



Easter

EASTER CELEBRATION

- GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** Worship begins in the Sanctuary at 6:30pm and usually lasts about 40 minutes. Communion will be served this evening.
- EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE:** Our sunrise service begins at 7:15am Easter morning at Tate’s School.
- BRANDON BREAKFAST:** Breakfast begins in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am.
- EASTER EGG HUNT:** Join us for an egg hunt at 10:15am. Ages birth - 5th grade. Please bring your own basket, if possible.
- EASTER MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE:** Please join us in heartfelt worship of our Lord and Savior!

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The KING Of Kings

The Beacon
March 2018

Psalm 86:4-5 “Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.” (ESV)

Dear Friends,

Two events occurred in our nation last month which will continue to deeply affect us for years to come. The first was the horrifying massacre in Parkland where 17 teachers and students were slaughtered by a demented gunman. We were all shocked and traumatized by this callous and cowardly act. The wounds that the families carry in Parkland may never be healed, so it’s left to all of us to create a better and safer society for all who live in this beautiful land. How we do that will take a great deal of dialogue and prayer, cooperation and change. Hopefully, we can agree on real solutions to this urgent problem. Our young people are looking to all of us to own this issue; they rely on us to seek and find an enduring answer.

The second event was the death of Dr. Billy Graham. His influence on our faith was immense and his work for the Lord unequalled. He took and preached the Gospel all over the world, affecting and changing the lives of millions of people. I know this to be true because, in 1956, he visited my hometown of Glasgow, Scotland. During his crusade over there, my Aunt Sylvia gave her heart to the Lord and has maintained that faith throughout her life. Indeed, when I was in the hospital after taking an overdose as a teenager, my aunt traveled more than thirty miles to visit with me. Her love and prayers at that time helped me to recover and heal. I guess in a roundabout way, I have Dr. Graham to thank for that precious moment which still remains in my own heart today.

As we approach Easter on April 1st , I hope that we will all focus on what Christ has done for us. It will be wonderful to see all of our families and friends again at the beautiful Easter Sunday worship service. For me, it is the highlight of the whole Christian year and I look forward to praising God with all of the good people at Erin, to share the Gospel, and to proclaim Christ as our Savior and King. In Him alone, those ancient words of David at the top of this message are completely fulfilled:

“For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.”

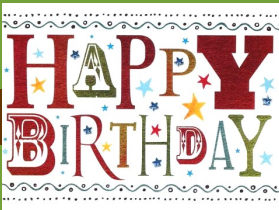
May God bless you and all your loved ones,
Pastor John



BIRTHDAYS

March

- 1 Kim Jaynes
- 1 Madeline Griffin
- 2 Kristi Bailes
- 3 Kari Matthews
- 9 Mary Franz
- 11 XeAnna Burse
- 11 Steve Foster
- 13 Eleanor Jaynes
- 13 Bayard Erskine
- 14 Mike Massengill
- 14 Kenleigh Pennington
- 16 Maggie Gunter
- 17 Mollie Gunter
- 19 Ian Bone
- 19 John Stuart
- 25 Cynthia House
- 26 Happy Hilty
- 28 Dale Webb



April

- 1 David Snodgrass
- 2 Carol Robbins
- 3 Henry Ritchie
- 3 Kathryn Bornhoeft
- 4 Becky Cameron
- 5 Peggy Cuany
- 6 Karen Price
- 9 Dan Berry
- 9 Craig Strand
- 13 Jane Cowen
- 14 Erin McCallum
- 16 Peter McKay
- 17 Jennifer Gahan
- 18 John House
- 21 Melinda Massengill
- 22 Seth Dunaway
- 29 Jenny Rogers
- 30 Aaron Foster

Classes and BreadBreakers

CONNECTIONS CLASS FOR MARCH – Women in the Bible

During the month of March, the pastor will be presenting four special Biblical History classes on the lives of four women in the Bible – **Deborah, Ruth, Esther, and Mary**. Their significance in the history of our faith has both shaped our beliefs and our understanding of how God intervenes in the world. The classes will be held in the Heritage Room from 9:45AM to 10:30AM. Everyone is welcome to attend the classes and all are encouraged to share their own ideas and opinions. 😊
The schedule for March is as follows:

Mar 04 – Deborah

Mar 11 – Ruth

Mar 18 – Esther

Mar 25 – Mary

After Easter, the pastor will lead a five-week class on the symbols and images of the Book of Revelation. Watch this space for details.

GOOD FRIDAY EASTER SERVICE

Every three years during Holy Week, we hold a special Good Friday service instead of our usual Maundy Thursday one. We do this to remind ourselves about the impact that Christ’s Crucifixion has had on our lives and world. Like the Maundy Thursday service, it is a very solemn occasion and gives us a deeper experience of what Jesus accomplished on the Cross.

