



FALL CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANUP DAY

AND BYOB (BULBS)



This year we'll be doing some small clean up tasks but our focus is to plant lots of tulip and daffodil bulbs all across our campus. We're asking everyone to bring a bag of bulbs (BYOB!) to plant on work day so when spring comes along, Erin will be in bloom!



A complete task sign up sheet will be in the Narthex so you can see where we need your help. Also, join us for from 8:30 am - 9:00 am for a

Pre-Clean Up Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Compliments of the Property Team

RSVP in the Narthex next to the box marked "Fall Church Grounds Clean Up"

«Name» TO «Address» «City» «State» «Zip»

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OCTOBER 2017

October 2
6:30PM Property Meeting

October 3
6 Discipleship/Parent MTG
7pm Discipleship Meeting
7pm Fellowship Meeting

October 5
10pm Presbyterian Women
6pm Staff Meeting

October 7
9am Men's Breakfast

October 8
12:15pm Stewardship Mtg.

October 9th through 13th
FALL BREAK

October 11
No Wednesday Activities

October 15
12:15pm Outreach Mtg.
12:15pm Creative Exp Mtg.

No Youth Group

October 17
10:30am Join John, Joy
and April for Coffee Club
in the Fellowship Hall!

October 19
7pm Session Meeting

October 21
Youth Group Fall Activity

6:30pm BreadBreakers

October 22
Pink Sunday: Wear Pink

October 25
Spaghetti Dinner and
Halloween Dessert
Contest

October 28
9am Fall Cleanup Day
9:30am FISH Pantry Day

October 29
5pm Halloween Party at
Tate's School

Nov. 4th Daylight Savings
(Fall Back)

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my help come from?"
Psalm 121:1 (NIV)*

Dear Friends,

I think that all of us enjoy being in East Tennessee during Fall. The colors of the trees around us are astounding and the scenery that we take in, especially when we look over to the Smokies, is amazing. Sometimes I drive up to Bearden Hill and park where I can find a quiet place behind the restaurants and stores, in order to silently gaze at the beauty and wonder of the mountains in the distance. I see the majestic hand of God in all of the grandeur that is spread out before me. It is truly a humbling and awesome experience: humbling – because I feel so small and insignificant; awesome – because I know that the God who made the mountains loves me.

As Fall approaches, I cannot believe that we are also entering into the last quarter of the year. Where has all the time gone? I used to laugh at my parents when they told me that time passes more quickly the older you get. I didn't believe them then, but I sure have found out that their words are completely true. Time marches on and doesn't wait for any of us. As each day passes, the months, seasons, and years quickly come and go, but thank goodness that in the midst of all these changes, the lovingkindness of God constantly endures.

As I was thinking about what kind of message I could write for you this month, I came across a great photo of autumn colored trees. At the bottom of the picture, it had these very wise words: *'Autumn leaves are God's way of telling us how natural it is to let things go.'* I like that thought. Instead of carrying the weight of the world on our shoulders to the end of the year, we should perhaps use these last three months to shed some of the burdens we bear. Worry and guilt, regret and fear don't have to be carried over into next year. We can make time now to ask God for help to let things go, so that just like the local trees we can rest during winter and begin again when spring returns.

May God be with you and bless you with Christ's peace.

Pastor John





CONNECTIONS AND PINK SUNDAY

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BIRTHDAYS

October

- 10 Mary McLeod
- 11 Jim Hilty
- 14 Linda Quinley
- 16 Isabella Armsworth
- 17 Robin Cuany
- 17 Chuck Scarbrough
- 17 Carter McCallum
- 19 Sonja DuBois
- 21 Rickey McCallum
- 22 Rob Matthews
- 24 Randy Boyd
- Michelle Waters

November

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

Connections Class – October Theme: Reformation 500

During the month of October, the pastor will be teaching a class about Martin Luther and the Reformation. All over the world, churches will be celebrating this remarkable event which occurred 500 years ago at the end of this month. The pastor will be talking about Luther's life and the 95 theses he pinned to the famous door at the University of Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517.

