



HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY

1 Kim Jaynes

9 Mary Franz

10 Randy Sarles

11 Ripley Linkous

14 Mike Massengill

14 Kenleigh Pennington

16 Maggie Gunter

16 Mollie Gunter

19 John Stuart

25 Cynthia House

26 Happy Hilty

Colossians 3:12 "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."



THE BEACON

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Dear Friends,

At the end of last month, we had nine people join our wee church. It was a remarkable event and one that should give us hope for the future. Those nine people have made a commitment to be a part of the life, work, and ministry of our congregation. They bring with them skills and backgrounds that will bless and enhance who we are as a church. It was an intergenerational moment of God's kindness and love, for He has sent them among us and, after the impact that Covid has had upon our membership, as well as other churches, we should rejoice in being giving a gift of new participants in the Lord's work.

One of the great gifts that we can give to these new members is to include them in our teams, our projects, and programs. For the past three years, we have been focusing on surviving this pandemic, so we should now be ready and willing to get fully involved with our worship, fellowship, and discipleship tasks. It could be so easy just to take care of things by ourselves and maintain our favorite circles, classes, and clubs. But we're not a club, we're a congregation which means we congregate together, not just for worship, but in everything that God asks us to do. So, in order to truly welcome our new

members, we have to intentionally break the circles we have made in order to expand them to purposefully accommodate and include our new folks.

This is something that Paul wrote to the Colossian church long ago when he had to remind them that, as a congregation, they were the bridges between others and God. The apostle wrote to them that if the Colossian congregation wanted to expand, then they would have to apply and share the gifts that God had given them – the gifts of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Without those gifts being evident, the ancient church would never have grown. This also applies to Erin Church today - without the sharing of these blessings as a congregation, we will not grow either.

So, come back and participate in worship, fellowship, and discipleship. Reach out, welcome, and include the new people in our midst. Become a blessing of friendship and faith to them, so that they may become a blessing to all of us.

May God guide and be with you, as well as with all your loved ones.

Pastor John

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Connections Class

A NEW SERIES

On Sunday 5th March, Pastor Stuart will begin a new teaching-the-Bible series at the Connections Class. It will be a 5-week long study of Paul's

First letter to the Thessalonians.

The class has just concluded a six month series on the life of the Apostle Paul as described in the Book of Acts. This new series will look at a chapter of 1 Thessalonians each week; the letter is thought to among the earliest epistles that Paul wrote. The series will be covered from March 5th through to April 2 (Palm Sunday). Here is a listing of the proposed schedule:

- Sun 05 March - 1 Thessalonians 1**
- Sun 12 March - 1 Thessalonians 2**
- Sun 19 March - 1 Thessalonians 3**
- Sun 26 March - 1 Thessalonians 4**
- Sun 02 April - 1 Thessalonians 5**

The class will be sent the study material with the text, discussion questions, and video links each week. The materials will also be available on our Facebook Church community page.

Everyone is welcome to attend the classes. They are held each Sunday in the Heritage Room from 9:30AM to around 10:30AM.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Each week, Pastor Stuart prepares a list of daily Bible readings from the Old and New Testaments. They are listed in our Sun-

day worship bulletins, but you can also have them sent to you on Monday mornings by email, with online links to the chosen scriptures.

If you would like to have the active links sent to you each Monday, then contact April, our administrator, at admin@erinpresbyterian.org and she will add your

email address to the events group. This group also receives emails about what's happening at the church and forthcoming events.

UNDER BUDGET

Hello Fellow Believers!
Just wanted to give you a brief update on our Financial Situation.



Overall, our situation is very good - Thanks Be to God!

We are currently under budget, however, for Fiscal Year 2023 (ending June 30) with respect to our expected offerings.

If you are behind in your 2023 Pledged giving amount, please prayerfully consider catching up by June 30, if you are able. And if you're caught up in your giving, please consider giving additional, as you are able. God Bless You for supporting His Church!



CHILI COOKOFF

We hope you will join us in our Chili Cookoff **on March 8 at 5:45 pm!** Chefs who want to join in the COOKOFF should

prepare enough to feed at least 8 people, and THEY get to eat free! Salad, dessert and beverages are provided.

