

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 11 Jim Hilty          | 17 Carter McCallum | 21 Rickey McCallum |
| 14 Linda Quinley      | 19 Sonja DuBois    | 24 Randy Boyd      |
| 16 Isabella Armsworth | 20 Kelsey Sarles   | 29 Michelle Waters |

Happy Birthday!



**Psalm 45:9** *“Daughters of kings are among your honored women; at your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir.” (NIV)*



Dear Friends,

The news of Queen Elizabeth’s death last month in Scotland saddened me, she had been the only British monarch that I had ever known. She was crowned four years before I was born, so throughout my whole life I have watched and admired all that she accomplished. She dearly loved the Scots people, so when she died at Balmoral, I felt it was a fitting end to her long reign and life.

Around forty years ago, I once wrote to the Queen about the global climate and the ruining of the world’s environment by industrial polluters. I stated in my letter that as a Christian I was very concerned about what kind of Earth we would leave to our children and grandchildren. I mailed the letter to Buckingham Palace and thought nothing more about it.

A month later, I received a reply with the Buckingham Palace crest on it. I was both humbled and amazed. It was signed by the Environment Secretary at the time, Michael Heseltine, who began his reply with these words:

*“I am commanded by Her Majesty to thank you for your letter. As a Christian, Her Majesty is also concerned about the environment and the future of the Earth.”*

The letter ended mentioning her prayers for the world. I was touched by this – the Queen of the Commonwealth saying prayers for the world. She was a remarkable woman, a strong leader, and a reliable monarch to her people, but to me the greatest quality about her life was this: she served God faithfully as a Christian which, after all is said and done, isn’t that what we’re all called to do with our lives?

At the top of this article, I quoted a verse from Psalm 45 which describes an honorable daughter of a king, which the Queen most certainly was, but there’s also another verse from the same psalm which could be said of Queen Elizabeth II, **“You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.” (Psalm 45:7)**

May we all live to serve Christ faithfully and keep the world in our heartfelt prayers.

God bless.  
Pastor John

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# CONNECTIONS

## CONNECTIONS CLASS

Each Sunday, Pastor Stuart teaches a Bible Class in the Heritage Room, from 9:30AM to 10:30AM. This semester, he is teaching about the life and ministry of Saint Paul. Each week, the class discusses a different chapter from the Book of Acts, while the pastor provides the background and commentary on the passage. He also suggests videos that can be watched online that are associated with the scripture. Everyone in the class is encouraged to bring their questions and share their ideas about the text. They also discuss how Paul's ministry still affects us today and what we can faithfully apply in our own church and lives.



Everyone is welcome to join the class or even drop in on any given Sunday. The schedule for the class during October is as follows:

Oct 02	Acts 16	Faithful Women
Oct 09	Acts 17	An Unknown God
Oct 16	Acts 18	In Corinth
Oct 23	Acts 19	Ephesus
Oct 30	Acts 20	Farewell

On Fridays, Pastor Stuart emails the text and some questions to consider during the class. If you would like to sign up for these emails, contact April our administrator at this email: (admin@erinpresbyterian.org) and she'll add you to the email group.

## MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY



Usually, the pastor emails a short study on Wednesdays to all who are interested in studying the Bible on their own, with their family, or with a small group. Currently, the midweek study is focused on Paul's First letter to the Corinthians. The studies take about 20-30 minutes to complete, and the pastor provides some questions to ponder as the text is read at home. If you would like to receive these studies, contact

April our administrator (admin@erinpresbyterian.org) and she'll add you to the email group.

Pastor Stuart may also be setting up a short Wednesday night in-person class, based on the midweek study, in the Heritage Room between 6:45 to 7:15pm. Details will be given in the worship bulletin.

## 2022 HOMECOMING

Join us THIS SUNDAY for our Homecoming Sunday during the 11am service and afterward. **Covid and time have kept us apart far too long.** You will **see old friends** and make new ones. There will be a reception after the service in the Fellowship Hall for a chance to reminisce and visit. So, come Home!

## PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! It's time again for the annual Peace and Global Witness Special Offering. On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will join with Presbyterians all over the world to witness to Christ's love for the whole church. This offering is split between local, regional, and international peace and reconciliation work. 25% stays with our congregation, 25% goes to our mid council, and 50% goes to Presbyterians across the globe. Funds go to initiatives that address systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Last year, our local funds went to the Safe Haven Empowerment House, an organization that works to reduce gun violence and gang activity.

## JOIN THE CHOIR!

No vocal training is required, just a willingness to learn and an eagerness to lift your voice in praise. Ages high school to senior adult. We believe that God is praised in many ways. Consequently, the Choir performs a wide variety of music, from classical to contemporary. **Practice is on Wednesday nights from 7:30- 8:30pm. Email Joe at jtj@abacusarts.com.**

## SMALL & MIGHTY YOUTH OPPORUNITY

The Small & Mighty Group are taking a trip to Top Golf on October 16th from 5-7pm. Cost is \$20 per person with Golf and Food included! **Register no later than next Tuesday, October 4th!** [www.presbyteryeasttn.org/shared-ministries/youth-ministries/](http://www.presbyteryeasttn.org/shared-ministries/youth-ministries/)

# FINANCIALS

Erin Presbyterian Church			
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison			
July 1 through September 23, 2022			
	Jul 1 - Sep 23, 22	Jul 1 - Sep 23, 21	\$ Change
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
Income			
Administration Income	207.42	195.13	12.29
Discipleship Income	50.00	194.00	-144.00
Fellowship Income	70.00	390.00	-320.00
Offerings	80,421.78	81,151.00	-729.22
Property Income	2,700.00	1,675.00	1,025.00
Stewardship Income	150.00	0.00	150.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>83,599.20</b>	<b>83,605.13</b>	<b>-5.93</b>
Gross Profit	83,599.20	83,605.13	-5.93
Expense			
Org Health & Culture Team	21.45	41.70	-20.25
Marketing & Communication Team	0.00	12.00	-12.00
IT Team	1,490.65	2,349.96	-859.31
Administration Team	2,183.32	2,285.97	-102.65
Creative Expressions Ministry	418.56	0.00	418.56
Discipleship Team	2,091.55	297.01	1,794.54
Fellowship Team	284.16	419.59	-135.43
Outreach Team	8,852.00	9,035.00	-183.00
Pastoral Ministry	20,295.27	19,902.02	393.25
Property Team	18,182.60	16,623.62	1,558.98
Stewardship Team	22,734.19	23,742.62	-1,008.43
Worship Team	916.99	861.80	55.19
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>77,470.74</b>	<b>75,571.29</b>	<b>1,899.45</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>6,128.46</b>	<b>8,033.84</b>	<b>-1,905.38</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
Other Income			
Restricted Accts Income	800.00	260.00	540.00
Memorial Fund Income	500.00	0.00	500.00
Property Fund Income	1,139.00	2,126.00	-987.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>2,439.00</b>	<b>2,386.00</b>	<b>53.00</b>
Other Expense			
Restricted Accts Expense	12,828.74	0.00	12,828.74
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>12,828.74</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,828.74</b>
	<b>Jul 1 - Sep 23, 22</b>	<b>Jul 1 - Sep 23, 21</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-10,389.74</b>	<b>2,386.00</b>	<b>-12,775.74</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-4,261.28</b>	<b>10,419.84</b>	<b>-14,681.12</b>

# FINANCIALS

09/23/22

Erin Presbyterian Church  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of September 23, 2022

