

Birthdays & Events

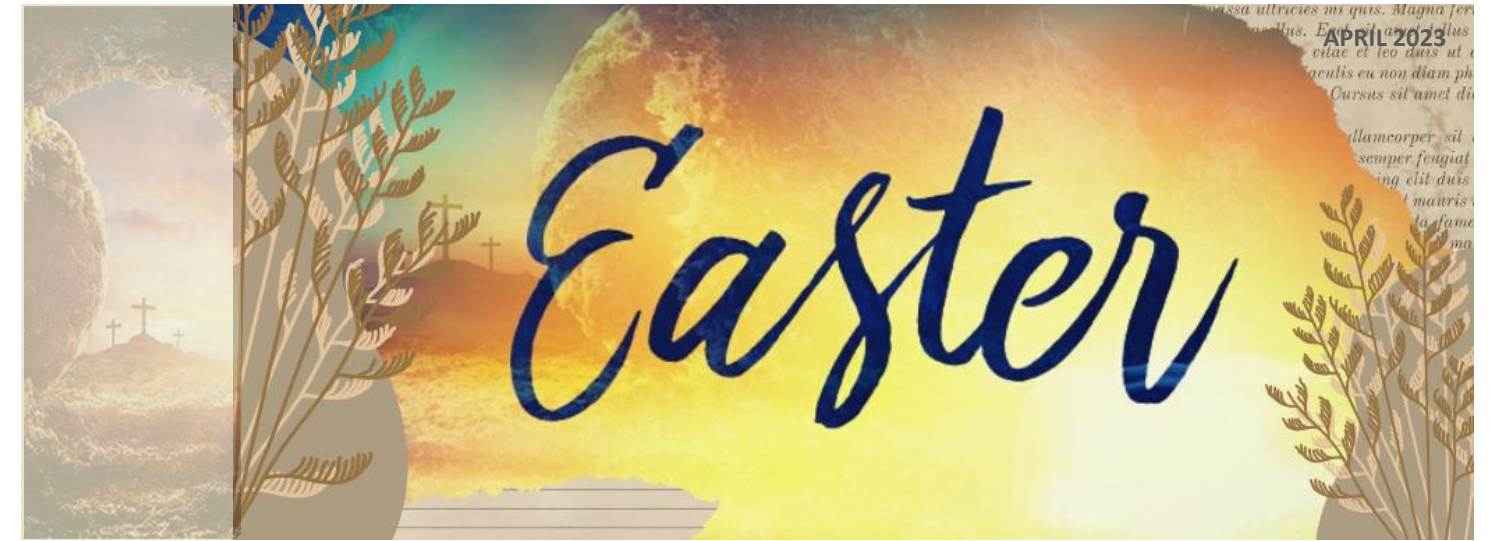
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

3 Kathryn Bornhoeft
5 Peggy Cuany
9 Dan Berry
9 Craig Strand
14 Erin McCallum
16 Peter McKay
18 John House
21 Melinda Massengill
29 Jenny Rogers

APRIL EVENTS

2nd Palm Sunday
6th 6:30 Maundy Thursday Service
7th Good Friday
9th **EASTER SUNDAY**
11th 7pm Discipleship Meeting
13th Worship Team Meeting
16th 12pm Outreach
16th 1:30pm Sunshine Set Load-in
20th 7pm Session Meeting
21st 12pm Staff Meeting
22nd 9am FISH Service Day
9am Sunshine Tech Rehearsal
28th-29th Sunshine Show 7pm
30th Sunshine Show at 2pm

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Colossians 1:15-16 *“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through him and for him.”*

Dear Friends,

Holy Week and Easter are almost upon us, so I hope that you will all enjoy this wonderful celebration together. It will be my last time to lead you through this most profound commemoration of Christ’s last week, as well as the joyous day of His resurrection. I am an Easter person, so I have loved experiencing this great festival of faith each year at Erin church. The moments of fellowship at the Brandon breakfast, as well as the sunrise services at Tates, and the musical celebrations in the sanctuary have given Evelyn and I beautiful memories over more than 28 years. It has been a privilege to have led you at this time of year.

I love Easter because it reminds me of Who Jesus is - the Son of God who died for us, the King of Creation who cares for us, and the Lord of all life who loves us. I can never thank Christ enough for all the blessings He has bestowed on humanity and for the blessings of eternity that are still to come. As Paul the apostle wrote long ago: **all things were created through him and for him.**

Easter is not just a one-off annual event. Christians meet together for worship every Sunday to experience what is known as ‘a little Easter.’ When we gather on

Sundays, we’re actually continuing an unbroken link of worship services that go back to when the first disciples gathered together in the upper room after Christ’s resurrection. Each week, on the first day after the Sabbath which is our Sunday, Christians have gathered together to worship God and praise the Lord for all that He accomplished with His life, death, and resurrection. For two thousand years, Easter has been celebrated not just year after year, but week by week in all sorts of homes, churches, and worship spaces.

