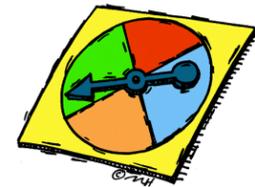


Erin Game Night

Come One, Come All! Friday, February 5th from 7:00-9:00 p.m to the Fellowship Hall. Invite your Friends, Invite your neighbors! Come in your sweat pants or even in your Jammies! Come as you are, no formality here! Experience community building through game play together. We will have several tables of different games. All we ask is that you bring a yummy appetizer or snack to share with the entire group. Lemonade will be provided. And, if you have a favorite game, bring it along.



So, put down your remote or cellphone and connect through fellowship across the table with a game of Cards, Dominos or Board Games. You know you want to! And we are reminded in Ecclesiastes 3: There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the Heavens. Please feel free to contact Game Night Coordinator Karen Stump (660-6288) or any Fellowship Committee Member if you have any questions. Hope to see you there.

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Upcoming Events

- February 2nd**
Staff MTG- 6:00PM
Property MTG- 6:30PM
Discipleship MTG: 7:00PM
Fellowship MTG: 7:00PM
- February 5th**
Erin Game Night- 7:00PM
- February 7th**
Congregational MTG- 12PM
CEX Team MTG- 12:15PM
Outreach MTG- 12:15PM
- February 8th**
PW Evening Circle- 7:00PM
- February 9th**
PW Morning Circle- 10 AM
Shrove Pancake Dinner- 6PM
Stewardship MTG- 7:30PM
- February 18th**
Session MTG- 7:00PM
- February 20th**
Men's Breakfast- 9:30AM
- February 21st**
Gifts of Children Service- 11:00AM
- February 23rd**
Marketing MTG- 6:30PM
- February 25th**
MOPS- 9:15 AM
- February 27**
BreadBreakers- 6:30PM

YOUTH SUMMIT
February 26-28

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A Message From The Pastor

Rev. John Stuart

Psalm 55:22 *Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.*



Dear Friends,

I've always liked the above verse from Psalm 55. There have been numerous times in my life when I have felt burdened, stressed out, and overwhelmed. I'm just a human being like everyone else, so when pressure, crisis, or illness enter my life, I turn to the Lord for help, guidance, and assurance.

Faith is a remarkable gift which sustains most of us through trying and painful times. It's something that we can grow by a regular commitment to God. It's also something that can become depleted, especially when we take God for granted, which in turn, can cause us to become overwhelmed by our sorrows and sadness, as well as our problems and pain.

At Erin Church, we have been blessed with a great fellowship of people who care, love, and support one another. That's another advantage that faith brings to us – the sense of belonging to a community of compassionate and loving people. Part of the active mission of our church is to be a beacon of hope to the surrounding community, drawing people to God and helping them in Christ's love. People who walk through our church doors are not just visitors or strangers, they are potential friends, whose fellowship and faith can uniquely add to and bless our own.

Wherever you are in life and whatever you are experiencing, please know this: God can bear your burdens, Christ can overcome your problems, and the Holy Spirit can give you guidance toward something new, hopeful, and bright. And there's a bonus – coming to church will bring you into regular contact with folks who have been through something similar and have experienced the love of God through His people.

Finally, if you ever think or say to yourself, "I'll come back to church someday," then please entertain this thought: Someday is this Sunday J.

May God bless all of your hopes and dreams, enabling your plans to succeed.

Pastor John

BIRTHDAYS

February

- 2 Ginger Thompson
- 6 Neill Murphy
- 8 Joe Judge
- 9 Sidney Ryan
- 10 Eva Quinley Lynch
- 12 Rose Armsworth
- 13 Jodi Yau
Dan Gibbs
- 14 Bette Brasher
- 17 David McKay
- 19 Marc Miller
Cecilia Stinnett
- 20 Anna McKay
- 22 Grant Dunaway
- 24 McLain Miller
- 27 Mike Cate
- 28 Robbie Levering
Gaevin Miller
Harter Crisp

If you know of a birthday that is not listed, please contact the office.