As well as discussing some of Luther's history, the class will also look at some devotions which Martin Luther wrote throughout his lifetime. Each class is held in the Heritage Room from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Time for coffee and conversations take place for the first fifteen minutes. The lesson begins promptly at 9:45 AM. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

- Oct 01 Martin Luther devotions: Romans 8:16
- Oct 08 Martin Luther devotions: Hebrews 11:17-18
- Oct 15 Martin Luther devotions: Luke 17:17-18
- Oct 22 Martin Luther devotions: Psalm 1:1-2
- Oct 29 Martin Luther devotions: Matthew 22:44

Coming in November – The Faith of our Presidents

Wednesday Night Bible Study is Back!

The pastor will begin a new season of Wednesday night Bible studies in the Heritage Room from 6:45 PM to 7:30 PM. Between now and the end of the year, we will be looking at Paul's chief Letter to the Romans, which centuries later led to the Protestant Reformation.

Each week, the class will be looking at a certain passage from Romans and the pastor will make a presentation on the context, history, and interpretation of the scriptures. Those who attend will be given time to ask questions and share their own ideas about some of the topics that Paul focused on. Everyone will be encouraged to BYOB – Bring Your Own Bible – copies of the relevant scriptures will also be available.

The classes start on Wednesday, October 4 at 6:45 PM and all are welcome.

Pink Carnations for Pink Sunday

Pink Sunday is **October 22nd**. Please help us honor survivors, and remember those who have lost their battle. A bouquet of pink carnations will be on display during the service. These carnations have been donated so that 100% of all donations received will go directly to Komen. We also encourage everyone to wear pink this day.

If you would like to remember/honor someone, please complete the form in the bulletin on October 8th or 15th. If you would like to make a donation to Komen and/or honor someone, please use the pink envelope provided. For more information, visit komeneasttennessee.org or contact Kim Pennington.

Erin on the Go

Are you interested in participating in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure? We would love for you to join our team, Christy's Angels, and walk or run with us! We formed our team in memory of Kim's mom, Christy Blanchard, who was a member of Erin. You can register online at www.komeneasttennessee.org (make sure you register as a Christy's Angels team member) **Contact Kim or Dusty Pennington with any questions: tnpenningtons@gmail.com or 705-0834.**



OCTOBER 1ST	OCTOBER 8TH	OCTOBER 15TH	OCTOBER 22ND	OCTOBER 29TH
Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
Dan Gibbs	Anna McKay	Betty Gibbs	Dan Gibbs	Anna McKay
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
Rickey McCallum	Larry McKay	Ron DuBois	Lynn Sexton	Jim Thompson
Erin McCallum	Anna McKay	Sonja DuBois	Pat Sexton	Ginger Thompson
Bell Ringer				
Kenleigh P.	Isabella Armsworth	Carter McCallum	Aiden Strand	Ella Levering
Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide
Ron DuBois	Ashley Draper	Kristi Bailes	David Eggers	Bob McLean
Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader
Diana Brandon	Jane Brannon	Evelyn Stuart	Cynthia House	Rickey McCallum
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Sonja Dubois	Jim Montgomery	Tammy Murphy	Erin McCallum	Gary Pennington
Brooks Eggers	Cathy Van Ostrand	Pat Wallin	Nicole Waters	Kay Pennington
Pat Wallin	Rob Lynch	Suzanne Levering	David Leckie	Kim Pennington
Jim Montgomery	Eva Lynch	Robbie Levering	Sara Leckie	Dusty Pennington
Planet Worship				
Kelcey Levering	Farrah Linkous	Joy Bornhoeft	Jennifer Gahan	Kristi Bailes
Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter
David Eggers	Eva Lynch	David Eggers	John House	Mike Jones
Rickey McCallum	Mike Jones	Neill Murphy	Rickey McCallum	Neill Murphy
Communion				
2020				



HOMECOMING AND FINANCIALS

HOMECOMING 2017: CELEBRATING 140 YEARS

Sunday, September 24th we celebrated our 140th year!

