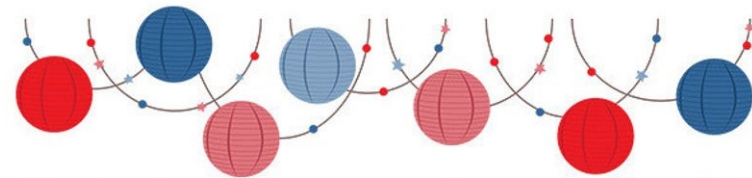


JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Patty Britton	15 Ben Sarles
1 Kim Pennington	15 Edie Yeager
5 Kathy Erskine	17 Mike Jones
5 Shawn Bailes	20 Liam Quinn
5 Harry Boyd	21 Courtney Backous
6 Carolyn Gahan	22 Lynsey Stuart
7 David Draper	26 Amanda Murphy
9 Jean Johnson	29 Bob McLean
10 Ron Dubois	30 Mary Scarborough
10 Chloe Levering	30 David Leckie
11 Pat Sexton	30 Ali Sarles
11 Howard Claiborne	30 Kelly Schueler
13 Noah Foster	31 Katie Bailes



Happy July Birthday!



Join us for Worship at 11am Sunday Morning!
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JULY 2019

Welcome
to Church!

A message from Kellan Sarles....

“Desperation is never a selling point! Visitors need time to become returning visitors, then participants, then participating members.”

It’s vacation season! And while we Erin folks may be traveling to see family or enjoying a week at the beach, we may also be *entertaining* guests in our homes and seeing visitors in our midst on Sunday morning. Many will return to distant places and home churches, but others may be searching for a church family here in Knoxville. Either way, we are called to practice Christian hospitality to strangers in our midst. How good are we at doing this?

Bill Tenney-Brittian is an expert in church hospitality, and readily concedes that no church is perfect in every aspect. While Erin does a great job at most aspects of hospitality, we can certainly benefit from reviewing what Tenney calls the “Seven Deadly Sins of Church Hospitality.”

Here they are in no particular order:

1. Ignoring guests! Yes, most guests don’t want to be “killed with kindness,” but smiles and warm handshakes are mandatory! No excuses!
2. Making a big public introduction *without guests’ express permission*! This is the other extreme. What people most fear when they visit a church is being embarrassed or made to feel uncomfortable! They will never come back!

3. Hiding the restrooms. HUGE MISTAKE! (Refer back to “embarrassment.”)
4. Making parking inaccessible and without direction for guests, and/or not attending to wet or slippery sidewalks.
5. Hiding the front door of the church! How are guests to know that what appears to be the “front door” may no longer access the sanctuary!
6. Expecting guests to immediately join and serve on committees. Oh my! Desperation is never a selling point! Visitors need time to become returning visitors, then participants, then participating members.
7. Having no active program of discipleship for returning visitors and inquirers. How will the church lovingly introduce new folks to the ministry and mission of the church? How will the church disciple those who are hearing the gospel for the first time?

This last item is at the very heart of Christian hospitality and a cornerstone of our new Vision at Erin Church. Let’s work together to become a church that intentionally welcomes guests and helps them BELONG, BECOME, and go BEYOND.

Blessings!

Kellan Sarles, Lay Pastor

POTLUCK AND RETREAT

Claude & Pat Houbler Family Church Retreat August 16 – 17 at John Knox Center, Ten Mile

Mark your calendars for our 7th annual family retreat at John Knox Center! Our speaker this year will be the Reverend Tricia Dillon Thomas from the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga's Hope House. Hope House is a campus ministry supported by the Presbytery of East Tennessee. Rev. Thomas graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2006 and was an associate pastor for youth and families in Florida before moving to Chattanooga. She became the director of Hope House in 2014 and also serves as temporary pastor for Renaissance Presbyterian Church. Rev. Thomas is married to the Rev. Clay Thomas, pastor at Rivermont Presbyterian Church and they have 4 children. Before entering the seminary they both spent time in Alaska working with at-risk youth. Rev. Thomas will help us explore this year's theme of *Belong, Become, Beyond*. If you have any questions please talk with Anna McKay or any member of the Discipleship Committee. Registration for the retreat will end on Sunday, August 4th.



READ, WHITE AND BLUE POTLUCK



Come to the table!

Please come and join us at our annual Red, White and Blue Patriotic Luncheon after church on July 7th.

There will be a signup sheet in the Bulletin for you to sign up and let us know what you would like to bring!

The kitchen in the Fellowship Hall will be open early so you can bring your dish in before the worship service.

The oven will be on, so we can keep a hot dish ready.

Come and join in the fun and catch up with your Erin family. We hope to see you there.

-Your Fellowship Team at work

THANK YOU FROM SONJA

"I am so grateful to you, my Erin family, for supporting my very first book signing. There were a good number of you who prepared for a very successful event. You know who your are, but Pat Wallin, April and Mike need a special mention. Then, the rest of my Mispocha who purchased and read the book and gave me Feedback - you are so special to the DuBois family."

