

Financials

Erin Presbyterian Church Balance Sheet As of January 9, 2017	
	Jan 9, 17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	9,956.71
HF Savings	192,902.01
SunTrust Checking	1,001.74
SunTrust Debit Card Account	295.84
Total Checking/Savings	204,156.30
Total Current Assets	204,156.30
Fixed Assets	
Building Improvements	21,587.00
Computer Equipment	1,109.97
Furniture and fixtures	35,699.89
General Equipment	9,764.55
Accumulated Depreciation	-32,255.45
Total Fixed Assets	35,905.96
TOTAL ASSETS	240,062.26
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	1,367.59
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,367.59
Total Current Liabilities	1,367.59
Total Liabilities	1,367.59
Equity	
Restricted Funds	250.00
Retained Earnings	134,163.50
Unrestricted Funds	47,164.25
Net Income	57,116.92
Total Equity	238,694.67
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	240,062.26

Erin Presbyterian Church Profit & Loss July 1, 2016 through January 9, 2017	
	Jul 1, '16 - Jan 9, 17
Income	
Other Income	60.00
Memorial Income	4,480.00
Creative Expression Income	785.53
Discipleship Income	3,580.82
Fellowship Income	4,768.10
Offerings	201,758.70
Property Income	5,390.00
Restricted Accts Income	7,049.00
Stewardship Income	152.74
Transfer from Capital Campaign	0.00
Total Income	228,024.89
Gross Profit	228,024.89
Expense	
Creative Expressions Ministry	4,911.59
Discipleship Team	1,986.20
Fellowship Team	3,594.22
Outreach Team	14,113.28
Pastoral Ministry	53,730.12
Payroll Expenses	0.00
Property Team	25,927.28
Restricted Accts Expense	5,342.09
Stewardship Team	60,481.29
Worship Team	821.90
Total Expense	170,907.97
Net Income	57,116.92

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 5
SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY
Also, it is “Wear Your Blue Tshirt to Church Sunday”

February 4
9:30am Property Team Meeting

February 7
6:00pm Staff Meeting
7:00pm Fellowship Meeting
7:00pm Discipleship Meeting

February 9
9:30am MOPS

February 11
1:00pm Sonshine Workshop
1:00pm Creative Expressions
Cleanup Day

February 12
12:15pm Creative Expressions
12:15pm Outreach Meeting
4:30pm Stewardship Meeting

February 13
7:00pm PW Evening Circle

February 14
10:00am PW Morning Circle

February 16
7:00pm Session Meeting

February 23
9:30am MOPS

February 24
Youth Summit in Gatlinburg
though Sunday the 26th

February 28
6:00pm Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
6:30pm Marketing Meeting

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February 2017

Message from the Pastor....

Hebrews 4:16 *“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” (NIV)*



Dear Friends,

I came across the above Bible verse the other day and wanted to share it with you this month. I think it expresses what we all need during these remarkable and transitional times. Some people get worried about the future whenever any significant change comes into their lives. This verse describes how to cope with it – we faithfully go to God with our concerns, in order to receive the blessings of mercy and grace that will actually sustain us.

I also recently re-read some of the lesser-known verses of the wonderful hymn, ‘Amazing Grace,’ which were written by John Newton. I think that these are also wise words to live by in today’s world:

*Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.
The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.
- John Newton, ‘Amazing Grace.’*

As we continue to travel together throughout this year, it’s good to know that God’s grace is with us and that no matter what we experience or who we are, His mercy and love are always available to us. As church people, we are meant to be both the salt and light in our community, so if our families or friends are anxious and concerned, then our role is to reassure them that God is in control of all things and that Christ’s peace will prevail. Our positive witness to Jesus is what makes our faith effective. When we are willing to share His love with grace, even with those with whom we disagree, then we show how deeply we are committed to Christ, His teaching, and His compassion.

May God bless and guide us all in the days that lie ahead.

