



"I go to prepare a place for you."



Erin Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet
As of March 19, 2017

| | Mar 19, 17 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| HF Primary Checking | 18,475.50 |
| HF Savings | 177,018.05 |
| SunTrust Checking | 1,001.77 |
| SunTrust Debit Card Account | 1,672.54 |
| Total Checking/Savings | 198,167.86 |
| Total Current Assets | 198,167.86 |
| 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 | 234,073.82 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | |
| Other Current Liabilities | 506.56 |
| Payroll Liabilities | |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | 506.56 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 506.56 |
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| Equity | |
| Restricted Funds | 250.00 |
| Retained Earnings | 136,869.50 |
| Unrestricted Funds | 47,164.25 |
| Net Income | 49,283.51 |
| Total Equity | 233,567.26 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 234,073.82 |

Erin Presbyterian Church
Profit & Loss
July 1, 2016 through March 19, 2017

| | Jul 1, '16 - Mar 19, 17 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Income | |
| Other Income | 60.00 |
| Memorial Income | 4,580.00 |
| Creative Expression Income | 785.53 |
| Discipleship Income | 4,618.32 |
| Fellowship Income | 7,570.10 |
| Offerings | 255,779.20 |
| Property Income | 8,275.00 |
| Restricted Accts Income | 7,597.87 |
| Stewardship Income | 213.94 |
| Transfer from Capital Campaign | 0.00 |
| Total Income | 289,479.96 |
| Gross Profit | 289,479.96 |
| Expense | |
| Creative Expressions Ministry | 7,900.20 |
| Discipleship Team | 3,759.82 |
| Fellowship Team | 6,378.51 |
| Outreach Team | 23,888.78 |
| Pastoral Ministry | 74,085.94 |
| Payroll Expenses | 0.00 |
| Property Team | 34,284.97 |
| Restricted Accts Expense | 5,824.96 |
| Stewardship Team | 82,905.50 |
| Worship Team | 1,167.77 |
| Total Expense | 240,196.45 |
| Net Income | 49,283.51 |

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April 2017

APRIL

- April 3**
6:30pm Property Meeting
- April 4**
6pm Staff Meeting
7pm Discipleship Meeting
7pm Fellowship Meeting
- April 8**
10am Youth Player Auditions
12pm Sonshine Rehearsal
- April 9 PALM SUNDAY**
12:15pm Creative Exp MTG
12:15pm Outreach MTG
- April 10**
7pm PW Evening Circle
- April 11**
10am PW Morning Circle
7:30pm Stewardship MTG
- April 13**
7pm MAUNDY SERVICE
- April 15**
10am TIME OF REFLECTION
- April 16 EASTER**
6:50am Sunrise Service at Tate's School
9:30am Breakfast
10:15am Egg Hunt
11am Worship Service
- April 20**
7pm Session MTG
- April 21**
8pm Youth Lock-In
- April 22**
9am Sonshine Rehearsal
9:30am Youth Silent Auction
- April 23 Youth Silent Auction**
- April 25**
6:30pm Marketing MTG
- April 29**
9am Sonshine Tech Rehearsal
- April 30**
2pm Calendar Planning MTG

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Message from the Pastor....

Hebrews 12:1-2 *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*



Dear Friends,

Three weeks from now, we will all be celebrating Easter. It's always a high point in the life of our congregation and I look forward to seeing many friends in the church pews. Over the years, many of our dearest members have joined the great cloud of heavenly witnesses, but their spirits still abide with us, and can be especially felt during these sacred services. As I look out from the pulpit on Easter morning, my heart is filled with gladness at seeing who is there, but it is also warmed with a loving joy as I remember the good folks of Erin and where they sat among us, Sunday by Sunday.

As we head closer to Holy Week, it is my prayer that we all take time out from our busy schedules and over-filled timetables to think about Christ's amazing life and His journey to the Cross. If you look at this newsletter closely, you'll see that April has created the life of Christ across its pages. It's a wonderful reminder of who Jesus was, still is, and always will be in our lives, on Earth and in Heaven.

May God bless you and all of your loved ones. Please share with them Christ's love, and encourage them to come with you to church on Easter Day, especially if they've come from out of town. We'll all be delighted to see them, and I am certain they will be blessed with God's goodness and grace.

