

The Beacon

Financials

Erin Presbyterian Church Balance Sheet As of February 12, 2017	
	Feb 12, 17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	13,648.56
HF Savings	181,734.70
SunTrust Checking	1,001.75
SunTrust Debit Card Account	351.08
Total Checking/Savings	196,736.09
Total Current Assets	196,736.09
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	-32,256.45
Total Fixed Assets	35,905.96
TOTAL ASSETS	232,642.05
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	1,332.56
Payroll Liabilities	
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,332.56
Total Current Liabilities	1,332.56
Total Liabilities	1,332.56
Equity	
Restricted Funds	250.00
Retained Earnings	136,869.50
Unrestricted Funds	47,164.25
Net Income	47,025.74
Total Equity	231,309.49
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	232,642.05

“But who am I, and who
are my people, that we
should be able to give as
generously as this?
Everything comes from
you, and we have given you
only what comes from your
hand.”

1 Chronicles 29:14

Erin Presbyterian Church Profit & Loss July 1, 2016 through February 12, 2017	
	Jul 1, '16 - Feb 12, 17
Income	
Other Income	60.00
Memorial Income	4,530.00
Creative Expression Income	785.53
Discipleship Income	4,193.32
Fellowship Income	6,570.10
Offerings	224,215.70
Property Income	6,190.00
Restricted Accts Income	7,472.00
Stewardship Income	184.94
Total Income	254,201.59
Gross Profit	254,201.59
Expense	
Creative Expressions Ministry	6,593.38
Discipleship Team	3,706.67
Fellowship Team	4,606.94
Outreach Team	21,282.84
Pastoral Ministry	62,976.70
Property Team	30,050.82
Restricted Accts Expense	5,483.89
Stewardship Team	71,641.58
Worship Team	833.03
Total Expense	207,175.85
Net Income	47,025.74

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MARCH EVENTS

March 5
GIFTS OF CHILDREN SUNDAY

March 6
6:30pm Property Meeting
7:00pm PW Evening Circle

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

March 9
9:30am MOPS

March 11
9:00am Sonshine Workshop

March 12
12:15pm Outreach Meeting
3:00pm Eleanor Jaynes’
Birthday Celebration

March 14
10:00am PW Morning Circle
7:30pm Stewardship Meeting

March 23
9:30am MOPS
7:00pm Session Meeting

March 25
9:30am Volunteer at Fish
Pantry

March 26
12:15pm Creative Expressions
Team Meeting

March 28
6:30pm Marketing Meeting

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March 2017

Message from the Pastor....

Psalm 31:24 “Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord! “ (ESV)



Dear Friends,

March sees the beginning of Lent which is a six-week season before Holy Week commences. During Lent, some people give up things like chocolate, sodas, desserts, and pastries, sacrificing things they like and using the season to lose weight, too! It’s not a bad idea, and I might make that kind of sacrifice as well. 😊

Lent, however, is not so much about what we sacrifice, but what Jesus gives up so we may be restored to God. Instead of focusing on ourselves, we look to Jesus as our Savior and follow the final weeks of His life, as He prepared Himself to undergo hostility, arrest, brutality, and death. During these six weeks, we see the real Jesus, the Son of God who lays down His life in obedience to God and for the sole purpose of freeing the world from its sin.

Each Sunday at Erin during Lent, we will be hearing and contemplating this journey of Christ as He moves closer to that fateful first Holy Week. For those of us who will make the time to be in worship throughout Lent, we will discover a new importance and relevance for Easter. It won’t just be another family holiday, it will become for us a holy day and perhaps the beginning of a new and stronger connection to Christ.

During Lent, I’ll be writing a series of devotions and studies to help all of our folks draw closer to Jesus and nearer to God. You’ll be able to find them on our webpage (www.erinpresbyterian.org), as well as our Facebook page. If you would like to sign up for these devotions, just send an email to April, our Administrator, at admin@erinpresbyterian.org. She will add your email address to the list of the many people, in our church and around the world, who regularly receive these emailed devotions.

Whatever you choose to do, may God go with you.
Whatever you seek to accomplish, may God bless you.

- Pastor John

BIRTHDAYS

Connections Class/Stewardship

- MARCH
- 1

Kim Jaynes
- 1

Madeline Griffin
- 2

Kristi Bailes
- 11

Steve Foster
- 13

Eleanor Jaynes
- 13

Bayard Erskine
- 14

Kenleigh Pennington
- 15

Maggie Gunter
- 16

Mollie Gunter
- 19

John Stuart
- 22

Emme Ritchie
- 25

Cynthia House
- 28

Dale Webb



- APRIL
- 1

Henry Thomas Ritchie
- 3

Kathryn Bornhoeft
- 4

Peggy Cuany
- 9

Dan Berry
- 9

Craig Strand
- 13

Jane Cowen
- 14

Erin McCallum
- 16

Peter McKay
- 17

Jennifer Gahan
- 18

John House
- 29

Jenny Rogers
- 30

Aaron Foster

CONNECTIONS CLASS

Pastor Stuart teaches a Sunday School Class in the Heritage Room (next to the Church Parlor) from 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM. Every month, he chooses a different topic for the participants to read, study, and discuss. Throughout Lent, he will be teaching six classes about the classic “I Am” statements, from the Gospel of John, that Jesus made during His ministry. The class will explore what Jesus originally meant when He said them and what each statement means for us today in the 21st century.

