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Message from the Pastor....

AUGUST 2017

August 1

6pm Staff Meeting
7pm Discipleship Meeting
7pm Fellowship Meeting

August 6

12:30pm Youth Sunday Planning
1:30pm Sonshine Writing Collab.

August 8

7:30pm Stewardship Meeting

August 13

RALLY DAY

9:30am Rally Day Breakfast
10am Check Out Sunday School
12:15pm Creative Expressions
12:15pm Outreach Meeting
4:45pm Joint Youth Group

August 17

7pm Session Meeting

August 19

9am Creative Exp. Cleanup Day
9am Youth Sunday Practice

August 20

YOUTH SUNDAY

1:30pm Sonshine Writing Co.
4:45pm Joint Youth Group

August 21

SOLAR ECLIPSE

August 25-26

FAMILY CHURCH RETREAT

4:45pm Joint Youth Group

August 30

7:30pm Choir Begins
Sonshine and J7 Parent Meeting

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Psalm 139:11-12 If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you, O Lord; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. (NIV)



Dear Friends,
Everyone that I know is excited about the total eclipse that will occur and be seen in our area on Monday, 21st August. Schools are off that day and I suspect that many parents will be with their families to experience this once in a lifetime event. The whole eclipse takes about two and a half hours to complete, but the main part, when the moon completely covers the sun, will occur about 2:30 PM. As long as people are careful about protecting their eyes, by shielding them with special glasses, it promises to be a remarkable event. Personally, I just want to see the stars in the sky that will suddenly appear in the middle of the day, which I think will be absolutely amazing.

To celebrate the eclipse, I chose the above verse from Psalm 139, which is one of my favorite psalms, because it reminds us that God clearly sees everything, even during the darkest of moments and most fearful of times. It's good to know that His powerful and compassionate presence is always with us, especially when we undergo troublesome times or anxious events. God's constant company assures us that we are never alone. In fact, the first twelve verses of Psalm 139 emphasize this wonderful and comforting idea.

Whoever you are, wherever you are, and whatever you are experiencing, please know this: God is constantly at your side, loving and supporting you no matter what you face or endure. I hope that like me, you find that thought both reassuring and inspiring.



May God be with you and bless all your loved ones.
May God support your hopes and dreams by allowing all of your plans to succeed.

Pastor John

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Class, WND and Notary

AUGUST

3 Agnes Kirby
4 McKenzie Stump
6 Kevin Griffin
9 Lauren Stuart
9 Marcia Mechlin
10 Owen Matthews
11 Helen Henry
14 Hugh Jaynes
14 Mary Frierson
15 Keith Stump
16 Garren Miller
17 Effie Fellers
20 Sue Rayburn
20 Bud Yard
24 Lucy Cate
25 Pam Stevens
28 Don Gunter
30 Lynn Sexton
31 Bob Price
31 Lauren Gahan



SEPTEMBER

6 Joe Jaynes
7 Don Quinley
7 Lydia Foster
16 Jane Ellen Jackson
16 Madeline Stinnett
19 Allyson Streckfuss
20 Buster Quinn
20 Jamie Dockery
21 Larry McKay
26 Apryl Quinn
27 Kay Pennington
29 James Hudson
29 Nicole Waters

CONNECTIONS CLASS: AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Each week during the Sunday School hour, Pastor Stuart teaches a topical discussion class about the Bible, Faith, and how we live our lives. Each month, he presents a different short series based on current events and congregational suggestions.

The classes are both instructive and informal, where everyone gets the opportunity to share their ideas, beliefs, and experiences. Each class starts at 9:30AM casually with coffee and conversations in the Heritage Room. The proposed lesson formally begins at 9:45 AM and finishes about 10:30 AM.

Everyone is welcome to attend the classes or just drop in for a series.

The following schedule shows the topics for discussion during August and September:

August Schedule

Aug 13 Rally Day: General Overview
Aug 20 Family Matters: Helping Our Children Believe
Aug 27 Life Matters: Being a Christian in a Secular World

September 4 Week Course: Theology Matters

Sep 03 Theology Matters: The Trinity – 3 in 1 - How?
Sep 10 Theology Matters: Presbyterians – Who are We?
Sep 17 Theology Matters: Celtic Christianity – What is it?
Sep 24 Theology Matters: Denominations - Are They Biblical?