The worship begins in the sanctuary at 6:30PM and usually lasts about 40 minutes. Communion is also served at this event. Please come along, especially if you have never been to a Good Friday service. It is a beautiful and very meaningful time of reverence. Good Friday takes place on March 30th this year.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The pastor continues to teach his weekly Bible study, which this year focuses on Paul’s Letter to the Romans. Each Wednesday, the class looks at a different chapter of Romans and discusses the implications and relevance for our lives and faith today. The classes start at 6:45 PM in the Heritage room and end just before 7:30PM. All are welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women Circle will meet on the 2nd Thursday, March 8, at 10AM in the Parlor. The lesson for this month will be Chapter 7 – Faithfulness. Nancy Berry will provide refreshments. We will soon be helping the Helen Ross McNabb Center. More details to follow...

BREADBREAKERS

BreadBreakers will meet on Saturday, March 17, at 6:30pm at the home of Joy and Justin Bornhoeft. Signups will be in the bulletin soon. Please join us for a fun evening of good food and fellowship!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS	MARCH 4th	MARCH 11th	MARCH 18th	MARCH 25th
March 3 9:30am Men’s Breakfast	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
March 4 March Fourth Into Mission	Anna McKay	Betty Gibbs	Dan Gibbs	Anna McKay
March 5 6:30PM Property Meeting	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
March 6 6pm Staff Meeting 7pm Discipleship Meeting 7pm Fellowship Meeting	Larry McKay Anna McKay	Buster Quinn David Leckie	Lynn Sexton Pat Sexton	Kristi Bailes Sonja DuBois
March 10 Spring Forward Tonight	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer
March 11 12:15pm Stewardship 12:15pm Outreach 12:15pm Creative Exp. No Youth Groups Spring Break Begins	Isabella Armsworth	Carter McCallum	Ella Levering	Kenleigh Pennington
March 17 6:30pm BreadBreakers	Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide
March 20 10:30am Coffee Club	Eva Lynch	Diana Brandon	Lynn Sexton	Kristi Bailes
March 22 7pm Session Meeting	Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader
March 6:30pm Good Friday Service	Evelyn Stuart	Jane Brannon	Neill Murphy	Ashley Draper
	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
	Ron DuBois	Tammy Murphy	Jim Montgomery	Rickey McCallum
	Jim Montgomery	Cathy Van Ostrand	Pat Wallin	Erin McCallum
	Eva Lynch	Suzanne Levering	David Eggers	Larry McKay
	Rob Lynch	Robbie Levering	Brooks Eggers	Anna McKay
	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship
	Stacie Armsworth	Brooks Eggers	Kim Pennington	Sherry Draper
	Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter
	Rickey McCallum	Eva Lynch	John House	Rickey McCallum
	David Eggers	Mike Jones	Neill Murphy	John House
	Communion			
	2019			

Outreach and Fellowship

OUTREACH



Thank you to all who came out to spend some time with our Mission Co-Worker Jan Heckler and Reverend Mamisoa.



MISSION FAIR

Our annual Mission Fair will be held March 4th, 2018, after church in the fellowship hall. We will serve lunch and will put our hands to God's work with a few options for Mission work. We will have a small group to go to Bayard and Kathy Erskine's house to assist them with household projects. We will be collecting items for Volunteer Ministry Center to put together move-in baskets for people who are being placed in housing. We will also have cards to decorate for our children to participate in the Mission Fair as well! Please mark your calendars and come support our church's mission!!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering has started! This special offering supports the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the self development of people. We will be collecting on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. Please join us in supporting this offering!

SERVE AT FISH PANTRY

We will have sign ups coming soon for our next Fish Pantry work day: Saturday, April 28 9:30-1:00. You can join us for part or all of the time to help work the Fish Pantry of Scott Avenue.

FELLOWSHIP

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men of the church, join us for a hearty breakfast on March 3rd, 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Please email Dan Gibbs if you'd like to be added to the Men's Breakfast email list.

PLEASE NOTE

No WND March 14th because of Spring Break.

EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies will be ordered soon. Signups are in the bulletin the last two Sundays of March.

Financials and Property

Erin Presbyterian Church Balance Sheet As of January 31, 2018	
	Jan 31, 18
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	11,414.72
HF Savings	142,493.15
SunTrust Checking	1,001.87
SunTrust Debit Card Account	666.83
Total Checking/Savings	155,566.57
Total Current Assets	155,566.57
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	-45,055.45
Total Fixed Assets	49,376.96
TOTAL ASSETS	204,943.53
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	1,366.16
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,366.16
Total Current Liabilities	1,366.16
Total Liabilities	1,366.16
Equity	
Retained Earnings	137,545.72
Unrestricted Funds	47,164.25
Net Income	18,867.40
Total Equity	203,577.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	204,943.53

SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF ERIN CHURCH

Unfortunately, we've had a few seniors in our congregation fall and lay helpless for hours at a time. Pastor Stuart and the Staff are very concerned about this and want these precious members of God's family to be better prepared.

