

Birthdays

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| 1 Henry Fellers | 6 Kelcey Levering | 20 Wes Fellers |
| 2 Joan Miller | 9 Justin Bornhoeft | 22 Jim Thompson |
| 4 Bill Osborne | 14 Joy Catron | 26 Colton Pennington |
| 4 Gary Pennington | 18 Cade Quinn | 28 Diana Brandon |
| 4 Will McCallum | | |

Happy Birthday to you!

Visit us at: www.erinpres.org to catch up on news,
make an offering, and read John's devotions!

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Psalm 122:1 I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (NIV)

Dear Friends,

Hallelujah! We're open for worship in the sanctuary again! It is so good to be able to write that and tell other folks it's happening! It has been a long year and I am very thankful for your patience and understanding, as well as your constant support and encouragement. We've managed to keep our folks safe through all of the precautions that we have taken, so when we get back together officially on Sunday May 2, it will be an opportunity not only to see each other, but to give God thanks for watching over and sustaining us.

Because Covid remains active in our area, we'll still need to adhere to health safety guidelines. This means that for the first month of returning we'll be limiting worshippers to sixty people, plus worship leaders. Worshippers will also be required to wear a mask as they enter the church building and follow the instructions from our ushers. It will be a tad inconvenient, but as we're Christians, we all look out for one another, not just for ourselves.

After the first month, we may be able to relax some of the precautions, especially if the Covid numbers in our area constantly decrease.

We will still continue to produce our online services for those of you who remain at home. This has been a key component of keeping the congregation connected, especially for those who cannot come to the church building. The good thing is that no matter where we are, when we worship God sincerely, the Lord receives our praise gladly.

If you want to attend an in-person worship service, then please sign up via our website (www.erinpres.org), or at this link: <https://volunteersignup.org/8WC9K>, or you can call April at the church office before 12noon on Fridays (865-588-5350). Reservations fill up quickly, so please do this as early in the week as you possibly can.

May God bless us all as we begin a new journey of faith and continue the mission that Christ has graciously given us to do.

Pastor John

Connections & Outreach

CONNECTIONS CLASS

Pastor Stuart teaches an online Sunday school class each week via Zoom. The class discusses the lectionary Gospel passage which will be highlighted in the following Sunday's sermon. Each week, participants are sent the lesson to be covered by email on Thursdays or Fridays. Everyone shares their ideas and opinions about the passage during the class and Pastor Stuart brings information about the historical context, language, and culture of the text. The classes begin each week at 9:15AM and all participants are sent the Zoom link by email. If you like Bible Study programs and seek to know more about the Bible, then why not come along and join the class? Zoom is easy to set up from your home computer or cellphone. If you'd like more information, contact April our Church Administrator at admin@erinpresbyterian.org and she'll add your name to the email distribution list.

The classes for May are as follows:

May 2 John 15:9-17 Commanded to Love

May 9 John 17:6-19 The Power of Prayer
May 16 Acts 2:1-8 The Power of Pentecost
May 23 Closing Session What's Next?

Our last class will take place on May 23. We will discuss ideas for studies throughout the summer and suggestions for new series in the Fall when we may be holding in-person classes.

THANK YOU to all who brought in donations for the LENT collection for Sunset Gap! You all have done such an amazing job of bringing in donations this year, and Sunset Gap is very grateful for all the help! Our next special collection will be in June, and will be the Pentecost offering. We will be collecting the Pentecost Offering on May 23, 2021. From this collection, 40% will be retained by the congregation, to support our youth in wanting to make an impact in our community. 60% will be given to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support children at risk, youth, and young adults.



MAY EVENTS

SUNDAYS

9:30am Online Worship Service
 9:15am Connections Zoom
 9:30am Hard Sayings Zoom
 9:30am Living in Faith Zoom
 9:30am HS SS Zoom
 9:30am MS SS Zoom
 9:30am Children's SS Zoom
 11am Indoor Worship Service
 5:00pm MS Group
 7:00pm "Sundays at 7" Zoom

MONDAYS

7pm High School YG

FRIDAYS

12pm Staff Mtg
 (1st/3rd Friday of the month)

