Margaret Garrett	April 16
Sierra Henshaw	April 16
Peter McKay	April 16
Jennifer Gahan	April 17
John House	April 18
Melinda Massengill	April 21
Cathy Satterfield	April 22
Josh Evans	April 25
Joseph McLeod	April 26
Denise Bilbrey	April 27
Ann Rust	April 30

First Days of May

Britani Massengill	May 2
Joan Miller	May 2
Carson Matthews	May 3
Kelcey Levering	May 6

WORLD TARTAN DAY

Sunday April 6th is World Tartan Day and at Erin, we will be celebrating the event by hosting a special “Kirking of the Tartans” during the worship service. The Scottish Society of Knoxville will be bringing their Scottish banners and wearing their Scottish outfits. A drummer and a piper will be playing before, during, and after the service. It will be a wonderful event and everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite plaid.

If you’ve never heard “Amazing Grace” on the bagpipes, you’ve never lived. Come and enjoy the event. Invite your friends and neighbors as well!

*Your birthday not listed?
Please call the office at 588-5350.*

Marjorie Swanner wishes to Thank you all for the many ways you have shown your love to her. For all your prayers, gifts, visits, cards, and calls. They all are deeply appreciated and also still very much needed as she continues her Therapy and recovery at NHC . With love to all her Erin Family Friends.

Marjorie Swanner, Room 132B
NHC Health care, Ft, Sanders
2120 Highland Avenue
Knoxville, TN. 37916

ENRICHMENT SCHEDULE

The following is the April schedule for Enrichment - if you are unable to attend on your scheduled date, please contact someone to take your place:

	April 6	
Joy Bornhoeft	Jamie Webb	Siri Hamilton
	April 13	
Kelli Crisp	Erin McCallum	Kristi Bailes
	April 20	
Anna McKay	Carla Hoskins	Kelcey Levering
	April 27	
Pam Pfeifer	Susan Hannah	Jennifer Gahan

Middle and High School Youth:

See you Sunday nights at GET! (Gathering Erin Teens) Come and join us, 5-7:30, for Bible study, games, and fun! The speaker schedule

- April 6th: Ben Hoskins
- April 13th: Hillary Pearson
- April 27th: David McKay
- May 4th: Peter McKay
- April 20th: no youth (silent auction)

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2008 NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!

June 16-20

Register kids for VBS week and to volunteer at www.erinpresbyterian.org

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VBS PLANNING MEETING – APRIL 4TH, FRIDAY, 10:00 a.m. – Heritage Room

Spring Cleaning?

If you are cleaning out you children's clothing, book and toy closets, bring them to church. One of our fundraising projects for VBS this year will be consigning these items. You can place them in the labeled container in the Family Life Center.

Monday Night Bible Study

We're beginning a new series of studies leading up to Easter, using episodes of the History Channel's "Naked Archaeologist" program.

Simcha Jacobovici is a controversial Israeli-born Canadian professor of archaeology at the University of Toronto. He has done some outstanding research on sites in the Holy Land and his work gained international attention when he was involved in the James Ossuary debate last summer.

Over the next couple of weeks, the Monday night group will be looking at special episodes about Christ's Early Years, The Crucifixion, and the evidence about Jesus outside of the Bible. The programs are great discussion starters and make us ask real questions about the history of our faith.

If you are interested, then come along to the parlor on Mondays at 7.15pm and join the discussion. We usually finish at about 8.30pm.

Annual Silent Auction

The Annual Silent Auction to benefit the Youth trip to Montreat will be April 19th! We are asking the congregation to bring in items to be auctioned, such as gift certificates of any amount to local restaurants or stores, new household items, art work or craft items, or baked goods that will be sold in the bake sale that day. Please leave these items in the middle office, or give directly to Becca. We can't go to Montreat without your support, so thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

SAM Sack Lunch will meet April 17 at noon. Jim Hilty will talk about wood-carving. SAM Council will meet prior to lunch at 10:30.



Body Recall has resumed! We look forward to seeing you every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4:00pm.

PW NEWS



Circle II will meet at 10:00AM in the parlor on Tuesday, April 8th. **Circle IV** will meet at 7:00PM at Mary Scarbrough's house on Monday April 14th.

Serenity Shelter Mission Project

Erin Presbyterian Women's spring mission project for 2008 is the **Serenity Shelter** under the umbrella of the Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries. The Shelter provides long-term residential recovery for women struggling with addiction, poverty and fleeing domestic violence and other life-dominating challenges. These women live in the shelter and their daily needs are provided to them through donations. They all are enrolled in programs for self-betterment depending upon their individual needs. Our project this year is to collect feminine hygiene products which will be made available for use during their stay at the shelter.

There will be a box in the Narthex for collecting these goods during the first 3 Sundays of April. If you would prefer to donate money, please make checks payable to Erin Presbyterian Women and we will be happy to purchase the materials for you. Please give generously to this cause to enable these women to make a better life for themselves

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

LETS DO DINNER will meet April 1 at the Parkside Grill (N. Peters Rd.) at 5:15. We look forward to dining with you!



