

# Stewardship



The Stewardship Team is happy to say that our operational finances are doing well. Our giving has been good and we really did not experience the typical summer drop. We are very appreciative and thankful for this. The team continues to monitor our finances carefully. We are a bit concerned, however, about the lack of donations to lower our debt. We are concerned that individuals may forget that we have this debt and to that end, we are starting a monthly campaign to raise awareness and to hopefully get more contributions toward this effort. The last Sunday of each month, a special envelope will be placed in the backs of the pews. Individuals can use this envelope to donate to the Lower the Debt Fund. Additionally, in those months where there are 5 Sundays, we will do a moment for mission regarding our status for lowering the debt.

Larry McKay presented a Moment for Mission on the Legacy Fund on Sunday, September 18. He has made contact with several individuals who have interest and he learned that several in the congregation already have Erin in their wills. Larry hopes to talk to others in the near future. Participation in the Legacy Fund is totally confidential unless an individual wishes to share his or her participation. The funds are not for routine operational needs but rather for those special large needs that we sometimes experience such as repairing the parking lot or HVAC systems and the like.

Finally, I want to close by talking just a bit about what stewardship is. The formal definition of stewardship is "the conducting, supervising or managing of something, especially the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." Most of the time when the word stewardship is mentioned, money is the first thing that comes to mind. Money is just one part of it; stewardship extends well beyond this to our time and talents. When we help clean up the church yard or when we sing in the choir or when we teach Sunday School, that is being a good steward. God gives us everything - literally everything - that we have, and we need to be good stewards of all that he gives us and to also be grateful stewards, cheerfully giving give back to God as much as we can in as many ways as we can.

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## OCTOBER EVENTS



- October 1**  
9:00AM Men's Breakfast
- October 2**  
3:00PM WordPlayers Auditions  
3:30PM Dayspring Dance Begins
- October 4**  
5:00PM Staff MTG  
6:30PM Property MTG  
7:00PM Fellowship MTG  
7:00PM Discipleship MTG
- October 9**  
**Beginning of Spring Break Week**  
12:15PM Congregational MTG  
12:15PM CEX MTG  
12:15PM Outreach MTG
- October 10**  
7:00PM PW Evening Circle
- October 11**  
10:00AM PW Morning Circle
- October 12**  
No WND, or Children's/Youth Classes
- October 13**  
7:30PM Stewardship MTG
- October 16**  
**PINK SUNDAY**
- October 21**  
MS Lock-In
- October 22**  
11:30AM FISH Pantry Work Day  
6:30PM Scottish Society
- October 25**  
6:30PM Marketing MTG
- October 27**  
7:00PM Session MTG
- October 30**  
5PM - 7PM Halloween Party at Tate's School (Potluck)

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## October 2016

### Message from the Pastor Rev. John Stuart

**1 Peter 3:8 "Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. " (NIV)**



Dear Friends,

With the Presidential Election just over a month away, things are beginning to get heated across our nation. There is no doubt in all of our minds that this is a crucial election, however, the potential for it to divide families, friends, and even church members seems to be much greater than any other nationwide election that we have previously known.

Each of us will be drawn to the candidate whom we believe represents the correct direction for our nation to take. Of course, there can only be one President, so some people are going to celebrate while others are bound to feel disappointed. Whatever happens between now and the end of the election, it would be a sad mistake for us to lose people who are close to us simply because they are supporting or voting for the other side.

The Apostle Peter's words, highlighted above this message, serve as a good reminder of our Christian duty, over and above our civil duty. For the sake of our friendships, relationships, and fellowship, it is important to remember those words. I would encourage all of us to do our utmost to keep faithful to what Peter urges – **to be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.**

Finally, voting is a free choice that we are sacredly given through the liberties we enjoy. They are billions of people on Earth who would love to have our freedom to vote. I would happily urge all of us to vote, remembering that this is not only a presidential election, but it also involves choosing local government leaders whose policies will impact the districts, counties, and State where we reside.

May God bless all of your loved ones, as well as your hope and dreams.

Pastor John

BIRTHDAYS

October

- 2 Evelyn Lowry
- 10 Mary McLeod
- 11 Jim Hilty
- 14 Linda Quinley
- 16 Isabella Armsworth
- 17 Robin Cuany
- 17 Chuck Scarborough
- 17 Carter McCallum
- 19 Sonja DuBois
- 21 Rickey McCallum
- 22 Rob Matthews
- 24 Randy Boyd
- 29 Michelle Waters

If you're birthday's not listed, let the office know!



