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

AND I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING,
"WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?"
THEN I SAID, "HERE I AM! SEND ME."
ISAIAH 6:8

A note from Pastor Stuart...

For several years, we have been hoping and praying for spiritual renewal at Erin. We understand that we live in a different age and that churches like ours are competing with many other events, places, and people on Sunday mornings. It used to be that Sunday was exclusively set aside for church; these days Sunday is just another part of the weekend, so folks find it hard to be at worship services on a regular basis.

In the Christian church, Sundays were set aside to worship Jesus because He rose from the dead on a Sunday. This meant that every Sunday was supposed to be celebrated as a little 'Easter.' In times past, when plagues and wars brought death on a daily basis to all communities, the weekly message of resurrection was meant to reassure and comfort all who gathered to worship God. These days, we tend to block out many things concerning death and seek to live life to the fullest, so little 'Easters' don't have the same appeal.

With the establishment of our new Vision Project at Erin, we are trying to change things in order to help our folks develop a deeper commitment to Christ.

Isaiah 40:31 "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." (NIV)

Many of us have positively responded to the call to ministry by signing up for various church teams. Our hope is that this will increase our service to God and give us meaningful opportunities to make a difference in our lives, our community, and our congregation.

September has always been the month when we 'officially' begin the new year of events at the church. This year, we are hoping to start off on a good foot, so we can overcome the challenges ahead of us and begin the real work which Christ has called us to do as His disciples. We have been waiting for years for this to happen; now the moment has arrived, and we can look forward to, as Isaiah wrote, "running without growing weary and walking without being faint."

May the Lord help us to know we belong here at Erin; may Christ lead us to become better disciples; and may the Holy Spirit enable us to go beyond our church walls with our faith to the wider community.

May God bless us all.
Pastor John

CONNECTIONS

CONNECTIONS CLASS

Pastor Stuart has started a new season of his Sunday morning Connections Class. This year, in order to use the Vision Project theme of ‘**Belong, Become, and Beyond**’, he will be teaching a Bible Class using the Old Testament readings from the Common Lectionary. Each week, the class will discuss the chosen Bible passage by asking how it impacts them and how its lessons could be applied today. At the end of the class, Pastor Stuart will distribute the next week’s lesson so that all the participants can do their own research at home. The lessons will also be available by email and on the church Facebook pages.

The classes begin at 9:45 AM and conclude by 10:30 AM. They take place in Pastor Stuart Sunday School Room in the new Education Wing. All are welcome. 😊

September Theme – Who is God? (BELONG)
5-week series about God using the OT lectionary readings.

- Sep 01 The God Who Feels Hurt Jeremiah 2:4-13
- Sep 08 The God Who Shapes Things Jeremiah 18:1-11
- Sep 15 The God Who Judges Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
- Sep 22 The God Who Mourns Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
- Sep 29 The God Who Redeems Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Coming in October – Starting Over (BECOME)
4-week series about overcoming our issues, troubles, and fears.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION SERIES

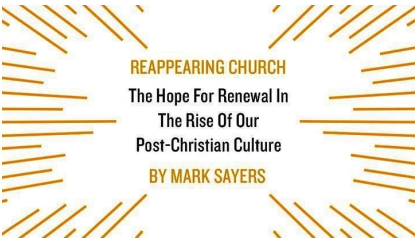
Reappearing Church by Mark Sayers

After each Wednesday Night Dinner, Pastor Stuart will lead a weekly book-study discussion series. The first book to be discussed is one about church renewal called ‘Reappearing Church,’ written by Mark Sayers.

Pastor John was asked to review this book recently by the publishers. He believes it is the best book he has ever read on church renewal, so he would like to share it with our Erin folks, especially during this great time of renewal for our own congregation.

The book is available in paperback and kindle editions on Amazon.com. You don’t need to read the book to participate in the studies. Pastor Stuart will have study material each week based on the separate chapters.

The study starts at 6:40 PM in the Heritage Room and will finish about 7:25 PM. Everyone is welcome. 😊



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED
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Fellowship 7pm
- 4

