

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 Sherry Draper | 8 Angelo Geraci | 17 Sara Leckie |
| 4 Hannah Matthews | 11 Dusty Pennington | 18 Connor Quinn |
| 5 Jackie Griffin | 12 Debra Poole | 25 Bill Brazelton |
| | 16 Nancy Berry | |

Happy November Birthday!

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to make an offering, and read John's devotions!

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THE BEACON NOVEMBER 2022



2 Corinthians 3:4-5

“Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God.”

Dear Friends,

When I came across this month’s highlighted verse, I enjoyed reading that word ‘sufficiency.’ It’s a very unique word and in the New Testament, it only appears in this sentence that the apostle Paul has written. I don’t know what ‘sufficiency’ means to you, but I take it to mean being completely prepared for anything that lies ahead.

When Paul wrote this, he was facing the final stage of his ministry and recognized that the Holy Spirit was leading him toward Rome. He didn’t expect to return from there, so when he was writing this so-called second letter to the church at Corinth, he wanted the folks there to know that God had already adequately supplied both Paul and that congregation with all that they were going to need in the future. They may have been in separate places with hundreds of miles between them, but the same God, through Jesus, would ensure that what Paul and the Corinthian church needed would be sufficiently provided.

We’ve been through a lot during the last couple of years and it amazes me how much God, through you, has sufficiently provided for the life, work, and ministry of Erin Church. We had to change a lot of things in order to cope with the new circumstances that we experienced. None of us had expected to be in such a

position, but God had already provided the people who, with their devotion and skills, created new ways for us to worship, fellowship, and share our faith together. In years to come, when the congregation looks back at this unprecedented time, I believe that our folks will greatly appreciate what was done to keep us going.

As we head out of this health crisis, God will continue to see to our sufficiency, as we seek to share the work of Christ with others. Already, we’re beginning to see new visitors attend our worship services and programs. We’re looking forward to celebrating the season of Advent, as well as becoming more involved in community issues that affect our beloved city. It’s an exciting time to be The Church together again, and to ask God to continue to guide our way ahead.

So, in this special time of Thanksgiving, let’s give a big “thank you” to everyone who has worked so hard to keep our congregation going and let’s joyfully remember that we have done this not for ourselves, but for the Kingdom of God among us and His Son Whom we gladly serve.

May God bless you with His sufficiency for all of your hopes and dreams.

Pastor John

MAKING CONNECTIONS



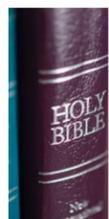
CONNECTIONS CLASS

Pastor Stuart continues to teach the Connections Bible Class on Sunday mornings at 9:30AM in the Heritage Room. Currently, the class is studying the latter chapters of the Book of Acts and discussing the apostle Paul's ministry.

It's a compelling study and each week, we find something relevant from Paul's experiences that continue to reflect our faith in today's world. The class also views some short videos to look at what places looked like in Paul's time and how they appear presently.

The studies last about an hour and the discussions are interesting and meaningful. Everyone is welcome to attend. During November, there will be two classes and the schedule is given below.

- Sun Nov 06 Acts 21 Riot in Jerusalem
- Sun Nov 13 *No class – pastor is leading an inquirers' class that day*
- Sun Nov 20 Acts 22 Paul's Defense – last class for this semester.
- Sun Nov 27 *New classes for 4 weeks based on Advent & Christmas hymns*



Midweek Bible Study

TOPIC: CORINTHIANS

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesday mornings, Pastor Stuart emails a short Bible study to all who are on our events mailing list. The studies take about 15 to 20 minutes to read and ponder. The email includes

an online link to the text and some questions to think or talk about. The studies can be done individually, with family, or over coffee with a small group of friends.

Currently, we're looking at Paul's first letter to the Corinthian church and we're about halfway through the series. If you would like to sign up for these

studies, then contact April at the church via email (admin@erinpresbyterian.org) and she'll add you to the events list.

Pastor Stuart also emails the daily reading links for the week on Monday mornings via the events mail group.

RECEPTION FOR OUR VETERANS

On Sunday November 13th, we'll be honoring our military veterans who have served our nation. There will be a reception after the church worship service. Cake and refreshments will be served by our Fellowship Team.

During the worship hour, our veterans will be recognized and thanked for their service. Please come along and support them. 😊

COFFEE & CRAFTS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH



Come over to the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 8th for coffee and treats! We'll also make beautiful Candle centerpieces for your Thanksgiving table.