The cost for adults is \$5 Kids 12 and under \$2.

Please sign up ASAP so we will know how much food we will need. Any questions? Call Betty Gibbs at: 865-357-3935. See you there!

FINANCIALS

02/18/23

Erin Presbyterian Church
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
 July 1, 2022 through February 18, 2023

	Jul 1, '22 - Feb 18, 23	Jul 1, '21 - Feb 18, 22	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Administration Income	663.70	576.82	86.88
Bequests	0.00	108,000.00	-108,000.00
Creative Expression Income	18.00	0.00	18.00
Discipleship Income	215.00	330.00	-115.00
Fellowship Income	640.00	675.00	-35.00
Offerings	220,387.24	225,845.92	-5,458.68
Outreach Income	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Property Income	8,451.00	5,800.00	2,651.00
PW Income	135.00	0.00	135.00
Stewardship Income	150.00	0.00	150.00
Total Income	230,659.94	341,247.74	-110,587.80
Gross Profit	230,659.94	341,247.74	-110,587.80
Expense			
Org Health & Culture Team	21.45	442.08	-420.63
Marketing & Communication Team	119.40	380.80	-261.40
IT Team	3,491.19	6,060.34	-2,569.15
Administration Team	7,489.35	7,406.10	83.25
Creative Expressions Ministry	7,618.20	6,425.00	1,193.20
Discipleship Team	2,699.55	1,076.30	1,623.25
Fellowship Team	1,675.32	1,065.33	609.99
Outreach Team	21,992.00	24,105.00	-2,113.00
Pastoral Ministry	70,321.81	70,681.74	-359.93
Property Team	51,330.72	40,399.59	10,931.13
PW expenses	135.00	0.00	135.00
Stewardship Team	72,115.46	74,755.24	-2,639.78
Worship Team	1,323.11	1,949.76	-626.65
Total Expense	240,332.56	234,747.28	5,585.28
Net Ordinary Income	-9,672.62	106,500.46	-116,173.08
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Restricted Accts Income	18,466.53	16,127.00	2,339.53
Memorial Fund Income	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Property Fund Income	0.00	13.00	-13.00
Total Other Income	18,466.53	16,240.00	2,226.53

FINANCIALS

Erin Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet
As of February 18, 2023

	<u>Feb 18, 23</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	12,175.73
HF Savings	315,525.72
Total Checking/Savings	<u>327,701.45</u>
Total Current Assets	327,701.45
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	-80,255.45
Total Fixed Assets	<u>14,176.96</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>341,878.41</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	603.78
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>603.78</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>603.78</u>
Total Liabilities	603.78
Equity	
Retained Earnings	317,018.74
Unrestricted Funds	47,275.07
Net Income	-23,019.18
Total Equity	<u>341,274.63</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>341,878.41</u></u>

FAMILY MINISTRIES



Pioneer Club
March 8th
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Family Life
Center

Planet Worship: March 26th

This month, in Planet Worship we will focus on *What We Believe* as Christians and Presbyterians by looking at symbols of our faith “hidden” in the Presbyterian USA seal: the cross, bible, pulpit, dove, flames, fish, and font/cup.

There will be no Sunday School for children and youth on March 12th due to KCS Spring Break.

This month in Pioneer Club, we travel to Ireland to learn all about the Emerald Isle and to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. Don’t forget to wear your green!



OUTREACH

FISH PANTRTY SERVICE DAY

On Saturday, January 28, we had a group of 11, represent Erin Presbyterian in service at the Fish Hospitality Pantry. They worked hard to serve those in need.





YOUTH & JUSTICE KNOX

GIFTS OF CHILDREN SUNDAY - MARCH 5TH

It has been three years since we had a Gifts of Children & Youth Sunday. Covid impacted many traditions at Erin. Now that we are back to regular worship services, it seemed only right to put this important tradition back on the calendar. Nothing would make our children and youth happier than to have a sanctuary full of members and guests to share in worship with them as they share their thoughts and talents with us.

Our Kids have put lots of effort into preparing for this Sunday. Please mark your calendars and be present on the 5th to support our kids for Gifts of Children & Youth Sunday!