	<u>Sep 23, 22</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	27,164.32
HF Savings	316,121.98
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>343,286.30</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>343,286.30</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Building Improvements	46,547.00
Computer Equipment	2,420.97
Furniture and Fixtures	35,699.89
General Equipment	9,764.55
Accumulated Depreciation	-77,055.45
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<u>17,376.96</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>360,663.26</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	630.73
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>630.73</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>630.73</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>630.73</u>
<b>Equity</b>	
Retained Earnings	317,018.74
Unrestricted Funds	47,275.07
Net Income	-4,261.28
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>360,032.53</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>360,663.26</u></u>

# FAMILY MINISTRY



**Planet Worship this Month:**  
**October 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

There will be two Planet Worship sessions this month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

This month, lessons will focus on *How We Worship* and the *Order of the Worship Service*. Kids also will begin to work on their own worship kits – helpful tools like hymn bookmarks and prayer cards – which they can use during worship in the sanctuary. On Planet Worship Sundays, kids will leave the sanctuary after the Family Sermon to have their own lesson in the Family Life Center.

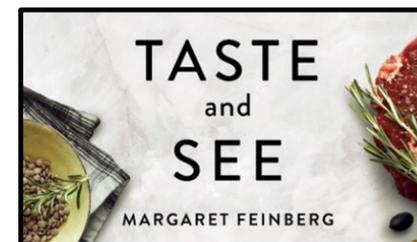


**Pioneer Club**  
**October 5<sup>th</sup> : 6:30 -7:30 pm**  
**Family Life Center**

This month, kids will travel to Germany for the world-famous Oktoberfest. Explore this beautiful country – land of castles, bread and sausages, and gummy bears. That's right, gummy bears were invented in Germany by Hans Riegel in 1922!

At Pioneer club, kids will learn how to shape homemade pretzels and decorate gingerbread hearts, both popular treats at Oktoberfest.

# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



**Fall Bible Study**  
**Thursdays**  
**at 10 am**  
**Oct 13 – Nov 17**

The Psalmist declared, "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Ps 34:8), so Margaret Feinberg, bible teacher and foodie, decided to take the invitation literally. She embarked on a global culinary and spiritual adventure to discover the truth in such a simple verse.

Join the women of Erin Church in this nourishing six-week video Bible study sprinkled with recipes and biblical insights. We'll take a look at the imagery of fruit

in the Bible, chew on the Bread of Life, savor the salt of the earth, relish the olive and its oil, and discover the liturgy of the table. After all, it's at the table where we learn to taste and see the goodness of God.

Our first session begins October 13<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in-person in the Family Life Center – use the entrance at the children's playground.

Contact Joy Bornhoeft to sign up.  
 cec@erinpresbyterian.org

# JUSTICE KNOX & WORDPLAYERS

## BECOME PART OF JUSTICE KNOX

Last year, Erin's 23 members of Justice Knox proved to be one of the most active and generous delegations! We held two house meetings, turning out 30 people to discuss the community problems that kept us up at night. We carefully recorded what we heard. We then joined with folks from 19 other faith communities to hear about progress on existing initiatives and to select a new issue to tackle – gun violence. Erin members joined research teams, advocated at meetings, and turned out 44 attendees to the Nehemiah Action Assembly. In the presence of almost 1,000 people of faith at World's Fair Park, community leaders publicly vowed to enact our recommendations for fairer, more transparent discipline practices in our schools, micro-transit options for those needing public transportation, and a thorough outside problem analysis of public gun violence in Knox County. Erin members also contributed more than \$6,500 to the work of justice! **Despite all that was accomplished last year, much remains to be done, and we need you to be a part of it!**

Your house meeting leaders again this year are Brooks & David Eggers and Kellan & Randy Sarles. **Kellan and Randy will host a "house meeting" on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 (before choir practice) with appetizers. Brooks and David will host a second listening session on October 23<sup>rd</sup> after church, with light lunch provided.** We would very much like to hear your stories and give you an opportunity to direct the course of justice work in Knox County. Whether you are already a network member or are seeking to know more about Justice Knox, please plan to attend one of these "house meetings." Taking action against injustice is an antidote to fear. If you feel overwhelmed by problems, become part of the solution!!

