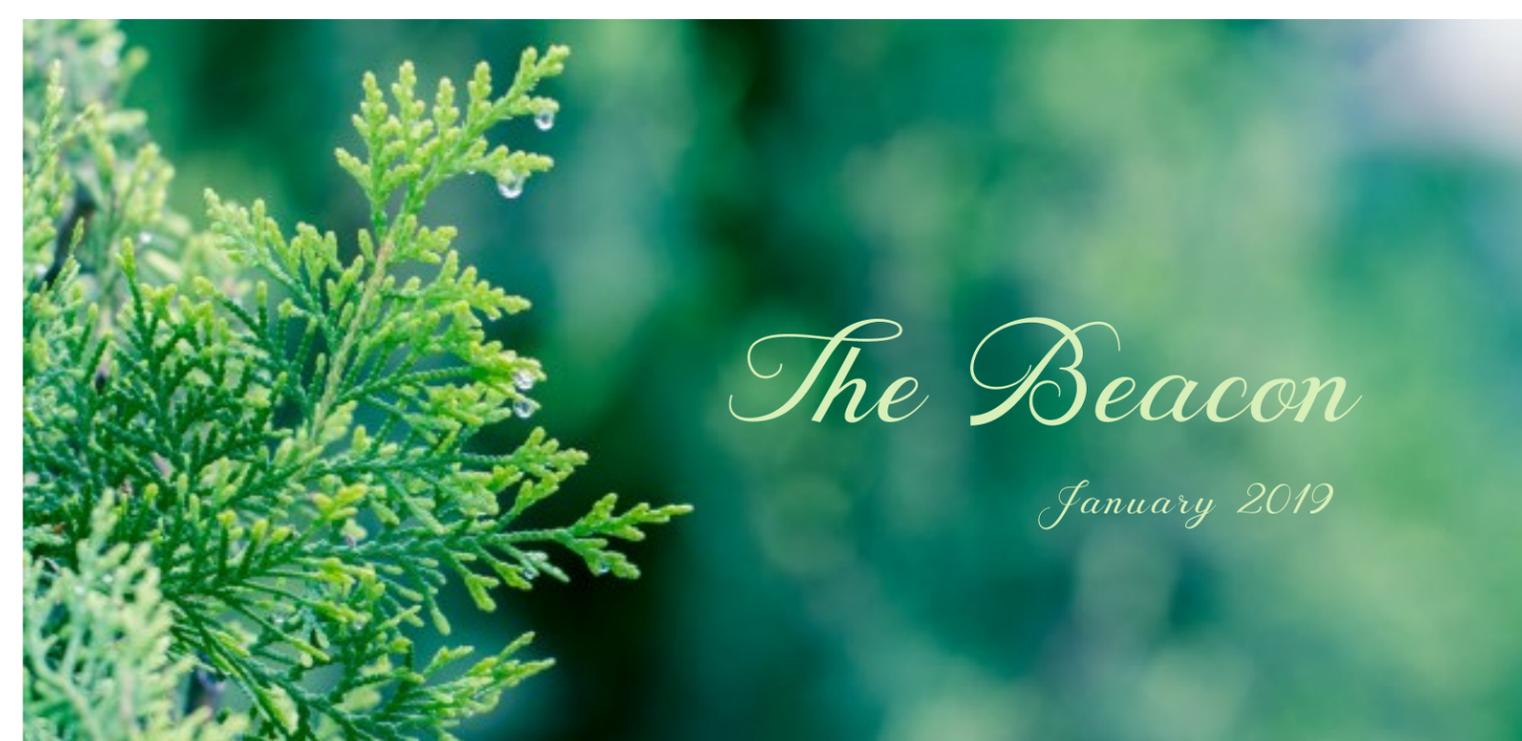


Christmas Potluck



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The Beacon

January 2019

“May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.”
2 Thessalonians 3:5 (NRSV)

Dear Friends,

As a child in Scotland, I always looked forward to New Year’s Day and the family celebrations that usually took a week to fulfill. The first couple of days involved seeing my grandparents, aunts and uncles, and all my cousins on both sides of the family. I still fondly remember nights of walking along snow covered sidewalks with the rest of my excited siblings, with all of us looking forward to seeing our relatives and playing with our peers. It was a wonderful time of year and some of my happiest childhood memories are attached to those New Year celebrations.

Like most folks, I also associated New Year as a special time to do something bigger or better with my life, so I made a few resolutions and listed some new aspirations to accomplish over the next twelve months. Some of the time, I actually kept the promises I had made to myself, but more often as not, something else prevented me from following through with my personal hopes and dreams. I didn’t give up on some of them; I just carried them over into the next year.