This means that when we gather together on Easter morning, we are spiritually linked to the disciples who witnessed the resurrected Christ in their midst. But there’s more! We are also spiritually linked to all of the people - our family and friends- who have celebrated Easter together in our wee church, including those who worshipped in the first and second buildings of our congregation. Their spirits – the Church triumphant – and our congregation- the Church militant – glorify Christ with us as we sing our songs of faith in the sanctuary. And so, when I lead the Easter service at Erin for the last time, I will see in my mind’s eye, all of the folks who once sat in the pews who have passed on to a greater glory, as well as the family and friends that I presently know in our congregation today.

So, let’s make Easter, on April 9th, a wonderful time together. Let’s gather with our families and friends to joyfully celebrate our faith in Christ, and to joyfully glorify His great and wonderful name – for in Him we have been created, and by Him we are saved forever.

May God bless you and all of your loved ones.

Pastor John

Making Connections

CONNECTIONS CLASS: A NEW SERIES

At the beginning of April, Pastor Stuart will conclude his class on 1 Thessalonians. For the rest of April, he will present classes on the last two epistles that were written by the apostle Paul. These are the letter to Titus and Philemon. This will end a complete study of the life of Paul which began way back in September of last year.

Everyone is welcome to attend the classes which take place in the Heritage Room each Sunday at 9:30 - 10:30AM.

- Sun 02 April - 1 Thessalonians 5
- Sun 09 April - Easter – no class
- Sun 16 April - Titus 1
- Sun 23 April - Titus 2
- Sun 30 April - Titus 3
- Sun 07 May - Philemon

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.

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 Sunday 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.

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Pastor Stuart will take part in the annual Good Friday service at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Northshore Drive. It takes place on Friday April 7th at 12noon, and six other local clergy will also lead reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ. The service lasts for an hour and is very meaningful on such a sacred day. Everyone is welcome to be there. Rev. Mark Moreland from Central Baptist Church, who joins us weekly for our Bridgebuilders program on Monday nights, will also lead a reflection.

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday, April 2nd Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday 12pm Ecumenical Service at Sacred Heart Cathedral "Seven Last Words of Christ"

Easter Sunday

7:05am Sunrise Service, meet at the flagpole

Tate's School of Discovery, North Cedar Bluff

9:30am Brandon Breakfast:

10:15am Kids' Easter Scavenger Hunt

11:00am Easter Worship Service

EASTER LILIES

Our Easter Lily provide a nice way to remember or honor someone special in our lives. If you would like to purchase a lily this year, the price of \$15 remains the same. The funds received for the lilies is used to help the Fellowship Team provide meals to our members when they are needed, as well as mailing cards, and various other projects. Please fill out the slip in the Sunday Bulletins and make your check out to Erin Church or email April at erinpresbyterian.org and bring a check next Sunday. ***Take home your Lilies after the Easter Service!** Please thank Tony Denny from Trader Joes for helping us with the lilies this year. Thank you, Tony!

WORDLAYERS PRESENTS: THE REFUGEE KING

April 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 @ 7:30 PM 16 & 23 @ 2:30 at St. Gregory the Great Auditorium, 9245 Fox Lonas Rd., Knoxville. Tickets are available online at: wordplayers.org or may be purchased at the door. Adults \$22, Students: \$18, Fridays are Pay What You Wish For more information including Group Rate, call 865-539-2490.

In *The Refugee King*, an average American couple hastily take in a homeless man in the hope of helping him make a change. In the process, they discover a host of changes they must work through themselves. A delightfully comedic and challenging story by Ethan Norman, woven together with music that will have a soft but firm grip on your soul.