- Pastor John



CONNECTIONS CLASS

During the month of April, Pastor Stuart will continue to teach his Sunday School class in the Heritage Room from 9:45AM to 10:30AM. He will complete the Lent series "I AM," based on the sayings of Christ. The remaining classes are listed below:

- April 02 I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life – John 14:6
- April 09 I am the True Vine – John 15:5
- April 16 Easter – no class being held

4-week series – The Great Reformers

After Easter, Pastor Stuart will teach a short history of the amazing leaders who reformed the Christian Church and we'll learn how Protestantism emerged.

The classes are as follows:

- April 23 Jan Hus
- April 30 Martin Luther
- May 07 Huldrych Zwingli
- May 14 John Calvin

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the classes. 😊

CONFIRMATION CLASS

On Wednesday evenings, Pastor Stuart is holding Confirmation Classes for some of our young people. They take place in the Heritage Room after dinner, 6:30-7:25PM. Parents are welcome to attend the classes, and church elders & members are also encouraged to drop in.

We are blessed with some great young people, so your continued support, encouragement, and prayers are fully appreciated.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Brandon Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

We begin our celebrations with a special Sunrise service at beautiful Tate's School of Discovery on Cedar Bluff.

This year, sunrise takes place at 7:01am, so we'll be gathering at about 6:50am. Everyone is welcome!

Then join us at the annual Brandon Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning. Our traditional breakfast, prepared by your Fellowship Team and friends, is at 9:30am.

The egg hunt begins at 10:15 for the children. Please be sure they bring their own baskets!

There will be no Sunday School, and our Easter Church Service will begin at 11 AM.

So please join us for food, fun and worship!

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies are available for purchase "In Honor Of or In Memory Of" your loved ones.

The cost will be \$15 each and you may take it home after the Easter Service.

There is a sign up slip in the Church Bulletin two weeks prior to Easter Services.

Thank you for your support.

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



MAY

- 1 Henry Fellers
- 4 Gary Pennington
- 4 Will McCallum
- 6 Kelcey Levering
- 7 LaVonne Knight
- 9 Justin Bornhoeft
- 12 Ruth White
- 12 Mila Yau
- 13 Ann Snodgrass
- 18 Cade Quinn
- 19 Donna Schall
- 20 Wes Fellers
- 21 Jim Thompson
- 26 Colton Pennington
- 28 Diana Brandon

**"Then Jesus came to them and said,
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..."**

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering



During Lent, the children of Planet Worship are collecting an offering for the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).

The OGHS offering supports several PCUSA mission programs, including the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self-Development of People program. Kids were given a fish collection box to take home at the end of

March. Please encourage your child to give to OGHS this Lent and bring your fish box back to church on Easter morning. Boxes will be collected during Planet Worship.

Planet Worship Volunteers

March

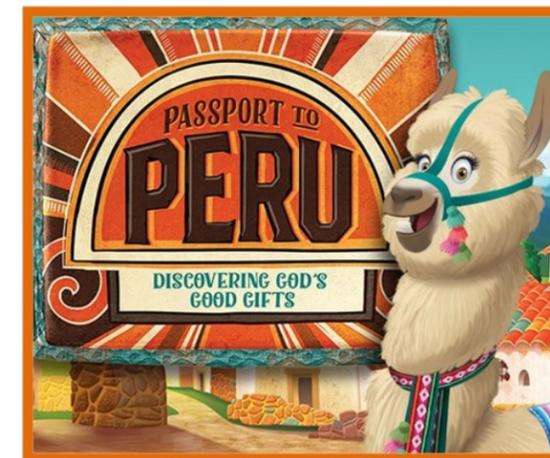
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| 4/2 | Sherry Draper |
| 4/9 | Kelcey Levering |
| 4/16 | Joy Bornhoeft |
| 4/23 | Kristi Bailes |
| 4/30 | Farrah Linkous |
| 5/7 | Jane Brannon |



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



As the weather warms up, we hope to spend more time outside during Pioneer Club. This month, Nate the Great will solve some mysteries in the garden. Join us as we go on the case of the missing weed and the case of the tardy tortoise, which is eating all the flowers in Nate's garden. We'll get our hands dirty pressing flowers, planting herbs, and cracking open turtle eggs. Don't miss all the messy fun!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26th - 29th
9 am - Noon

Stamp your passport to VBS fun this summer!