When I became a pastor in the late 1980s, a ministerial friend of mine made a suggestion about New Year which has stuck with me. Instead of making half-baked resolutions, he suggested that I find a Bible verse at the beginning of the year and make that my motto for the year. He even went further with it – he thought it would be a good idea to share it with the church and encourage other people to do the same. It worked and this year I am following this ‘tradition’ with this month’s highlighted verse:

“May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.”
2 Thessalonians 3:5 (NRSV)

We all meander through life and sometimes get lost or stuck. What this verse says to us is this: *Let’s ask God to point us in the right direction to where His love abides, for there we will find the strength we need to endure each day.* I think it’s a wonderful Bible promise and one which has the potential to help all of us, especially as we head into this newly formed year.

May God bless all of your hopes and dreams, and those of your loved ones.

Pastor John



Classes and Outreach

BIRTHDAYS

January

- 1 Christa Mueller
- 3 Joe Tate
- 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
- 19 LouL Tate
- 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 Randy Sarles
- 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

CONNECTIONS CLASS FOR JANUARY

Jan 06 – Jan 27, 2019 - 4 Week series: What is The Gospel?

Pastor Stuart will present a short series on the history of the four Gospels, explaining when and why they were written, as well as teaching what they emphasize about Christ's life and ministry. These 45-minute classes take place in the first room of the new education wing, just beyond the kitchenette, and begin at 9:45AM.

All are welcome 😊

Jan 06 - Matthew Jan 13 - Mark

Jan 20 - Luke Jan 27 - John

In February, to celebrate Black History month, the pastor will teach a 5-week series on the Belhar Confession which was recently adopted into the Constitution of the PCUSA.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CONVERSATIONS

Someone recently suggested that we look at the new Bible Project animated video series which was created to help church folks read and understand the scriptures. It was a great suggestion, so on Wednesday evenings in Pastor Stuart's classroom, we'll be watching and discussing different videos about books of the Bible and their themes.

We'll start the course on Wednesday, the 9th of January beginning at 6:45PM.

The lesson will end at 7:30PM. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come to the classes.

We'll begin with an overall study of what the Bible is and how we should read it.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date! Outreach is planning a Mission event on Sunday, March 3rd, 2019. We are going to go to Sunset Gap for a church wide service and mission opportunity! Details will be coming soon. Please watch your calendar for what we hope will be a fun, meaningful opportunity to "Come to the Table" and serve together!



January Volunteers

January 6th	January 13th	January 20st	January 27th
Coffee Host	Coffee Host	Coffee Host	Coffee Host
Anna McKay	Betty Gibbs	Dan Gibbs	Anna McKay
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
Todd and Amanda Pittman	Lynn and Pat Sexton	Rickey McCallum Erin McCallum	Sara and David Leckie
Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer
Ginger Thompson	Isabella Armsworth	Thomas Hopkins	Carter McCallum
Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide
Cynthia House	Jane Brannon	Cathy Van Ostrand	Kellan Sarles
Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader
Anna McKay	Joy Bornhoeft	Marcia Mechlin	Rob Lynch
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Pat Wallin	Robbie Levering	Larry McKay	Ian Bone
Cathy Van Ostrand	Chloe Levering	Nicole Waters	Kim Pennington
Keith and Karen Stump	Brooks Eggers	Rob Lynch	Dusty Pennington
Jim Montgomery	Jim Montgomery	Linda Quinley	Jim Montgomery
Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship	Planet Worship
Jennifer Gahan	Kim Pennington	Kristi Bailes	Brooks Eggers
Counter	Counter	Counter	Counter
Neill Murphy	David Eggers	Rickey McCallum	John House
Keith Stump	Joe Jaynes	Mike Jones	Craig Strand
Communion			
2020			

Worship Planning & Library



Want to have a say in how Erin's worship services are put together? Do you have ideas you'd like to share? For the past few years Rev. Stuart and selected staff have held this responsibility, but there's been growing interest in involving a broader group of members to share input and help plan our worship services. If you're interested, join us after church on January 20th for a short meeting in the Heritage Room. We'll talk briefly about the role of the new Worship Team and discuss possible meeting times. Whether you're a musician, actor, singer, or writer, or just have ideas for enhancing the way we worship at Erin, we need you!

HOPING TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH THE LORD? CHECK OUT THE RESOURCES IN OUR LIBRARY

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to spend more time with God, the Erin library's selection of devotional books can get you started. Some use a devotion-a-day format, like *The 5-Minute Devotional for Women* by Jan Silvious. Charles Swindoll's *Come Before Winter* is organized by seasons—not just winter, spring, summer, and fall, but seasons of the spirit—hard times, seasons for building faith, and periods of contentment and joy. Other books offer short selections you can read and think about any time. Many of our resources are classics, such as collections from the popular *Our Daily Bread* booklets, *A Testament of Devotion* by Quaker teacher Thomas Kelly, the *Chicken Soup for the Soul* series, and popular authors including Billy Graham, Max Lucado, and Madeline L'Engle. Newer authors are also represented. Brian McLaren's *We Make the Road by Walking* is a yearlong study with readings and questions to ponder each week of the liturgical year, and Anne Lamott's multiple collections of short essays, including *Help, Thanks, Wow—The Three Essential Prayers*, offer a fresh perspective on our relationship with God. You'll see these and other books on display in the library throughout January, so stop by and choose one to start off your new year by deepening your relationship with God.



