

ERIN CHOIR

THE ERIN CHURCH CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

The choir will be back in action right after Labor Day.

No formal vocal training is required....just a willingness to learn and an eagerness to lift your voice in praise. 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.

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Message from the Pastor...

SEPTEMBER 2017

September 3

No Youth Groups

September 4

OFFICE CLOSED for Labor Day

September 5

6pm Staff Meeting

7pm Discipleship Meeting

7pm Fellowship Meeting

September 6

WEDNESDAY NIGHT EVENTS BEGIN

5:45pm WND

6pm Sonshine

6:15pm Journey 7

6:30pm Pioneer Club

6:30pm Handbells

7:30pm Choir

September 9

1pm Such Is the Kingdom

7:30pm Stewardship Meeting

September 10

12:15pm Creative Exp. Meeting

12:15pm Outreach Meeting

12:15pm Stewardship Meeting

3pm SITK Performance

3:30pm DaySpring Parents Meeting

4:45pm MS Youth Group

5:45pm Youth Group

September 11

6:30pm Property Meeting

September 14

9:30am MOPS Begins

September 16

Pre-Teen Retreat Begins

9am AA Meditation Group (every Sat.)

6:30pm BreadBreakers at Thompson's

September 17

Pre-teens Return from Retreat

SITK Offsite Performance

1:30pm Sonshine Writing Collaborative

3:30 DaySpring Dance

September 19

10:30am Coffee Club

September 21

7pm Session

September 24

ERIN PRESBYTERIAN HOMECOMING

12:15pm Homecoming Potluck Lunch

September 29 –October 1

MS Fall Retreat

"In their hearts, people plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." Proverbs 16:9

Dear Friends,

The new Church year for programs and events has begun. Summer is almost over, so our people are re-grouping together in the regularly scheduled events that we all enjoy. Sunday School has already commenced and our Wednesday night programs will begin on the 6th September. We will be fully functional as a congregation by that time and will continue the great work of being God's people in both our congregation and community.

At the end of this month, we will have reached the 140th year of this mission which God has given Erin to do over six generations. Our church was officially established on the last Sunday of September in 1877 and has continued Christ's work in this area for all of those years. The original Charter families were visionaries who wanted a Presbyterian Church to serve the local Scots-Irish residents in our area. Their dedication and commitment gave birth to a wee church which has continually served lots of people in our community. Erin was the first church to be established in what was then known as West Knoxville and we are proud of that honor.

In ten years' time, we may have the opportunity of celebrating 150 years of continued ministry by our church. Just like the original Charter families, we will need the same determination and devotion to ensure that the church will continue. At the end of this month, we're going to launch a mini-campaign with the goal of paying off our debt completely by the year 2027. It can be accomplished very easily with a monthly dollar commitment by each of our households. We all want to see this happen by moving onward and upward for God. By participating in this, we will cherish what past generations have achieved for our congregation, as well as building a solid future for the upcoming generations of Erin folks.

I hope that you will fully come on board with this campaign. On Sunday 24th September, we will have a Homecoming worship service to be followed by a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to see you there and if you have any old photographs or memorabilia of the church, we will put them out on display for all of our folks to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued love and support of the Erin congregation. May God bless you and all your loved ones.

Pastor John

CONNECTIONS

CONNECTIONS CLASS

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BIRTHDAYS 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
30 Nicole Waters

OCTOBER

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

Each Sunday, the pastor leads a discussion class in the heritage room from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. The first fifteen minutes are taken up with socializing and the lesson begins at 9:45 AM. Each month, the pastor creates a theme and presents a connected topic to the participants. Everyone has the opportunity to share their ideas, ask questions, and add comments which helps all of us to strengthen our beliefs and bonds with one another.

Everyone is welcome to attend the class.

Throughout September, the theme is “Theology Matters,” and the discussion topics are as follows:

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?

During October, the pastor will present a special series on Martin Luther to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

BRAND NEW MONTHLY EVENT—THE COFFEE CLUB

During the summer, April, Joy, and I were thinking about how to encourage our church folks to come together and enjoy some light-hearted and encouraging fellowship. We thought that one of the easiest ways would be to have coffee and cookies on a monthly basis with church members and visitors, one morning in the Fellowship Hall. We chose to hold this event on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who is free can come along to enjoy refreshments and conversation for an hour. At the end of the Coffee Club, we’ll have a short devotion and a prayer request time.



