



IN OTHER NEWS



Erin-on-the-go T-shirt pre-orders are being collected now through Wednesday, December 6th.

Price for short sleeve adult t-shirts is \$12 (for 2XL and up, \$14). Price for adult long sleeve t-shirts is \$15 (for 2XL and up, \$17). The t-shirts will be a soft-style with our discipleship theme of "God's Work, Our Hands" on the back.

Please see Kelli Canan with any questions!

Please send an email with holiday spirit to our Mission Co-Worker, Jan Heckler.

She would love to hear from any and all of our congregation. Her email: jan.heckler@pcusa.org. Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 10th, 2017 at 12:15 pm in the Outreach Room.

High School Summer Trip - Mission at Massanetta - June 3-7, 2018

The High School group will be participating in a mission oriented summer trip in 2018 at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center in Virginia. If your youth is planning to participate, a deposit of \$50 is due by December 10th. Please make checks payable to Erin Presbyterian and turn them in to Farrah Linkous.

Middle School Summer Trip - Middle School Montreat Conference - July 18-22, 2018

The Middle School Youth will be attending Middle School Montreat at Maryville College. If your youth is planning to participate, a deposit of \$100 is due January 21, 2018. Please make checks payable to Erin Presbyterian and turn them in to Farrah Linkous.

STEWARDSHIP

As the end of 2017 (fast) approaches, it's a good time to review your 2017 Contribution Status.

No one knows what, if any changes will be made to the Federal Income Tax Laws, but at this point, any changes will be made prospectively, not retroactively. Accordingly, you may want to "speed up" your Church Fiscal year pledge contributions to take advantage of the (probable) higher tax rates in 2017.

If you're in a higher tax bracket in 2017 as opposed to future years, you will get more bang for your contribution bucks this year...

December 31 is a Sunday, so all who contribute on that day can still count their giving on that day towards their 2017 Contributions. If you're mailing your end of year contributions, they MUST be postmarked on or before December 31 in order to count for 2017.

Also, a reminder to those of you 70 1/2 or older, and those who have Inherited IRA's...

If you must take a Required Minimum Distribution ("RMD") by 12/31, you can have the Administrator of the IRA make a payment directly to the Church. Please verify this with your Tax Advisor, but if handled properly, the RMD made directly to the Church from the IRA will NOT count as Taxable Income to you.

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your continued support of Erin Presbyterian Church!

DECEMBER 2017

PLANET WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS	
December 3	Sherry Draper
December 10	Brooks Eggers
December 17	Erin McCallum
December 24	No Planet Worship
December 31	Kelcey Levering



in Planet Worship

This month in Planet Worship, children will explore the themes of Advent:

HOPE ~ PEACE ~ JOY ~ LOVE

for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The motto of PDA is **Out of Chaos, Hope.**

By participating in this project, our children can help shine the light of hope on those in need this Christmas. Kids also will receive a special Advent Calendar to use at home throughout the season.

There will be no Planet Worship on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24th. Children are encouraged to remain in worship for a special family friendly service.

Special children’s bulletins will be available in the Narthex.

The Nursery will be available for children 4 years old and younger.



In November, our young Pioneers learned about native wildlife and their importance to the Native American peoples of East Tennessee and the Plains. They also made several Native American inspired crafts.



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



This month, kids will make homemade ornaments and decorate a woodland Christmas tree. We’ll learn all about reindeer, also known as caribou, and celebrate the season with our annual Christmas party. The last Pioneer Club of this calendar year will be December 13th. We will not meet during Knox County Winter Break, but will resume on January 10th.