It is time to sign up for the **Annual Smokies Baseball Game Outing!** We will attend the Friday, April 25th game against West Tennessee - the fireworks show is always a bonus! Meet at Erin at 6:00 to carpool. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Tickets are \$7.00 each, paid by April 11th

Men's Breakfast will be Saturday April 19th at Camp John Knox! Contact Dale Webb for more information



**VBS Wednesday Night Dinner
AND
Church Family Fun Night
Fundraiser!**

Wednesday, April 9th

Join us for a fun Back Yard Meal!
Also enjoy and participate in a live Church Family Karaoke Night!
Bring your CDGs, guitars, instruments and feel free to entertain our socks off!
Christian and family oriented music!

Breadbreakers

Join us for Breadbreakers on Saturday, April 26 at 6:30pm. The location is yet to be determined, but you may look for an announcement in the bulletin or contact the office at 588-5350 for more information.

Wednesday Night Programs

Wednesday Night Dinner begins at 5:45 with Wednesday Programs following:

5:45 DINNER

6:30 PROGRAMS

Sonshine Company (Noah's Ark Room)

The King's Club (Gathering Room)

Youth Talk (Sr. High Room)

Choir practice begins at 7:30 and Glenfinnan practices at 8:30.

OUTREACH

These past few months have flown by for me. In fact, this whole experience has flown by. I feel like it was only yesterday that I was sending out my initial support letters when in actuality it was June. I don't think I ever imagined getting to where I am right now, but none of this would have happened without all of you.

I have my flights booked and will be leaving on May 18th, and will return August 19th. There's really no turning back now. I've even started getting my vaccinations! Now all I have to do is finish this semester of school, and then I'll be on my way to Tanzania.

There is some sad news, however. One of the girls I was originally going to be with in Tanzania, Berkley, has had to drop out. Her father was recently diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer, and she does not feel right being away from him. He tried very hard to make her go and have a good time, but she just didn't want to leave him. Please pray for Berkley and her family during this very difficult time.

On a brighter note, there is another girl ready to fill Berkley's place. Nicole is from Canada and Tara and I are looking forward to meeting her!

That is all the news for now. Again, I cannot say thank you enough to each and every one of you. Literally none of this would be possible if it wasn't for you. So thank you. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Lauren Stuart

Attention Fathers! Do you have a son who is at least 14 years old? The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has a great program this summer called "Father and Son: Mission weeks in the gulf". This is a great opportunity for you and your son to work and worship together with other fathers and sons from all over the country. For more info, please go to www.pcusa.org/pda

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

**Stewardship Figures
YTD March, 2008**

	<u>Jan - Mar, 08</u>	<u>Jan - Mar, 07</u>
Income		
CE	935.00	140.00
Property	3,105.00	3,150.00
Discipleship	652.50	1,464.67
Fellowship	1,567.00	1,416.66
Stewardship	70.53	22.45
Memorial	0.00	105.00
Outreach	9,500.92	1,531.25
Offerings	65,279.39	56,042.62
Worship	500.00	50.00
Total Income	<u>81,610.34</u>	<u>63,922.65</u>
Expense		
Property	10,792.43	15,820.71
Discipleship	3,218.92	5,804.39
Fellowship	1,220.44	2,973.40
Outreach	14,010.60	7,086.83
Stewardship	26,843.69	24,971.92
Worship	782.72	1,204.38
Pastoral		
Ministry	25,133.74	19,800.52
Memorial	795.31	989.75
Session	207.30	109.56
Payroll	500.00	0.00
Total Expense	<u>83,505.15</u>	<u>78,761.46</u>
Net Income	<u>-1,894.81</u>	<u>-14,838.81</u>

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Sue Beverly, Director
Ronald McDonald House

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK OF
March 30, 2008

IRAQ

Joseph McLeod

Don Gunter (husband of Paula Tate-Gunter).

TENNESSEE

Jennifer Shaw (MOPS mom)

Aaron Sharp

Joanne Hill (Friend of the Hickmans)

Mike Harter (uncle of Kelli Crisp)

Dave Leckie

Becky Francik (sister of Mike Cate)

Dave Thomasson (friend of Bud and Lora Yard)

Nancy Cohill (friend of Bud and Lora Yard)

Marion Sanks

Marjorie Swanner

Kari Matthews

Karen Easter (friend of Patty Britton-Pierce)

Margo Puckett

Mike (friend of Gary Blackburn)

Mrs. Pat Swain

ALABAMA

Justice Crisp (brother of Shane Crisp)

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ARKANSAS

Edna Anderson (grandmother of Kari Matthews)

CONNECTICUT

Barbara Hyman (cousin of Ruth White)

VIRGINIA

Enid Clarke (sister of Ruth White)

Rev. Erin C. Sharp (pastor of Ray Schall's former church)

CALIFORNIA

Linda Gaspar (sister of Dave Leckie)

SOUTH CAROLINA

Sara Mantle

GUATEMALA

Luis Angel (student at the Guatemala School)

ERIN PRAYER CHAIN: the prayer chains will be supervised by **Katina Sharp**. She has volunteered to temporarily take over this vital ministry to ensure that messages and requests are not overlooked. You can contact Katina by e-mail at **Katiquando@aol.com** or call her at 742-2292. Thank you Katina for looking after this important area of our church's ministry.

The Erin Presbyterian Church News is published monthly. Comments and submissions are welcome. Please submit articles by **Friday, April 25** for inclusion in the next month's issue. Place submissions in Administrator's mailbox in the Church Office or send articles and/or calendar events via e-mail to "**admin@erinpresbyterian.org**".

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