

Stewardship

Erin Presbyterian Church Balance Sheet As of December 17, 2017	
12/17/17	
Dec 17, 17	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	15,145.03
HF Savings	131,950.49
SunTrust Checking	1,001.85
SunTrust Debit Card Account	385.87
Total Checking/Savings	148,483.24
Total Current Assets	148,483.24
Fixed Assets	
Building Improvements	46,547.00
Computer Equipment	2,420.97
Furniture and fixtures	35,699.89
General Equipment	9,764.55
Accumulated Depreciation	-45,055.45
Total Fixed Assets	49,376.96
TOTAL ASSETS	197,860.20
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	521.08
Total Other Current Liabilities	521.08
Total Current Liabilities	521.08
Total Liabilities	521.08
Equity	
Retained Earnings	137,545.72
Unrestricted Funds	47,164.25
Net Income	12,629.15
Total Equity	197,339.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	197,860.20

Erin Presbyterian Church Profit & Loss July 1 through December 17, 2017	
12/17/17	
Jul 1 - Dec 17, 17	
Income	
Other Income	49.00
Memorial Income	825.00
Creative Expression Income	184.00
Discipleship Income	2,940.81
Fellowship Income	3,791.00
Offerings	145,346.50
Outreach Income	541.00
Property Income	13,929.08
Restricted Accts Income	5,207.09
Stewardship Income	121.15
Total Income	172,994.63
Gross Profit	
Expense	
Transfer to Capital Campaign	1,483.27
Creative Expressions Ministry	4,541.20
Discipleship Team	4,215.17
Fellowship Team	3,319.83
Outreach Team	14,300.00
Pastoral Ministry	48,281.78
Payroll Expenses	0.00
Property Team	27,824.93
PW expenses	17.48
Restricted Accts Expense	3,823.15
Stewardship Team	51,529.50
Worship Team	1,009.17
Total Expense	160,385.48
Net Income	12,629.15

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Message from the Pastor...



Philippians 3:13b-14 *“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (NIV)*

Dear Friends,

Now that we have entered a new year, we each probably have ambitions and dreams we hope to accomplish in the months ahead. Perhaps you have resolved to try or do something new. Maybe you will fulfill something that you have been meaning to do for a long time. It could be that circumstances have changed your life and you are now traveling down an unexpected path. Whatever the case, I think Paul’s ancient words, quoted above, to the church at Philippi, will resonate with a lot of us. We are moving ahead to continue our life’s journey with the faith and knowledge that wherever we go, God is still calling us to Him through Jesus.

As a church, we have just completed 140 years together. Our congregation is always fluid with different people coming and going throughout the years. Each person has added to the ministry and mission that Christ has called us to undertake and accomplish. Every generation has faced different issues and fulfilled its work for God in different ways. In fact, if we were to stand back and take a look at what Erin has accomplished, it would be a wonderful tapestry of people, events, and places that God has initiated and enabled us to complete.

One of those important parts of our congregational journey involves worship. In 2018, we will present a new hymn book called the “Glory to God” hymnal. It was introduced and published as a Presbyterian hymnal a couple of years ago. It contains a lot of old favorite hymns which were missing from the Blue hymnals, as well as a significant number of new hymns which are relevant to the upcoming generation of Erin worshipers. As usual, it will take us some time to get used to a new book, but it is a worthwhile and significant change in the life, ministry, and worship of our congregation.

The hymn books have been purchased through a special memorial bequest and more will be revealed to us about this next month. We hope to dedicate the books on Sunday, February 11th, which is Transfiguration Sunday on the Church Liturgical Calendar.

I hope that you will embrace this new part of our church’s life. As we move ahead, we seek to reach out to the wider community around Erin. Our music is one of the special blessings that God has given us, whether it comes from our choir, church organist, hand-bell ensemble, praise band, or gifted young people. We like to play, sing, and hear the songs of salvation that God has given us. With this new hymn book, we will be able to reach out to more folks who come into our church looking for God’s love.