JANUARY CALENDAR

January 1
New Year's Day

January 6
Youth Group is Back
4:45pm and 5:45pm

January 9
WND Returns

January 10
10am PW Circle

January 12
9:30am Men's Breakfast

January 15
10:30am Coffee Club

January 17
7pm Session

January 19
6:30pm BreadBreakers

January 20
Worship Planning Team
after church

January 21
MLK Day Office Closed

Financials & Coffee Club

Erin Presbyterian Church Balance Sheet As of December 8, 2018

	Dec 8, 18
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	14,153.69
HF Savings	158,243.62
SunTrust Checking	1,001.97
SunTrust Debit Card Account	1,013.01
Total Checking/Savings	174,412.29
Total Current Assets	174,412.29
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	-51,455.45
Total Fixed Assets	42,976.96
TOTAL ASSETS	217,389.25
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	1,357.36
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,357.36
Total Current Liabilities	1,357.36
Total Liabilities	1,357.36
Equity	
Retained Earnings	170,475.26
Unrestricted Funds	47,164.25
Net Income	-1,607.62
Total Equity	216,031.89
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	217,389.25

Erin Presbyterian Church Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison July 1 through December 8, 2018

	Jul 1 - Dec 8, 18	Jul 1 - Dec 8, 17	\$ Change
Income			
Other Income	0.00	49.00	-49.00
Memorial Income	0.00	825.00	-825.00
Creative Expression Income	33.00	184.00	-151.00
Discipleship Income	2,266.63	2,940.81	-674.18
Fellowship Income	3,240.50	3,923.00	-682.50
Offerings	138,960.00	138,755.50	204.50
Outreach Income	0.00	344.00	-344.00
Property Income	5,265.00	13,129.08	-7,864.08
Restricted Accts Income	1,264.00	5,078.09	-3,814.09
Stewardship Income	156.90	121.16	35.74
Total Income	151,186.03	165,349.64	-14,163.61
Gross Profit	151,186.03	165,349.64	-14,163.61
Expense			
Transfer to Capital Campaign	0.00	1,403.27	-1,403.27
Creative Expressions Ministry	3,823.22	4,541.20	-717.98
Discipleship Team	2,983.74	3,615.17	-631.43
Fellowship Team	2,776.42	3,199.83	-423.41
Outreach Team	11,669.74	11,815.00	-145.26
Pastoral Ministry	47,203.86	45,978.47	1,225.39
Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Team	32,105.06	26,327.23	5,777.83
PW expenses	17.25	17.48	-0.23
Restricted Accts Expense	45.00	3,823.15	-3,778.15
Session	136.73	0.00	136.73
Stewardship Team	50,952.83	48,831.55	2,121.28
Worship Team	1,079.80	941.25	138.55
Total Expense	152,793.65	150,493.60	2,300.05
Net Income	-1,607.62	14,856.04	-16,463.66



Fellowship & Cancellations

BREADBREAKERS

Breadbreakers will kick off 2019 with our first dinner at the home of Dan and Betty Gibbs, on Saturday, January 19th at 6:30 pm. Signups will be in the bulletin two weeks prior. If you have never been to a Breadbreakers or it's been a while.....check it out in the new year. We have a great time of casual dining and fellowship.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW Circle will meet on Thursday, January 11th at 10am in the Parlor. We will be discussing Lesson 4 – Express Gratitude Throughout the Day, led by Nancy Berry. It is based on Philippians 4:4-9. Sonja Dubois will provide light refreshments. All women are invited to attend.

CANCELLATIONS

In case of cancellation, we will update our facebook page and webpage with the information. You may also receive an email from cancellation@erinpresbyterian.org.

We've created this new email in order to let our church family know when unexpected and for weather related changes arise.

Children's Ministry

Planet Worship Volunteers	
1/6:	Jennifer Gahan
1/13:	Kim Pennington
1/20:	Kristi Bailes
1/27:	Brooks Eggers
2/3:	Kelcey Levering



"The Friendly Beasts"

In December, our children re-enacted the manger scene and sang "The Friendly Beasts" at our Appalachian Christmas Concert. "The Friendly Beasts" is a traditional Christmas song about the gifts that a donkey, cow, sheep, camel, and dove give to Jesus at the Nativity. The song may have originated in 12th century France, but the current English words were written by Robert Davis in the 1920's.



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



This month, our young Pioneers will trek to the arctic to explore the land of Northern Lights. We'll begin our tour in Alaska, where we will learn about Native American culture and arctic wildlife. We'll study what causes the Northern Lights and hope to see them on one of our nighttime outings. The tour ends in Banff, Alberta Canada for the 25th Anniversary of the Lake Louise Magic Ice Festival. Book your travel package today!