In October, Pastor Stuart will present a special historic and devotional series about Martin Luther and the Reformation, which celebrates its 500th year in 2017.

In November, the pastor will return to his popular 'Faith of Our Presidents' series and in December, the pastor will present a special Advent series.

Come along and enjoy the classes 😊

FELLOWSHIP AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Wednesday Night Dinners will start the fall season on the 6th of September. Start time remains 5:45pm and no change in suggested donations is anticipated. We still have our three cook teams headed by the Gibbs, Pat Wallin and Apryl Quinn. As always, we hope you will join us. The more the merrier! See you soon.

NEED SOMETHING NOTARIZED?

April Cyr, our Administrative Assistant, has become a Notary Public. If you need Notary services, they are free to the congregation. Email or call April to set up a time during her regular office hours of 9am-2pm, Monday – Friday, and she will be happy to take care of you.
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Volunteer Schedule

AUGUST

AUGUST 6TH	AUGUST 13TH	AUGUST 20TH	AUGUST 27TH
COFFEE HOST	COFFEE HOST	COFFEE HOST	COFFEE HOST
	RALLY DAY BREAKFAST	Dan Gibbs	Anna McKay
GREETERS	GREETERS	GREETERS	GREETERS
Larry McKay	Kristi Bailes	Lynn Sexton	Nicole Waters
Anna McKay	Buster Quinn	Pat Sexton	Tammy Murphy
BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER
Ella Levering	Rose Armsworth	Kenleigh Pennington	Isabella Armsworth
GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE
Pat Sexton	Jane Brannon	Sara Leckie	Bob McLean
READER	READER	READER	READER
David Eggers	Ashley Draper	Neill Murphy	Lynn Sexton
USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS
Brooks Eggers	Robbie Levering	Larry McKay	Erin McCallum
Cathy Van Ostrand	Suzanne Levering	Nicole Waters	Kim Pennington
Sara Leckie	Pat Wallin	Gary Pennington	Dusty Pennington
David Leckie	Jim Montgomery	Kay Pennington	Jim Montgomery
PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP
Jane Brannon	Joy Bornhoeft	Stacie Armsworth	Kim Pennington
NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY
Erin McCallum	Apryl Quinn	Kathryn Bornhoeft	Kelcey Levering
COUNTER	COUNTER	COUNTER	COUNTER
Rickey McCallum	Sean Gahan	John House	Dave Eggers
Mike Jones	Eva Lynch	Mike Jones	Neill Murphy
COMMUNION	COMMUNION	COMMUNION	COMMUNION
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BreadBreakers and Outreach



BreadBreakers will be back in play in September. If you have never tried it, you need to do yourself a favor and give it a try.... good food, good company and all you have to do is bring a dish!! If you are willing to host a BreadBreakers or would consider co-hosting, please let Diana Brandon know at dmarybrandon49@gmail.com, or 865-607-8528.

Our fall schedule is tentatively set as September 16, October 21, and November 11.

Please mark your calendar and come join us for a laidback evening of fellowship.

OUTREACH NEWS

We did not officially meet in July. We wanted to thank the members of the congregation that supported the Undies 500 drive. KARM accepts these essential items all of the time.

July Expenditures: PCUSA Shared Mission \$750.00 and Mission Co-Worker \$200.00

A big Thank You to outgoing convener Cecilia Stinnett for leading our team over the past year.

A letter from our Mission Co-Worker Jan Heckler

Good morning dear friends and supporters!

I am writing you from Antananarivo, Madagascar. I wanted to thank you for your prayerful support of our ministries here and PCUSA's mission in Madagascar. Your past gifts have made an important difference as we are making good progress in both my ministries - first, sharing evidence based methods of instruction- the EBMI Project and in Empowering women and protecting children and youth. In fact, I am providing you a link to my latest 'Letter Home', Headmistress Teacher Educators. Just click on it to go to my page on the PCUSA website to read a short (promise!) briefing on one of our newest and most promising developments. Besides thanking you for your gracious giving and your many prayers, I wanted to remind you of my upcoming itineration assignment (IA) in the U.S. I will be returning 29 SEP and remaining until 21 FEB ('18). During that time, I would love to visit you and your congregation for a pot-luck supper, an adult Sunday school class or leading your congregation in worship. Just let me know. My IA Calendar will be posted just as soon as I can confirm my flight information but dates are already being taken so I urge you to contact me soon.