BINGO & BREADBREAKERS



FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

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!

BREADBREAKERS

Join us at the next BreadBreakers on July 20th at 6:30pm! We'll be getting together for some great food and fellowship at the home of Larry and Anna McKay.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

JULY 7TH	JULY 14TH	JULY 21ST	JULY 28TH
GREETERS	GREETERS	GREETERS	GREETERS
Gary Pennington Dusty Pennington	Pat Sexton Lynn Sexton	Keith and Karen Stump	Kelli Canan Patty Britton
BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER
Thomas Hopkins	Carter McCallum	Aiden Hopkins	Kenleigh Pennington
GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE
Ron DuBois	Marcia Mechlin	Erin McCallum	Bob McLean
READER	READER	READER	READER
Sonja DuBois	Joe Tate	Rickey McCallum	Suzanne Levering
USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS
Brooks Eggers Robbie Levering Kelcey Levering Chloe Levering	Jim Montgomery Rob Lynch Linda Quinley Kelli Canan	David Leckie Sara Leckie Ian Bone Diana Brandon	Kim Pennington Dusty Pennington Gary Pennington Kay Pennington
PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP
Joy Bornhoeft	Brooks Eggers	Joy Bornhoeft	Kelcey Levering
COUNTERS	COUNTERS	COUNTERS	COUNTERS
David Eggers Joe Jaynes	Rickey McCallum Mike Jones	Neill Murphy Keith Stump	Craig Strand John House
COMMUNION			
2021			
NURSERY			
Kelsey Sarles			
FLOWERS	FLOWERS	FLOWERS	FLOWERS
Kelcey Levering	Patty Britton	Glenda King	Sign up for Flowers!

JULY EVENTS

2 Staff Mtg 6pm/Fellowship and Discipleship 7pm
4 Fourth of July - Office Closed
7 Red, White and Blue Potluck 12:15pm
8-11 VBS 9am-noon Monday -Thursday
14 Creative Expressions, Outreach and Stewardship 12:15pm

16 Coffee Club 10:30am
17-21 Middle School Montreat Trip
18 Session Meeting 7pm
20 BreadBreakers @ Anna and Larry McKay's 6:30pm

RALLY DAY



It may feel like summer is just beginning, but mark your calendars now—**Rally Day is just around the corner!** Rally Day is when Erin's Sunday school programs start back up for the fall, and this year it's August 11. We'll meet for a light breakfast at 9:30, then at 10:00 the kids will go to their classes and adults will learn about Sunday school and other discipleship opportunities. In keeping with *The Vision Project: Belong, Become, Beyond*, we're placing special emphasis on becoming more committed disciples of Jesus. Belonging to a Sunday school class or other study group is how we learn what that

means and explore together how to live in Christ's image every day. Even if you haven't participated in Sunday school before, we hope you'll join this year. Discipleship also means serving, both within and outside Erin, and on Rally Day you'll hear about the new and existing ministry and support teams that carry out God's purpose at Erin. You'll have a chance on Rally Day to sign up for a team and do your part to help our church become a place where all hands support God's mission and vision. Look for details in the August newsletter, but plan NOW to join us as we kick off a great year and become what God envisions, both individually and as His church here at Erin!

THE VISION PROJECT

LIVE VISION PROJECT PRESENTATION 2!

In the first presentation, we explained the vision project and why it is important. With our second presentation, we'll discuss our new strategies and the changes we'll be making to implement these strategies. Don't miss these important and informative opportunities for learning and discussion!

You have two chances to attend:

**Sunday, July 21 & Sunday, August 4
9:30 - 10:45 am**

**Join us in the Fellowship Hall
before worship service.**

Child care will be available in the nursery.



Follow along with us! Visit ErinPres.org/The-Vision-Project for the latest updates and information!

Pick up the "BECOME" magnet at the end of worship service today. Join us each Sunday & collect all six!



RESPONSE TO HATE SPEECH

Erin's Response to Knoxville Pastor's Hate Speech

As Adopted by the Session of Erin Presbyterian Church on 6/26/2019

Recently, several local and national news outlets reported on a sermon delivered by a local pastor. The sermon condemned members of the LGBTQ+ community and advocated for their arrest, trial and death in the name of God. As a body of Christian believers, we feel strongly that it is our duty to make known the following:

We are deeply grieved by all hate speech and the pain it causes to the LGBTQ+ community.

We are deeply grieved by this misrepresentation of Christianity and the shadow it casts on all Christians.

We unequivocally believe the message of Jesus Christ is love and acceptance of one another.

We do not share the belief that church and government should be one.