March

- 1 Kim Jaynes
Madeline Giffin
- 2 Kristi Bailes
- 3 Kari Matthews
- 11 Steve Foster
- 13 Eleanor Jaynes
Bayard Erskine
- 14 Mike Massengill
Kenleigh Pennington
- 15 Kayla Scarbrough
- 16 Maggie Gunter
Mollie Gunter
- 17 Stan Stevens
- 19 John Stuart
- 22 Emme Ritchie
- 25 Cynthia House
- 26 Happy Hilty
- 28 Morgan Fitch
Dale Webb



Financials

**Erin Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet
As of January 10, 2016**

	Jan 10, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	5,488.74
HF Savings	209,333.80
SunTrust Checking	1,001.51
SunTrust Debit Card Account	612.94
Total Checking/Savings	216,436.99
Total Current Assets	216,436.99
Fixed Assets	
Building Improvements	5,350.00
Computer Equipment	1,109.97
Furniture and fixtures	35,699.89
General Equipment	9,764.55
Accumulated Depreciation	-22,323.68
Total Fixed Assets	29,600.73
TOTAL ASSETS	246,037.72
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	27.70
Total Other Current Liabilities	27.70
Total Current Liabilities	27.70
Total Liabilities	27.70
Equity	
Restricted Funds	250.00
Retained Earnings	115,698.93
Unrestricted Funds	47,051.81
Net Income	83,009.28
Total Equity	246,010.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	246,037.72

**EPC Restricted Funds Account
Balance Sheet
As of January 10, 2016**

	Jan 10, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	65,028.63
Checking	65,028.63
Total Checking/Savings	65,028.63
Total Current Assets	65,028.63
TOTAL ASSETS	65,028.63
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Designated Accounts	
Blanchard Memorial	996.00
McLean Memorial	1,424.12
Total Designated Accounts	2,420.12
Restricted Accounts	
Discipleship	
Souper Bowl	435.00
Sunday School Incentives	63.99
Youth Service Day	20.00
Total Discipleship	518.99
Fellowship	
Brandon Breakfast	300.25
SAM Kitchen	1,060.66
Senior Adult Ministry	2,282.49
Total Fellowship	3,643.40
Outreach	
Joy Offering	3,346.65
Peacemaking	379.00
Pentecost Offering	588.37
Total Outreach	4,314.02
Property	
Property Maintenance Fund	1,711.00
Total Property	1,711.00
Restricted Bequests	
McCord	47,135.00
Total Restricted Bequests	47,135.00
Stewardship	
Pastor Travel Fund	6,160.00
Total Stewardship	6,160.00
Total Restricted Accounts	63,482.41
Retained Earnings	64,375.00
Unrestricted Funds	-65,246.65
Net Income	-2.25
Total Equity	65,028.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	65,028.63

**EPC Capital Campaign/Lower the Debt Acc't
Balance Sheet
As of January 10, 2016**

	Jan 10, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Capital Campaign	76,505.25
Total Checking/Savings	76,505.25
Total Current Assets	76,505.25
Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Depreciation	-136,220.49
Building Improvements	
Building	1,302,265.25
Kitchen	30,932.20
Roofing	99,730.00
Total Building Improvements	1,432,927.45
Equipment	24,973.56
Furniture & Fixtures	57,435.39
Paving	32,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	1,411,115.91
Other Assets	
Accumulated Amortization	-622.13
Loan fees	4,500.00
Total Other Assets	3,877.87
TOTAL ASSETS	1,491,499.03
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Long Term Liabilities	
Line of Credit	507,630.52
Total Long Term Liabilities	507,630.52
Total Liabilities	507,630.52
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	987,678.76
Net Income	-3,810.25
Total Equity	983,868.51
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,491,499.03

**Erin Presbyterian Church
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
July 1, 2015 through January 10, 2016**

	Jul 1, '15 - Jan 10, 16	Jul 1, '14 - Jan 10, 15	\$ Change
Income			
Memorial Income	2,000.00	2,250.00	-250.00
Creative Expression Income	824.00	232.80	591.20
Discipleship Income	4,083.98	4,375.98	-291.90
Fellowship Income	5,967.00	6,294.96	-317.35
Offerings	214,591.45	253,302.21	-38,710.76
Outreach Income	162.55	0.00	162.55
Property Income	22,480.03	6,701.00	15,779.03
PW Income	431.00	303.00	128.00
Restricted Accts Income	2,019.00	4,402.00	-2,383.00
Stewardship Income	182.41	290.20	-107.79
Total Income	252,741.42	278,141.44	-25,400.02
Gross Profit	252,741.42	278,141.44	-25,400.02
Expense			
Creative Expressions Ministry	4,891.21	3,954.41	936.80
Discipleship Team	6,345.01	4,490.98	1,854.03
Fellowship Team	4,855.96	5,000.44	-144.48
Outreach Team	9,877.00	12,212.15	-2,335.15
Pastoral Ministry	52,498.13	52,673.48	-375.35
Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Team	42,641.74	23,185.53	19,456.21
PW expenses	0.00	303.00	-303.00
Restricted Accts Expense	323.00	3,228.67	-2,905.67
Stewardship Team	47,782.82	66,809.96	-19,047.14
Worship Team	537.27	605.65	-68.38
Total Expense	169,732.14	172,664.27	-2,932.13
Net Income	83,009.28	105,477.17	-22,467.89