Wednesday Night Dinner and regular events resume 5:45pm
- 7

Men’s Breakfast 9:30am
- 8

Outreach, Creative Expressions, Stewardship Meetings 12:15pm
- 9

Property Meeting
- 10

Staff Mtg 6pm and Discipleship 7pm
- 12

Presbyterian Women Book Study 10am
- 14

Pre-Teen Retreat
- 15

MS and HS Joint Youth Group 5-6:30pm
- 17

Coffee Club 10:30am
- 20

MS Fall Retreat
- 21

BreadBreakers 6:30pm
- 26

Session 6:30pm Leadership Mtg. first

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 1ST	SEPTEMBER 8TH	SEPTEMBER 15TH	SEPTEMBER 22ND	SEPTEMBER 29TH
COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE
Anna McKay	Dan Gibbs	Anna McKay	Betty Gibbs	Anna McKay
GREETERS	GREETERS	GREETERS	GREETERS	GREETERS
Jim Thompson	Nicole Waters	Kelli Canan	Brooks Eggers	Rickey and Erin
Lynn Sexton	Patty Britton	Ginger Thompson	Yvette Franklin	McCallum
BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER
Ella Levering	Ginger Thompson	Thomas Hopkins	Carter McCallum	Aidan Hopkins
GUIDE	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
Ron DuBois	Larry McKay	Dusty Pennington	Ian Bone	Pat Wallin
Robbie Levering	Anna McKay	Colton Pennington	Diana Brandon	Patty Britton
Chloe Levering	Brooks Eggers	Gary Pennington	David Leckie	Jim Montgomery
Jim Montgomery	Linda Quinley	Kay Pennington	Sara Leckie	Rob Lynch
PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP
Farrah Linkous	Joy Bornhoeft	Kim Pennington	Erin McCallum	Brooks Eggers
COUNTER	COUNTER	COUNTER	COUNTER	COUNTER
David Eggers	Rickey McCallum	Neill Murphy	Craig Strand	Mike Jones
Joe Jaynes	Mike Jones	Keith Stump	John House	Joe Jaynes
NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY
Kelcey Levering	Erin McCallum	Kenleigh Pennington	Nicola Bone	Yvette Franklin
COMMUNION				
2020				
FLOWERS	FLOWERS	FLOWERS	FLOWERS	FLOWERS
	Patty Britton		McKay	Draper

OUTREACH

Work Day at Sunset Gap: David Eggers, David Draper, John House, Jim Montgomery, and Ricky McCallum came out and worked hard on the front porch of house, which is used for housing volunteer groups, and rebuilt it on one side. The good side was pressure washed and cleaned. Gutters were cleaned out and reattached, and the downspouts were reattached. Thank you to all these gentlemen for doing such a great job! A to do list was made for our next work day.

With the extra \$2500 added to the Outreach budget, we decided to purchase a refurbished Deep Freezer for Sunset Gap (\$3000 actual cost.) Purchase from Central Broadway Wholesale Appliance.

Fall work day at FISH Pantry
October 26th.



YOUTH NEWS



The Middle School Fall Retreat is coming up soon, September 20 -22 at Camp John Knox. It's always a fun weekend! Youth participate in keynote, small groups, and worship, and during free time on Saturday they have access to the ropes course, archery, and the wildlife center. The cost for the retreat is \$110, and the church pays half of that for church members. That leaves the youth portion at \$55. If your youth is interested in attending, you can register them online at <https://bit.ly/2L9LN1b>

The email address you will need to note as the organizer email is youth@erinpresbyterian.org.

Please register and turn in your \$55 payment of the fee to me by **September 1st**. If paying by check, make it payable to Erin Presbyterian and **note "Middle School Retreat" in the memo line**.

As you register, there will be some info that will not appear when you "review" the completed document, but it will be recorded for camp's documentation. If you have any questions, feel free to email me or reach out by phone or text **865-696-5851**.

YOUTH GROUP DATES

Youth Group Joint Kickoff Sept 15th 5:00-6:30
MS Fall Retreat Sept 20th -22nd
No Youth Group Sept 22nd
Youth Group Sept 29th MS at 4:45-5:45, HS 5:45-7:00

Thank you to all who attended Youth Sunday and helped make it a great worship service!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PLANET WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

September 1 Farrah Linkous
September 8 Joy Bornhoeft
September 15 Kim Pennington
September 22 Erin McCallum
September 29 Brooks Eggers



Planet Worship

Our theme in Planet Worship this month is **Worship 101**. We will get back to basics with lessons on *what* we believe, *why* we worship, the liturgical seasons, *how* we worship and the order of worship.

Children's worship bags are available in the narthex for kids to use during the first half of the worship service. Bags contain a clipboard and crayons to use with coloring/activity sheets.

Throughout this month, we will be making worship aids in Planet Worship – such as hymn bookmarks and prayer cards – to be used with the worship bags.

Pioneer Club Returns
Wednesday, September 4th
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Family Life Center



Pioneer Club is a "hands-on" activity club for children 4 years old through 5th grade. This year's theme is **"Wacky Wednesdays with Dr. Seuss."** Kids will explore the many works of Dr. Seuss and learn valuable life lessons through his unique stories and characters. Lessons are hands-on with lots of science fun, crafts, games, and culinary creations.

This month's books will include *Wacky Wednesday*, *If I Ran the Zoo*, and *Ten Apples Up on Top*. We will play some wacky games, create some unique animals, and even make homemade apple butter! Don't miss out – join us for all the fun!!