The Vision of Erin Presbyterian Church—"Unified in Christ, we actively seek to create harmony in a diverse community through compassion, mutual respect, and love"—is something we at Erin take seriously and try to live individually and corporately every day. One of the core values that we affirm and strongly believe is that God loves all people equally and calls us to love all people equally and to demonstrate our love through attention to their holistic needs. Our doors are open to all who truly seek a relationship with God and want to join with us in this spiritual journey that is Christianity.

We offer our prayers, compassion, and love to the LGBTQ+ community and all of those hurt by this sermon and all hate speech. Although we strongly condemn hatred and disagree with those who advocate it, we continue to pray for them as well.



OUTREACH

CLEANING SUPPLIES AND KITCHEN/BATHROOM ITEMS

The Outreach team will be holding a collection for the Volunteer Ministry Center for new or gently used kitchen items/cleaning supplies/bathroom items for people who are moving into new housing. We will have a collection box in the Narthex starting on July 7 thru July 22. Please help us support this worthwhile ministry!

RETURN TO SUNSET GAP

The Outreach team has been approached by several folks interested in returning to Sunset Gap for another work day, to do more of the outdoor jobs, which we were not able to do when we were there in March, due to the downpour of rain. The dates that have been suggested are Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon (after church) on either July 20, 21, 27, 28, or August 3 or 4. Please let David Draper or Erin McCallum know if you are interested! We will let you know an exact date/time, once it has been decided!

REVERAND MAMISOA

Dear David,
I hope this email finds you and all the outreach team well. I am almost through the first academic year at Columbia and would like to give some updates. The first year would be completed after the summer courses which are scheduled the first two weeks of July. Meanwhile, I am sending you herewith my transcript records as of Spring'19 courses.

I am in Madagascar right now to visit my family and also to work on scholarships with my church. I will leave here on 15th June to attend the Summer classes. I might come back with my daughter (her name is Sariaka, she is 12). We are working on her visas and funding to make it happen. Later, my husband and my other son would join us when funding will permit. I will give you update when I will be in the States. When I arrived here in Madagascar, I had the opportunity to meet the President of my church, the church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (abbreviated FJKM). RevIrako Andriamahazosoa Ammi conveys his gratitude to Erin outreach team and the whole congregation for everything you all are doing to support my study at Columbia. Thank you for all prayers and support David. Please convey my love and blessings to Erin congregation, and of course to the whole outreach team.

Blessings

Mamisoa (Mamisoa's Excellent Grades)

Term: JA-19					
Course	Course Name	Credits	Grade	Category	Repeat
P771	Teaching & Learning Theory	3.00	A	Curriculum	No
	Attempted	Earned	GPA Hours	Grade Points	GPA
Term	3.00	3.00	3.00	12.00	4.000
Cumulative	9.00	9.00	9.00	36.00	4.000
Term: SP-19					
Course	Course Name	Credits	Grade	Category	Repeat
P838	Pastoral Care Experience of Crisis & Trauma	3.00	A	Curriculum	No
	Attempted	Earned	GPA Hours	Grade Points	GPA
Term	3.00	3.00	3.00	12.00	4.000
Cumulative	12.00	12.00	12.00	48.00	4.000

MONTREAT

High School Montreat Conference

Our high school youth traveled to Montreat College during the week of June 9- June 15 to attend the Montreat Youth Conference. The theme for the year was "Let Love Lead." The leadership for the week included keynote speaker Mark Montgomery, pastor Irene Pak Lee leading worship, and Marissa Galvan'-Valle and Marcus Hong as music leaders. During the week, youth heard a keynote message each morning, participated in small groups, and had worship each evening. In between, there were tons of rec activities and fellowship and relaxation at the house we stayed in. It was another wonderful week in Montreat and we appreciate the congregation's support in getting us there!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PLANET WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

July 7 Joy Bornhoeft

July 14 Brooks Eggers

July 21 Joy Bornhoeft

July 28 Kelcey Levering

August 4 Kelly Boyd

August 11 Jane Brannon

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



In Planet Worship, we will conclude our series of lessons on the twelve Disciples, **Disciples Then! Disciples Now!** This month, we will study Matthew, James the Son of Alphaeus, Judas Iscariot, Bartholomew, Simon, and Jude.

VBS MISSION



During the week of Vacation Bible School, we will be collecting school supplies to donate to the Sunset Gap Community Center. With the start of school just one month away, this mission project is a great way to get kids involved in tangible mission work. Starting school with all the essential supplies is key to a child's self esteem and academic success. But, for many families, affording even basic supplies can be a challenge. That is why the Sunset Gap Community Center provides families in need with school supplies all year round!

Collection boxes will be located in the Fellowship Hall during VBS week (July 8-11) and in the Narthex on Sunday, July 14.

Please consider donating some of these items
#2 pencils – 24 count box of crayons – glue sticks



HELP DECORATE FOR VBS!

July 1 and 2: 10 am – 4 pm (drop in anytime in the Fellowship Hall)
July 7: 2:30 – 4 pm (final set up after Church Potluck Lunch)