

February Birthdays

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

May the abundance of the love of Christ fill all the days of your life.
Have a blessed Birthday!

Join us for Worship at 11am Sunday Morning!
Visit us at: www.erinpresbyterian.org
For all of our upcoming events and opportunities to serve.

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Matthew 11:25

“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

FEBRUARY 2020



A note from Pastor Stuart...

Dear Friends,
We all managed to get through January and I wonder how many of our New Year Resolutions are already broken. I know I was going to try to get to the gym a couple of times per week, but somehow, I got focused on other things and was distracted. It was much easier to watch sports on TV from my sofa than head down to the gym to get on the treadmill or bike. Hopefully, this month I will fulfill my promises to myself and lose some festive weight.

I was pondering a theme for this month and ran across the above highlighted Bible verse. It made me think about forgiveness and how I deal with other folks who have hurt, broken trust, or disappointed me. Like everybody else, I tend to nurse my grievances longer than I should and cradle my injured feelings in my soul beyond what is necessary. I also thought about how my lack of forgiveness to others could actually jeopardize God’s forgiveness of me. After all, don’t I often pray – “Forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors”?

So, what if we were to make February ‘s theme

‘Forgiveness’? What if we were to think hard about our past disappointments, regrets, and hurts and then forgive those who caused us sadness and pain? Wouldn’t that help to release us from the past, remove our labels as victims, and be restored to God’s grace and love? Wouldn’t forgiving those who wronged us enable us to move on with our lives, our hopes, and our dreams?

So, for me, if January was all about new resolutions, February is the time to forgive. If I expect God to forgive me of my sins, I have to start forgiving others. It won’t be easy to let go, but perhaps it will be less difficult if I let God help me to forgive. Then when I stand, sit, or kneel in prayer, resentment won’t ruin my prayers or spoil God’s grace. Instead, I will understand and embrace God’s mercy for me and allow my heart to be healed and my soul to be soothed. I hope and pray that you will be able to accept this challenge and experience the same. ☺

May God embrace you each day and help you find the courage to forgive.

Pastor John

Connections

CONNECTIONS CLASS

We are all faced with choices each day, some good and some bad.

*How do we know if our choices please God?
How can we faithfully follow the path Christ intends for us?*

This month's Connection Class will discuss these issues using the Old Testament lectionary readings to guide our conversation. Come and join us in Pastor Stuart's classroom each Sunday at 9:40 AM in the Education wing. Here's the list of classes:

February – Choices (BELONG)

- Feb 02 Why Worship? Psalm 84:1-12
- Feb 09 The Good Life Psalm 112:1-10
- Feb 16 Which Way Now? Deuteronomy 30:11-20
- Feb 23 God is in Control Psalm 2:1-11

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONVERSATIONS

Come to the parlor after dinner on Wednesday nights to exchange our ideas and thoughts about current events. We'll look to God's Word for guidance and share our prayers. The conversation begins at 6:45PM and ends around 7:25PM. All are welcome. 😊

FORGIVENESS IS FOR EVERYONE

There's a beautiful part of our Communion liturgy that I totally love. It's when I get to pray over the

bread and wine, saying, *"O Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world, grant us Your Peace."* I don't know what the good folks in the pews experience at that sacred moment, but I feel completely grateful to God for allowing us sinners the divine opportunity of being absolutely forgiven. As well as offering this to all of Christ's believers, the grace of God is extended beyond the table, out of the sanctuary, and into the heart of the community around us.

God's love is deeper than we can ever know, and His grace is beyond what we imagine it to be. And our mission, should we choose to accept it, is to take the Good News into our communities and let all people know that because Jesus fully atoned for every one of our mistakes, regrets, and sins, we can be completely restored to God's love as His precious daughters and sons, no matter who we are or what we've done.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, Savior of the World who heals our broken ways, forgives our sins and restore us to God's love.

We can never sufficiently thank You for such a beautiful gift, but we can extend Your blessing by lovingly sharing it with our families and friends, colleagues and neighbors, community and world. In Your Holy Name, we gratefully pray. Amen.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

<p>1 SONSINE REACHEARSAL 1PM</p> <p>2 MARKETING AND CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS MEETINGS 12:15</p> <p>4 STAFF MEETING 6PM DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP 7PM</p> <p>6 SESSION MEETING 7PM</p> <p>8 MEN'S BREAKFAST 9:30AM</p> <p>GIFTS OF CHILDREN SERVICE REHEARSAL 1PM</p> <p>9 GIFTS OF CHILDREN SUNDAY</p> <p>IT, OUTREACH, AND STEWARDSHIP MEETINGS 12:15PM</p> <p>10 PROPERTY TEAM MEEETING 6:30PM</p>	<p>13 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 10AM</p> <p>WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM 7PM</p> <p>14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!</p> <p>15 BREADBREAKERS DRAPER'S 6:30PM</p> <p>16 VISITOR FOLLOW-UP TEAM & ORGANIZATION HEALTH 12:15PM</p> <p>18 COFFEE CLUB 10:30PM</p> <p>21 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SUMMIT 21-23</p> <p>22 SONSHINE DANCE REHEARSAL 1PM</p>
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Children's Ministry

Planet Worship Offering

At the end of last year, the children in Planet Worship collected \$250 in offering to donate to various water projects through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog.

