

Financials

Erin Presbyterian Church Balance Sheet As of April 7, 2018	
	Apr 7, 18
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	8,299.66
HF Savings	169,498.06
SunTrust Checking	1,001.89
SunTrust Debit Card Account	822.80
Total Checking/Savings	179,622.41
Total Current Assets	179,622.41
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	-48,255.45
Total Fixed Assets	46,176.96
TOTAL ASSETS	225,799.37
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	1,352.64
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,352.64
Total Current Liabilities	1,352.64
Total Liabilities	1,352.64
Equity	
Retained Earnings	137,545.72
Unrestricted Funds	47,164.25
Net Income	39,736.76
Total Equity	224,446.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	225,799.37

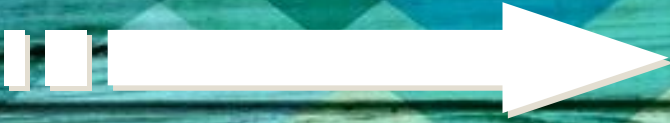
“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

Erin Presbyterian Church Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison July 1, 2017 through April 7, 2018			
	Jul 1, '17 - Apr 7, 18	Jul 1, '16 - Apr 7, 17	\$ Change
Income			
Other Income	64.98	60.00	4.98
Memorial Income	2,125.00	4,380.00	-2,255.00
Creative Expression Income	464.00	785.53	-321.53
Discipleship Income	5,483.19	6,063.32	-580.13
Fellowship Income	7,371.77	8,517.60	-1,145.83
Offerings	272,483.50	272,137.20	346.30
Outreach Income	939.00	8.00	931.00
Property Income	17,709.08	8,398.60	9,310.48
Restricted Accts Income	13,770.20	7,797.87	5,972.33
Stewardship Income	230.02	244.89	-14.87
Transfer from Capital Campaign	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	320,640.74	308,393.01	12,247.73
Gross Profit			
	320,640.74	308,393.01	12,247.73
Expense			
Transfer to Capital Campaign	1,483.27	0.00	1,483.27
Creative Expressions Ministry	9,499.86	9,140.15	359.71
Depreciation Expense	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00
Discipleship Team	7,241.15	8,221.13	-979.98
Fellowship Team	6,339.57	6,396.51	-56.94
Outreach Team	27,091.98	26,398.78	693.20
Pastoral Ministry	83,660.99	80,787.81	2,873.18
Payroll Expenses	60.00	0.00	60.00
Property Team	43,416.68	38,066.39	5,350.29
PW expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Restricted Accts Expense	8,518.32	5,824.96	2,693.36
Session	67.47	0.00	67.47
Stewardship Team	89,059.39	90,052.01	-992.62
Worship Team	1,285.30	1,212.74	72.56
Total Expense	280,903.98	269,300.48	11,603.50
Net Income	39,736.76	38,092.53	644.23

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The Beacon



May 2018

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to hinder you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (NIV)



Dear Erin Folks,

Just under ten years from now, our church should be happily celebrating its 150th anniversary in September of 2027. I know that sounds like something far off in the future and not worth thinking about, but the last ten years have sped by so quickly that it feels as if 2027 is just around the corner. This summer, I will have been here for 23 years which I cannot believe. It still seems like yesterday since we arrived at Knoxville airport, but that’s what time does – it flies past and life goes on regardless.

It makes me wonder what Erin Church will be like in 2027. We still have some wonderful people who serve the Lord and work hard for the congregation. Our building has been wholly renovated and our campus grounds look better each year. More groups are using our facilities and our neighborhood is experiencing a renewal. We are at the heart of a good community, so we should still be around ten years from now.

Our ministries and missions will no doubt change. They always do. What was important 25 years ago, may not be the focus of our faith today or tomorrow. Christ’s Spirit is at work within us and all around us, so our role is to align ourselves with what Christ is doing in our community. This may involve working with the local schools, serving in the food pantries, or helping immigrants in our area. Whatever the case, Christ has planted us here to do His work, follow His way, and share His words with the people around us.

To do this effectively, we each have to resource Erin church with our time, talents, and money. During the month of May, we will be emphasizing the importance of Stewardship and using the highlighted Bible verse above as our motto. We have come a long way and still face challenges. We still have ministries to finance and debts to pay. We want God to bless us as an effective, compassionate, and faithful congregation, but that does take a strong commitment to pray for our church, to worship at church, to give to our church, and to serve in our church. Without those personal obligations and annual pledges, Erin could not be what it is today, nor could it ever be what God wants us to be in 2027.