Pastor John

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BIRTHDAYS

Connections Class

- FEBRUARY
- 2

Ginger Thompson
- 6

Neill Murphy
- 10

Eva Lynch
- 12

Rose Armsworth
- 13

Dan Gibbs
- 13

Jodi Yau
- 14

Bette Brasher
- 17

David McKay
- 19

Marc Miller
- 19

Cecilia Stinnett
- 20

Anna McKay
- 22

Gant Dunaway
- 24

Craig Stapleton
- 24

McLain Miller
- 27

Mike Cate
- 28

Robbie Levering
- 28

Harter Crisp
- 28

Gavin Miller



- MARCH
- 1

Kim Jaynes
- 1

Madeline Griffin
- 2

Kristi Bailes
- 3

Kari Matthews
- 11

Steve Foster
- 13

Eleanor Jaynes
- 13

Bayard Erskine
- 14

Mike Massengill
- 14

Kenleigh Pennington
- 15

Kayla Scarbrough
- 16

Maggie Gunter
- 16

Mollie Gunter
- 17

Stan Stevens
- 19

John Stuart
- 22

Emme Ritchie
- 25

Cynthia House
- 26

Happy Hilty
- 28

Morgan Fitch
- 28

Dale Webb

Connections Class

Pastor Stuart teaches a Sunday School Class each week in the Heritage Room from 9:45AM to 10:30AM. Each month, he chooses a different subject to be shared and discussed with the class participants. Everyone is welcome to attend the classes, as well as adding their own experiences, opinions, and comments to the lesson.

February 5-26

4-Week series – Paul’s Letter to American Christians
by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

February is traditionally Black History Month in the United States. To commemorate this, we’ll be doing an in-depth study of Dr. King’s famous sermon, ‘Paul’s Letter to American Christians’] and consider what implications it still has for church and society in today’s United States.

Feb 05

Background and Part 1

Feb 12

Part 2

Feb 19

Part 3

Feb 26

Part 4

Coming in March – a 6-week Lent series: Who is Jesus?

Excerpt from Martin Luther King Jr.’s Letter to American Christians

I would like to share with you an imaginary letter from the pen of the Apostle Paul. The postmark reveals that it comes from the city of Ephesus. After opening the letter I discovered that it was written in Greek rather than English. At the top of the first page was this request: "Please read to your congregation as soon as possible, and then pass on to the other churches."

For several weeks I have worked assiduously with the translation. At times it has been difficult, but now I think I have deciphered its true meaning. May I hasten to say that if in presenting this letter the contents sound strangely Kingian instead of Paulinian, attribute it to my lack of complete objectivity rather than Paul's lack of clarity.

It is miraculous, indeed, that the Apostle Paul should be writing a letter to you and to me nearly 1900 years after his last letter appeared in the New Testament. How this is possible is something of an enigma wrapped in mystery. The important thing, however, is that I can imagine the Apostle Paul writing a letter to American Christians in 1956 A.D. And here is the letter as it stands before me.

“I, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God...”

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.

February 5th	February 12th	February 19th	February 26th
Coffee Host	Coffee Host	Coffee Host	Coffee Host
Dave Stinnett	Dan Gibbs	Betty Gibbs	Anna McKay
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
Rickey McCallum	Ron DuBois	Nicole Waters	Larry McKay
Erin McCallum	Sonja DuBois	Tammy Murphy	Anna McKay
Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer
Carter McCallum	Rose Armsworth	Lucy Cate	Ella Levering
Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide
Lynn Sexton	Rickey McCallum	Cathy Van Ostrand	Eva Lynch
Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader
Suzanne Levering	Erin McCallum	Joe Jaynes	Rob Lynch
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Brooks Eggers	Jim Montgomery	David Leckie	Nicole Waters
Cathy VanOstrand	Suzanne Levering	Robbie Levering	Suzanne Levering
Sara Leckie	Mike Cate	Gary Pennington	Dave Stinnett
David Leckie	Mary Nelle Cate	Kay Pennington	Cathy Van Ostrand
Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship
Jennifer Gahan	Joy Bornhoeft	Jane Brannon	Erin McCallum
Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
Kim Pennington	Apryl Quinn	Kelcey Levering	Kay Pennington
Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter
Dave Stinnett	Sean Gahan	John House	Dave Eggers
Mike Jones	Eva Lynch	John Stuart	Neill Murphy
Communion			

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PW and Property

PW SPRING MISSION PROJECT

The PW Spring Mission Project is planned for March. Our focus this year is Bridge Refugee Services, Inc. Their mission is “to provide opportunities for refugees to rebuild their lives, after suffering persecution, so that they can become productive, contributing members of the community.”