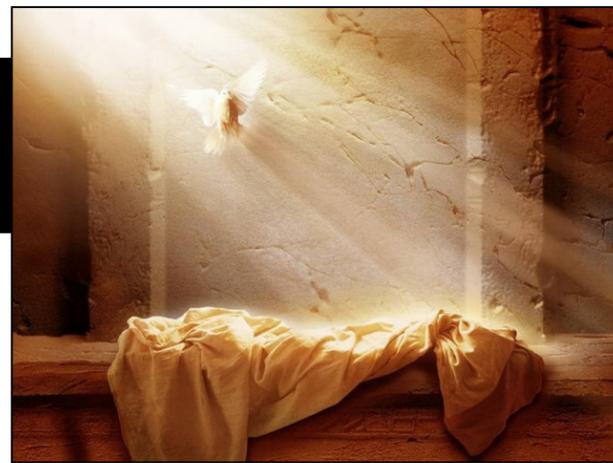
At **Passport to Peru VBS**, kids will discover God's good gifts for us all!

For children ages 4 years old – rising 5th grade. MS and HS Youth serve as Jr. Helpers and can earn volunteer service hours. Childcare will be provided for volunteers with children 3 yrs. old and younger.

For more information and to register, visit:

www.vbspro.events/p/erin-messiah

Risen



Indeed

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Throughout Holy Week, we will still be holding our regular weekly programs. If there are any changes to those plans, the program leaders will let their participants know.

On Maundy Thursday, April 13th, we will hold our annual Tenebrae Communion service at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary. This is one of the most moving and deeply spiritual worship experiences in the whole Christian year. If you have never attended one of these services, please consider coming out to it on Maundy Thursday. It will have a deep impact on who you are as a follower of Christ.

On Saturday, April 15th, A Time of Reflection. Join us in the Sanctuary sometime between 10AM - 4PM as we reflect on Jesus' last 7 sayings while on the cross. We spend this time preparing our hearts for the true meaning of the celebration to come. You may come and stay, or drop in any time.

On Easter morning, April 16th, we begin our celebrations with a special Sunrise Service at beautiful Tate's School of Discovery on Cedar Bluff. Every year, the Tates open their school grounds for our folks to worship Christ as the sun rises in the East. The campus has a wonderful view of the Smoky Mountains and it is one of the pastor's favorite services in the entire year. We gather at the flagpole, sing Easter hymns, read scripture, and say prayers of thanksgiving. The worship only lasts about fifteen minutes.

This year, sunrise takes place at 7:01AM, so we'll be gathering at about 6:50AM at the school. Everyone is welcome. Tate's School is located at the top of Cedar Bluff, just before it meets Middlebrook Pike.

Then, come to our Annual Brandon Breakfast for Easter, in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30AM. Everyone is welcome to attend and it is always a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and dear families. At 10:15AM, the fun continues with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children, around the church.

Finally, at 11:00AM, we have our beautiful Easter Worship Service which always has some wonderful music and is our happiest celebration in the whole year, as we joyfully sing about Christ's glorious Resurrection. Come and enjoy!

CELEBRATE ERIN

God has given Erin and its congregation so many wonderful gifts. The Stewardship Committee felt that instead of having a regular Stewardship Campaign this year, that we would celebrate those gifts by focusing on how our mission teams use what God has provided.

Over the course of 6 weeks, beginning April 23rd, each week we will highlight one of our mission teams, celebrating what they do to honor God, and what they bring to our members and our community at large. The 7th week, we have titled "Celebrate Erin through Giving and Sharing". That week, Erin members will have the opportunity to make their annual pledge and to share and enjoy a catered celebration lunch.

The congregation will also have a chance to see the premiere of "Celebrate Erin in Pictures". The Stewardship Committee invites you to enjoy this time of celebrating of our Church and our Church Family. More to come in weekly bulletins and future newsletters.