I hope and pray that you and your household will continue to show your support to our wee church that we all love so dearly. As a new member said to me recently, **“There’s something special about Erin Church and we are thankful that God brought us here.”** With your commitment and support, your prayers and loving-kindness, God will continue to bring others here, so that they may also feel thankful for being led to such a place of blessing.

May God bless you and all your loved ones.

Pastor John

BIRTHDAYS

May

- 1 Henry Fellers
- 2 Joan Miller
- 2 Britani Massengill
- 3 Carson Matthews
- 4 Gary Pennington
- 4 Will McCallum
- 6 Kelcey Levering
- 7 LaVonne Knight
- 9 Justin Bornhoeft
- 12 Ruth White
- 12 Mila Yau
- 13 Ann Snodgrass
- 14 Joy Catron
- 18 Cade Quinn
- 20 Wes Fellers
- 21 Beverly Owen
- 22 Jim Thompson
- 26 Colton Pennington
- 27 Zach Cowen
- 28 Diana Brandon
- 30 Libby Dunaway

June

- 2 Betty Gibbs
- 2 Anna Bornhoeft
- 3 David Cowen
- 3 Abby Scarbrough
- 4 Keegan & Konnor Stump
- 5 Gaines Miller
- 5 Ella Levering
- 8 Molly Miller
- 8 Thomas Boyd
- 9 Stacie Armsworth
- 10 Alex Jaynes
- 11 Jane Brannon
- 12 Charles Snodgrass
- 15 Ashley Draper
- 16 Karen Stump
- 16 Sophia Cyr
- 16 Joy Bornhoeft
- 16 Hannah Yau
- 18 Pat Wallin
- 20 Tammy Murphy
- 21 John Miller
- 21 Jack Draper
- 23 Hayden Crisp
- 24 Rob Lynch
- 24 Brooks Eggers
- 30 Barbara Edwards

Connections Class

Connections Class for May

The pastor continues to teach his Connections Class in the Heritage Room on Sunday mornings from 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM. During the month of May, he will be teaching a Membership class, as well as two lessons about practical Christianity. Everyone is welcome to attend these discussion groups. Here is the proposed schedule:

May 06 – Church Membership Class

Practicing Christianity series

May 13 - Serving & Witnessing

May 20 - Ministry & Mission

Pentecost Celebration

Pentecost takes place on Sunday May 20th this year. We will have a special inter-generational worship service that morning, as well as a time to re-commit ourselves to God and the church. After worship, the Stewardship Team will be hosting our Annual Pledge Campaign Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Details of this can be found in the Stewardship article for our newsletter.

Building: Lowering the Debt

We have a beautiful church building at Erin and the campus grounds are looking great. All of our renovations gave us a place that we could be proud of, as well as putting it to good use for our church people and local community groups.

We still have \$460,000 to pay off our debt and hope to have this accomplished by 2027, when we will celebrate 150 years of our church. Some people in our congregation are contributing regularly to ‘Lowering the Debt,’ and their generosity is very much appreciated. Hopefully, other folks will be willing to do this, too. Other people have promised to leave something substantial in their wills to help reduce this debt – if we could get more folks to do this, it would help immensely. For instance, if we had twenty people who could will \$23,000 from their estate, the debt would be covered in a matter of time and would help put the next generation of Erin members on a good financial footing for the future. Please think and pray about this – any contribution or bequest would make a huge difference to the life, work, and viability of our church. Thank you and God bless you.

May

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 1
6pm Staff Meeting
7pm Discipleship Meeting
7pm Fellowship Meeting
- May 2
4:15PM Car Wash
Fundraiser for Youth
- May 3
10am Presbyterian Women
- May 5
9:30am Men’s Breakfast
- May 6
Communion Sunday
12:15pm Stewardship
12:15pm Outreach
12:15pm Creative Exp.
- May 7
6:30pm Property Meeting
- May 9
FINAL WND of the season
- May 15
10:30am Coffee Club
- May 17
6:30pm Session
- May 20
Pentecost
12:15pm Stewardship Luncheon
- May 21
6:30pm BreadBreakers @ Murphy’s
- May 24
KCS Summer Begins
- May 26
6:30pm Session Meeting
- May 28