**EPC Capital Campaign/Lower the Debt Acct
Profit & Loss
July 1, 2015 through January 10, 2016**

	Jul 1, '15 - Jan 10, 16
Income	
Lower The Debt	
Pledges	8,430.00
Lower The Debt - Other	200.00
Total Lower The Debt	8,630.00
Total Income	8,630.00
Expense	
Administrative	
Bank Service Charges	1.75
Interest Expense	12,438.50
Total Administrative	12,440.25
Total Expenses	12,440.25
Total Expense	12,440.25
Net Income	-3,810.25

Volunteers

If you need to change your volunteer slot, please organize a swap or a substitute. Then, let the front office know at 588-5350 or admin@erinpresbyterian.org.

FEBRUARY

2/7/2016

- Coffee Host**
Anna McKay
- Greeter**
Pat Sexton
Lynn Sexton
- Bell Ringer**
Aiden Strand
- Guide**
Pat Wallin
- Reader**
David Eggers
- Usher**
Larry McKay
Anna McKay
Linda Quinley
Don Quinley
- Planet Worship**
Joy Bornhoeft
- Nursery ~ Worship**
Jennifer Gahan
- Counter**
Sean Gahan
Eva Quinley Lynch
- Communion**
Class of 2017

2/14/2016

- Coffee Host**
Lori Hudson
- Greeter**
Erin McCallum
Ricky McCallum
- Bell Ringer**
Rose Armsworth
- Guide**
Stacie Armsworth
- Reader**
Amanda Murphy
- Usher**
Kay Pennington
Gary Pennington
Kim Pennington
Dusty Pennington
- Planet Worship**
Erin McCallum
- Nursery ~ Worship**
Lynne Jones
- Counter**
Ricky McCallum
Mike Jones

1/17/2016

- Coffee Host**
Dave Stinnett
- Greeter**
Marty Kirby
Agnes Kirby
- Bell Ringer**
Kenleigh Pennington
- Guide**
Lynne Jones
- Reader**
Sara Leckie
- Usher**
Amanda Murphy
Suzanne Levering
Brooke Eggers
Katie Bailes
- Planet Worship**
No Planet Worship
- Nursery ~ Worship**
Jackie Griffin
- Counter**
John House
Justin Bornhoeft

1/24/2016

- Coffee Host**
Dan Gibbs
- Greeter**
Kelli Canan
Hunter & Hayden Crisp
- Bell Ringer**
Ella Levering
- Guide**
Don Quinley
- Reader**
Pat Sexton
- Usher**
Ron DuBois
Sonja DuBois
David Eggers
Pat Wallin
- Planet Worship**
Brooks Eggers
- Nursery ~ Worship**
Tammy Murphy
- Counter**
Neill Murphy
David Eggers

Connections Class is changing!

For many years, the pastor has taught his Sunday morning Connections Class in the Heritage Room from 9:45-10:30AM. He is now making a change to the class, which will be renamed to:

"Coffee Conversations"

The pastor is writing a new series of Bible Study books for churches and small groups everywhere. He will be using the study resources from his first two books: "Enjoy Life" and "Seeking God." If you'd like to come along and be part of the new format, he'd be delighted to see you.

Each book contains 7 simple studies. Members who participate in the class will be able to use the materials to set up their own small study groups in their homes or at coffee houses. If you would like to look at the material, then check out the pastor's author page at the following link:

<http://www.amazon.com/-/e/B005MAJRNE>

If you have any ideas or suggestions for new themes, please feel free to send them by email to the pastor at Traqair@aol.com.



Art for Lent

Starting on Wednesday February 10th, and for each Wednesday night we are meeting during Lent, the pastor is going to lead a creative art workshop in one of the New Wing classes. The purpose would be to discuss how art has been used through the ages to present the season of Lent, as well as creating our own pieces based on Lenten and Easter themes. The workshops will begin at 6:30pm. So if you are interested in art and would like to work creatively with the pastor, then come along to the workshops and produce some art for the church! Youth and adults of all ages are encouraged to join the group – no experience is necessary. Paper, pencils, and crayons will be provided. :)



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Property Team Update



The Property Team would like to let you know what's been going on with our church grounds over the last couple of months. We've had some repairs that had been put on hold for a few years but thanks to a fresh look at managing our finances and your continuous, generous giving, we've been able to start tackling these repairs.