SACRED SEASONS: THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Nancy and Janice express sincere thanks to all who attended the Sacred Seasons concert last month. It's wonderful that some of you even brought friends! The ladies also thank the church for the lovely flowers given to each of them that evening.

Supporters of the concert generously donated over \$1000.00 to the Musicians Fund and we now look forward to hearing the harpist, Lisa Dunn, play for our Christmas Eve service. Plans are underway to hire professional musicians for future special occasions at Erin. Suggestions from the congregation are welcome.

FINANCIALS

Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison July 1 through October 15, 2022

	Jul 1 - Oct 15, 22	Jul 1 - Oct 15, 21	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Administration Income	277.01	253.68	23.33
Discipleship Income	90.00	362.00	-272.00
Fellowship Income	105.00	390.00	-285.00
Offerings	106,237.37	101,421.00	4,816.37
Property Income	3,700.00	2,500.00	1,200.00
Stewardship Income	150.00	0.00	150.00
Total Income	110,559.38	104,926.68	5,632.70
Gross Profit	110,559.38	104,926.68	5,632.70
Expense			
Org Health & Culture Team	21.45	41.70	-20.25
Marketing & Communication Te... IT Team	0.00 1,622.65	12.00 2,822.26	-12.00 -1,199.61
Administration Team	2,937.56	2,983.61	-46.05
Creative Expressions Ministry	3,418.20	1,275.00	2,143.20
Discipleship Team	2,394.94	761.59	1,633.35
Fellowship Team	632.10	685.72	-53.62
Outreach Team	12,027.00	11,755.00	272.00
Pastoral Ministry	30,132.65	29,930.28	202.37
Property Team	24,244.55	21,327.03	2,917.52
Stewardship Team	34,297.70	35,126.87	-829.17
Worship Team	960.62	861.80	98.82
Total Expense	112,689.42	107,582.86	5,106.56
Net Ordinary Income	-2,130.04	-2,656.18	526.14
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Restricted Accts Income	4,915.00	947.00	3,968.00
Memorial Fund Income	500.00	0.00	500.00
Property Fund Income	2,278.00	2,775.00	-497.00
Total Other Income	7,693.00	3,722.00	3,971.00
Other Expense			
Restricted Accts Expense	15,926.74	0.00	15,926.74
Total Other Expense	15,926.74	0.00	15,926.74
Net Other Income	-8,233.74	3,722.00	-11,955.74
Net Income	-10,363.78	1,065.82	-11,429.60

FINANCIALS

Erin Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet
 As of October 15, 2022

	<u>Oct 15, 22</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	8,968.85
HF Savings	328,195.91
Total Checking/Savings	<u>337,164.76</u>
Total Current Assets	337,164.76
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>-77,055.45</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>17,376.96</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>354,541.72</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	611.69
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>611.69</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>611.69</u>
Total Liabilities	611.69
Equity	
Retained Earnings	317,018.74
Unrestricted Funds	47,275.07
Net Income	<u>-10,363.78</u>
Total Equity	<u>353,930.03</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>354,541.72</u></u>

FAMILY MINISTRIES



Planet Worship
 this Month:
November 13



Pioneer Club
November 9th : 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Family Life Center

Planet Worship will be held the 2nd Sunday of the month. This month's lesson is the *Liturgical Seasons and Colors* with a special focus on Advent. On the church calendar, Advent marks the beginning of a new church year. There are four Sundays in the season of Advent - the first being November 27th this year.

On Planet Worship Sundays, kids will leave the sanctuary after the Family Sermon to have their own lesson in the Family Life Center.

This month in Pioneer Club, we will visit exotic Thailand. We arrive just in time for the annual Festival of Lights or Loy Krathong, celebrated nationwide during the full moon of the twelfth month of the Thai lunar year. In Bangkok, candles are floated downriver on baskets made of banana leaves and wood containing flowers and incense. In the northern town of Chiang Mai, the full moon is celebrated with the release of thousands of paper lanterns into the air.

YOUTH NEWS

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

November 20 - Small and Mighty Friendsgiving - Farragut Presbyterian

December 2 - Small and Mighty Downtown Christmas Parade - 1st Presbyterian

December 4 - Gift Wrapping Party for Sunset Gap Christmas mission project

Montreat

It's the time of year where we start thinking about next summer's trip plans. High School Montreat will be the week of June 11-17 and the 2023 theme is "In Joy". The high school conference is open to rising freshman - graduating seniors. The Middle School Montreat Conference will July 19-23 at Maryville

College. Their 2023 theme is "Igniting a Spark". Middleschool conference is open to rising 6th graders - graduating 8th graders. If your youth is interested in possibly attending please email me at youth@erinpresbyterian.org. I will be working

to make housing arrangements and nail down costs by the end of the month, and a head count of interested youth helps a great deal!