We hope that you visit with us – those who are retired, those working from home, and those who are free at that time. It will give us an opportunity to support our good folks and even answer any questions they might have concerning our church. The first Coffee Club will take place on Tuesday, September 19th at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. **Come on over, join us, and have some fun!**

FALL CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANUP DAY

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 28
All Ages and Skill levels are welcome!
Join us for Breakfast from 8:30am-9am
for the Pre-Cleanup Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
Compliments of the Property Team
Look for Signups in the Bulletin.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 3RD	SEPTEMBER 10TH	SEPTEMBER 17TH	SEPTEMBER 24TH
COFFEE HOST	COFFEE HOST	COFFEE HOST	COFFEE HOST
Betty Gibbs	Dan Gibbs	Anna McKay	Betty Gibbs
GREETERS	GREETERS	GREETERS	GREETERS
Kristi Bailes Buster Quinn	Jim Thompson Ginger Thompson	Lynn Sexton Pat Sexton	Gary Pennington Kay Pennington
BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER
Carter McCallum	Aiden Strand	Ella Levering	Rose Armsworth
GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE
Cathy Van Ostrand	Erin McCallum	Eva Lynch	Stacie Armstrong
READER	READER	READER	READER
Joe Jaynes	Suzanne Levering	Rob Lynch	Sara Leckie
USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS
Jim Montgomery Pat Wallin Dusty Pennington Brooks Eggers	Larry McKay Anna McKay Gary Pennington David Leckie	Cathy Van Ostrand Jim Montgomery Suzanne Levering Robbie Levering	Ron DuBois Sonja DuBois Kim Pennington Dusty Pennington
PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP
Kim Pennington	Sherry Draper	Brooks Eggers	Erin McCallum
NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY
Erin McCallum	Kathryn Bornhoeft	Tammy Murphy	Kelcey Levering
COUNTER	COUNTER	COUNTER	COUNTER
Rickey McCallum Mike Jones	Sean Gahan Eva Lynch	David Eggers Neill Murphy	John House Mike Jones
COMMUNION			
2019			

FINANCIALS

Erin Presbyterian Church	
Balance Sheet	
As of August 10, 2017	
	Aug 10, 17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	28,836.83
HF Savings	120,644.81
SunTrust Checking	1,001.81
SunTrust Debit Card Account	1,250.87
Total Checking/Savings	151,734.32
Total Current Assets	151,734.32
Fixed Assets	
Building Improvements	46,547.00
Computer Equipment	2,420.97
Furniture and fixtures	35,699.89
General Equipment	9,764.55
Accumulated Depreciation	-32,255.45
Total Fixed Assets	62,176.96
TOTAL ASSETS	213,911.28
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	1,000.00
Total Accounts Payable	1,000.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	1,402.50
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,402.50
Total Current Liabilities	2,402.50
Total Liabilities	2,402.50
Equity	
Restricted Funds	250.00
Retained Earnings	150,095.72
Unrestricted Funds	47,164.25
Net Income	13,998.81
Total Equity	211,508.78
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	213,911.28

Erin Presbyterian Church	
Profit & Loss	
July 1 through August 10, 2017	
	Jul 1 - Aug 10, 17
Income	
Other Income	9.00
Memorial Income	100.00
Creative Expression Income	75.00
Discipleship Income	2,027.31
Fellowship Income	200.00
Offerings	36,968.50
Property Income	920.00
Restricted Accts Income	1,159.09
Stewardship Income	0.01
Total Income	41,458.91
Gross Profit	41,458.91
Expense	
Transfer to Capital Campaign	463.27
Creative Expressions Ministry	214.73
Discipleship Team	210.48
Fellowship Team	243.51
Outreach Team	1,065.00
Pastoral Ministry	9,072.03
Payroll Expenses	0.00
Property Team	5,192.77
Restricted Accts Expense	1,159.09
Stewardship Team	9,729.25
Worship Team	109.97
Total Expense	27,460.10
Net Income	13,998.81

ELDER CLASS OF 2020
STATEMENT OF FAITH

KELLI CANAN

I believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” 2 Corinthians 13:14). The Triune God has created people in His own image and has called us to display personal Holiness through trust and obedience to Him. Because of the profound love for His creation of Humanity, God has initiated a plan of redemption that He has accomplished on our behalf through history (“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12).