- **Parking Lot** - You may have noticed the cones marking off an area in the parking lot near the Family Life Center. There were some cracks that had formed due to the weight of the dumpster trucks coming in so we did our research and found a great contractor, Weston Paving, that poured a nice, fresh, new slab of concrete so that we can help to keep any more damage from forming in that area.
- **Heating and Air** – We've had our eye on some HVAC repairs since 2013 that needed to be addressed. Quite a bit of rust had formed on the duct heaters on two units: the Parlor and the Family Life Center, which will be replaced. By the way, did you know our church has 7 separate units to help keep you toasty in the winter and cool in the summer? In the new Sunday School wing, our auxiliary heater was undersized and we did not have enough available power to install a larger heater. After weighing all the options, we decided that converting that unit to gas will not only increase efficiency, but also save us money as natural gas is less expensive than electricity. Interstate Mechanical will be performing the service and we would like to thank them for their excellent service over the years.
- **Let There Be Light** – The next time you drive to church in the evening, take a look at the light shining on our lovely cross on the Lockett Road side building. The Property Team grabbed their shovels, dug a trench to lay electrical line, buried the line, and hooked up the new spotlights to illuminate the cross for all to enjoy.

We would like to say thank you for all of your support by letting you know the projects that your hard earned money that you share with the church has been funding. If there is anything you see that needs repair, or you have any ideas for us to consider, let us know by leaving a note in the Property mailbox in the office or emailing Kelly Ross at kellyross0730@gmail.com. Also, if you're handy with tools and or you have great management skills, we'd love to have you as part of our team. We meet the first Tuesday of each month in the library at 6:30. We'd love to see you!

Outreach News

Thank you to everyone that attended Mission Fair! A special thanks to Dr. Larry McKay for being our speaker and to each of you that worked a station. We hope you were able to get a glimpse of the variety of missions supported by our church throughout our community and abroad. We encourage you to prayerfully consider where your gift of time and talent can be used to further live out our church's vision statement.



Sunday, February 7th is Souper Bowl Sunday. We are having a canned soup drive that day to celebrate! Please bring a can of a hearty soup (such as vegetable beef, chicken noodle or potato) to donate to FISH Hospitality Pantry. The collection box will be in the narthex.



The first Sunday in Lent is designated "Wear your blue t-shirt to church Sunday" as a testament of one of the ways One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference.

Thousands of volunteers each year put on a blue t-shirt that says "Out of chaos, Hope." They bear not only ladders and drywall for rebuilding, but also the love of God. Many congregations have not had an opportunity to 'earn' blue t-shirts through volunteer work team efforts; but you are supporting the ministry of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance through your financial gifts, action and prayers. PDA is urging all congregations to participate in a "Blue-Out." We can do this by **wearing anything blue** on **Sunday, February 14th!**

The One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering is collected throughout Lent.

The Outreach team welcomes your input and participation. We meet after worship on the second Sunday of each month in the Outreach room. Please join us!

Ministry Matters

CEX, Kristi Bailes
Discipleship, Stacie Armsworth
Fellowship, Betty Gibbs

Outreach, Cecilia Stinnett
Property, Kelly Ross
Stewardship, Justin Bornhoeft

FELLOWSHIP

Everyone in the Fellowship Committee hopes that your New Year has gotten off to a good start! Hopefully we have all survived the bitter cold and snowy weather and are ready to get out and have some fun! There are several things coming up in February for the whole family, and we hope you will be able to participate.

Wednesday Night Dinner on the third will be provided by Pat Wallin and her crew! A meal I am sure we will all enjoy!

On February 5 we will be having our first Family Game night at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring your favorite game (or not) and a treat to share and join in the fun. Drinks will be provided.

There will be no Wednesday Night Dinner on February 10th, but our Youth will be serving the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on the 9th. So please come out and support our young people as they raise funds to go to Montreat and other functions. Who does not like pancakes?!!!!

Weather permitting, WND's will resume on the 17th. We hope to see you there! In the meantime, stay warm and give your Valentine a big hug on the 14th!