- The offering will be used to purchase:**
- 1 – water filter = \$ 50
 - 2 – rainwater catchment systems = \$150
 - 2 – Jerry Cans = \$ 50
- \$250**

To learn about more ways you can give through the Presbyterian Church visit: <https://presbyteriangifts.org/>.



Gifts of Children Sunday February 9th

Join us for a special service as our children and youth lead us in worship.

This year's theme is **Belong, Become, Beyond**. There will be NO Planet Worship on this day, but the Nursery will be available for children under 4 years old. Also, children's activity bulletins will be available in the Narthex near the worship bags.



Wednesdays 6:30 - 7:30 Family Life Center

Love and flowers are in the air! This month in Pioneer Club we will celebrate Valentine's Day by reading **Daisy Head Mayzie** and making a flowery valentine wall hanging. Then, we will get to know two of the most loving, selfless, Dr. Seuss characters **Thidwick the Big Hearted Moose** and **Horton (the one who Hatches the Egg)**. And, we will make heart-shaped animal valentines to give to friends and family.

PLANET WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS	
FEBRUARY 2	Jane Brannon
FEBRUARY 9	Gifts of Children - No Planet Worship
FEBRUARY 16	Farrah Linkous
FEBRUARY 23	Kim Pennington
MARCH 1	Kelly Boyd



MOPS Thursday, Feb. 6th 9:30 – 11:30 am Family Life Center

Join us at the next MOPS meeting and invite a friend! MOPS, a non-denominational Christian organization, was founded in 1973 when a group of moms of young children banded together to share their lives and parenting journeys.

At this meeting, you will learn more about Erin MOPS and this year's theme: **To The Full:**

Have More Fun ~ Fear Less ~ Find Your People

Refreshments will be served and we will be making a valentine craft. Childcare will be provided in the church nursery. Childcare will begin at 9:15 am so moms have time to get their kids settled before the meeting begins.

Contact Joy Bornhoeft for more information.
588-5350
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Save the Date!

Sunset Gap Worship, Lunch & Workday March 29, 2020
 In Lieu of Erin Pres Service.
Sunday, March 29, 2020
Sunset Gap Community Center in Cosby, TN

We are excited to have our congregation join together for a Mission Sunday, with a trip to Sunset Gap in Cosby, TN! We will be traveling to the Sunset Gap Community Center, where we will "Fulfill Erin's Vision" for a worship service, followed by lunch, and then we will put our hands to work and provide much needed service at Sunset Gap. Work will vary from light organizing and cleaning to heavy outdoor repairs.

There will be service opportunities for all sizes, shapes, and ages! This is an amazing opportunity to assist an organization who provides so much for the people of Appalachia who have a such a need. (There will be an alternative worship plan for those who are unable to make the trip. Details pending.)

Youth

Middle School Youth Group

We've changed the meeting time for our Middle School Youth Group. We will be meeting on Wednesday evenings, following Wednesday night dinner, 6:30 -7:30. Hope to see you all there!

Souper Bowl of Caring

Erin Youth will once again be participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Our young people will be collecting monetary donations on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2nd, as we leave church. All of the funds collected will be donated to the FISH Pantry, to assist with food insecurity issues in our city.

Youth Summit

Youth Summit is fast approaching, February 21-23 in Chattanooga. This year is a change of venue, so we are excited to see some new things in Chattanooga. The theme of the weekend is "Follow the Leader". The retreat will be led by Andrew Whaley and the music will be led by Howard Dudley. Please remember to keep our youth in your prayers as they travel and grow in their faith over the weekend.

Schedule of events for Worship & Workday

9:00am: Meet at Erin Presbyterian Church to carpool and caravan to Sunset Gap
11:00am Worship service at the Sunset Gap Auditorium. Lunch to follow worship
12:30-3:00 (or however long you are able to stay) Putting our hands to God's work at Sunset Gap!



PW Bible Study will meet on Thursday, February 13, at 10 am, in the Parlor. Lisa Osborne will lead us in Lesson Six, Keep Your Marriage Sacred. Nicole Waters will provide light refreshments.

Breadbreakers will meet at 6:30 pm on Saturday, February 15, at the home of David and Sherry Draper, 1524 Botsford Drive. Please plan to join us for a relaxed evening of food and fellowship.



Middle School Montreat

The theme for this year's Conference is "Endlessly Enough." The conference is July 15-19 at Maryville College. Middle school youth and rising sixth graders are invited to attend. If you haven't already registered and are interested in attending, please contact Farrah at youth@erinpresbyterian.org.

High School Montreat

The theme for this year's Conference is "We Are." Erin youth will be attending the conference the week of June 14-20. High school youth as well as rising freshmen are invited to join us. If you haven't already registered and are interested in attending, please contact Farrah at youth@erinpresbyterian.org.