I believe redemption is centered upon the personification of God in the person and work of Jesus Christ. I believe Jesus to be fully God and fully man, I believe in His virgin birth, His sinless life, and His miracles. Jesus, through His death and bodily resurrection, has provided the incredible undeserving justification on our behalf, which is grace that we receive by faith alone. I believe the risen Christ and His ascension, that he has sent His Holy Spirit to dwell in the hearts of all believers (1 Corinthians 12-14).

I believe The Holy Spirit has been given to empower us for service and bearing witness to the kingdom of God (“Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the ‘forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Acts 2:38).

I believe that Christ has established the church, exercising discipleship, administering the sacraments, and proclaiming the Gospel of Christ.

I believe our faith should be a visible model of Christ in all that we do. I seek to be a faithful disciple of Christ, enduring in love and obedience. I adhere to the historical confessions of our faith.

I believe in the spiritual unity of all believers through our Lord Jesus Christ (“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:3) and I seek a caring, loving relationship with Jesus Christ.

-Kelli Canan
Elder, Class of 2020



CHURCH RETREAT

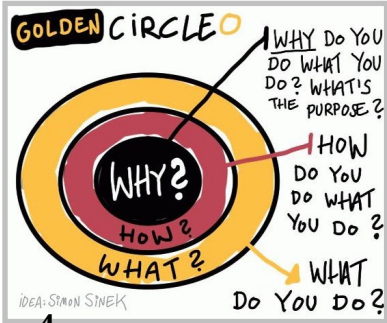
We had a ball at the Annual Church Retreat, at John Knox Center, August 25th-26th. The fun began on Friday night when we met up to move into our cabins and then followed that beautiful grassy hill down to a bonfire at sunset, at the edge of the water. What a soothing way to begin unwinding from the workweek and preparing our hearts for fellowship.

We woke in the morning, refreshed and ready to get breakfast. There were so many tasty things that we had to try one (or two) of each. It was great seeing folks showing up, with smiles, to get a cup of coffee and begin the day with those who stayed the night before. Erin Church truly is a *family*.

At 10am the kids took off to the Nature Center and we met Andy Morgan, to begin thinking through some important things. Like... if I was a food, what would I be? There were some very interesting answers going around the room, let me say. Then we looked at Simon Sinek’s “Golden Circle” theory, which helps us get to the “Why” of Erin Presbyterian Church. Why do we believe what we believe? People who are considering Erin will be drawn to WHY we do what we do, more than WHAT we do. Then we considered that our “why” may be that we are blessed in order to bless others.

After a delicious lunch, the kids went to the high-ropes course and the adults met back at the lodge. For the second session with Andy, we got into a subject that some southerners know something about... Cow Tipping’. Now this is no ordinary cow, we’re discussing the tipping of so called “Sacred Cows”. You know, when you were doing something that gave you that special feeling of closeness with the Lord....so you believe it should be done every year, or every time, because you think someone else needs to have the same experience. Which is mighty loving of you, if I do say so myself. That becomes your “sacred cow.” The question we had to consider was this: Is that cow relevant to how people experience and receive blessing *now*? Or this: Is everyone else so much like you, that they *have to* have the same cow that matters to you? Hefty questions. Big, burly cows. It’s hard to tip a cow you really like, it hurts yer feelins’. But if we’re to search out those things that truly resonate with others, not just ourselves, we need to honor each other’s favorite cow, and help them gently tip it.

Afterward, we went down to the water for hours of fun with the boat, tubing, paddle-boarding, sitting under the shade of a tree and visiting with those we know and love... It was a fantastic day. All that activity helped us work up an appetite in time for dinner. The burgers and hot dogs went pretty quick so we could all get to our ice cream sandwiches. Then, Vespers by the lake...hearing the voices of those we worship with singing to the Lord along with crickets and the waves. Sure makes us hope to see you there next year.



CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

PLANET WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS	
September 3	Kim Pennington
September 10	Sherry Draper
September 17	Brooks Eggers
September 24	Erin McCallum
October 1	Kelcey Levering



On Rally Day, the children in Planet Worship created their own “handprint artwork” in celebration of this year’s theme: **God’s Work – Our Hands.**

This month in Planet Worship, kids will learn the fundamentals of worship: what we believe, why we worship, liturgical seasons, the order of worship, music in worship, and prayer. Also, kids will be making worship kits to use with their worship bags during the first half of the worship service. The kits will include hands-on aides like hymn bookmarks, order of worship checklist, liturgical season calendar, and prayer cards. Each week, kids will make and add an item to their worship kits.

Pioneer Club Returns
September 6th 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Family Life Center



Calling all animal lovers, nature enthusiasts, and outdoor adventurers!! join us this year in Pioneer Club and become a Pioneer Ranger! Pioneer Club is a hands-on activity club for kids 4 years old – 5th grade. This year, we’ll explore God’s amazing creation and learn all about some amazing animals. Each week, we’ll study a new animal through books, games, crafts, and computer time. We’ll also celebrate the seasons and holidays with fun class parties.

This month, we’ll learn about animals of the Great Smoky Mountains: the black bear, beaver, and King snake. So put on your hiking boots because “*the mountains are calling, and we must go.*”

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

The Solar Eclipse on August 21st, 2017 was a wondrous event.

The artistry and power of God was on display.

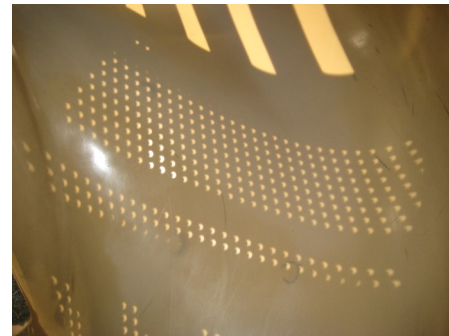
For some, it was a fascinating, once in a lifetime event that they're grateful to have seen. For others, it provoked a deep sense of the Lord's nearness, and had them considering His mightiness, His love for His people and His return to bring us all home.

Whatever the case may be, it ranks high on the scale of 'most incredible things I've ever seen'.

Some of our Erin Church folks decided to send in photos of their experience and we are happy to share them here.



Eclipse crescent reflections on the sidewalk.



Eclipse reflections on a chair.



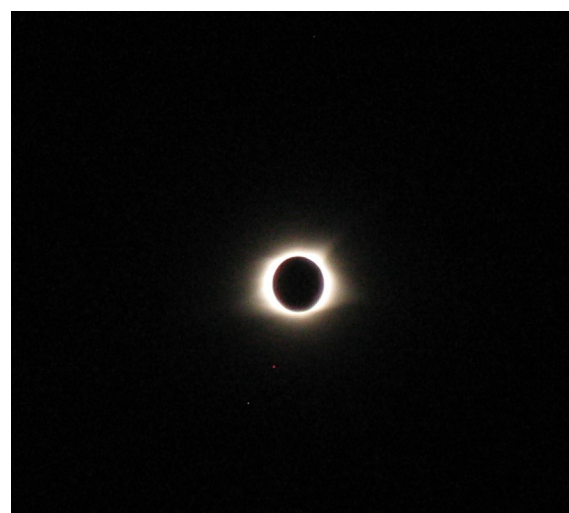
Some serious Eclipse excitement.



About half way.



Going....going.....



Gone.
(Photo credit to the Armsworth Family)

WND, PW, BREADBREAKERS, MS RETREAT

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER IS BACK!

We're back! The fall/winter season of Wednesday Night Dinners will begin on September 6th, start time remains 5:45pm. Just to entice you a bit, the entre on the 6th will be Chicken Tetrazzini, squash casserole lima beans, rolls and tossed salad. Pat and Apryl are making dessert!

Suggested donations remain unchanged (\$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children).

We have a sign up in the church bulletin the Sunday prior and an e-mail message that is sent out that afternoon requesting your reply if you will attend, and did not sign up at church. If you would like to receive this message and were not receiving it last spring, please contact our church administrator (April Cyr, 588-5350 or admin@erinpresbyterian.org) to provide your E-mail address and request to be added to the WND address group.