May 6th	May 13th	May 20th	May 27th
Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
Dan Gibbs	Anna McKay	Betty Gibbs	Dan Gibbs
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
Lynn and Pat Sexton	Gary and Kay Pennington	Ron and Sonja DuBois	Patty Britton Brooks Eggers
Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer
Will McCallum	Aiden Hopkins	Ginger Thompson	Isabella Armsworth
Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide
Chloe Levering	Anna McKay	Rickey McCallum	Kelly Boyd
Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader
Sara Leckie	Mary V. Paletta	Erin McCallum	Betty Gibbs
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Jim Montgomery	Suzanne Levering	Pat Wallin	Kim and Dusty
Ron DuBois	Robbie Levering	Debra Poole	Pennington
Ian Bone	Brooks Eggers	Tammy Murphy	Gary and Kay
Jim Thompson	David Leckie	Jim Montgomery	Pennington
Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship
Kristi Bailes	Stacie Armsworth	Jane Brannon	Brooks Eggers
Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter
David Eggers	Eva Lynch	Rickey McCallum	Craig Strand
John House	Mike Jones	Neill Murphy	Mike Jones
Communion			
2018			
Flowers	Flowers	Flowers	Flowers
	Cyr	Thompsons	Pennington

Fellowship

Our programs are slowing down for the summer, but please remember we are always available to help with the needs of our congregation. Do not hesitate to call the church office with your needs and we will do our best to help.



Our last PW Circle for the year will meet on Thursday, May 3, at 10 am in the parlor. Pat Wallin will lead Lesson 9 “Self-control”. A new Bible Study will begin in September.

Our PW Birthday Offering picnic will be held at the last Wednesday Night Dinner on May 9th. The theme for this year’s offering is “Welcome To This Place”. Three projects were selected from the applicants...Village of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health in Tegucigalpa, Honduras; Cottage Village, a tiny house community for low-income residents in Cottage Grove, Oregon; and The Dwelling Place in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota.

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrew 4:16



Our last Breadbreakers for the year will be on Saturday, May 19, at the home of Tammy and Neill Murphy. Carpooling will be coordinated. Make plans to attend this fun evening of fellowship.



The final WND of the season will be May 9th, 2018. Until then, we look forward to seeing you Wednesday nights at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall.



We will have our annual pot luck lunch after church on July 1st, And we’re planning a family night in mid July !

Stewardship Campaign & Property

Our Church theme this fiscal year (ending June 30) has been “God’s Plans, Our Hands”. Accordingly, our Stewardship Campaign theme this year will be: “Our Plans in God’s Hands”, based on Jeremiah 29:11:

“For I know the plans I have for you” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Who better to trust with our plans, but the LORD? Especially since we seek to do HIS will! During this Stewardship Season, beginning on April 29, ending on Pentecost Sunday, May 20, please ask the LORD for guidance on ways you can contribute to the continued well being of HIS Church. We are ALL Stewards of God’s Church at Erin. It is up to us, with HIS guidance and blessings, to be HIS hands to accomplish HIS plans to give us hope and a future.

Mark your calendars for Pentecost Sunday. On that day, we will have our Commitment Sunday, where we pledge to return to the LORD a portion of what HE has given us. We will celebrate afterwards with a Stewardship Luncheon, fully catered by Buddy’s, with no cost to you. We do ask that you sign up for the luncheon in the weeks leading up to Commitment Sunday, so that we can give Buddy’s an accurate count. We wouldn’t want to run out of their wonderful food before all are fed!

May God Bless You, and Your gifts to HIM!



FROM THE PROPERTY TEAM

Finally...after two previous attempts, “Mother Nature” decided to cooperate on Saturday, April 14th, and the Property Team was able to have their Spring Work Day.

The work day began with an amazing breakfast that was prepared by Dan and Betty Gibbs. It was AMAZING!! Afterwards, the workers “divided and conquered” both inside and outside jobs.