November

- 3 Sherry Draper
- 4 Hanna Matthews
- 5 Jackie Griffin
- 10 Paul Yau
- 11 Dusty Pennington
- 11 Mia Avery Quinn
- 12 Tom Chesney
- 15 Matt Cowen
- 15 Connor Backous
- 16 Nancy Berry
- 17 Sara Leckie
- 17 Rob Cameron
- 18 Connor Quinn
- 25 Bill Brazelton
- 25 Sam Pulsipher



Sun. School and Wed. Night Classes

October and November Connections Class

Every Sunday morning, the Pastor leads a group discussion about various Bible passages, current events, and topical issues. It takes place in the Heritage Room, one door down from the Church parlor. Everyone is welcome to attend these discussions, which start at 9:45AM and finish around 10:30AM.

The class is inter-generational and anyone who is interested in the discussion may participate. The pastor chooses a different topic for the month and helps to enable the discussions, questions, and ideas that are shared at every Connections session. During October and November, the discussions will focus on the Apostle Peter's first Letter from the New Testament. We tend to think of Peter as the big, loud-mouthed fisherman friend of Jesus who was always impetuous and getting into trouble. However, in his later years, Peter became a dynamic leader of the Early Christian Church who wrote two letters to young Christians. The Connections Class will read and look at his first letter, discussing why it was written and for whom, as well as seeking ideas and suggestions on how to apply his words today.

The schedule for discussing 1 Peter is as follows:

- Oct 02 Peter 1 – A Genuine Faith
- Oct 09 **Membership Class**
- Oct 16 Peter 2 – Honor the Emperor???
- Oct 23 **No Class**
- Oct 30 Peter 3 – Husbands and Wives – Joint Heirs
- Nov 06 Peter 4 – Unfailing Love
- Nov 13 Peter 5 – Grace to the Humble

Wednesday Night Book Study

The pastor is currently teaching a book study on Wednesday evenings in the Heritage Room from 6:45pm to 7:25pm. The book that is presently being studied is called *"Simplify – Ten Ways to Unclutter Your Soul"* by Bill Hybels. We all feel under pressure and are relentlessly schedule driven. We all have responsibilities to fulfill and deadlines to meet. Bill Hybels, from his years of experience as a mega-church pastor, offers ten ways to reduce the amount of pressure we put ourselves under by simplifying our lives and re-evaluating what is really important in our daily living. Each week has a different topic to discuss, so you can drop in at any time. Anyone can join the discussion and you don't have to read the book in order to benefit from the study.

Church Membership Class

The pastor will be holding a church membership class on Sunday, October 9 in the heritage Room from 9:45AM to 10:30AM. Anyone who is interested in joining the church is welcome to come along. Invitations will be sent out to regular worship attendees who have not officially joined our congregation. If you would like more information, contact the pastor by email at [pastor@erinpresbyterian.org](mailto:pastor@erinpresbyterian.org).

Volunteers

If you need to change your volunteer slot, please organize a swap or a substitute. Then, let the front office know at 588-5350 or [admin@erinpresbyterian.org](mailto:admin@erinpresbyterian.org).



10.2.16	10.9.16	10.16.16	10.23.16	10.30.16
Coffee Host	Coffee Host	Coffee Host	Coffee Host	Coffee Host
Anna McKay	Betty Gibbs	Lori Hudson	Dan Gibbs	Dave Stinnett
Greeter	Greeter	Greeter	Greeter	Greeter
Anna McKay	Mike Cate	Dave Stinnett	Lynne Jones	Madeline Griffin
Larry McKay	Mary Nell Cate	Cecelia Stinnett	Farrah Linkous	Jackie Griffin
Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer
Carter McCallum	Ella Levering	Aiden Strand	Isabella Armsworth	Kenleigh Pennington
Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide
Marcia Mechlin	Sara Leckie	Erin McCallum	John House	Pat Wallin
Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader
Bob McLean	Jane Brannon	Evelyn Stuart	Betty Gibbs	Joy Bornhoeft
Usher	Usher	Usher	Usher	Usher
Dusty Pennington	Dave Leckie	Robbie Levering	Ron DuBois	Mike Cate
Kim Pennington	Katie Bailes	Suzanne Levering	Sonja DuBois	Mary Nelle Cate
Erin McCallum	Jim Montgomery	Linda Quinley	Kay Pennington	Farrah Linkous
Ricky McCallum	Pat Wallin	Don Quinley	Gary Pennington	
Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship
Kelcey Levering	Joy Bornhoeft	Farrah Linkous	Kristi Bailes	Jennifer Gahan
Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
	Erin McCallum	Jackie Griffin	Jennifer Gahan	Kim Pennington
Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter
Dave Stinnett	Ricky McCallum	John House	Neill Murphy	Sean Gahan
Larry McKay	Mike Jones	John Stuart	David Eggers	Eva Lynch
Communion				
Class of 2017				