Homecoming was a great success! We had a terrific lunch and learned so much. Thank you to everyone who shared stories and wowed us with the incredible history of our “wee” church. We look forward to celebrating many more years together. A special thanks to John House for getting this wonderful photo of the congregation.



Erin Presbyterian Church	
Profit & Loss	
July 1 through September 10, 2017	
	Jul 1 - Sep 10, 17
Income	
Other Income	9.00
Memorial Income	275.00
Creative Expression Income	164.00
Discipleship Income	2,432.81
Fellowship Income	550.00
Offerings	63,682.50
Property Income	2,520.00
Restricted Accts Income	1,159.09
Stewardship Income	29.22
Total Income	70,821.62
Gross Profit	70,821.62
Expense	
Transfer to Capital Campaign	463.27
Creative Expressions Ministry	214.73
Discipleship Team	1,905.47
Fellowship Team	650.32
Outreach Team	4,260.00
Pastoral Ministry	18,360.84
Payroll Expenses	0.00
Property Team	9,733.74
Restricted Accts Expense	1,159.09
Stewardship Team	18,473.44
Worship Team	217.97
Total Expense	55,438.87
Net Income	15,382.75

EPC Capital Campaign/Lower the Debt Acct	
Balance Sheet	
As of September 10, 2017	
	Sep 10, 17
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Capital Campaign	33,309.77
Total Checking/Savings	33,309.77
Total Current Assets	33,309.77
Fixed Assets	
Accumulated Depreciation	-217,630.77
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	1,329,705.63
Other Assets	
Accumulated Amortization	-1,295.28
Loan fees	4,857.00
Total Other Assets	3,561.72
TOTAL ASSETS	1,366,577.12
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Long Term Liabilities	
Line of Credit	469,347.14
Total Long Term Liabilities	469,347.14
Total Liabilities	469,347.14
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	895,567.31
Net Income	1,662.67
Total Equity	897,229.98
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,366,577.12

ELDER CLASS OF 2020 STATEMENT OF FAITH



Cynthia House



I grew up an active member of the Church of Christ. I became a Christian and was baptized at 8 years old. At 19 I left the church and struggled with my faith for a few years. When I returned to active expression of my faith at 22, I became Southern Baptist. At 23, I underwent the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and became Charismatic. This experience significantly changed my relationship with God, giving me a hunger for spiritual things and leading me to a life centered on obedience to Him. In this same year, he gave me the vision for a Creative Expressions ministry which He was entrusting to me. I have no idea why the vision or why me. I still don't know. I just remember thinking how impossible it all seemed.

For the next 18 years, I was active in the Baptist Church and worked in 5 congregations in 4 states, the last in Knoxville. During these years, I taught adult, youth and children's Sunday schools, worked in vacation Bible schools, sang in 5 choirs and in several ensembles and directed graded and youth choirs. I was ordained a deacon, made numerous mission trips, worked in a jail ministry, served as a youth director and traveled with a singing ministry. I did whatever God directed me to do, thinking that each congregation would be the place where the vision He had shown me would become reality.



When I was 40, I was asked to come to a small, struggling Community Church in Farragut and start a music program. John and I worked at that church for two years. When that church closed, a core group of members wanted to stay together and started looking for a church home. Because we came from so many different backgrounds, it was difficult to find common ground. However, we ended up at Erin as agreeable to most in the group.

Presbyterian was a stretch for me at the time. However, I felt God's leading and wanted to stay with my faith family, so I settled in. Six months after we started attending church at Erin, God instructed me that Erin was where He wanted the ministry He had shown me some 20+ years earlier. Though I did not understand His choice of Erin, I moved forward in faith. That was 22 years ago. I have worked very hard to honor His vision and His calling and the people of Erin have labored right along with me and worked to make the impossible possible. The Creative Expressions Ministry has never been easy for any of us, but it has always been miraculous and has given God and not us the glory.