The inside jobs included:

- Cleaning the Sanctuary (dusting the pews and window sills, turning the seat cushions, cleaning the glass, and replenishing the offering envelopes).
- Working on the light in the stairwell going from the Sanctuary to the downstairs
- Weeding all of the landscaped areas ~ preparing for mulch to be spread
- Also, completing several other maintenance tasks

The Property Team would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the following members for their participation in Erin’s Spring Work Day: Dan & Betty Gibbs, Al & Pat Wallin, Jim Montgomery, Debra Poole, Ian Bone, Chloe Levering, Kelly Schuler, Kay Pennington, Dusty Pennington, and Joy Bornhoeft. “It takes many hands to do God’s work.” Thus, much WAS accomplished.

Submitted by Suzanne Levering, Convener of Property

Youth & Outreach

Erin Youth Car Wash

Is your car looking dingy? Covered in pollen? Let the Erin Youth wash your car! We'll be hosting a Car Wash on May 2nd at the church, 4:15 pm to 6:15 pm. The suggested donation is \$10.00, and all of the money raised will benefit the Erin Youth Summer Trips. Our middle school students will be attending the Middle School Montreat Conference and our high school students will be attending Mission at Massanetta.



Graduating Seniors

We have two graduating seniors this year. Carolyn Gahan is graduating from West High School and will be attending the University of Tennessee. She will be majoring in music education and is looking forward to being an active participant at UKirk on campus. Jack Draper will be graduating from Bearden High School and will be attending Pellissippi State. Jack is anticipating studying computer science, possibly web development. Please be sure to congratulate our seniors and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Youth Dates

April 29 - **Westside Story at Hardin Valley Academy**

May 2 - **Car Wash Fundraiser**

May 13 - **Graduate Recognition**

May 13 - **No Youth Group - Mother's Day**

May 20 - **Sunday School/Youth Group breaks for summer**

June 3 - 7 - **HS Youth Summer Trip - Mission at Massanetta**

July 18 - 22 - **MS Youth Summer Trip - Montreat Middle School Conference**



THANK YOU to the congregation for contributing to the One Great Hour of Sharing collection! You all raised \$292.00 for us to send to Presbytery to support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the self development of people.

Also, thank you to all who were able to attend our Fish Pantry work Day. I know they were very appreciative for all the help we were able to give.

Now we'd like to share a letter for Pastor Mamisoa:

Dear David,

I do not have enough words to thank you, the whole outreach team and Erin congregation for this great news! I am so grateful to God for His love moving in you all to support my study and work. Appreciate it so much.

I will have introduction seminary for a week starting 15 Oct 2018. And then, 1st term would start Jan 2019, second term July 2019 and so on until May 2022 supposed to be the end of the program.

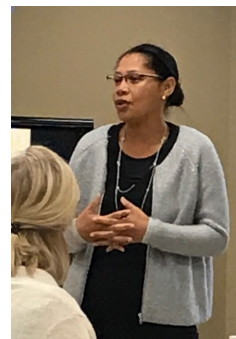
Please let me know the arrangements you have made so that I can inform the seminary accordingly.

Thank you so much.

Blessings.

Pastor Mamisoa Rakotomalala

Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar



Children's Ministry



Pioneer Club

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

This month in Pioneer Club, we head to the beach for a little sun, sand and surf. Pioneer Rangers will get a lesson in marine biology as we learn about dolphins, whales, and seals – OH MY! We will end the year with a Beach Party on May 9th – our last Pioneer Club for this school year.

Summer break is almost here!

Vacation Bible School

at Erin Presbyterian Church
June 18 – 21 9 am – Noon

Kids 4 years old – Rising 5th Grade

MS and HS Youth serve as Jr. Assistants

Registration forms available in the Narthex and
at www.erinpresbyterian.org



Decorating for VBS



Help turn Erin Church into a world class sports arena! Erin members are among the greatest sports enthusiasts in town, so we know you have lots of team sports apparel and goodies at home. Consider loaning some of the items below to decorate our Fellowship Hall and Family Life Center. Label items with your name and they will be returned to you after VBS week.

See Joy Bornhoeft for more information.

Sporting Equipment: balls (football, baseball, soccer, basketball, volleyball etc.); bats; rackets; helmets; swim accessories; racing bibs, etc.	Individual and Team photos of our Kids and Youth: (any sport/marching band/color guard) for an "Erin All Stars Display".
Sports trophies, awards, and medals	College and Pro Team Apparel: shirts, jackets, hats
Sports themed tableware: platters, bowls, cups, pitchers, small coolers to use for snack time.	Anything with a giant "T" or other college or pro team logo.