Also, as on my previous IA, my dear friend and colleague, Rev. Mamisoa Rakotomalala will be with me from 10 JAN thru our departure in late FEB. During that time, she will accompany me on any of my visits to congregations. As in the past, we will work conscientiously to keep her accompaniment a cost neutral addition. A real 'two-fer'!

We've traveled together many times before, shared accommodations and most often will drive by car. If air fare is involved, I will gladly donate the cost simply to give your congregation the great opportunity to meet this indigenous leader within our partner church in Madagascar, the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (or, FJKM as most here refer to it).

Pastor Mamisoa is fluent in English (as well as three other languages) and is easily understood when presenting and sharing. I am attaching a brief 'bio' about her (and me) so that you can get a look and feel for this most remarkable individual - one I believe is the embodiment of the future of our partner church. (* a copy of the bio is available outside our outreach room at the Erin Presbyterian)

Well, I hope to be hearing from you soon. Please be well and please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Grace and Peace,

Janice B. Heckler

Mission Co-Worker, Presbyterian Church (USA)/Madagascar

PCUSA World Mission web-page: www.pcusa.org/jan-heckler

Choir, Property and Retreat



THE ERIN CHURCH CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

Summer vacation is coming to an end, and the choir will be back in action right after Labor Day. Please join us! No formal vocal training is required....just a willingness to learn and an eagerness to lift your voice in praise. And we welcome all ages, from high school students to senior adults!

We believe that God is worshipped in many ways. Consequently, the Choir performs a wide variety of music, from classical to contemporary. More importantly, we strive to have fun with the music and with each other. In addition to singing, we share joys and concerns and support one another with prayer and compassion each week. Sounds like fun, doesn't it?

Come join us and experience it for yourself!

We practice Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 pm starting Aug. 30th.

*Erin Presbyterian
Choir*



PROPERTY TEAM NEWS

The Erin Property Team began its new Fiscal year in July. We first want to thank three former members of the team: Jane Brannon, our past Convener, Al Wallin, and Mike Cate. Each of these members have given numerous hours and lots of energy in making the work of the Property Team a success.

MANY thanks to each of you for your dedication to this team and also to Erin Church.

The Property Team is ready to move forward this fall, for there is still much work to be done. As the new Convener of Property, I would like to encourage AND welcome any church members that could give some of their time to this important part of the life of Erin Church. We meet once a month at 6:30pm in the church library. Our meeting dates / times are always listed in the Sunday Bulletin, as well as the monthly newsletter.

Our next meeting is Monday, July 31st. For any questions or additional information, please contact me.

Thank you,
Suzanne Levering

ANNUAL CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT

Don't forget our 5th Annual Family Retreat

August 25th-26th at John Knox Center, Ten Mile

Please join us for fun, food, and fellowship as we explore how to do God's work with our hands. Andy Morgan from UT Knoxville's UKirk House will help us explore the "why" of mission and the "doing" of mission.

Andy is an engaging speaker with a strong faith and we are honored that he will be our guest speaker this year. But our retreat is not all talk!! There is plenty of opportunity to relax and enjoy the beautiful John Knox Center on Watts Bar Lake. Take time to fish, canoe, swim or simply stroll along the shore watching for great blue herons. Activities such as archery and the high ropes course are also available. There is something to appeal to everyone, young and old. We hope you can join us!!

If you have any questions please talk with Joe Jaynes or Anna McKay.

Registration for the retreat ends on Sunday, August 6.





Rally Day & Youth News

RALLY DAY AUGUST 13TH

Please come along for food and fellowship at our Rally Day Breakfast (9:30am Sunday) as we kick off our new Sunday School year! From 10:00 - 10:30am children and youth will be dismissed to their Sunday School class to meet their teachers. Adults will have the opportunity to visit the 3 adult classes to learn what will be studied this Fall. Best of all, this year's prize for the Sunday School attendance challenge will be revealed on Rally Day. You will not want to miss it!!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

The Hard Sayings Class, led by John House: From the beginning of His earthly ministry to the present day, Jesus has challenged us to look at our world differently. His teachings require us to do the counterintuitive. He requires us to do hard things. Often times, religious teaching glosses over, or ignores, some of the most challenging aspects of what it means to practice Christianity, to be a disciple of Jesus. The Hard Sayings Class attempts to focus on those very things that are, in fact, hard. Hard to look at, hard to understand, hard to apply.