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

1st 7:30am Sonshine Show
 2nd 12:30pm Creative Expressions
 4th 7pm Discipleship/Fellowship Mtgs.
 8th 7pm Worship Team Meeting
 10th 6pm Property Meeting
 7pm Stewardship
 13th 7pm Worship Team Meeting
 16th 12:30 Org H&C/2pm Visitor Follow-up
 12pm Outreach
 17th 7pm MIT Meeting
 20th 7pm Session Meeting
 31st MEMORIAL DAY - Office Closed

Financials

Erin Presbyterian Church			
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison			
July 1, 2020 through April 10, 2021			
04/10/21	Jul 1, '20 - Apr 10, 21	Jul 1, '19 - Apr 10, 20	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Administration Income	589.36	248.73	340.63
Creative Expression Income	0.00	3,448.00	-3,448.00
Discipleship Income	675.00	3,670.87	-2,995.87
Fellowship Income	0.00	6,729.25	-6,729.25
Offerings	311,899.32	328,129.16	-16,229.84
Outreach Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Income	8,835.00	12,340.00	-3,505.00
Total Income	321,998.68	354,566.01	-32,567.33
Gross Profit	321,998.68	354,566.01	-32,567.33
Expense			
Visitor Follow-Up Team	0.00	48.10	-48.10
Org Health & Culture Team	1,279.13	0.00	1,279.13
Marketing & Communication Team	120.40	529.74	-409.34
IT Team	4,067.29	3,585.59	481.70
Audio Visual Team	0.00	1,979.96	-1,979.96
Administration Team	10,015.21	9,672.07	343.14
Creative Expressions Ministry	7,785.00	12,396.30	-4,611.30
Discipleship Team	979.45	5,892.20	-4,912.75
Fellowship Team	499.85	5,872.86	-5,373.01
Outreach Team	29,146.29	22,765.00	6,381.29
Pastoral Ministry	88,697.59	86,969.79	1,727.80
Payroll Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Team	44,479.89	59,714.15	-15,234.26
PW expenses	0.00	9.69	-9.69
Session	0.00	1,324.99	-1,324.99
Stewardship Team	85,010.89	77,913.27	7,097.62
Worship Team	619.70	1,813.18	-1,193.48
Total Expense	272,700.69	290,486.89	-17,786.20
Net Ordinary Income	49,297.99	64,079.12	-14,781.13
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Over & Above Fund	0.00	505.00	-505.00
Memorial Fund Income	0.00	225.00	-225.00
Building Up	0.00	900.00	-900.00
Property Fund Income	2,078.00	620.00	1,458.00
Restricted Accts Income	1,245.00	4,256.71	-3,011.71
Total Other Income	3,323.00	6,506.71	-3,183.71
Other Expense			
Memorial Fund Expense	54.48	163.59	-109.11
Restricted Accts Expense	1,667.00	4,004.73	-2,337.73
Depreciation Expense	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	4,921.48	7,368.32	-2,446.84
Net Other Income	-1,598.48	-861.61	-736.87
Net Income	47,699.51	63,217.51	-15,518.00

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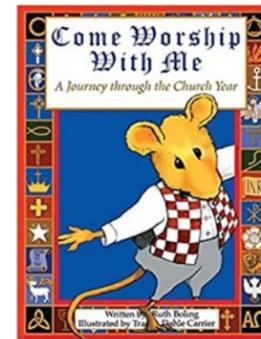
04/10/21

Erin Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet
 As of April 10, 2021

	Apr 10, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	17,822.99
HF Savings	229,367.43
Total Checking/Savings	<u>247,190.42</u>
Total Current Assets	247,190.42
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	<u>-67,455.45</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>26,976.96</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>274,167.38</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	-69.90
Total Accounts Payable	<u>-69.90</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	1,517.50
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,517.50</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,447.60</u>
Total Liabilities	1,447.60
Equity	
Retained Earnings	177,856.02
Unrestricted Funds	47,164.25
Net Income	47,699.51
Total Equity	<u>272,719.78</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>274,167.38</u></u>

Children's Ministry

Come Worship with Me
A Journey through the Church Year
 By Ruth Boling



Today is the Church's birthday. On this day long ago the Church was born. It happened like this: Jesus' friends were together in one room feeling frightened and sad because Jesus had left them to go back to God. Suddenly they heard the rushing sound of a mighty wind, and they saw flickerings of red, like flames of fire. It was the Holy Spirit! How brave they felt now! They ran out into the streets of Jerusalem to tell everyone about Jesus. Three thousand people were baptized with water, and the Church was born. Today in our church everyone wears something red to remind us of the flames of fire. We can feel the Spirit in the music and hymns we sing. We can feel the Spirit in the prayers we say and in the message. I've heard the Holy Spirit blows where it wants to, like the wind. I've heard the Holy Spirit is closer to us than the air we breathe. I've heard the Holy Spirit is our friend and guide.