HOLIDAY FUN



ANGEL TREE FOR SUNSET GAP
Over the past couple of years, our congregation has strengthened its ties and commitment to the Sunset Gap Mission in Cosby, Tennessee. They

serve the people of that area with much-needed services, food programs, home repairs, and a thrift store.

Sunset Gap has a special mission at this time of year – they provide gifts for children in their region. This year, they have a target of providing for 200 children. Each child gets a coat (if needed), shoes (if needed), an outfit, and two toys or other age-appropriate items. As expected, they need help in acquiring these gifts and look to churches like our own to make contributions.

Our Outreach Team has signed up our congregation to provide all the gifts for 10 kids. This means that we'll have fifty tags on a special giving tree in our narthex area. The tags will be ready to collect on Sundays November 20 and 27 for our folks to take and purchase the items.

All gifts must be returned by Monday, December 5th. Leave them unwrapped because our church Youth are going to do that for us. A member of the Outreach Team will transport the gifts to Sunset Gap in time for the items to be delivered to the local children.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to help struggling East Tennessean families at this special time of year, so please take a tag, shop for the requested gift, and return the item on time, knowing that you are blessing someone else this Christmas.

Evelyn Stuart on behalf of the Outreach team



HANGING OF THE GREENS DUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH
Excited to decorate for the holidays? Then come on over and help us decorate the church for Christmas on Sunday, Nov. 27th after the worship service.

Pizza and beverages will be provided! will be provided, so mark your calendars!

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & SING ALONG

We're excited to celebrate the coming Christmas season with you, so we're having our annual Christmas Potluck. Look for

signups in the bulletin in a few weeks



POINSETTIAS IN HONOR & MEMORY



The poinsettias will be \$15 each this year. During the worship service, simply fill out the insert provided in the bulletin to give a poinsettia in Honor or in Memory of someone dear to you. Take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve service.

KARM & COATS FOR THE COLD

The Morgan-Scott Project is no longer collecting coats for the people they serve. Instead, Erin will support them in another project this spring. If you have coats to donate, KARM is sponsoring a winter coat drive. You can drop off gently used coats at any KARM or Prestige Cleaners through Saturday, November 12.



NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

NOVEMBER 6TH	NOVEMBER 13TH	NOVEMBER 20TH	NOVEMBER 27TH
BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER
Lucy Cate	Addison Strand	Ginger Thompson	Ripley Linkous
GREETER	GREETER	GREETER	GREETER
Kelli and Tony	Anna McKay	Jim Thompson	Linda Quinley
Denny	Jim Montgomery	Joanne Clelland	Sara Leckie
GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE
Diana Brandon	Stacie Armsworth	Neill Murphy	Anna McKay
READER	READER	READER	READER
Nehemiah Freter	Isabella Armsworth	Amanda Murphy	Elaina Wood
USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS
Erin McCallum	Randy and Kellan	Rob Levering	Brooks Eggers
Dave Leckie	Sarles	Nehemiah Freter	Elaina Wood
COUNTERS	COUNTERS	COUNTERS	COUNTERS
Joe Jaynes	Andy Sarles	Neill Murphy	Craig Strand
Rickey McCallum	Craig Strand	David Eggers	Rickey McCallum
NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY
Lizzy Freter	Jenny Rogers	Evelyn Stuart	Farrah Linkous
Elaina Wood	Kelcey Levering	Lizzy Freter	Lindsey Barber
FLOWERS	FLOWERS	FLOWERS	FLOWERS
Gibbs	DuBois	Eggers	

ONLINE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

NOVEMBER 6TH	NOVEMBER 13TH	NOVEMBER 20TH	NOVEMBER 27TH
Randy and Kellan	Dave and Sara	Robbie and Kelcey	Don and Linda

NOVEMBER EVENTS

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| 1st 7pm Discipleship Meeting | 13th Outreach & Stewardship |
| 8th 10am Coffee & Crafts | 17th 7pm Session Meeting |
| 9th 6:30pm Pioneer Club | 19th 1pm Sunshine Rehearsal |
| 10th 7pm Worship Team Meeting | 20th 12:30 Visitor Follow-up Team |
| 11th 12pm Staff Meeting | 24th-25th Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed |