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August 16th -17th at John Knox Center, Ten Mile

The annual church family retreat is a time for fun, food, and fellowship as we continue to explore our faith. Our speaker this year is Tricia Dillon Thomas, Director of Hope House from the UKirk Presbyterian Center in Chattanooga.

The retreat also provides 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 or old. We hope you can join us!



Join us for Worship at 11am Sunday Morning!
Visit us at: www.erinpresbyterian.org
For all of our upcoming events and opportunities to serve.

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A message from the pastor....

“To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.” – Romans 1:7

Dear Friends,

By the time you read this newsletter, my very first sabbatical will have begun. I’ve never done this before, so I don’t know what to expect, but I hope it will be a time of blessing for all of us. Throughout the month of June, Kellan Sarles will be pastor and preacher to the congregation. She is a wonderful person and a very faithful Christian. I feel relieved that all of the people at Erin will be ministered to so very well. Please support and pray for Kellan throughout this time.

In the middle of this mini-sabbatical, Evelyn and I will be traveling to Italy to see the wonders of Rome, Florence, Venice, and Naples. We’ve never been there before, but we’ve heard that it is a beautiful place to visit. I’m looking forward to touring some of the ancient places that the apostles Peter and Paul must have seen. I’m also excited about seeing some of the great churches and galleries that Italy has to

offer, especially the centers of the Renaissance movement. For most of my life, I’ve been inspired and in awe of artists like Michelangelo and da Vinci. To personally see some of their most influential work will be amazing.

The sabbatical begins on Monday 3rd June and ends on Sunday, June 30th. I am thankful to those who have given Evelyn and me this wonderful opportunity. I’ll be back on Monday 1st July and preaching on Sunday 7th July, ready, willing, and refreshed to recommence my work.

May God bless you, your loved ones, and all of your dreams together.

Pastor John

INTERIM PASTOR FOR JUNE



Kellan (Kight) Sarles grew up in Hagerstown, MD and attended Concord University in Athens, WV where she met her husband Randy. She spent 24 years teaching high school English and public speaking before assuming an administrative position in public relations and grant writing. Prior to her 2014 retirement from Mercer County Schools, Kellan began a three-year “seminary on weekends” program offered by the Presbytery of West Virginia. The program prepared her to serve as a lay preacher and/or commissioned ruling elder. When her own pastor, W.D. Hasty, retired, Kellan was commissioned to First Presbyterian Church of Bluefield, WV and later named Interim Pastor. She served in that role until moving to Knoxville in 2017. Kellan is happy to be in Knoxville, and is delighted to be part of her grandchildren’s daily lives. From April through October, you can find Kellan happily digging in

her yard and garden. She also enjoys reading, sewing, swimming, and practicing yoga. She is grateful to Erin Presbyterian Church for the opportunity to fill in for Pastor John while he is taking some much-deserved time off.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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



ERIN YOUTH PLAYERS

JOHN & LENNON ME
An Award Winning Play
By Charlie Bennett

Erin Presbyterian Church 200 Lockett Road
Jun 28, 29 at 7:30pm June 30 at 2:00pm
Tickets: Adults \$10.00
Seniors & Children Under 12 \$8.00
Family Maximum \$30.00
Donations will be accepted for the
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

June 28 and 29 at 7:30pm
June 30 at 2:00pm
Adults: \$10 Seniors and Children: \$8
Family Max: \$30

John Lennon & Me is set in a residence house for seriously ill young people attached to a hospital in Nashville. The playwright uses comedy and teenage language to show how young people learn to cope with serious illness and life altering circumstances. The play unfolds from the viewpoint of a teenage girl, Star, who wants to be an actress and is the ultimate Beatles fan. However, she is also battling cystic fibrosis, an inherited disease that assures a young death. She spends most of her time in the hospital where her active imagination, stories and interactions with other teenage patients

help her cope with the reality that she will never have a “normal” life. This is a powerful, touching, and yet uproarious play about living life to the fullest, the power of friendship, and how understanding each other can ultimately help us understand ourselves. It uses comedy to explore complicated emotional issues in a responsible and respectful way. The playwright dedicates the play to “all the people who know what it feels like to be on the outside looking in.”

We hope to use our theatre platform to reach out to the local Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and help create awareness. <https://www.cff.org/>

Donations for the foundation will be accepted at the performances.

VOLUNTEERS

JUNE 2ND	JUNE 9TH	JUNE 16TH	JUNE 23RD	JUNE 30TH
Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
Betty Gibbs	Anna McKay	Dan Gibbs	Anna McKay	Betty Gibbs
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
Kevin and Jackie Griffin	Nicole Waters Patty Britton	Kelli Canan Ginger Thompson	Brooks Eggers Yvette Franklin	Rickey and Erin McCallum
Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer		Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer
Will Carter	Mollie Gunter	Ella Levering	Ginger Thompson	Ginger Thompson
Guide	Guide		Guide	Guide
Jane Brannon	Chloe Levering	Robbie Levering	Larry McKay	Betty Gibbs
Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader
Evelyn Stuart	Ashley Draper	Lynn Sexton	Anna McKay	Joe Jaynes
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Kelcey Levering Robbie Levering Chloe Levering Ian Bone	Larry McKay Anna McKay Brooks Eggers Linda Quinley	Dusty Pennington Kim Pennington Gary Pennington Kay Pennington	Ian Bone Diana Brandon David Leckie Sara Leckie	Pat Wallin Patty Britton Jim Montgomery Rob Lynch
Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship
Stacie Armsworth	Joy Bornhoeft	Joe Jaynes	Erin McCallum	Kim Pennington
Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter
David Eggers Joe Jaynes	Rickey McCallum Mike Jones	Neill Murphy Keith Stump	Craig Strand John House	Mike Jones Joe Jaynes
Nursery				
Yvette Franklin				
Communion				
2020				
Flowers	Flowers	Flowers	Flowers	Flowers
Levering/Bornhoeft		Draper		Montgomery

JUNE EVENTS

- 1 Kitchen Cleanup Day 9am
- 2 Stewardship Luncheon 12:15am
- 4 Staff Mtg 6pm/Fellowship and Discipleship 7pm
- 9 Pentecost/ Outreach/Creative Expressions
- 10 Property Meeting 6pm/Worship Team 7pm
- 16 Father’s Day
- 23 Elder Team/Staff Calendar Meeting 2:30pm
- 28-29 John Lennon & Me Youth Show 7pm
- 30 John Lennon & Me Youth Show 2:30pm



STEWARDSHIP

As summer approaches, so does Budget Time.

A financial budget is comprised of two sets of predictions. One predicts how much money will be coming in and the other how much money will be going out. Income and expenses. Both predictions are educated guesses. We always have some decisions to make along the way, decisions that influence both income and expenses, but a budget is a starting point towards being able to know what to anticipate.

Developing a budget for an organization is more challenging than developing one for our personal finances because there are always many more factors on both sides of the equation. It is especially challenging to develop a budget for a volunteer organization like a church.

There are a some factors there that make predictions even harder, especially on the income side. Churches rely on member giving for income. That giving ranges from literally nothing to a significant part of a family's income. So, giving depends not only how much money does each family have, but what percentage of what they have do they give to church. Both of those factors can vary a great deal from family to family.

Churches ask their members to pledge so that it is possible to have some idea what to expect for income, and many families do. Some do not, but they give anyway. Sometimes people do pledge but do not give as much as they pledge. Others do not pledge or give.

Stewardship is left to make an educated guess, based on pledges and historical trends, of how much money is likely

to come in for the year. Because not everyone pledges and because we have new members who were not here when it was time to do budgets, there is always some giving above what was pledged. It's really hard to guess how much that will be, however.

Usually, we do pretty well. Last year we were off.

Historical trends did not hold up and we imagined we would have more income than we actually had. We were off about 10%, in fact.

Ten percent is not a lot, really. Ten percent of \$40 is only \$4. Ten percent of \$250 is only \$25. But those ten-percents can add up if you have a lot of them. Ten percent of our budget is a lot.

What would be great, and would help immensely, would be if every member would give the church a raise. A 10% raise. If you already give \$50 a week, just make it \$55. If you give \$150 a week, round it up to \$165. Whatever your contribution, if you can bump it up just 10%, we are home free.

We are in a time of transition, and we have every reason to see this as a time of rejuvenation and renewal. We do not want to impede that by having to cut programs or limit what the church can do.

We know Erin is important to you. Please be generous and help keep her in good financial health. Thanks!

Erin Stewardship Team

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THE VISION PROJECT



WHAT ARE OUR STRATEGIES?

Session developed two strategies to respond to the critical external and internal issues facing Erin church. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our strategies for attending to the future of Erin Church over the next 3 to 5 years:

STRATEGY 1: Instilling in Erin's members & friends, as seekers together, a true understanding of and subsequent active commitment to what it means to be and to live as Christ's disciple.

STRATEGY 2: Sharing with the community the ministries that God has called Erin to as a body of believers & living as disciples of Christ in all aspects of our individual & diverse lives so that others see Jesus in us.

WHY ARE THEY NECESSARY?

Why is developing strategies necessary? Why can't we just continue doing what we have always done? With mainline Protestant churches rapidly losing members and the percentage of people attending most churches declining yearly, especially among Gen Xers and Millennials, change is necessary for our church to maintain relevancy, growth, and long-term sustainability. What used to work to attract, retain and grow members into mature Christians, engaged in service in the church

members of Erin need just look around on a Sunday morning to realize we, too, are being impacted by the current trends.

Changing in positive ways as the environment changes is a common characteristic of all healthy, living things. Churches, like all organizations, are living entities, made up of the people who nourish and give them life. Positive change comes from challenging the status quo and tradition, from men and women having the courage to examine how well the organization is adapting and to make the necessary changes for it to thrive. Though not always comfortable, your Session and Staff demonstrated such courage in our work to develop strategies. We ask that all Erin members demonstrate this same courage and join us in implementing these strategies by committing to *Belong*, *Become*, and go *Beyond*.

Coming in June: We'll share the exciting changes scheduled to launch in August that will enable us to implement our strategies and realize our vision!!

Pick up the first of 6 souvenir magnets at the end of worship service today! Attend the next five Sunday worship services to learn more and collect all 6 magnets.

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OUTREACH



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNium 2019
July 16-20, 2019 · Purdue University

Here is a new letter from Lenora, our sponsor child!

Dear Sponsors,
I send you greetings with love and I hope that you are doing well. I feel very happy about writing to you. In this letter, I want to tell you many things, but I am going to tell you about the holidays and celebrations that take place. To start, I want you to know that Valentine's Day and Christmas are my favorite Celebrations because on those days, I exchange gifts with my friends.

At Christmas time I cook with my mom, we make the Christmas Eve dinner. My favorite food during those activities is chicken stew. At Christmas time, I eat Tamales (traditional food made with corn dough stuffed with chicken, beef or vegetables wrapped in a leaf) and I drink hot fruit punch. I have a joyful time during those activities.

Independence Day, in my country, takes place on September 15th.

The celebrations I enjoy the most at the Child Development Center (CDC) is the Vacation Bible School because I learn new songs and I do handicrafts. I also like Christmas because I receive wonderful surprises from the CDC and that makes me happy because I also get to spend time with my friends.

Thank you very much for the letter and the picture that I received from you. Regarding your questions, I am doing very well. I am happy and I am studying. I would like to know if you have a family. What is it like where you live? Do you go to church? Please pray for my mom, so God will always keep her in good health. Pray for my dad so he will seek more of God and will become a better person. I am very happy about having been able to write to you. Goodbye with lots of love.

I wish success for you in your daily activities.
With Love,
Leonora

SUNSET GAP

Stay tuned for more info coming soon: we will be doing another, more informal, outdoor work day at Sunset Gap, either on a Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon. Please let Erin McCallum know if you are interested. More details will be coming.

FELLOWSHIP



PATRIOTIC POTLUCK Put July 7 on your calendar and brush off your red, white and blue for our annual Patriotic Potluck luncheon after the Church service. A signup sheet will be available later in June, so watch for it and join us for a mid-summer get together!



Looking for something to do out of the heat with your family? Come and join us for Bingo night on July 24. More news on that to come!

Have a great summer and join us again in the fall when Wednesday night dinners resume.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PLANET WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

June 2	Stacie Armsworth
June 9	Joy Bornhoeft
June 16	Joe Jaynes
June 23	Erin McCallum
June 30	Kim Pennington
July 7	Joy Bornhoeft



*"Come. Follow me," Jesus said.
"I will make you fishers of people."*

In June in Planet Worship, we will continue our series of lessons on the twelve Disciples, **Disciples Then! Disciples Now!** Through this study, children will learn about the life and work of each of Jesus' Disciples and will discuss how we too are called to be Disciples of Christ. This month, we will study **Thomas, James the Son of Zebedee, and John.**



Vacation Bible School

July 8th to 11th

9am – Noon

4 Years through Rising 5th Grade

REGISTER AT:

www.erinpresbyterian.org



Gas up the Jeep and head out on a wilderness adventure like no other. Get up close and personal with elephants and egrets, polar bears and penguins, cockatoos and crocodiles, and so much more! Grab your camera and zoom in on these animals in their natural habitats.

This summer kids will focus in on some amazing, real-life encounters with Jesus. Each encounter is like a snapshot—a special moment in time captured on the pages of Scripture. When put together, these isolated encounters clearly reveal the most amazing truth of all—

"But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:31

Are you ready for an up close and personal encounter with Jesus?
The adventure of a lifetime awaits!