Be a good steward of your church's finances  
Please Notify The Office  
If your event has been cancelled or rescheduled  
So we can adjust the thermostat



# Property - Outreach - Fellowship



The Erin Property Team invites you to Spruce up the Grounds at Erin! **Saturday, October 29, 2016 Clean Up Time: 9:30-12:30**  
**Scheduled Tasks:** Blowing and Raking Leaves, Weeding, General Maintenance, Landscaping, Dusting, Window Cleaning and more. Floaters are welcome. Bring shovels, rakes, tarps, wheelbarrows, weed eaters, power blowers, general tools and cleaning supplies, if you have them. All skill levels are welcome.  
**Join us for Breakfast -- Hosted by the Gibbs! Breakfast Served from 9:00 - 9:30 am**



## Outreach Ministry Team News

Thank you to all the volunteers that signed up to help with the KARM Donation Trailer! Your gift of time to help with this mission project is greatly appreciated!  
 October 9<sup>th</sup> is Domestic Violence Awareness Day. Your giving supports victims of abuse through local missions, like Serenity Shelter and Compassion Coalition.  
 October 16<sup>th</sup> is World Food Day. Our church supports the local community with donations of time and money to Meals on Wheels and FISH Hospitality Pantries. Our next **FISH Work Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** at the Scott Avenue warehouse. The sign-up sheet is available in the narthex (we need a team of 15 volunteers).  
 \* We will carpool from the Erin parking lot at 11 a.m.



## Halloween Party!

Our annual Halloween Party will be held at the Tates' school on Sunday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7. The Fellowship Team will bring hot dogs, buns and the fixin's, you bring a dish or dessert for the Potluck. We will also roast some marshmallows! Get dressed up in your best Halloween outfit and come enjoy the some fun with your Erin family!

## October 1st: Men's Breakfast

Join the men of Erin Presbyterian Church on the first Saturday of each month as they get together for breakfast and conversation. **Breakfast begins at 9am.**



\* This Sunday, plan to join us for breakfast, then we'll give a helping hand with the KARM trailer, that will be here at Erin, taking donations to help those in need.

# Ministry Matters

CEX: Kevin Griffin      Outreach: Cecilia Stinnett  
 Discipleship: Joe Jaynes      Property: Jane Brannon  
 Fellowship: Jim Montgomery      Stewardship: Eva Lynch

## Worship Time Before Service Returns!

**Erin Express Praise and Worship Band** is returning to Sunday mornings this month! Beginning October 9th at 10:30am, join Erin Express in the sanctuary every Sunday for a time of contemporary Praise and Worship music. If you love Praise and Worship music or just want to prepare your heart and mind for the worship service, join us in lifting our voices in praise!!



On this day, the congregation will wear pink to support breast cancer survivors & those who've lost their battle. We will be collecting donations for Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Look for the pink envelopes & more information in bulletins in the next few weeks!

## Presbyterian Women Presbyterian Women

PW Circles will meet at their regular times during October.....  
 Monday, October 10, at 7:00 pm and Tuesday, October 11, at 10 am. We will be discussing Lesson 2. Join us!



The Discipleship Team will host an **Advent Workshop** during the Sunday School hour on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The workshop is in lieu of regular Sunday School classes and all ages are invited to attend! Come and learn all about the Season of Advent and make your own Chrismons to take home!  
 \* Coffee and pastries will be provided.