May God bless all of your hopes, plans, and dreams for this New Year. May all your loved ones be blessed with God’s peace and love.

Pastor John

January 2018

JANUARY 9

6pm Staff Meeting
7pm Discipleship Meeting
7pm Fellowship Meeting

JANUARY 10

5:45pm WND IS BACK!
All Wed. activities resume

JANUARY 14

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

JANUARY 15

Office Closed for MLK Day
6:30pm Property Meeting

JANUARY 16

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

JANUARY 18

7:00pm Session

JANUARY 20

6:30pm BreadBreakers

JANUARY 28

9:30am Meet with Mission Co-Worker from Madagascar
No Sunday School



Connections Class

CONNECTIONS CLASS – New Themes & Lessons for 2018

Just before the end of the year, the Connection Class, which the pastor teaches on Sunday mornings, made some suggestions for themes to be studied and discussed during January to May 2018. The topics included the *Gifts of the Spirit, Islam, Women in the Bible, the Book of Revelation, and Authentic Christianity*. These are great ideas which the pastor will work on and present on Sunday mornings. The following is the list of monthly themes:

- January – 7 Gifts of the Spirit (Romans 12:6-8)
- February – 5 Pillars of Islam
- March – 4 Women in the Bible
- April – Revelation: Symbols & Images
- May – Authentic Christianity

The Connections classes take place in the Heritage Room. Folks gather & socialize from 9:30 AM. The lesson begins at 9:45 AM and concludes at 10:30 AM.

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the classes. The January lessons are as follows:

- Jan 07 – Prophecy & Serving
- Jan 14 – Teaching, Exhortation, & Leadership
- Jan 21 – Giving & Mercy
- Jan 28 – Special program with our missionary Jan Heckler about her work in Madagascar.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday studies begin again on January 17th at 6:45 PM in the Heritage Room. Presently, the pastor is teaching from Paul’s letter to the Romans. The class is looking at, and discussing, a different chapter each week.

During January, the chapters to be discussed are as follows:

- Jan 17 – Romans 5
- Jan 24 – Romans 6
- Jan 31 – Romans 7

Everyone is welcome to attend the study. You may bring your own Bible, ideas, and questions, too.

BreadBreakers

BreadBreakers will meet on Saturday, January 20 at the home of Jenny Rogers and Wes Fellers. Signups are in the bulletin and we hope you can join us! All adults welcome, whether or not you’d like to host at any time. We’re all just happy to spend the evening together around a good meal.



January

JANUARY 7TH	JANUARY 14TH	JANUARY 21ST	JANUARY 28TH
COFFEE HOST	COFFEE HOST	COFFEE HOST	COFFEE HOST
Betty Gibbs	Dan Gibbs	Anna McKay	Betty Gibbs
GREETERS	GREETERS	GREETERS	GREETERS
Ron DuBois Sonja DuBois	Larry McKay Anna McKay	Rickey McCallum Erin McCallum	Lynn Sexton Pat Sexton
BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER
Ella Levering	Rose Armsworth	Kenleigh Pennington	Isabella Armsworth
GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE
Cynthia House	Jane Brannon	Kellan Sarles	Cathy Van Ostrand
READER	READER	READER	READER
David Eggers	Joy Bornhoeft	Joe Jaynes	Rob Lynch
USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS
Brooks Eggers Suzanne Levering Pat Wallin Jim Montgomery	Robbie Levering Cathy Van Ostrand David Leckie Sara Leckie	Larry McKay Nicole Waters Gary Pennington Kay Pennington	Erin McCallum Kim Pennington Dusty Pennington Jim Montgomery
PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP	PLANET WORSHIP
Joy Bornhoeft	Kim Pennington	Farrah Linkous	Kelcey Levering
COUNTER	COUNTER	COUNTER	COUNTER
John House Mike Jones	Neill Murphy Eva Lynch	Rickey McCallum Mike Jones	Dave Eggers Neill Murphy
COMMUNION			
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Please remember: If you need to make a change to your scheduled day, please switch with someone directly. If you cannot find someone to switch with you, let April know and she’ll give you a hand. admin@erinpresbyterian.org

Outreach & New Hymnal

Thank you to all who gave to the Christmas Joy Offering. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! And Thank you Erin Church for support of Morgan Scott Project coats for the cold!



