

Financials



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Erin Presbyterian Church
Profit & Loss
July 1 through October 14, 2016

Erin Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet
As of October 14, 2016

	Jul 1 - Oct 14, 16		Oct 14, 16
Income		ASSETS	
Memorial Income	2,705.00	Current Assets	
Creative Expression Income	285.53	Checking/Savings	
Discipleship Income	2,125.07	HF Primary Checking	8,849.37
Fellowship Income	2,078.00	HF Savings	142,898.69
Offerings	83,543.70	SunTrust Checking	1,001.71
Property Income	3,080.00	SunTrust Debit Card Account	775.37
Restricted Accts Income	387.00	Total Checking/Savings	153,525.14
Stewardship Income	77.24	Total Current Assets	153,525.14
Transfer from Capital Campaign	0.00	Fixed Assets	
Total Income	94,281.54	Building Improvements	21,587.00
Gross Profit	94,281.54	Computer Equipment	1,109.97
Expense		Furniture and fixtures	35,699.89
Creative Expressions Ministry	748.76	General Equipment	9,764.55
Discipleship Team	1,946.69	Accumulated Depreciation	-32,255.45
Fellowship Team	1,709.24	Total Fixed Assets	35,905.96
Fellowship Team	1,709.24	TOTAL ASSETS	189,431.10
Outreach Team	7,420.79	LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Pastoral Ministry	26,629.28	Liabilities	
Payroll Expenses	2,183.88	Current Liabilities	
Property Team	14,590.96	Other Current Liabilities	
Restricted Accts Expense	464.07	Payroll Liabilities	544.55
Stewardship Team	30,741.05	Total Other Current Liabilities	544.55
Worship Team	418.02	Total Current Liabilities	544.55
Total Expense	86,852.74	Total Liabilities	544.55
Net Income	7,428.80	Equity	
		Restricted Funds	250.00
		Retained Earnings	134,043.50
		Unrestricted Funds	47,164.25
		Net Income	7,428.80
		Total Equity	188,886.55
		TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	189,431.10

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- November 1**
5:30PM Staff Meeting
6:30PM Property Meeting
7:00PM Fellowship Meeting
- November 4**
HS Lock-In
- November 5**
9:00PM Men's Breakfast
FALL BACK TONIGHT
- November 6**
COMMUNION SUNDAY
Time Change Sunday
- November 8**
10:00AM PW Morning Circle
- November 10**
9:30AM MOPS
7:30PM Stewardship Meeting
- NOVEMBER 12**
9:00AM Breakfast
9:30AM Fall Clean Up Begins
- November 13**
12:15PM Creative Expression Mtg.
12:15PM Outreach Meeting
- November 14**
7:00PM PW Evening Circle
- November 17**
7:00PM Session Meeting
- November 19**
1:00PM Sonshine Workshop
- November 20**
HANGING OF THE GREENS
9:30AM Advent Workshop
12:00PM Hanging of the Greens
5:00PM Chili Dinner for those helping Hang the Greens
2:00PM Youth IHOP Thanksgiving
- November 23**
No Wednesday night activities
- November 24 and 25**
Offices Closed for Thanksgiving

- December 3**
9:00AM Men's Breakfast
- December 4**
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Message from the Pastor

November 2016

"I will praise God's Name in song and glorify Him with thanksgiving."
Psalm 69:30 (NIV)



Dear Friends,
As each November comes around, I find myself musing on two separate traditions from Britain and America. The first is the Day of Remembrance, which is commemorated on the 11th of November at 11:00 AM. It is a very solemn occasion for most UK citizens, as they recall the horrors of World War 1 and the millions of soldiers who died in the trenches of Europe. Wreaths of poppies are placed at War Memorials in practically every village, town, and city of Britain. The whole nation stops to hold a minute of silence, in order to respect the service men and women who died for the country. It's a bitter-sweet time because most of the deaths could have been avoided, but unfortunately, the generals on both sides of the international conflict thought nothing of sending tens of thousands of young men out of the trenches to their deaths each day, in order to gain a few yards of territory.

The second tradition that I reflect upon is, of course, Thanksgiving Day. It's a beautiful American tradition that I have gladly embraced and enjoyed celebrating with my family. I love the fact that this year, many stores and commercial places will be closed in order to give their hard-working employees the opportunity to be with their own families and friends. When George Washington initiated this as a national holiday for thanksgiving and prayer in 1789, he wanted all Americans to gather together and be thankful for the blessing of being a nation. Each Thanksgiving, I like to find and read his words which are full of faith and humility:

'Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation.'

It is my own fervent hope and prayer that we can reunite as one people under God during this year's Thanksgiving, especially after the outcome of the Presidential election is known. May our hearts be filled with God's bounty of blessings and may our homes be places of thankfulness, good cheer, and love.