The class is open to everyone and the discussions are both lively and meaningful. Everyone will be delighted to have new folks drop in for this series.

- Mar 05

I am the Bread of Life – John 6:35
- Mar 12

I am the Light of the World – John 8:12
- Mar 19

I am the Good Shepherd – John 10:11
- Mar 26

I am the Resurrection and the Life – John 11:25-26
- April 02

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life – John 14:6
- April 09

I am the True Vine – John 15:5

THANKFUL HEARTS

Erin's finances continue to be strong thanks to the giving spirit of our congregation. We have also made additional contributions toward lowering our debt and we must continue to do that. Our programs are strong and we continue to find ways to serve God using our time and talents. We are being good stewards of God's gifts. We praise God for all this and ask that as members of Erin you will continue to give of your time, talents and money for God's glory.

A Stewardship Reminder:

You know that God has blessed us all in so very many ways. We live in a country where we can worship pretty much as we please, where we don't have to fear that someone will find out we are Christians. We have been blessed with homes, families and friends. We get to enjoy the beauty of nature and the roar of a crowd as the Vols hit the field. These things and so much more - ALL gifts from God. BUT we often times focus on the BUMPS IN THE ROAD - those things that sometimes cause us pain, that don't go the way we want them to go. We ask God why instead of thanking him for the many, many gifts he gives to us. We want things our way, not God's way. We are impatient and we don't take time to listen to what God is saying to us.

As Christians we should be thankful and return to God as much as we can through using our time, talents and money to serve Him. Literally everything we have is a gift from God. He asks very little of us in return for these gifts - our belief in Him and his salvation and to use the gifts he gives us to his glory and honor. We all have much to offer back to God and it is truly through giving that we receive.

Remember 1 Peter 4:10 *“As good stewards of the manifold grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve one another.”*

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.

March

March 5th	March 12th	March 19th	March 26th
Dan Gibbs	Dave Stinnett	Betty Gibbs	Anna McKay
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
	Kim Pennington	Mike Cate	Gary Pennington
	Dusty Pennington	Mary Nelle Cate	Kay Pennington
Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer
Aiden Strand	Kenleigh Pennington	Isabella Armsworth	Carter McCallum
Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide
	Lynn Sexton	Erin McCallum	Dave Stinnett
Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader
	Sara Leckie	Jane Brannon	Anna McKay
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Gifts of Children Sunday	Larry McKay	Cathy Van Ostrand	Ron DuBois
Youth Volunteers	Anna McKay	Nicole Waters	Sonja DuBois
TBA	Jim Montgomery	Suzanne Levering	Kim Pennington
No Communion	David Leckie	Robbie Levering	Dusty Pennington
Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship
No Planet Worship	Kim Pennington	Stacie Armsworth	Brooks Eggers
Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
Erin McCallum	Tammy Murphy	Apryl Quinn	Kelcey Levering
Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter
Dave Stinnett	Sean Gahan	David Eggers	John House
Mike Jones	Eva Lynch	Neill Murphy	John Stuart
(Communion moved)	COMMUNION Class of 2019		

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.

**Please note that, due to Spring Break, our evening circle will meet one week early,
On Monday, March 6th and 7pm, our usual time.**

PROPERTY TEAM

Who says the Property Team doesn't have fun?

On February 4, the Property Team got together for their semi-annual HVAC belt and filter change.

The church has seven different HVAC units that run to keep us cool in the warm months and warm when it's cold. Not only do we help save the church money by performing the work on the units ourselves, we can also keep an eye on how well they are working, all while sharing many laughs and fellowship.

The Property Team is a hands on team with a focus of ensuring that the facility runs efficiently and properly. We work behind the scenes and whenever possible, perform maintenance and other projects ourselves, so that we can not only save the church money, but keep Erin a warm and welcoming place to gather.

If you are interested in learning more about the Property Team, we meet at 6:30pm, on the first Monday of each month, in the Library. Make sure you check the church calendar to ensure that we have not rescheduled.

Come join the fun!



Outreach and Weather

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS



A work day at the Scott Avenue FISH food pantry is scheduled for **Saturday, March 25th** from 9:30am to 11:30 a.m. (we will carpool from the Erin parking lot at **9:00 a.m.**).

A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex on Sunday, March 5th.

Our work crew is limited to 10 people for this shift and spaces will go fast!

Join us for a time of working together in community to help our brothers and sisters in need.

Did you know that **Camp John Knox** has a *Wish List*? Most of the mission partners our church supports do, in fact. Here are some examples of what additional contributions of \$100 or less could buy:



A donation of:	\$ 5 - \$ 30	Craft supplies
	\$ 15	Bag of grass seed
	\$ 10 - \$ 60	Worship resources
	\$ 10 - \$ 150	First Aid supplies
	\$ 20	Screwdriver set or a folding chair
	\$ 30	Gallon of hand sanitizer or a case of copy paper
	\$ 40	Dutch oven
	\$ 50	Archery target
	\$ 100	Park benches, hand tools or landscaping plants

To view the entire list, go to: www.johnknoxcenter.org and click on “Wish List” (left of screen).