REATREAT

Erin had its annual Claude & Pat Houbler Church Family Retreat at Camp John Knox last month. As always, it was about fun, food and fellowship while exploring God's Word in the natural beauty of John Knox Center .

The **Fun** was Carter McCallum pulling in the biggest catch of the day. A 5 1/2 pound catfish!!

The **Food** was enjoying a taco bar with church family.

The **Fellowship** was realizing the unbreakable bond of growing up together in faith.

Many thanks to Tricia Dillon Thomas, from UTC, who brought fresh eyes to our Vision Project: Become, Belong, Beyond.

A great time was had by all. Consider coming along next year!



CHOIR AND BIRTHDAYS

THE ERIN CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

**Cheaper
than
Therapy.**

Join the Choir

Summer vacation is coming to an end, and the choir will be back in action right after Labor Day. Please join us!

No formal vocal training is required, just a willingness to learn and an eagerness to lift your voice in praise.

And we welcome all ages, from high school students to senior adults!

We believe that God is worshipped in many ways. Consequently, the Choir performs a wide variety of music, from classical to contemporary.

More importantly, we strive to have fun with the music and with each other. In addition to singing, we share joys and concerns and support one another with prayer and compassion each week. Sounds like fun, doesn't it? Come join us and experience it for yourself. We practice Wednesday nights from 7:30 - 8:30pm starting August 28th.

Contact Joe Jaynes at jtj@abacusarts.com for more information.

WND BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Is it your birthday?

New this year, we plan to celebrate each month's birthdays on the first WND of the month (September through May).

To acknowledge those who happened to be born in non-WND months, we'll include those born in August and September on September 4th, and those born in June and July next May.

We'll celebrate with birthday cake and ice cream!



GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF OUR LIGHTS, HEATING AND AIR

In order to be good stewards of our finances here at Erin Church, we need to be aware, and make sure, to turn off lights after our events/classes/rehearsals have ended.

Also, if you have had an event on the calendar and it has been cancelled, you need to contact April and let her know that you no longer need heat or air in that room. 865.588.5350 or admin@erinpresbyterian.org Thanks for your help in this.

SAVE THE DATE

**End of Summer
Splash!**

Join us on Sunday, September 8th at 4pm for the "End Of Summer Splash" at the home of John and Cynthia House: 1621 Blackwood Drive, Knoxville, TN 37923 Bring your bathing suit and towels, and a dish for the Potluck Dinner. Drinks will be provided. Please sign up on Sunday. There will be an insert in the bulletin.



Wednesday Night Dinners will begin on September 4th, start time remains at 5:45 pm.

Just to entice you a bit, the entrée on the 4th will be: **BBQ Pork, Baked Beans, Country Fried Potatoes and Cole Slaw!**

Suggested donations will remain unchanged (\$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children).

We will have a sign up insert in the church bulletin the Sunday prior, and that afternoon we will send an e-mail message allowing you to sign up if you weren't able to do so at church.

If you would like to receive this weekly email, and weren't included in the address group last Spring, then please contact April (our Administrator at 865-588-5350) and ask her to add you to the WND email address group.



The first Men's Breakfast of the season will be on Saturday, September 7th.

We'll have good food, some great conversations and occasionally a short program. Mainly we are about food and just visiting. We meet in the Erin Fellowship Hall at 9:30am and always on a Saturday. Signups will be in the bulletin on the Sunday prior to our Men's Breakfast, or you can sign up in an e-mail that's sent out a few days

Erin PW 2019/20 Bible Study will begin on Thursday, September 12 at 10 am in the church parlor. Our study this year is the Horizon's Study: **Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments** by Eugenia Anne Gamble. *What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do, but instead, as a "love letter" from a loving God?* Study books are \$10.

Please e-mail Joy at cec@erinpresbyterian.org to confirm that you would like a book. They need to be ordered on-line.

We're inviting you, new members and visitors, and we hope to see you there!



Erin Breadbreakers will kick off our 2019/20 season at the home of Dan and Betty Gibbs: 1521 Atlee Summit Lane 37931, on Saturday, September 21st, at 6:30 pm. If you have never attended a Breadbreakers before, you owe it to yourself to give it a try. It's a great night of relaxed fellowship and excellent food. Also, since it's always helpful to get the calendar set up early....so be the first to choose your favorite month! We usually try to meet the 3rd Friday or Saturday of the month, but we are also extremely flexible. If you are interested in hosting a Breadbreakers, please contact Diana at 607-8528 or dmarybrandon49@gmail.com.



Coffee Club is coming up on Tuesday, September 17th at 10:30am.

If you're free, come on down to the Fellowship Hall and enjoy some Dunkin coffee, a few delicious eats, and conversation for an hour. It's a great place to share stories and laughter with friends!