Pancake Dinner Youth Fundraiser - February 26

We will once again be celebrating Shrove Tuesday on a Wednesday this year! Please join us as our youth host a pancake dinner fundraiser to raise money for their Montreat summer trips. As of now, we have 10 high school youth and 2 middle school youth registered to attend, so please support them generously at the event.

Volunteer Schedule

FEBRUARY			
FEBRUARY 2ND	FEBRUARY 9TH	FEBRUARY 16TH	FEBRUARY 23RD
Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
Anna McKay	Betty Gibbs	Anna McKay	Dan Gibbs
Greeters	Greeters	Greeters	Greeters
Kim Pennington	Sara and Dave	Janice James	Kelli Canan
Chloe Levering	Leckie	Brooks Eggers	Pat Wallin
Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer	Bell Ringer
Will McCallum	Mollie Gunter	Ella Levering	Mia Quinn
Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide
Cathy Van Ostrand	Sonja DuBois	Rickey McCallum	Kelly Boyd
Reader	Reader	Reader	Reader
Ella Levering	Joe Jaynes	Chloe Levering	Linda Quinley
Ushers	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Buster and Apryl Quinn	Robbie Levering	Kay and Gary Pennington	Ron and Sonja DuBois
Linda Quinley	Larry McKay	Erin and Rickey	Rob Lynch
Jim Montgomery	Anna McKay	McCallum	Cathy Van Ostrand
Planet Worship	Marcia Mechlin	Planet Worship	Planet Worship
Jane Brannon	Planet Worship	Farrah Linkous	Kim Pennington
Counters	No Planet Worship	Counters	Counters
Neill Murphy	Counters	Rickey McCallum	Craig Strand
Mike Jones	David Eggers	Ian Bone	Andy Sarles
Nursery On-Call	John House	Nursery On-Call	Nursery On-Call
Kay Pennington	Nursery On-Call	Evelyn Stuart	Madeline Stinnett
Communion	Jennifer Gahan		
2022			
Flowers	Flowers	Flowers	Flowers
	Gibbs	McKay	

Financials

Erin Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet
 As of January 12, 2020

	Jan 12, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	18,143.60
HF Savings	174,733.71
SunTrust Checking	602.10
SunTrust Debit Card Account	661.34
Total Checking/Savings	194,140.75
Total Current Assets	194,140.75
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	-61,055.45
Total Fixed Assets	33,376.96
TOTAL ASSETS	227,517.71
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	1,690.40
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,690.40
Total Current Liabilities	1,690.40
Total Liabilities	1,690.40
Equity	
Retained Earnings	135,940.81
Unrestricted Funds	47,164.25
Net Income	42,722.25
Total Equity	225,827.31
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	227,517.71

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Erin Presbyterian Church
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
 July 1, 2019 through January 12, 2020

	Jul 1, '19 - Jan 12, 20	Jul 1, '18 - Jan 12, 19	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Administration Income	133.54	0.00	133.54
Creative Expression Income	3,063.00	33.00	3,030.00
Discipleship Income	3,232.58	2,266.63	965.95
Fellowship Income	3,733.00	4,192.46	-459.46
Offerings	221,737.16	167,342.11	54,395.05
Property Income	6,200.00	5,325.00	875.00
Stewardship Income	0.00	183.82	-183.82
Total Income	238,099.28	179,343.02	58,756.26
Gross Profit	238,099.28	179,343.02	58,756.26
Expense			
Marketing & Communication Team	221.65	0.00	221.65
IT Team	2,291.28	0.00	2,291.28
Audio Visual Team	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Administration Team	5,207.99	0.00	5,207.99
Creative Expressions Ministry	8,244.05	4,833.22	3,410.83
Discipleship Team	2,896.63	3,007.27	-110.64
Fellowship Team	3,401.90	3,535.13	-133.23
Outreach Team	14,380.00	14,309.74	70.26
Pastoral Ministry	57,949.99	56,525.50	1,424.49
Payroll Expenses	1,894.97	0.00	1,894.97
Property Team	40,345.59	37,863.99	2,481.60
PW expenses	0.00	17.25	-17.25
Session	862.26	136.73	725.53
Stewardship Team	51,904.39	63,663.94	-11,759.55
Worship Team	1,611.45	1,254.39	357.06
Total Expense	192,712.15	185,147.16	7,564.99
Net Ordinary Income	45,387.13	-5,804.14	51,191.27
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Memorial Fund Income	200.00	340.00	-140.00
Building Up	900.00	0.00	900.00
Property Fund Income	150.00	150.00	0.00
Restricted Accts Income	3,173.71	5,976.15	-2,802.44
Total Other Income	4,423.71	6,466.15	-2,042.44
Other Expense			
Memorial Fund Expense	163.59	0.00	163.59
Restricted Accts Expense	3,725.00	4,185.11	-460.11
Depreciation Expense	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	7,088.59	7,385.11	-296.52
Net Other Income	-2,664.88	-918.96	-1,745.92
Net Income	42,722.25	-6,723.10	49,445.35