"WHERE YOU
MOVIN?" I
SAID, "ONTO
BETTER THINGS"

Save the Date!

MARCH 4TH INTO MISSION will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2018, and will offer multiple opportunities to put all our hands to use for God's work. We will be serving lunch and will have mission work available for all ages. Keep an eye out for more info to come in the future!

New Hymnals Coming In February

By Joe Jaynes, Choir Director

The new hymnals were purchased with memorial funds from the bequest of Ron and Jacque Roberts.

Ron sang with the choir for many years, and Ron and Jacque both contributed so much of their time and talents to Erin for decades. Their family is delighted to honor their memory through the purchase of the new hymnals, and hopes that their use each week will encourage fond memories of Ron and Jacque as we lift our voices to God in song.

About the Hymnal

"Glory to God" was published in 2013, to replace the previous edition of the Presbyterian Hymnal from 1990. (That is the version we have been singing from for over 20 years.) The new edition contains over 800 hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs. Approximately 50% of the hymns come from the 1990 edition, supplemented by selections from older Presbyterian hymnals, other denominational songbooks, and individual authors and composers. You'll find music from six different continents, covering all major historical and contemporary sacred genres. The print format is easier to read, the indexes are more comprehensive and extensive, and we'll be able to replace both the old hymnals and the "Sing the Faith" supplements with a single, beautiful new volume.

The staff and session are excited to bring the new hymnals to Erin, and hope that you find them to be a powerful enrichment to our worship experience.

2020 Elder Statement of Faith Apryl Quinn

When I was 6 my neighbors, a sweet older couple, took my sister and me to their church. My parents looked at this couple as surrogate grandparents to us, and my sister and I felt the same way. I think for them, they felt like they were saving us.

My mother is from Okinawa, Japan and is Buddhist. She was never one to push her religion on any of us, and in fact, encouraged us to find our own religion. She has always been very supportive of that, even encouraging my children to pray and be strong Christians. My father was raised in church but in his adult life he hasn't attended.

I was baptized in that small Baptist church in rural Alabama with my neighbors as witnesses. I don't remember much about it. Something must have stuck, because as I grew up, wherever we lived (my father was Army so we moved a lot), I would try to find a church to attend.

When I was in middle school we lived in Texas and I remember I would go by myself and board "The Joy Bus". It would pick me up and drop me off every Wednesday and Sunday. When I lived in Germany during my trying high school years, I found a wonderful Young Life group. I recommitted myself to God at a retreat in Spain when I was 15. Then we moved back to Tennessee.

It was my Senior year and I was lost. I started attending church again when I met my, now husband, Buster. We went to Cokesbury United Methodist Church. I never really felt a part of that church. It wasn't until my friend Kari Matthews invited me to her church (Erin) that I finally found my fit. Erin was the family church I had been looking for. In September 1999 Pastor John Stuart married us on our farm in Farragut. We became members in 2000, and John has baptized all of my children. Our Erin family has offered support through difficult times. Through Erin, Kari and I started a MOPS group. I also cooked Wednesday night dinners for a few years when my 2 oldest boys were young. I helped for many years with VBS and the nursery at Erin.



As my oldest boys grew they wanted to attend church with their friends, so for a few years we went to a few different churches, but every time we would come to Erin it felt like I was coming home. Last year we decided that Erin was still the best place for us.

Once more, I have started helping with Wednesday night dinners and VBS this year. I'm so thankful to be part of Erin again. I know that God has led me to Where He feels I need to be.