God bless you and all your loved ones.

Pastor John



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New Elders and Stewardship

November

- 3 Sherry Draper
- 4 Hanna Matthews
- 5 Jackie Griffin
- 10 Paul Yau
- 11 Dusty Pennington
- 11 Mia Avery Quinn
- 12 Tom Chesney
- 15 Matt Cowen
- 15 Connor Backous
- 16 Nancy Berry
- 17 Sara Leckie
- 17 Rob Cameron
- 18 Connor Quinn
- 25 Bill Brazelton
- 25 Sam Pulsipher

If you need to add a birthday, let April know! admin@erinpresbyterian.org

December

- 1 Heather Ritchie
- 7 Lionel Sands
- 10 Susan Miller
- 12 Jim Brannon
- 12 Margaret Pfeifer
- 14 Lynne Jones
- 15 Lori Hudson
- 16 Sean Gahan
- 17 Jenny Boyd
- 19 David Eggers
- 20 Diane Montgomery
- 20 Matthew Miller
- 20 April Cyr
- 21 Farrah Linkous
- 22 Cathy Van Ostrand
- 26 Henry Ritchie
- 27 Paula Gunter
- 29 Barbara Brazelton
- 30 H. Vincent Blanton Kirby
- 30 Sarah McKay
- 31 Fran Ayers

Thank You, Class of 2016

On the first Sunday in November, our church will be ordaining and installing the new elders for the Class of 2019. As we welcome the new class onto Session, a special word of thanks needs to be expressed to the Class of 2016. Originally the Class was made up of the following people: **Stacie Armsworth, Kristi Bailes, Justin Bornhoeft, Mike Jones, Kelly Ross, and Elizabeth Snodgrass**. When Elizabeth moved away to North Carolina, **Betty Gibbs** took over her place.

The Class of 2016 has been one of the longest serving classes of elders in our church. They came on at a time when we changed our finances and operations from a calendar year to a Fiscal year. This meant that the Class of 2016 was required to serve more than just three years, in fact, they ended up serving the church as elders for almost four years. Their devotion to the church, and diligence to both Session and their own ministry teams, have been exceptional. We are a better church because of their loyalty, focus, and faith. We thank them for their splendid work as conveners and bless them for having served Christ faithfully.

Welcome, Class of 2019

Just as the Class of 2016 rotates off their duty on Session, we welcome the Class of 2019. We pray that God will both guide and use them to build up our church and to expand Christ's mission among us and the surrounding community. The Class of 2019 is made up of the following church members: **Betty Gibbs, Erin McCallum, Tammy Murphy, Dusty Pennington, Joe Tate, and Cathy VanOstrand**

Thank You For Giving

The Stewardship Committee is happy to report that our operating funds continue to be good due to a good level of giving throughout the summer months. As we near the holidays, we hope this will continue. We have also seen a slight increase in donations to the "Lower the Debt" campaign and hope that our envelope program and "Moments for Missions" will remind our congregation of the need to give to this effort on a regular basis. We still have a large debt and we want to pay it down as quickly as we can.

Larry McKay continues meeting with members to explain the Legacy Fund Program and how our members can include Erin in their estate. Several have already done this.

Now a note about stewardship in general...

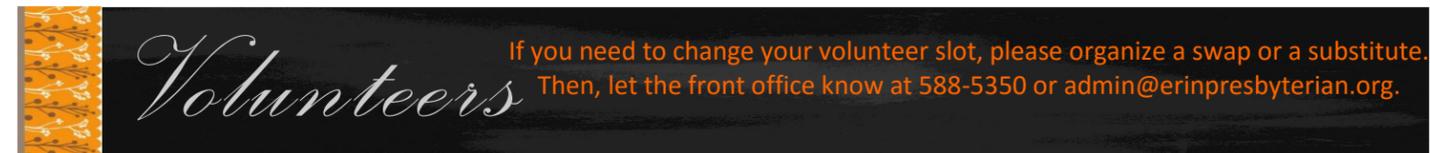
A biblical world view of stewardship can be consciously defined as: "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." The central essence of biblical world view stewardship is managing everything God brings into the believer's life in a manner that honors God and impacts eternity. We are managers of what God has given to us and He expects us to honor him in how we manage His gifts.

Everything that we have is from God and as Christians we should gladly give back to God, not just our money but our time and talents as well. Erin is so richly blessed by its members, not just by their giving but by how generously and willingly they continually share their time and talents. We are a "wee" church as Pastor Stuart says but the "wee" is only in the size of the building. The loving, caring and giving spirit of our members is anything but "wee".