We will be collecting school supplies which will be given to the children of each family served by Bridge. Items needed are backpacks, one-subject notebooks, 3-ring binders, binder dividers, packs of No. 2 pencils, packs of pens, crayons or markers, kid scissors, children’s glue.

Please help us help Bridge make a difference in these families’ lives. As always, the box will be in the Narthex.

PW EVENING AND MORNING CIRCLES

PW Circles will meet at their regular times for the month of February. The morning circle will meet on the 2nd Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 10 am in the parlor. The evening circle will meet on the 2nd Monday, Feb. 13, at 7 pm in the parlor. LESSON ALERT: The evening circle will be studying Lesson 6 – According to the Hebrews. We decided to skip Lesson 5: According to Paul. All Erin women are welcome to attend either Bible study anytime!

Good Stewardship of Our Church Building and Resources

KEYS

Thanks to all for taking the time to respond to our building key inventory! Your Property Team is assessing ways to make entry/exit both convenient and secure for everyone using the facilities. It is critically important that everyone enjoying the use of our building take responsibility for closing up all doors/windows upon departure. Simply said, if you are the person convening or reserving a room/space, it is your responsibility to turn off all lights and secure any exit at the conclusion of your meeting/program.

FACILITIES AND HEATING

Now that winter is here and evening programs last into darkness, please remember to turn off the lights as you leave. This also applies after Sunday School and Worship! Many lights remain on in our building when everyone thinks “someone else will do it.” Also, please remember to let us know, in the office (admin@erinpresbyterian.org), if your event has been moved or cancelled, so we’re not heating rooms unnecessarily.

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

Outreach and Thank You

Thanks for participating in Mission Fair again this year! We had a wonderful time learning about the work that Jan Heckler and Rev. Mamisoa are doing through their respective ministries in Madagascar. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.



- Thank you also to everyone that donated socks during Advent. The folks down at Volunteer Ministry Center were very happy to receive the donation.
- Instead of collecting soup cans this year during Souper Bowl Sunday, we are asking each of you to donate generously to the soup ‘pots’ the youth of our church will be holding as you exit the sanctuary that day. We want to support their mission project in Gatlinburg.
- Next month we are scheduled to work at FISH on **Saturday, March 25th – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** We are *limited to a team of ten people*. The sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex on Sunday, March 5th. Don’t miss the opportunity to join this work crew!

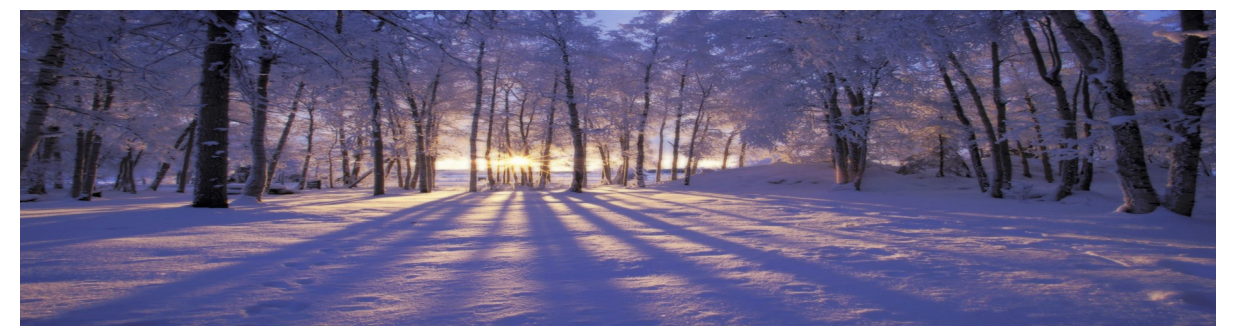
Our next meeting will be **Sunday, February 12th** directly after worship in the Outreach room. Everyone is welcome to attend and share ideas!

The Stinnetts

The Stinnett Family appreciates your thoughtful expressions of love in the form of cards, food and phone calls after the recent death of Bill Stinnett. We are fortunate to have all you in our lives. We ask that you continue to keep Mary Stinnett in your prayers.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

When winter weather comes, please check to see if Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church is closed. If they are closed, we will be, as well. You may also find information at the Erin Presbyterian Church Facebook page and local news websites.



