

# HE IS RISEN

celebrate the savior

## A message from the pastor.....

***Philippians 3:13b-14 “But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and striving toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (NIV)***

Dear Friends,

For the last fifteen months, the Session has been conducting monthly strategy meetings to work out the way ahead for our congregation. Under the guidance of Cynthia House - a long time church member & elder, leader of our Creative ministries, and a professional transitional specialist – we have been focused on developing a new purpose and plan for our beloved church. In the next couple of months, we will roll out this exciting new vision to the entire congregation and will look to enlist your prayers, your time, and your commitment to revitalizing Erin Church as both Christ-centered and community-orientated. It’s a remarkable vision and one which will honor God’s great work among us, as well as beyond our walls.

Transitions are not easy and change always creates some anxiety. The good thing is that we are focusing on what God wants us to become, as well as giving all of our people a faith community to which we can cheerfully belong. In these turbulent times, many feel vulnerable and isolated, forgotten,

and at a loss. Erin church has always been a place where folks feel loved and safe, supported and encouraged. We want to expand and extend these gifts to our families, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances. This new vision project will give us the processes, support ministries, and tasks that we need to fulfill Christ’s mission for Erin.

As we await more information and the completed presentation about the project, we can begin to support it with our prayers. If all of us, no matter who we are or what age we are, were to pray for the Erin Vision project each day - and especially each Sunday - we will be positively preparing our hearts, minds, and spirits for the work that God is calling us to do. It’s a beautiful blessing and an exciting time for our church, so let us follow the advice that Paul wrote in this month’s highlighted verse: ***May we strive toward the goal that God has called us to accomplish. May we belong to Christ and one another, become His faithful disciples, and move our mission beyond our walls into the wider community.***

***Pastor John***

**Join us for Worship at 11am Sunday morning!**

Visit us at: [www.erinpresbyterian.org](http://www.erinpresbyterian.org)  
For all of our upcoming events and opportunities to serve.

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# CONNECTIONS

During the month of April, Pastor Stuart will continue teaching a Lent Bible Study series based on our current church theme of ‘Come to the Table.’ John will present a lesson for discussion using certain passages of scripture that refer to the word ‘table.’ The series will also be used to help our church folks prepare themselves for Holy Week and Easter.

Classes will begin on Sunday March 10 in Pastor Stuart’s classroom at 9:45 AM in the New Wing. The following lessons will be presented:  
Sunday April 07 – Moving on Up – Luke 14:7-11  
Sunday April 14 – Table Manners – Luke 22:14-27  
After Easter, Pastor Stuart will begin a short Bible study series on Paul’s letter to Titus which is largely unknown and very rarely preached in sermons. Going through each chapter, the pastor will present a lesson on what was important to Paul at the time and how his message can be applied in our faithful witness today. The schedule is as follows:

**April 28 – May 12    3 Week series:    Who is Titus?**  
April 28            Titus 1 – God Never Lies  
May 05            Titus 2 – Teach What is Good  
May 12            Titus 3 – Regeneration and Renewal  
Everyone is welcome to come to the classes and share their questions, ideas, and suggestions.

**WEDNESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP**  
CONFIRMATION CLASS  
During April, the pastor will be leading some of our young people through the Confirmation process using the new PCUSA Curriculum called “Big God, Big Questions.” As well as teaching them on Sunday evenings, starting in April, he will also be holding classes after dinner on Wednesdays. The classes will be open to any members of the church who would like to sit in and add to the spiritual conversations with our young people. The proposed schedule is as follows:

Wed April 10, 17, & 24.  
Wed May 01 & 08.  
The classes take place in the Connections Classroom of the New Education wing. They begin around 6:30 and end about 7:25pm. All are welcome.

# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Maundy Thursday**, April 18th, 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. Please consider coming out to it on Maundy Thursday. It will have a deep impact on who you are as a follower of Christ. You may come and stay, or drop in any time.

**Sunrise Service**, April 21st, join us to worship Christ as the sun rises in the East. We sing Easter hymns, read scripture, and say prayers of thanksgiving. The worship only lasts about fifteen minutes. This year, sunrise takes place at 6:55am, so we’ll be gathering at about 6:45am at the school.

Then, come to our annual **Brandon Breakfast** 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.

The fun continues at 10:15am with an **Egg Hunt** for the children, around the church grounds.

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!

# VOLUNTEERS

APRIL 7	APRIL 14	APRIL 21	APRIL 28
Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
Anna McKay	Betty Gibbs	Dan Gibbs	Anna McKay
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
Kevin and Jackie Griffin	David Leckie Sara Leckie	Keith and Karen Stump	Nicole Waters Patty Britton
Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer
Isabella Armsworth	Thomas Hopkins	Carter McCallum	Aiden Hopkins
Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide
Ron DuBois	Suzanne Levering	Erin McCallum	Bob McLean
Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader
Sonja DuBois	Joe Tate	Rickey McCallum	Ashley Draper
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Sara Leckie Robbie Levering Brooks Eggers Chloe Levering	Jim Montgomery Rob Lynch Gary Pennington Kay Pennington	Dusty Pennington Kelcey Levering Ian Bone Linda Quinley	Joe Tate Kelli Canan Jim Montgomery Pat Wallin
Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship
Erin McCallum	Kelcey Levering	Joy Bornhoeft	Kim Pennington
Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter
David Eggers Joe Jaynes	Rickey McCallum Mike Jones	Neill Murphy Keith Stump	Craig Strand John House
Communion			
2021			
Nursery			
Kenleigh Pennington			
Flowers	Flowers	Flowers	Flowers
Ashley Draper (tulips)	McKay	Montgomery	Britton

## APRIL EVENTS

- 2

Staff 6pm, Discipleship and Fellowship 7pm
- 5

Sonshine Show 6pm
- 6

Men’s Breakfast 9:30am/Sonshine Show 6pm  
National Tartan Day
- 7

Outreach and Stewardship 12:15pm  
Sonshine Show 2pm
- 8

Property Meeting 6pm
- 11

PW Circle 10am
- 13

Spring Cleanup 9:30am
- 14

Palm Sunday/Creative Exp. 12:15pm
- 16

Coffee Club 10:30pm
- 18

Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm
- 19

Good Friday—Office Closed
- 21

Easter Sunrise Service 6:45am  
Brandon Breakfast 9:30am  
Egg Hunt 10:15am  
Easter Worship Service 11am
- 27

FISH Pantry Workday 9:30am
- 27

BreadBreakers 6:30pm



# OUTREACH

**MISSION SUNDAY:** A big thank you to all who came out on a very rainy day and participated in our first (maybe annual) Mission Sunday! We had close to 65 people at Sunset Gap for worship, lunch, and lots of hard work! The folks there were so very grateful, and look forward to working with us in the future.



**Outreach is collecting vegetable and fruit seed packets** for the Morgan Scott Project's community garden program, called the Good Earth program. This program helps to not only promote healthy eating, but also provides a way for people to grow their own healthy fruits and veggies, who may not be able to afford to buy them from a store.

We will be collecting fruit and vegetable seed packets in the Narthex until Sunday, April 7. The seeds will be given out in both Morgan and Scott Counties on Saturday, April 13.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** special offering will be on Easter Sunday, April 21, 20. This collection benefits the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the self-development of people. Please join us in supporting this offering.

**FISH pantry work day**, April 27, 2019 (9:30-11:30). Signups will start Sunday, April 7, and we can have up to 12 people in our group.

# PROPERTY

## Spring Cleanup Time!

On behalf of the Property Team, we would like to invite you to our annual Spring Clean Up at the church on **Saturday, April 13th from 9:00am - 12:30 pm**. We are in need of helping hands for both inside and outside tasks. All skill levels are welcome!

Bring rakes, tarps, wheelbarrows, garden gloves, Round-Up, power blowers, general tools and cleaning supplies if you have them.

We do recommend at least bringing work gloves.

Signups are in the bulletin on Sunday mornings. Let us know if you can join us.



# STEWARDSHIP

Last year when we had the good fortune to have our remaining capital campaign debt retired we asked if you would still consider continuing to pay towards the property fund so that we could build up that fund as a buffer for when something breaks or has to be repaired. As is usually the case, you all came through and that fund is now at a level that should keep us covered unless something huge comes up. Those of us who have anxiety about that

kind of thing thank you profusely. **Good work.**



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We wish we could stop there, but part of our responsibility on Stewardship is to keep the congregation apprised of where our finances are in all areas. Those of us who have anxiety about this kind of thing have some concern that we are not as solid in our regular finances. While most people have been keeping up with their giving, our offerings from the beginning of the fiscal year are down by almost \$27k.

Teams have been very responsible in keeping their expenses down and we trust they will continue to do that. We do often have some members who give more at the end of the year to catch up, but sometimes when we get behind, it's hard to catch up last minute.

So we would be remiss not to bring this to your attention, in case you are among those who have anxiety about this kind of thing. And if you love Erin, you are probably in that group.

If you are behind, please catch up. If you can put in a little extra, please do. If you can apply what you have been giving to the property fund and put it to the general fund, increasing your giving that way, that would be wonderful. We have always pulled through, and we're confident we can do so this time. Thanks for what all you do.





# ERIN YOUTH EVENTS

Thank you to everyone that came out and supported the youth pancake dinner as well as the M&M fundraiser! And don't worry, if you still have your M&M container and would like to turn it in, we will still take it! All the funds raised go to support the summer Montreat trips for our youth.



***All proceeds raised will benefit the Erin Youth summer trips!***

## YOUTH DATES SPRING/SUMMER 2019

April 23 Car Wash  
May 19 Graduate/Teacher Recognition  
May 19 Final Joint Youth Group before Summer  
June 9-15 HS Montreat Trip  
July 16-20 Youth Triennium  
July 17-20 MS Montreat Trip  
August 16-17 Church Retreat

Is your car looking dingy? Covered in pollen? Let the Erin Youth wash your car! We'll be hosting a Car Wash on April 23rd 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.



# FELLOWSHIP

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE

PW Circle will meet Thursday, April 2, at 10 am. Remember to read your chapter and begin any questions or thoughts you have to share!

## 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!

## BRANDON BREAKFAST AND EASTER EGG HUNT

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 11am. So please join us for food, fun and worship! Signups for Brandon Breakfast will be in the Bulletin 2 weeks before Easter.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## Easter Sunday Egg Hunt, 10:30 am Nursery - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

All children are invited to an egg hunt on Easter Sunday morning at Erin Church. Visitors and friends are welcome!

Meet in the church parlor at 10:15 am for instructions. Children will be divided into age groups to hunt for eggs on the outdoor playground. Prizes for each age group will be given.

***Please bring your own basket.***

## PLANET WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

April 7 Erin McCallum  
April 14 Kelcey Levering  
April 21 Joy Bornhoeft  
April 28 Kim Pennington  
May 4 Kelly Boyd

## Pioneer Club

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

This month, our young travelers will go south of the equator to explore two exciting continents! We will start our tour with a safari in Africa and end with an outback expedition in Australia.

We'll learn about the people and animals of these great continents, sample some local cuisine, and study native art forms.

The month of April is the start of autumn in the southern hemisphere and temperatures should be mild and pleasant. But, pack your rain gear, as this month also is the beginning of the rainy season in many parts of Africa and Australia.