We are indeed blessed. We must always remember Psalm 24:1

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

God bless,
The Stewardship Committee



November

November 6th	November 13th	November 20th	November 27th
Coffee Host	Coffee Host	Coffee Host	Coffee Host
Dave Stinnett	Betty Gibbs	Lori Hudson	Anna McKay
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
Rickey McCallum Erin McCallum	Ron DuBois Sonja DuBois	Ginger Thompson Jim Thompson	Larry McKay Anna McKay
Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer
Carter McCallum	Rose Armsworth	Lucy Cate	Ella Levering
Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide
Sara Leckie	David Eggers	Ashley Draper	Neill Murphy
Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader
John House	Stacie Armsworth	Lynn Sexton	Marcia Mechlin
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Nicole Waters Tammy Murphy Sara Leckie David Leckie	Robert Lynch Eva Lynch Mike Cate Mary Nelle Cate	Jim Montgomery Robbie Levering Gary Pennington Kay Pennington	Brooks Eggers Suzanne Levering Dave Stinnett Cathy Van Ostrand
Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship
Lori Hudson	Jane Brannon	Erin McCallum	Kim Pennington
Nursery	Nursery	Nursery	Nursery
Counters	Counters	Counters	Counters
Dave Stinnett Mike Jones	Sean Gahan Eva Lynch	John House John Stuart	Dave Eggers Neill Murphy
Communion			
2018			



**Be a good steward of your church's finances
Please Notify The Office
If your event has been cancelled or rescheduled
So we can adjust the thermostat**

Letter to the Congregation



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John Stuart, Pastor

A Letter to The Congregation From The Session of Erin Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee

As those responsible for providing direction and leadership for our congregation, we wish to report a recent decision regarding a new business opening next door to our campus.

Mr. Jesse Bowers is opening Abridged Beer Company at 100 Lockett Road. In order to be approved by local authorities, Mr. Bowers needs access to overflow parking from time to time and requested permission to allow his patrons to park in our parking lot when necessary. Erin's Property Committee took the lead in working closely with Mr. Bowers doing an excellent job of looking after the best interest of our church, and our local community, while also being supportive of our new business neighbor. Mr. Bowers is planning a family-friendly atmosphere as opposed to a nightclub atmosphere.

Over several months, Session has been thoughtful, prayerful and deliberate on this issue. We sought guidance from Erin member and attorney, David Draper, and from our insurance agent, Tyler Ladd. Both advised that we require Mr. Bowers to list Erin as an additional insured on his commercial liability insurance policy before considering the request. Mr. Draper drew up a detailed Facility Usage Agreement that was reviewed and approved by Session.

Some members have expressed concern over having a brewing company that serves alcoholic beverages so close to our church campus, and for having patrons walking the side of the street between the two properties. Mr. Bowers has offered to install and maintain a landscaped path between the two properties to provide a safe walking route. Although there are many businesses within a short walk from Erin serving alcohol, Session carefully considered this, and all other voiced concerns, before voting in support of our new business neighbor, by allowing the use of our parking lot. The agreement to allow Mr. Bowers the use of our parking lot for patron overflow can be canceled at the discretion of Session.

Mr. Bowers met all our requirements and he has notified the local Board of Zoning Appeals that Erin is agreeable to allowing overflow parking for his patrons on church property.

Rev. John Stuart
Moderator of Session

David C. Stinnett
Clerk of Session

Ministry

CEX: Kevin Griffin
Discipleship: Joe Jaynes
Fellowship: Jim Montgomery

Outreach: Cecilia Stinnett
Property: Jane Brannon
Stewardship: Eva Lynch



The Outreach Ministry Team is pleased to announce that we have adopted a new mission co-worker serving in Madagascar. Her name is **Janice (Jan) Heckler**. Jan works with the Church of Jesus Christ in **Madagascar** (FJKM) in the planning and management of women's programs, focusing currently on promoting effective methods of teaching in the FJKM's 723 primary and secondary schools. Jan entered the mission field in 2012 and brings experience from the fields of education, public health, mental health, and social service. Her background includes service and leadership within nongovernmental organizations devoted to improving education in developing-world countries that include Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, and Malawi. Her home presbytery is Greater Atlanta. She will be home on furlough for a couple of months beginning in early November and residing at Mission Haven in Decatur, GA. The Outreach team is coordinating the details with Jan now so that she can come for a visit in January and meet her new Erin family. Jan will be our keynote speaker at Mission Fair 2017. We will keep you posted on the details.



We had a great day together serving over 500 families at the FISH Hospitality Pantry. Another work day is planned for **February 25th, 2017**. Work crews are limited to 15 people, so please sign-up as soon as the sheet becomes available in January.

*For more photos from our work day, visit the Erin Presbyterian Facebook page!

Reminder: The Outreach Ministry Team meets the second Sunday after worship in the Outreach Room (across from Noah's Ark room). Please join us and share your ideas.