Rev. Stuart's Connections Class For over twenty years, the pastor has taught an inter-generational Sunday School class each week during September to May. Every month, he presents a short series for discussion and study about church theology, books of the Bible, American history, or life applications. The classes are held in the Heritage Room, next to the church parlor, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The JavaScripture Class, led by Kim and Joe Jaynes: Studies a rich variety of topics. Past studies have included: books of the Bible, books by renowned Christian authors (John Ortberg, N.T. Wright, Tony Campolo, etc.), video series on theological and spiritual topics, and other subjects chosen by consensus of the class and its leaders. The discussions are wide ranging and personally challenging, and we encourage all interested adults to join us!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTREAT

Three of our young ladies just returned from this year's middle School Montreat Conference at Maryville College. The conference theme this year was "Hope is Happening". The youth attended keynote each morning, participated in small groups, and had worship each evening. There were also lots of fun rec activities, including a messy day, movie night, and a troll dance party. The conference was a great experience for our younger youth, learning and growing in their faith, and making new friends.

YOUTH DATES

August 6th 12:30 pm - 1:30pm Youth Sunday Planning Meeting
(Youth participating that Sunday must attend, lunch provided)

August 13th 4:45pm -7:00pm Joint Youth Group — Youth Sunday Prep

August 19th 9:00am - 12:00pm — Youth Sunday Practice

August 20th Youth Sunday

August 20th 4:45pm-6:00pm — Joint Youth Group - snacks and games

August 27th 4:45pm-6:00pm — Joint Youth Group

September 3rd No Youth Group

Troll Dance Party



DAYSPRING DANCE

Joins us for DaySpring Dance on Sunday, September 10th!

This program provides children with a loving and supportive environment to better understand how to work with the body for more clarity and conscious intention in physical expression. In addition to proper movement technique for dancing, instruction on musicality, character development, musical interpretation and conveying emotion through movement is practiced. Students can gain self-confidence and empower themselves to be more comfortable with both natural self-expression and performance.

This program is led by Courtney Vanderpool who also works with Maryville College.



Children's Ministry

PLANET WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS	
August 6	Jane Brannon
August 13	Joy Bornhoeft
August 20	Youth Sunday No Planet Worship
August 27	Stacie Armsworth
September 3	Kim Pennington

God's Work ~ Our Hands



1 John 3:18

**Sunday School
Returns
August 13th**

9:30am Rally Day Breakfast
10am Children Attend SS Class

WE OFFER 3 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

2 and 3 year Old Class: taught in the Nursery

4 year old – 1st Grade & 2nd – 5th Grade Classes are in the Family Life Center.

On Rally Day, children will be dismissed from breakfast and escorted to their classrooms by their teachers, where they will have a short lesson on our new Discipleship theme: God's Work ~ Our Hands.



MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

MOPS returns with regular meetings in September. MOPS meets twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, from 9:30 – 11:30 am in the Family Life Center.

Childcare is provided during regular meetings. MOPS is a place where moms can meet other moms, share experiences, be creative, learn, and grow in their faith through guest speakers, devotional time, group discussion, crafts, and mission project opportunities. This year's theme is "free indeed." Sometimes, especially as moms with young kids, life can sneak up on us, and we don't realize that we have gotten stuck in patterns of thinking or habits that are holding us captive. This is the year that changes, this is the year we find our freedom by understanding who God is and who we are because of Him.

3rd ANNUAL PRETEEN RETREAT

September 16th – 17th at John Knox

Attention all 4th and 5th Graders: Make plans now to attend the Pre-Teen Retreat at John Knox Center. This overnight retreat (Saturday morning through Sunday morning) is a fun opportunity to meet kids from other Presbyterian churches in East Tennessee. You'll eat together, sleep in cabins, attend keynote sessions and worship, experience the ropes course, waterfront sports, crafts, and games.

Registration is now open, so contact Joy Bornhoeft if you have a preteen interested in attending.

The cost per child is \$45 (all inclusive, including a retreat T-shirt), but Erin church will pay half the fee per child.

So, the cost for Erin families is only \$22.50, a great deal for an amazing faith experience!