Because of the many budget cuts at the Presbytery level over the past few years, several of our mission partners, such as Camp John Knox, rely heavily on contributions from churches and individuals.

You can send contributions directly to John Knox Center, 591 W. Rockwood Ferry Road, Ten Mile, TN 37880.

If you have questions, Alicia Webb, in the office, would be more than happy to help you. The phone #is (865) 376-2236. Your generosity is appreciated at any time and assures that this special place will continue to exist for generations to come.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The ***One Great Hour of Sharing*** Special Offering will be collected between March 5th and April 16th (Easter Sunday). Donations benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Self-Development of People.

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 (Friends of Erin) and local news websites.



Youth News/Birthday

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER TRIP

After some reconfiguring, the Erin sponsored senior high trip will now be to Montreat, the week of June 11-17. The theme of this year's conference is **"A Missing Peace"**. If your youth is interested in participating in the trip, please plan to attend the POETS meeting on Sunday, February 26 at 2:00 PM. We will discuss trip details, as well as fundraising ideas for Spring.



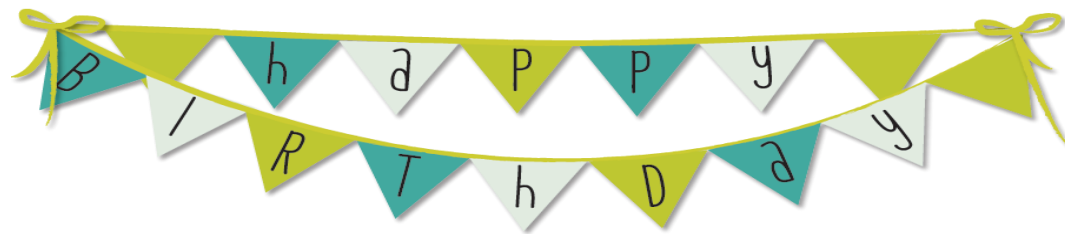
SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thank you to everyone who contribute to our collection during the Souper Bowl of Caring. We were able to collect \$432.87, and our Outreach team supplemented that total with an additional contribution of \$110.00, which brought our grand total to \$542.87! All of the funds will be given to Sevier County Food Ministry, which following last year's wildfires, has been experiencing more demand on their services.



Sevier County Food Ministries is a voluntary interfaith ministry founded in 1992 in downtown Sevierville to help assure that no one in Sevier County goes hungry. Individuals seeking their assistance do not have to meet any qualifications to receive food, though an interview is conducted to obtain basic information and to understand their situation and identify who they are serving. Their program is an emergency food resource for persons experiencing a food shortage. Those in need may come once a week for as

long as they are experiencing difficulties. In addition to practical support, this ministry offers prayer and counsel for those who request it.



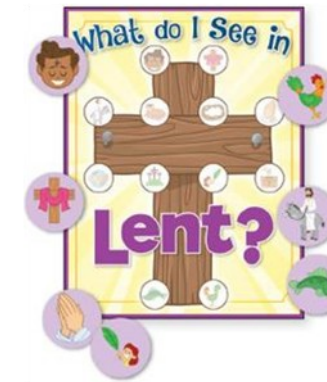
Join us to celebrate a dear friend of Erin Church!
 Birthday reception for Eleanor Jaynes
 On Sunday, March 12, 3-5pm
 In the Fellowship Hall
 See you there!

Family Ministry

Planet Worship Volunteers

March

3/5:	Gifts of Children - No Planet Worship
3/12:	Kim Pennington
3/19:	Stacie Armsworth
3/26:	Brooks Eggers
4/2:	Sherry Draper
4/9:	Kelcey Levering
4/16:	Joy Bornhoeft



Symbols of Lent

During Lent, the children of Planet Worship will follow Jesus on his journey to the cross. As we explore the Gospel readings, we will experience the sights, sounds, and symbols of the Lenten season. Children will receive their own *Symbols of Lent* Treasure Map.

Each week, kids will collect two stickers illustrating the day's bible story. Also, look for special children's bulletins near the worship bags in the Narthex. Come and join us on our journey to the cross and to Easter.



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

Join us in March for more fun and mysteries with Nate the Great!
 This month we'll celebrate St. Patrick's Day and try writing our own Nate the Great story!
 By the end of the month, we'll hop into spring and hopefully spend some more time outside.
Pioneer Club will not meet on March 15th due to the Knox County Spring Break.

On the hunt for plastic eggs!

It's that time of year again – time for jelly beans, cute bunnies, and egg hunts! Do you have dozens of plastic eggs at home that you would love to "recycle" (get rid of!)? Then donate them to the church and we'll use them for our annual egg hunt on Easter morning. Our Youth Groups will stuff the eggs with goodies as a spring volunteer project. Donations of empty, plastic eggs can be given to Joy Bornhoeft or placed in the collection box in the Narthex. Please make your donations by April 1st.