Erin Youth

Youth Summit 2017 - "World Changing 101"

Youth Summit 2017 will be taking place on Friday, February 24 - Sunday, February 26 at the Glenstone Lodge in Gatlinburg. This year's keynote speaker is David LaMotte, an award-winning songwriter, speaker, and writer. LaMotte is also a public speaker and workshop leader, offering World Changing 101 workshops around the world for more than a decade. Youth Summit is open to high school students, as well as rising 8th graders. If your youth would like to join the trip, please get in touch with Farrah Linkous for details.

Souper Bowl of Caring - February 5, 2017

The Erin Presbyterian youth group will once again be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday. Youth will collect money on February 5th as we leave service. All funds collected will benefit an area food pantry, Sevier County Food Ministries.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - February 28th

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is a church family favorite. And we need your help! We are able to make this happen with parent volunteers, so if you have a student in Youth Group, or you just love making pancakes, let us know! Contact us at admin@erinpresbyterian.org or talk to Farrah Linkous

Creative Expressions

"The mission of Creative Expressions is to serve as collaborative and foundational ministry to worship and proclaim our faith through the performing arts."

Some information and important dates related to our programs:

Sonshine Company: is going strong, meeting weekly on Wednesdays with over 40 kids in the 2016-17 season. We have two shows coming soon, and a preview is coming on March 5th! This group is led by Cynthia House, Kelli Boyd, Carolyn Gahan, Michelle Waters, Rachael Little, and Emma Rowe.

Such is the Kingdom: This is a girls' show choir for K-5th grade. The girls have been working hard, and will be doing some local visits soon.

Right Spirit: This group isn't meeting currently, but seeking interest from potential members for the 2017 season.

DaySpring Dance: Planned performances on 3/5, 4/23 at Erin. Courtney Vanderpool is group leader, and always looking for others to join! Meets on Sunday's every week from 3:30-4:45p.m.

Journey 7: This program meets weekly on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:30p.m. under the direction of Jessica Magers-Rankin. We provide theatre classes, workshops, outreach opportunities, and productions for middle and high school students.

Erin Youth Players: We're working on finalizing potential shows by looking at several different opportunities. (This program usually runs from the beginning of May through the end of June.)

Important Dates

CEX Clean up date: February 11th 1pm-4pm. CEX families please save the date as we need your help!

Gifts of Children Sunday: We will practice on Saturday, March 4th and be part of the service on Sunday, March 5th.

Welcome Wagon: January 25th and February 22nd

We look forward to seeing lots of you involved in CEX programs at Erin this year! For more information, please visit www.erinpresbyterian.org or contact the church office, Kevin Griffin, Cynthia House, or any member of the CEX team.

Family Ministry

Liturgical Seasons in Planet Worship

Planet Worship Volunteers	
February	
2/5:	Jennifer Gahan
2/12:	Joy Bornhoeft
2/19:	Jane Brannon
2/26:	Erin McCallum
3/5:	Gifts of Children Sunday - No Planet Worship

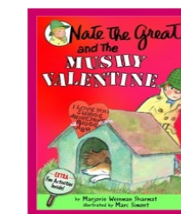


One of the topics taught in Planet Worship is the Liturgical Seasons of the church year. As the year passes, children will learn the cycle of the seasons, the significance of the liturgical colors, and symbols representing each season. For several years, the children have been working on making their own liturgical banners for their classroom. We now have a full set of liturgical banners and are working on making coordinating paraments for the Communion table.

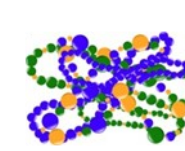
We now are in Ordinary Time - the time when we count the weeks between the special seasons of the year. The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is *GREEN*, which represents life. The children's banner displays a variety of leaves in shades of green also symbolizing life and abundance. This year, the season of Lent begins on March 1st. The liturgical color for Lent is *PURPLE*, the color of repentance, pain, and suffering. The children's Lenten banner shows several symbols representing the significant events of Holy Week.



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



This month in Pioneer Club, we'll follow Nate on several more mysterious cases, including the case of the **Mushy Valentine**. Then, at the end of the month, we'll have a very special Pioneer Club on Tuesday, February 28th -----



Nate loves to solve mysteries and he loves pancakes – you can't solve a case on an empty stomach!

All of Pioneer Club is invited to our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner.

We'll have a special craft and play a pancake relay game.

Then we'll all sit together for a feast of pancakes and King cake.

There will be no WND nor Pioneer Club on Wednesday, March 1st.