OUTREACH

Thank you to everyone that joined us for the work day at FISH Pantry on March 25th! We had a great morning working together to help distribute food to those in need within our community.



We will have a toilet paper and paper towel drive the first two Sundays in April. A donation box will be available in the narthex beginning April 2nd. Because paper goods are non-food items, they are not eligible under the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and are considered 'luxury' items. Items will be delivered to the Volunteer Ministry Center for distribution to their clients. These two items are their most requested.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering will be collected on Easter Sunday.

Please give generously, as around the world millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. For example, 32% of funds raised benefit Presbyterian Disaster Assistance which is currently setting up a site that will host Work Camps in Gatlinburg this fall, according to Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Coordinator of PDA.

Our next Outreach Meeting will be after worship on Sunday, April 9th. Please join us!

CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS MINISTRY

How did you all enjoy the Gifts of Children Sunday? Lots of smiles from the kids, and what a joy it is for the congregation to support our youth! So what's going on this spring with some of our programs?

Sonshine Company: We're going strong and meeting weekly on Wednesdays, with over 40 kids in the 2016-17 season. There are three shows coming up on May 5th, 6th and 7th.

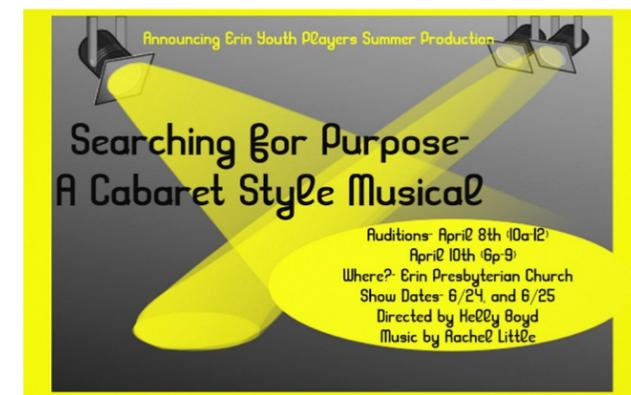
Such is the Kingdom: This group is a girls' show choir for K-5th grade. They have been working hard, and have done several local visits, bringing smiles to our community.

DaySpring Dance: At it once again, building confidence in our youth. We meet weekly on Sundays in the afternoon from 3:30-4:45pm.

Journey 7: This program provides theatre classes, workshops, outreach opportunities, and productions for middle and high school students. We meet weekly on Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:30pm.

Erin Youth Players: "Searching for a Purpose" - A Cabaret Style Musical. Directed by Kelly Boyd, Music by Rachel Little. Practice is scheduled to start on May, 30th (after Memorial weekend) Monday-Friday from 6-9pm, with show dates of June 24th & June 25th (before July 4th weekend).

For more info: Kevin Griffin, Cynthia House or members of the Creative Expressions Team.





Presbyterian Women 2017 Annual Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Second Presbyterian Church
2829 Kingston Pike, Knoxville 37919
9:30 a.m. Registration/10:00 a.m.
Cost for lunch: \$8.00

Deadline to register and pay is Wednesday, April 12th

Please make your checks payable to: PW of Erin Presbyterian
Memo: Annual Gathering and give them to Joy Bornhoeft.

Theme: Let Our Light Shine

Keynote Speaker: Jeff Wagner

Director of Operations/Living Waters for the World

Special Guest:

Nancy Bryson, PW Synod Moderator

Worship Leader:

Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

Our very own **Lori Hudson** will oversee a crochet workshop on making the necklaces that have helped fundraise over \$49,000 for Living Waters for the World (at \$5 each)! Some of these pre-made necklaces, as well as many other items from Fair Trade will be available for sale (so bring shopping money) before the program and during free time before and after lunch.

Our PW mission partners will be there with displays and to answer any questions.

The roll call of the churches is always a special time, and I encourage you to attend so we can stand and proudly call out our number in attendance that day!

This is the day our Least Coin Offering is received and dedicated.

I hope you will prayerfully consider attending this special event in the life of Presbyterian Women.