M&M FUNDRAISER

M&M's Fundraiser for Montreat Trips
Hope you all enjoyed your M&M's that the youth gave out as a Valentine treat. Remember to fill the empty containers with quarters and turn it back in at church by March 5th. If you didn't get a tube, there are still some available in the Narthex. The money raised will go toward our high school and middle school Montreat trips this summer. We appreciate your support!

SMALL & MIGHT YOUTH EVENT ON MARCH 5TH

The next Small & Mighty event will be at Highland Presbyterian Church in Maryville on Sunday, March 5th. We will have dinner in the fellowship hall starting at 5pm, followed by a concert by Drew Wilmesherr, who is a talented musician writing his own Christian songs. He has previously performed his music at Youth Summit in 2022. We'll meet at Erin at 4:15 to head out to Maryville. Let Farrah know if you plan to attend by March 3rd so we can give a head count to our hosts for food.

WHAT HAS JUSTICE KNOX BEEN UP TO?

Spring is the busiest season in the Justice Knox annual cycle. Existing committees (transportation,

education, mental health, and gun violence) continue the work of monitoring and following up to see that previous commitments are being kept by those in positions of authority.

New committees, like this year's committee on homelessness, are busy researching to understand the problem, interviewing those who have deep knowledge about the issue, and identifying a solution for which 21 congregations can advocate. It is challenging work, especially when a problem is as vast and complex as homelessness, but it is also God's work: to care for one another, especially those most vulnerable and troubled.

The 27 network members of Erin's team will be inviting fellow congregants to the Nehemiah Action Assembly on April 25th at 7 PM, location TBA. There you will hear Justice Knox representatives ask elected officials and influential community leaders to publicly endorse specific recommendations for reducing the number of unsheltered people in our community. The goal of the assembly is to rally in one place over 1,000 citizens from 21+ faith communities. Such a gathering of believers loudly endorses the critical importance of justice across our city and county.

When you receive your invitation to the Nehemiah Assembly, please answer YES!

"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

Brooks & David Eggers Kellan & Randy Sarles

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

MARCH 5TH	MARCH 12TH	MARCH 19TH	MARCH 26TH
BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER
Will McCallum	Lucy Cate	Addison Strand	Christa Mueller
GREETER	GREETER	GREETER	GREETER
Tony and Kelli Denny	Kim and Dusty Pennington	Jim Montgomery Joanne Clelland	Farrah and Ripley Linkous
GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE
Erin McCallum	Betty Gibbs	Neill Murphy	Larry McKay
READER	READER	READER	READER
Rickey McCallum	Craig Strand	Sonja DuBois	Anna McKay
USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS
Sara Leckie Dave Leckie Jim Montgomery	Randy Sarles David Eggers Brooks Eggers	Rob Levering Ella Levering Yvette Freter	Mike Cate Linda Quinley Gary Pennington
COUNTERS	COUNTERS	COUNTERS	COUNTERS
Joe Jaynes Andy Sarles	Andy Sarles David Eggers	Neill Murphy Joe Jaynes	David Eggers Andy Sarles
NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY
Farrah Linkous Kay Pennington	Lizzy Freter Ella Levering	Lindsey Barber Kelcey evering	Lizzy Freter Elaina Wood
FLOWERS	FLOWERS	FLOWERS	FLOWERS
Farrah Linkous			

ONLINE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

MARCH 5TH	MARCH 12TH	MARCH 19TH	MARCH 26TH
Rob and Kelcey Levering	Andy and Kelsey Sarles	Randy and Kellan Sarles	Dave and Sara Leckie

FEBRUARY EVENTS

2nd 10am PW Lent Study each Thursday
 5th Gifts of Children Sunday
 5th 12:15pm Justice Knox Meeting
 6th BridgeBuilders every Monday 7pm
 7th Discipleship/Worship Meeting 7pm
 8th Chili Cookoff/ Pioneer Club

12th Knox Co. Spring Break Week
 10th Staff Meeting 12pm
 12th Outreach 12pm
 17th St. Patrick's Day
 17th 12pm Staff Meeting
 25th Sonshine Show Rehearsal