God is Spirit!



TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY
MAY 16

We are so thankful, and blessed, to have such dedicated teachers to lead us in Sunday School and our Wednesday Night BridgeBuilder sessions each week of this most unusual year.

Thank you for giving of your time and talents, and for braving the world of Zoom, to keep us connected to each other, learning, and growing in Christ!

BridgeBuilders Sessions:

Kellan Sarles

Connections Sunday School:

Pastor John Stuart

Living the Faith Covenant Group Sunday School:

Kim and Joe Jaynes

Hard Sayings Sunday School:

John House

Youth Group and HS Sunday School:

Farrah Linkous

MS Sunday School:

Stacie Armsworth

Children's Sunday School:

Brooks Eggers
 Joy Bornhoeft

Erin College Graduates

ASHLEY DRAPER

I am preparing to graduate from the University of Tennessee Knoxville's Herbert College of Agriculture this May. I will be completing my bachelor's in agricultural communications, with a minor in agricultural leadership. I am also planning for a full-time career with UT Extensions services in a county here in East Tennessee. I have applied for a position in Knox County and hope to get my career started right here at home!

I am working as a UT student employee as part of a research team for the National Peanut Board (a national peanut farmer/crop promotional group based out of Atlanta, GA) I interview peanut farmers from across the country over the phone and collect data for a rural broadband research project. Needless to say, I will never be able to consume peanuts ever again without thinking of these hardworking farmers!

I have been on the Dean's List since the spring of 2018. I am also proud to say that I completed a full-time internship last summer with UT Extension in Union County. I worked in their office and helped run their farmers market program. I also lived in Maynardville for the summer of 2020 while completing my internship and got to know the people up there very well. I still consider it to be my second home and visit often.

Aside from my hopes of obtaining a career with UT Extension, I also would like to purchase some farm property somewhere in the area (preferably Blount County) and begin my dream of creating an agri-tourism destination. This may include a flower farm, pumpkin patch, corn maze, and seasonal produce stand. Essentially, I just want a small working farm/homestead where folks can come out to learn more about agriculture.

MADELINE GRIFFIN

Madeline is a fourth-year honors student at Emory & Henry College majoring in International Studies, Hispanic Studies, and History and expects to Graduate this May.

Since the beginning of Spring 2020, she has been working as a Global Ambassador with the International Office of Education. In conjunction With the other Global Ambassadors, Madeline assists students seeking to study abroad, and international students studying at the college. She also works with the International Office to promote international education, awareness, and global citizenship through the school's academic and extracurricular programs. Her abroad experiences began in the summer of 2019, when she volunteered as an assistant ESL teacher for the summer at the Copey Dota Learning Center in Costa Rica. There, she lived with a wonderful host family, assisted the head ESL teachers, and even got the chance to lead classes for pre-K through middle school age students.

Madeline also spent a semester abroad in Toledo, Spain, in Fall 2019 at the Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha. There, she completed coursework in International politics, history, and improved her Spanish while taking the opportunity to make new friends and travel throughout Europe. In the future, Madeline plans on expanding her language abilities, continuing her international education, and pursuing graduate-level study. She is grateful for The opportunity to be involved with the college's international education department to help its Programs grow and encourage other students to pursue international education.

She has benefitted greatly from the college's liberal arts curriculum and study abroad opportunities, which exposed her to new perspectives and cultivated an appreciation for international awareness and education.

Erin High School Grads

Congratulations to our graduating seniors - Anna Bornhoeft, Hayden Crisp, and Rose Freter. They have completed their high school careers in an extraordinary time and we are so proud of them all! It's been such a privilege to see them all grow through the years and become such wonderful young people. Please join me in wishing them the very best as they begin their next adventure - college! Check the newsletter next month to hear more about what they have planned for the future.

Thanks,