Stewardship

So, you may have heard something about a heater failing that affects the parlor, heritage room, and the youth directors' office. It's true, it rusted out after 31 years of reliable service. It was going to happen sometime but was not in budget. Fortunately end of year giving (your generosity) added a financial cushion that allowed us to absorb the expense from the system failure. In fact, it also allows us to replace the system in the Family Life Center that is rusting out but not yet failed and to update the system in the education wing so we can reduce utility costs.

This is one example of how funds are being used that everyone can experience. Much of the ministry team work may not be as apparent so soon the ministry teams will be sharing more about how their stewardship (time, talent, and funds) is being used to benefit the Church.

God bless,
Justin Bornhoeft
Convener, Stewardship

Mark Your Calendars

The fourth annual Claude & Pat Houbler Annual Church Family Retreat at Camp John Knox will be Friday-Saturday, August 26-27. Save the date!



Youth Notes

Our youth will again be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, 2016. More than 25 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”



Since that day, more than \$110 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving. All funds collected by the Erin youth on this Super Bowl Sunday will be donated to FISH Hospitality Pantries. For more information on the Souper Bowl of Caring, please visit souperbowl.org.

The Presbytery of East Tennessee (PET) presents...

Youth Summit 2016

“Say what?” And other questions we ask Jesus
Friday, February 26th- Sunday, February 28th
Glenstone Lodge (Gatlinburg, TN)

Youth Retreat for 8th-12th graders with big group games, small group times, keynote speaker, music, and exploring around Gatlinburg!



Our youth are already preparing for their annual Silent Auction in April to raise funds for Montreat summer camp.

If you have anything you are willing to donate that the youth can auction, please speak with any of the 2016 Auction Coordinators: Kristi Bailes, Kim Pennington, or Karen & Keith Stump. Some examples of donations from past auctions are Gift Certificates, Services, Artwork, Craftsman items, Destination Vacations, Promissory note for Baked Goodies, Household Items in Excellent Condition, Jewelry, Electronics, etc. Thank you for helping Erin youth!



Youth will be hosting the Pancake Dinner on February 9, 2016 at 5:30. Tickets are being sold by our youth at church and will also be available at the door. All funds raised go towards Montreat costs.

Kids Ministries

Planet Worship Volunteers	
FEBRUARY	
2/7:	Joy Bornhoeft
2/14:	Erin McCallum
2/21:	Gifts of Children Sunday – No Planet Worship
2/28:	Brooks Eggers
MARCH	
3/6:	Kelcey Levering
3/13:	Kim Pennington
3/20:	Stacie Armsworth
3/27:	Joy Bornhoeft

News from PLANET WORSHIP

Operation Christmas Child in Cameroon

We were excited to learn that some of our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes were delivered to children in Cameroon, Africa. These shoeboxes were sponsored by the children’s Planet Worship offering. In January, the children learned all about Cameroon and some of the Church’s mission work in that country.



Gifts of Children

There will be no Planet Worship on February 21st as we celebrate **Gifts of Children Sunday**. Children who usually attend Planet Worship are invited to sit together with Ms. Joy Bornhoeft. There will be a special children’s bulletin and coloring pages on that day, and children are encouraged to use their worship bags. Children should gather in the Narthex near the worship bags to meet Ms. Bornhoeft at 10:45 am.



Wednesdays
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Family Life
Center



This month in Pioneer Club we will celebrate Valentine’s Day with special crafts and the reading of “Daisy-Head Mayzie.” We’ll also explore our creativity and encourage adventure with “Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!” and “Oh, the Places You’ll Go!” There will be no Wednesday Night Dinner and **no Pioneer Club on Wednesday, February 10th**. Instead, join us on Tuesday, February 9th, for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. There will be King Cake and games for the kids and – of course – lots of pancakes!! Not sure if there will be green eggs and ham – probably **NOT!**

Let’s Grow into LENT

The Planet Worship theme for LENT is “Let’s Grow into Lent: Lessons from our gardening God.” Throughout Lent, children will explore bible stories with the theme of gardens and growing. Beginning with Adam and Eve in the perfect garden, Father Abraham and our “family tree,” the parables of the seed and the sower, Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane, and the cross on Calvary ~ children will learn that God keeps his promises and is always with us. The stories will be told through a series of symbols, which the children will use to decorate a special Lenten tree. Coordinating worship bulletins will be available near the children’s worship bags for each Sunday in Lent and on Easter.

CEX

Pictures from Greystone Presbyterian on Sunday, January 24th.



The annual “Gifts of Children” service is February 21st. The theme this year will be “Shine”.