I love the Lord with all my heart, mind and soul and since I was 23 have sought to follow His direction in my spiritual, personal and professional lives. I also love Erin church and God's people here and will honor His calling to once again serve on Session.

I have omitted so much about my faith journey because of time and space. However, I want to add that without my husband, John, my faith journey would be less balanced and rich. He taught me the intellectual wonders of God's word and how to study and question to balance the emotional and spiritual wonders I had already found. He encourages my journey and supports my work. I am so thankful he is in my life. He is my partner in faith and life. rich. He taught me the intellectual wonders of God's word and how to study and question to balance the emotional and spiritual wonders I had already found. He encourages my journey and supports my work. I am so thankful he is in my life. He is my partner in faith and life.

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MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP



SEEDS OF ABRAHAM

On September 17, several members of our Youth Group and their parents participated in a service project alongside youth from the Seeds of Abraham organization. Seeds of Abraham seeks to bring youth of all faiths together to "bridge the gap, break bread together, and build a better tomorrow." We gathered at the Annoor Mosque and prepared sack lunches, then delivered them to the folks that seek shelter under the bridge off 5th Avenue. We served alongside others from Church of the Ascension, Anoor Mosque, Farragut Presbyterian, and UKirk Campus Ministry Center and we were able to distribute just over 120 lunches to those in need!



Outreach will have a church-wide work day at the FISH Pantry on Scott Avenue on Saturday, October 28, from 9:30-1:30. Please join us as we do God's Work with Our Hands!

BreadBreakers will meet Saturday, October 21st at the home of Diana Brandon, assisted by Suzanne Levering. Please consider joining us... signups will be in the bulletin!



Our September Coffee Club was a success!

John brought coffee from Dunkin Donuts, April made brownies and pumpkin pie. Folks shared stories from their early years at Erin and we had a short devotional near the end, read by Pastor Stuart. It was a sweet time of fellowship for all who were there. Please feel free to stop into the Fellowship Hall at 10:30am, the third Tuesday of each month. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and enjoying a cup of joe and some sweets with you. The next Coffee Club is Tuesday, October 17th.



PW Circle will meet the first Thursday, October 5th at 10:00am in the church parlor. Anna McKay will lead Lesson 2 on the Spiritual Fruit of Joy from. (Luke 24:33-53)



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



PLANET WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS	
October 1	Kelcey Levering
October 8	Farrah Linkous
October 15	Joy Bornhoeft
October 22	Jennifer Gahan
October 29	Kristi Bailes
November 5	Stacie Armsworth



This month in Planet Worship, kids will continue to explore the fundamentals of worship. They will learn all about the Sacraments -- Communion and Baptism -- with a special emphasis on World Communion Sunday on October 1st. We also will study the different types of prayer and why we give an offering as part of worship.



Pioneer Club Returns
Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30pm
Family Life Center



Pioneer Club is off to a great start with 12 Pioneer Rangers who are excited to explore the wonderful world of amazing animals. This month, we'll go "down under" to learn about the unique animals of Australia. Two of our Rangers will share with us experiences from their trip to Australia this past summer. We'll end the month learning all about OWLS -- just in time for Halloween! **Please note:** Pioneer Club will not meet on Oct. 11th due to the Knox County Fall Break.

John Knox Pre-teen Retreat

In September, four of our 4th and 5th Graders attended the 3rd Annual Pre-Teen Retreat with 40 other kids from churches in our Presbytery. During the overnight retreat, preteens studied the Parable of the Sower and learned how to explore God's Word with their whole bodies -- through meditation and yoga techniques, walking the prayer labyrinth, and art. Kids also enjoyed the many outdoor activities that John Knox offers, such as the flying squirrel, high ropes, kayaking, paddle boarding, and swimming.