YOUR ERIN FELLOWSHIP TEAM AT WORK FOR YOU!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will resume our monthly Bible Studies in September, but with a few changes. First of all, we will only have a morning circle this year, and will meet on the first Thursday morning of each month at 10 a.m. in the church parlor. Our study for this year is "Fruit of the Spirit" by Hazel Offner, published by LifeGuide Bible Studies. All women are welcome and encouraged to come and share in the Bible Study, and also fellowship and mission projects sponsored by PW every year. Our first gathering will be Thursday, Sept. 7, at 10 a.m. Hope to see you there!

BREADBREAKERS

Our first BreadBreakers of the season will be at the beautiful home of Jim and Ginger Thompson on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. Their able assistants will be Al and Pat Wallin. Sign-ups will be in the bulletin the first and second Sundays of the month. Please consider attending a BreadBreakers for good food, good fellowship, and good fun!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL RETREAT

John Knox Center September 29th - October 1st

Registration Deadline is September 15th

Theme: Who Are You?

Small Groups, Keynote Speakers, High Ropes Course and a chance to meet other Middle Schoolers (6th - 8th grade)
Cost: \$100 per participant includes lodging, meals and a t-shirt.

Friday, September 29th

5-7pm: Registration

7:30pm: Keynote Session

Sunday, October 1st

9am: Breakfast

10am: Worship

11am: Departure

Contact Farrah Linkous, the Youth Group Leader, for more info and for registration:
flinkyb@hotmail.com

OUTREACH

PEACE AND GLOBAL MISSIONS SPECIAL OFFERING

We will be observing the Peace and Global Mission Special Offering from September 3rd through October 1st. This is an extremely timely offering that will utilize our funds to assist with peacemaking and reconciliation both in the United States and around the globe. We'll collect this special offering on Sunday, October 1st, 2017.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports every level of the PC(USA) to work for peace and respond to injustice in their own contexts and around the globe.

Your gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering can help to provide relief, shelter, and hope to families who've fled their homes in search of safety.

Be part of the work to proclaim the peace of Christ with sisters and brothers around the world.



At the global level, the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations amplifies the voices of refugees and other vulnerable populations throughout the world and advocates for justice and peace as guided by church policy.

65.3 million people worldwide need your help

Mostly women and children, these people have fled their homes to escape violence and persecution. Now at the highest levels ever recorded, the global refugee crisis represents one of the greatest humanitarian needs around the world.¹

Colombia

Even as they work to resolve decades of conflict, Colombia still reported 6.9 million people without homes due to the violence.²

Central Africa

Amid decades of fighting, nearly 4.5 million people have sought refuge from violence and famine in South Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya.²

Syria

In 2016, 13.5 million people required humanitarian assistance, having fled their homes to escape the continued violence and civil war in Syria.²

SAVE THE DATE:

We will have a work day at the FISH pantry on Saturday, October 28 in the morning. More details next month!



HOLIDAY STORE



Please join the Outreach Team in celebrating Christmas in September!!

We are hosting a collection box for the Volunteer Ministry Center, in order to collect items for their Christmas Store. During the month of September, please bring in new, unopened items from the list below and place them in the box in the narthex. The items will be used to enable those without Christmas shopping money to "earn" gifts for their loved ones by using their time and muscle to complete community service work, which pays in points, redeemable at the Holiday Store. Help us "Stock the Store"!!

Holiday Store

(Items should not be wrapped and should be in original packaging.)

Children

- Clothing (boys & girls)
- Barbie dolls/dolls
- Books
- Cars and trucks
- Board games
- Legos
- Tea sets
- Sleeping bags
- Infant items
- Sport Balls

Teenagers

- Clothing (guys & girls)
- Sports Jerseys
- Anything from the small electronics list
- Makeup/Jewelry

Men & Women

- Clothing
- Fleece Wear
- Sweaters
- Gloves, hats, scarves
- Active wear
- Sleep wear
- Shoes
- Perfume/cologne sets/Bath Sets

Housewares

- Small tool sets
- Throws/afghans
- Kitchen items
- Cooking utensils
- Artwork
- Area carpets/rugs

Small Electronics

- Radios
- CD players
- CDs
- DVDs
- DVD players
- MP3 players
- Music for all ages

Miscellaneous

- Curling Irons
- Hair Dryers
- Wrist watches
- Sports equipment
- Batteries (all sizes)
- Purses/backpacks/tote bags
- Books for all ages