## A 'Thank You' from Karen Stump

Major appreciation for our church family at the outpouring of love through cards, hugs, food, flowers, memorials, and for attending at the Celebration of Life service for my father. Your support literally held me up as I walked through the darkness and despair of our loss. Thank you all! - Karen Stump

# Youth and CEX





Middle School Lock In - October 21,2016

Middle Schoolers, mark your calendars! We will be having a lock-in at the church on October 21, from 8pm to 8am. On the 22nd. Get your Sleeping bags and pillows ready to go!



Spaghetti Dinner and Halloween Dessert Contest!

Spaghetti Dinner and Halloween Dessert Contest - October 26, 2016 The Erin Youth Group will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on October 26. Funds raised will benefit Erin Youth trips. There will also be a Halloween-themed dessert contest so be thinking of your creepiest treats. Be on the lookout for ticket sales and further details on the dessert contest.

October is Creative Expressions Ministry Informational Month

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:6

Our CEX ministry programs have started and things are really getting busy, so the CEX Team is declaring October as CEX Informational Month!!

The goal is to give the congregation, and the local community, as much information as possible about all of the wonderful programs we offer, so be in the lookout for our complete CEX brochure of classes available on Sunday mornings this month. We are kids and adults interested in the arts and in using the arts for God’s glory. We appreciate the tremendous support, encouragement, and performance attendance we receive from our Erin Church Family--we really are all in this together!

We are very excited about our programs! Below you will find information and important dates about each group:

Sonshine Company Musical Theatre Workshop/Sonshine Lite

Provides Christian-based, musical theatre education 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. . Members learn theatre basics and develop acting, music, dance, and production skills. Sonshine started the first of September and because we had 40 interested kids, we have divided the troupe into younger (1st-3rd graders in the “Lite Class”, and older troupes! Sonshine is going strong, meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 6:20-7:30pm, and one Saturday a month. Enrollment is \$25 for the 2016-17 season with a major production planned the first weekend in May.

Dayspring Dance Ensemble

Provides a Christian-based dance experience for members 6<sup>th</sup> grade through college age. Members develop dance and movement techniques including liturgical, ballet, and modern dance, by performing choreography to selected instrumental and vocal music. The rehearsals are on Sunday evenings from 3:30-4:40pm in the Noah’s Ark Room at Erin church. Begins October 2nd and runs throughout the school year.

Journey 7 Advanced Theatre Workshop

Provides a Christian-based theatre education program for Middle and High School students. The mission of J7 is to provide members with an opportunity to develop advanced acting skills such as characterization, improvisation, solo and duo acting, and mime; while learning to work together as a troupe. J-7 meets on Wednesday nights at 6:15-7:30pm the Family Life Center, from September through the end of April.

# Kid’s Ministries





Planet Worship Offering

This semester in Planet Worship, kids will be collecting an offering for *Heifer International*.

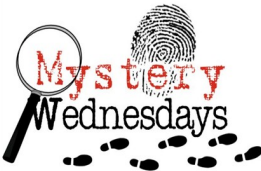
Last month, the kids learned all about Heifer and the animals they gift to needy families. Kids voted to use the Planet Worship offering to purchase chicks and honeybees at Christmastime.

\*\*\*\*\* HEIFER HIGHLIGHT \*\*\*\*\*

The gift of chicks from Heifer International will help provide a family in need with a starter flock of 10-15 chicks and training in their care.

Every egg is a nutritious gift for a hungry child. A good hen can lay up to 200 eggs in a year. Families can sell the eggs and earn money to pay for clothes, medicine, clean water, and school supplies.

Planet Worship Volunteers	
October	
10/2:	Kelcey Levering
10/9:	Joy Bornhoeft
10/16:	Farrah Linkous
10/23:	Kristi Bailes
10/30:	Jennifer Gahan
November	
11/6:	Lori Hudson
11/13:	Jane Brannon
11/20:	Erin McCallum
11/27:	Kim Pennington



Pioneer Club  
Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 – 7:30 pm



This month in Pioneer Club, we’ll follow Nate the Great on several “spooktacular” cases. We will encounter owls, monsters, draculas, frankensteins, and werewolves!! We end the month with a great “Halloween Hunt” and party on October 26. There will be no Pioneer Club on October 12 due to Knox County Schools Fall Break.



PET Pre-Teen Retreat at John Knox

Last month, three of our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders attended the Pre-Teen Retreat at the John Knox Center. Our girls joined 40 other kids from 10 different churches in East TN. The theme of the retreat was “Just As You Are.”