BIRTHDAYS

January

- 1 Christa Mueller
- 3 Joe Tate
- 4 John Moxham
- 4 Jim Montgomery
- 4 Suzanne Levering
- 6 Mary Nelle Cate
- 6 Tracy Foster
- 6 Chloe Webb
- 10 Mia Quinn
- 10 Kelly Boyd
- 11 Alee Strand
- 12 Kelli Canan
- 14 Paul Armsworth
- 19 Tara Link
- 21 Al Wallin
- 21 Evelyn Stuart
- 28 Mike Jackson
- 30 Lora Yard
- 30 Andy Jaynes
- 31 Hallie Fellers



February

- 2 Ginger Thompson
- 6 Neill Murphy
- 10 Eva Lynch
- 12 Rose Armsworth
- 13 Dan Gibbs
- 13 Jodi Yau
- 14 Bette Brasher
- 17 David McKay
- 19 Marc Miller
- 19 Cecilia Stinnett
- 20 Anna McKay
- 27 Mike Cate
- 28 Robbie Levering
- 28 Harter Crisp
- 28 Gaevin Miller

Creative Expressions

Youth Summit 2018

This year's Youth Summit will be taking place on February 23rd through February 25th at the Glenstone Lodge in Gatlinburg.

The retreat is open to 8th -12th graders. The theme of this years summit is "I Am a Child of God" and the keynote speaker will be Tricia Dillon Thomas. The cost per youth will be \$62.50 and registration for the event will be due by January 24th. If your youth is planning to attend, please see Farrah Linkous for registration forms and further details.

Youth Group Resumes January 14 with a joint youth group meeting from 5:00 - 7:00.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Erin Youth will be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring again this year. The Super Bowl is on February 4th, so be on the lookout for our youth with soup pots! Funds collected will benefit the Fish Pantry, which our church works with throughout the year to help alleviate hunger in our community.

It's 2018 and Creative Expressions sure could use your Help!

The Gifts of Children worship service is February 4, just three weeks from next Sunday! The theme this year is the same as the Sunday school theme "God's work, our hands." Various age groups will read scriptures, play music, and show theatrical styles with both group and individual performances. The Gifts of Children service is the combined effort of the Youth Ministry, Discipleship and Creative Expressions.

What's coming up in 2018 with CEX?

Sonshine Company Musical Theatre Workshop: Show Dates: April 19th through 22nd

Journey 7 Advanced Theatre Workshop: Show Dates: February 16th through 18th

Erin Youth Players: Planning for the Summer Camp 2018 **Show Dates: June 28th through July 1st**

Such is the Kingdom Girls Show Choir: Will still be practicing and going into the community.

DaySpring Dance Ensemble: After taking a Winter Break we have plans to start back up on January 7th, 3:30 to 4:30pm, on Sundays.

We look forward to seeing lots of you involved in CEX programs at Erin this year! For more information, please visit www.erinpresbyterian.org or contact the church office, Kevin Griffin, Tammy Murphy, Cynthia House, or any member of the CEX team.

Children's Ministry

PLANET WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

1/7:	Joy Bornhoeft
1/14:	Kim Pennington
1/21:	Farrah Linkous
1/28:	Kelcey Levering
2/4:	Gifts of Children Service No Planet Worship



EPIPHANY
in Planet Worship

This month in Planet Worship, children will learn all about Epiphany – Three Kings Day.

Epiphany means "appearance" or "manifestation" of God and has roots in the word for sunrise or dawn. We celebrate Epiphany on January 6th and remember the Three Wise Men who brought gifts to the Christ Child. All month, kids will learn how Three Kings Day is celebrated around the world ~ in Mexico, Europe, and Russia.



Dia de los Reyes in Mexico



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



It's WINTER! Time for our Young Pioneer Rangers to explore the polar regions of the Earth ~ the Arctic and Antarctica. We will investigate the unique wildlife that live in these areas and the special adaptations they have for living in the extreme cold. We'll swim with the polar bears and march with the penguins.

Put on your warmest clothes and boots --- you won't want to miss it!