Youth M&M Fundraiser

As a Halloween treat, the Youth Group handed out tubes of mini M&Ms to the congregation on Sunday, Oct. 30th. **The TREAT:** You get to eat all the m&ms yourself! **The TRICK:** The empty m&m tube is the perfect size container for collecting quarters. In fact, each tube will hold exactly \$14 in quarters.

As a fundraiser for their summer Montreat and Mission trips, the Youth Group is asking you to save your quarters for the next month. Then, bring your tube of quarters back to church on **Sunday, Dec. 4th**, for collection by the youth.

If you would rather write a check as a donation, you can do so. Make checks payable to **Erin Presbyterian** and note "**Youth m&m Fundraiser**" in the memo line. Then, just place your check in the tube to turn in.

PW meets in November on Monday the 14th at 7pm and Tuesday the 8th at 10am.

"How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 36:7

The 2016 PW Thank Offering is continuing the gifts of helping women and children in need, throughout the world, with grants approved by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee.

Fourteen of the projects serve people in the United States (3 in our own Synod of Living Waters), eight are international projects; 40% are health related ministries. With gifts totaling \$510,088, these monies will do much to provide the needed support for these projects. Please prayerfully consider a "thank offering" this year. Help these recipients feel the refuge of being in the shadow of God's wings...

TIME CHANGE NOVEMBER 6TH

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 5th.

That way you won't walk into church an hour early the next morning, and wonder where everyone is.



YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER

We'd like to say a big thank you to everyone that supported our youth by purchasing tickets to the annual spaghetti dinner. Thanks to you, we were able to raise almost \$500, which will help fund Erin youth trips.

Congratulations to our Halloween Dessert Bake-Off winners: **Joy & Katherine Bornhoeft and Jackie Griffin**. Their tombstone brownies and witchy fudge were delicious!

Holiday Fun

YOUTH THANKSGIVING

The Erin youth group will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a non-traditional feast at IHOP on November 20, following the Hanging of the Greens. If your youth would like to participate, please let Farrah know by Wednesday, November 16.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

There will be NO Wednesday Night Dinner during Thanksgiving week. We wish you all a Happy and Blessed Holiday filled with family, friends and good food!

ADVENT WORKSHOP

The Discipleship Team will host an Advent Workshop during the Sunday School hour on November 20th. The workshop is in lieu of regular Sunday School classes and all ages are invited to attend! Come and learn all about the Season of Advent and make your own Chrismons to take home!
* Coffee and pastries will be provided.



DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY, FA LA, LA, LA, LA!

The Fellowship Committee will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Sunday November 20 at 3:00 pm. There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex for those who would like join the fun. A chili dinner will be served at 5:00 pm for those volunteers who stay to help! So mark your calendars and come join us!
The more hands the merrier!

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

The Christmas Potluck will be on **Sunday, December 4th at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall.** Just bring a covered dish and join us for a delicious meal and good fellowship! Drinks and entertainment will be provided.



Family Ministry



This month in Planet Worship, children will study the same scripture readings as the adults in worship. Each week, lessons will be illustrated by a coordinating children's book, and the scripture verses will be read aloud and discussed. Books will be selected using **Storypath**, a resource of Union Presbyterian Seminary that connects children's literature with our faith story. To learn more, visit storypath.upsem.edu. Last month, the kids learned all about the Psalms after reading **Heartsongs**, a collection of poetry and artwork by Mattie J. T. Stepnek. Mattie, who suffered from a rare form of muscular dystrophy, began writing poems at the age of three and compiled **Heartsongs** when he was just eleven. Like many of the Psalms, Mattie's poems celebrate the simple joys and blessings of life

Planet Worship Offering

Don't forget to bring in your Planet Worship offering. In December, we will donate the offering to Heifer International to purchase chicks and honeybees for a needy family.

***** HEIFER HIGHLIGHT *****

The gift of honeybees helps needy families around the world. Because bees pollinate the crops on the family's farm, a healthy beehive can double fruit and vegetable yields. Income from the sale of honey, wax, and pollen can be used for food, clothing, medicine, and school.

Planet Worship Volunteers	
November	
11/6:	Lori Hudson
11/13:	Jane Brannon
11/20:	Erin McCallum
11/27:	Kim Pennington
12/4:	Joy Bornhoeft



Pioneer Club
Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Family Life Center

This month in Pioneer Club, we'll try to solve our "stickiest" case ever as we search for a missing, rare, dinosaur stamp. Then, we'll hone our detective skills some more as we follow Nate the Great on the *Case of the Musical Note* and the *Missing Turkey!* **Pioneer Club will not meet on November 23rd due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, but will resume on Nov. 30th.**