Cecilia M. Stinnett
PW Moderator
Presbytery of East Tennessee

SERVING BY LEADING

Each and every one of us serves Erin in many ways depending on our time and talents. However, service to a church also requires leadership. The Apostle Paul recognized the importance of leadership in the early church. *"Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust."* Acts 14:23

At Erin, leadership and guidance is provided by our Session, which is comprised of 18 members of the congregation. Elders are not perfect in deeds or faith. God knows that we can never be. He asks only that we serve willingly and eagerly. *"To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness to Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed. Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; no pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve."* 1 Peter 5:1-2

If you are asked to serve on Session please prayerfully consider this request. It is important that our Session be representative of all our membership and the Nominating Committee gives careful thought and prayer to each request.

If you have any questions about serving on Session please contact any member of the Nominating Committee - Anna McKay, Don Quinley, Sonja DuBois, Joe Tate or Randy Boyd

PW Circle

We meet on Monday evening, April 10, at 7:00 pm and Tuesday morning, April 11, at 10 am. The April lesson for both circles will be Lesson 8, "According to the Other Abrahamic Faiths." Members of the Evening Circle are encouraged to read Lesson 7 on their own.

BRIDGE REFUGEE SERVICES

The collection box for Bridge Refugee Services will be in the Narthex for one more Sunday. Please remember to bring in your school supply donations soon!

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities



....the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. "

Volunteers

| April 2nd | Palm Sunday | Easter | April 23rd | April 30th |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Coffee Host |
| Dave Stinnett | Betty Gibbs | Brandon Breakfast | Dave Stinnett | Anna McKay |
| Greeters | Greeters | Greeters | Greeters | Greeters |
| Dave Stinnett | Larry McKay | Kristi Bailes | Lynn Sexton | Nicole Waters |
| Cecilia Stinnett | Anna McKay | Buster Quinn | Pat Sexton | Tammy Murphy |
| Bell Ringer |
| Rose Armsworth | Lucy Cate | Ella Levering | Aiden Strand | Kenleigh Pennington |
| Guide | Guide | Guide | Guide | Guide |
| Ron Dubois | Joy Bornhoeft | Cynthia House | David Eggers | Sara Leckie |
| Reader | Reader | Reader | Reader | Reader |
| Stacie Armsworth | Diana Brandon | Evelyn Stuart | Eva Lynch | Rickey McCallum |
| Ushers | Ushers | Ushers | Ushers | Ushers |
| Brooks Eggers | Mike Cate | Jim Montgomery | Rickey McCallum | Gary Pennington |
| Jim Montgomery | Mary Nelle Cate | Dave Stinnett | Erin McCallum | Kay Pennington |
| Cathy VanOstrand | David Leckie | Suzanne Levering | Ron Dubois | Kim Pennington |
| Tammy Murphy | Sara Leckie | Robbie Levering | Sonja Dubois | Dusty Pennington |
| Planet Worship |
| Sherry Draper | Kelcey Levering | Joy Bornhoeft | Kristi Bailes | Farrah Bailes |
| Nursery | Nursery | Nursery | Nursery | Nursery |
| Kay Pennington | Kathryn Bornhoeft | Erin McCallum | Kelcey Levering | April Quinn |
| Counter | Counter | Counter | Counter | Counter |
| Dave Eggers | Eva Lynch | Sean Gahan | John House | Dave Eggers |
| Neill Murphy | Mike Jones | Dave Stinnett | Rickey McCallum | Neill Murphy |
| Communion | | | | |
| 2017 | | | | |

YOUTH NEWS

30 Hour Famine

We will be participating in the World Vision 30 Hour Famine on April 14 and 15. We will fast for 30 hours, as a group, and learn about world hunger and what God calls us to, as Christians, to do about it. During this time we will also prepare spaces in the Sanctuary for the congregation to come and reflect on the seven last sayings of Jesus, while He was on the cross. We invite you all to come in to the church on Saturday, April 15th between 10 and 4 and spend some time preparing for Easter Sunday.

The Sound of Music Karns High School

We will be attending "The Sound of Music" at Karns High School on Friday, April 21 at 7pm to see our very own Madeline Griffin play the role of Maria. Tickets will be sold at the door. We would love to have a big Erin presence at Madeline's senior show, so any others in the congregation that would like to join us are welcome.