**"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." --Micah 6: 8**



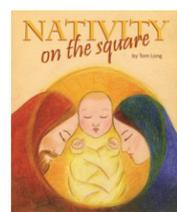
## WORDPLAYERS SHOW

The WordPlayers opens its 2022-23 season at Erin Presbyterian with Stephen Temperley's *"Souvenir: A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins."* Performances are Oct. 6, 7, 13 & 14 at 7:30 PM and Oct. 9 & 16 at 2:30 PM. Tickets, \$22 for adults and \$18 for students. Thursdays are Pay What You Wish. Tickets are available online at wordplayers.org and at the door. For more information, please call 865-539-2490.

Florence Foster Jenkins, one of the world's most famous society eccentrics, suffered under the delusion that she was a great coloratura soprano when she was, in fact, incapable of producing two consecutive notes in tune. Nevertheless, her annual recitals in the ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton brought her extraordinary fame. As news of her terrible singing spread, so did her celebrity. The climax of her career was a single concert at Carnegie Hall in 1944 which sold out in two hours. "Souvenir," by turn hilarious and poignant, tells her story through the eyes of her accompanist, Cosme McMoon. A talented musician, he regards her at first as little more than an easy way to pay the rent, but, as he gets to know her, his initial contempt gives way to reluctant admiration, then friendship and affection.



## NATIVITY SHOW



The Wordplayers are excited to perform their new Advent show: *"Nativity on the Square"* at Erin on Sunday morning, Dec. 11th in the 11am service. The figures of a public creche scene come to life on Christmas Eve and attempt to discover who they are. A drunken bag lady explains the Nativity to them in a manner that is both comic and deeply moving.

(Length: 25-30 minutes)

# OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2ND	OCTOBER 9TH	OCTOBER 16TH	OCTOBER 23RD	OCTOBER 30TH
BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER
Addison Strand	Ginger Thompson	Christa Mueller	Ripley Linkous	Will Carter
GREETER	GREETER	GREETER	GREETER	GREETER
Kelli and Tony	Linda Quinley	Mike and Mary Nelle	Joanne Clelland	Randy and Jenny
Denny	Anna McKay	Cate	Jim Montgomery	Boyd
GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE
Elaina Wood	Kellan Sarles	Ella Levering	Sonja DuBois	Amanda Murphy
READER	READER	READER	READER	READER
Erin McCallum	Randy Sarles	Rob Levering	Stacie Armsworth	Neill Murphy
USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS
Jim Montgomery	Nehemiah Freter	Kelcey and Ella	Henry Fellers	Kim and Dusty
Joanne Clelland	Jim Thompson	Levering	Elaina Wood	Pennington
COUNTERS	COUNTERS	COUNTERS	COUNTERS	COUNTERS
Joe Jaynes	Rickey McCallum	Neill Murphy	Andy Sarles	David Eggers
Craig Strand	Andy Sarles	David Eggers	Joe Jaynes	Neill Murphy
NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY
Ella Levering	Elaina Wood	Brooks Eggers	Lizzy Freter	Lindsey Barber
FLOWERS	FLOWERS	FLOWERS	FLOWERS	FLOWERS
	Massengill		Boyd	Stuarts

## ONLINE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

OCTOBER 2ND	OCTOBER 9TH	OCTOBER 16TH	OCTOBER 23RD	OCTOBER 30TH
Dave and Sara	Cathy and Kelly	Randy and Kellan	Rob and Kelcey	Andy and Kelsey

## OCTOBER EVENTS

2nd Homecoming Sunday/12pm Creative Expressions	14th 12pm Staff Meeting/6pm WP Show
4th 7pm Discipleship Meeting	16th 12:30pm Visitor Follow-Up/WP Show
6th & 7th 7:30pm WP Souvenir Show	20th 7pm Session Meeting
9th 12pm Outreach & Stewardship/1pm WP Show	
13th 10am PW Study Begins/6pm WP Show/7pm Worship	