If you are a senior citizen, or you have loved ones who are unprotected, please research the options for immediate help. Here are some suggestions from AARP:

1. **Philips Lifeline with AutoAlert**
2. **MobileHelp** (also calls and emails the family if something happens)
3. **Life Alert**
4. **GreatCall 5 Star Urgent Response**
5. **GrandCare Systems** (even tracks daily activity)

EPC Capital Campaign/Lower the Debt Acct Balance Sheet As of January 31, 2018	
	Jan 31, 18
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Capital Campaign	31,863.59
Total Checking/Savings	31,863.59
Total Current Assets	31,863.59
Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Depreciation	-217,630.77
Building Improvements	
Building	1,302,265.25
Kitchen	30,932.20
Roofing	98,730.00
Total Building Improvements	1,432,927.45
Equipment	24,973.58
Furniture & Fixtures	57,435.39
Paving	32,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	1,329,705.63
Other Assets	
Accumulated Amortization	-1,295.28
Loan fees	4,857.00
Total Other Assets	3,561.72
TOTAL ASSETS	1,365,130.94
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payable - Main Account	25.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	25.00
Total Current Liabilities	25.00
Long Term Liabilities	
Line of Credit	463,424.66
Total Long Term Liabilities	463,424.66
Total Liabilities	463,449.66
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	895,567.31
Net Income	6,113.97
Total Equity	901,681.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,365,130.94

PROPERTY

SPRING WORKDAY

Info for our Spring Workday in March will be coming up soon in the bulletin.

KEY COUNT

If you have a church key but no longer use it, please drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

If you are still using the key(s), because you have responsibilities at the church, please fill out the insert in the bulletin so we can get an accurate account of who has entrance to the church.

This is part of our security measures for Erin Church, to have all keys accounted for. Thank you for your help.

Youth News

SOUPE BOWL OF CARING

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring. We were able to raise \$550 to benefit the FISH food pantry.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported our Pancake Supper youth fundraiser! We appreciate everyone coming out.

CINDERELLA

We will be going to support our friends Konnor and Keegan Stump in the KCT production of Cinderella on March 4 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 for students. If you are interested in joining the group, let Farrah know.

SPRING BREAK

There will be no Youth Group March 11th, then March 18th we'll have a joint Youth Group from 4:45 -6:00pm, and March 25th we'll meet at normal times. April 1st is Easter and we'll enjoy the day with our families. See you back again for Youth Group on April 8th at regular times.

GIFTS OF CHILDREN SERVICE - THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Discipleship team, we would like to extend our thanks and praise for the excellent Gifts of Children worship service we were blessed with February 4th. Mrs. Cynthia House did an amazing job of organizing and planning the service, with a helping hand from Mrs. Joy Bornhoeft. No small feat since we had 41 children participating in the service! Our youth wrote their own material for the reflections on scripture and each brought a thoughtful take on the verses. Well done!



GATLINBURG YOUTH SUMMIT



Children's Ministry

Planet Worship Volunteers

3/4:	Stacie Armsworth
3/11:	Brooks Eggers
3/18:	Kim Pennington
3/25:	Sherry Draper PALM SUNDAY
4/1:	Joy Bornhoeft EASTER



at play
at home

Practicing our faith outside of church is not always easy to do. Busy schedules and worldly distractions take over our daily lives. The season of Lent is a time to refocus our attention on Jesus and his sacrifice. Below are some family friendly websites you can use with your children to begin putting faith "at play" in your home.

- www.breadnotstones.com (author: Rev. Rebecca Kirkpatrick, PCUSA) This blog is intended to help parents and others who find themselves with the responsibility of raising children in faith.
- <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com> (Mina Munns – UK) Creative, hands-on, ideas for celebrating the church seasons: Family Lent Ideas, Holy Week Activities, Hands On Easter Story, Play Dough Mats
- <http://prayingincolor.com> (Sybil MacBeth) You want to pray, but words escape you. Praying in Color is a unique way to pray that helps your mind to focus while keeping your hands busy.
- www.picturebooktheology.com (Hanna Schock) This blog helps families find The Sacred in the ordinary. The author connects Christian scripture with ordinary, children's picture books. A similar resource is <http://storypath.upsem.edu>, a resource of Union Presbyterian Seminary, that connects children's books with the lectionary readings. We use *Storypath* often in Planet Worship!



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



Spring is in the air and the signs are all around us! Flowering trees, "spring green" leaves, and chirping birds. This month, our Pioneer Rangers will learn all about *baby animals* - awww, who doesn't love baby animals? As the temperatures warm up and daylight savings time returns, we might actually venture outside! Note: Pioneer Club will not meet on March 14th due to Knox County Spring Break – Enjoy your Break!