Financials

Erin Presbyterian Church			
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison			
July 1, 2022 through March 25, 2023			
03/25/23	Jul 1, '22 - Mar 25, 23	Jul 1, '21 - Mar 25, 22	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Administration Income	781.91	656.41	125.50
Bequests	0.00	108,000.00	-108,000.00
Creative Expression Income	18.00	0.00	18.00
Discipleship Income	1,031.73	430.00	601.73
Fellowship Income	850.00	745.00	105.00
Offerings	253,122.24	258,405.92	-5,283.68
Outreach Income	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Property Income	9,301.00	6,825.00	2,476.00
PW Income	135.00	0.00	135.00
Stewardship Income	150.00	0.00	150.00
Total Income	265,389.88	374,882.33	-109,492.45
Gross Profit	265,389.88	374,882.33	-109,492.45
Expense			
Org Health & Culture Team	96.45	618.08	-521.63
Marketing & Communication Team	119.40	380.80	-261.40
IT Team	3,938.13	6,594.14	-2,656.01
Administration Team	7,641.23	8,482.21	-840.98
Creative Expressions Ministry	8,843.20	7,650.00	1,193.20
Discipleship Team	3,538.40	1,076.30	2,462.10
Fellowship Team	1,893.06	1,065.33	827.73
Outreach Team	27,032.00	26,425.00	607.00
Pastoral Ministry	80,363.16	80,942.89	-579.73
Payroll Expenses	3.50	0.00	3.50
Property Team	53,374.66	44,845.13	8,529.53
PW expenses	135.00	0.00	135.00
Stewardship Team	84,296.05	86,927.37	-2,631.32
Worship Team	1,415.42	1,949.76	-534.34
Total Expense	272,689.66	266,957.01	5,732.65
Net Ordinary Income	-7,299.78	107,925.32	-115,225.10
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Restricted Accts Income	22,538.53	19,277.00	3,261.53
Memorial Fund Income	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Property Fund Income	615.00	13.00	602.00
Total Other Income	23,153.53	19,390.00	3,763.53
Other Expense			
Restricted Accts Expense	28,813.09	3,522.00	25,291.09
Depreciation Expense	3,200.00	3,200.00	0.00
Total Other Expense	31,813.09	6,722.00	25,091.09
Net Other Income	-8,659.56	12,668.00	-21,327.56
Net Income	-15,959.34	120,593.32	-136,552.66

Financials

Erin Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet
 As of March 25, 2023

03/25/23

Mar 25, 23

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
HF Primary Checking	23,452.78
HF Savings	311,933.13
Total Checking/Savings	335,385.91
Total Current Assets	335,385.91
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	14,176.96
TOTAL ASSETS	349,562.87
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	603.76
Total Other Current Liabilities	603.76
Total Current Liabilities	603.76
Total Liabilities	603.76
Equity	
Retained Earnings	317,643.38
Unrestricted Funds	47,275.07
Net Income	-15,959.34
Total Equity	348,959.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	349,562.87

Family Ministries



Planet Worship: April 16th

This month, in Planet Worship we will focus on **Music in Worship**. We will discuss and learn about the Gloria Patri and Doxology, and talk about the importance of hymns and special music.

There will be no Sunday School on Easter. Everyone is invited to the Brandon Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am.

Pioneer Club

April 19th 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Family Life Center

This month in Pioneer Club, we travel to INDIA. We will learn all about India's most well known animals - elephants and tigers - sample some authentic food and spices, and practice traditional sand art.



Easter Scavenger Hunt

10:15 am in the Parlor

All children 5th grade and younger are invited to the Easter Scavenger Hunt on Easter Sunday!

We will gather in the Parlor at 10:15 am for instructions. Each child will receive a collection bag and list of clues to 6 items on the main floor of the church. Every child who participates will receive a special prize!



Events & Outreach



SONJA DUBOIS AT UNIVERSITY OF TN
 Sonja DuBois - child holocaust survivor and long time member at Erin will present 'FINDING SCHIFRAH' on Wednesday April 19 at 5:30. Hope you will attend!
 John Hodges library. 1015 Volunteer Blvd.

THANK YOU FOR SEEDS

Many thanks to all who contributed seeds and other items for the Morgan Scott Project's Good Earth Garden program! Our 207 packages of seeds enable families in Morgan and Scott counties, where 29 percent of people live in poverty, to grow their own cucumbers, beans, corn, peppers, spinach, cantaloupes, watermelons, and other fresh food this summer. The Morgan Scott project also hosts a large garden and distributes the fresh produce each Friday during the growing season. To learn more about the Morgan Scott Project, visit their website at: <https://morganscottproject.org>.



FISH PANTRY SERVICE DAY

SAVE THE DATE! Our next FISH Pantry Service Day is Saturday, April 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Watch for signup sheets in the bulletin later this month. This is a rewarding opportunity to lend a hand distributing food to people in Knoxville who need help. Erin has committed to volunteer one Saturday each quarter to this much-needed ministry. Whether you've helped out in the past or want to come along for the first time, we'd love to have you join us.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Erin will join other Presbyterian congregations in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday, April 9, one of four denomination-wide offerings we collect each year. Funds from the One Great Hour of Sharing are divided among three programs, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People, that help individuals and communities in need in the United States and around the world. You can contribute by using one of the envelopes in the pew racks on Easter Sunday; placing a check in the offering plate with "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the subject line; or via the link on Erin's website (click on DONATE, fill out the form, and select PCUSA Special Offerings under FUND).

NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSEMBLY

9 Reasons to attend the Nehemiah Action Assembly on April 25th

1. To respond to God's call to "do justice," acknowledging that faith without action is dead.
2. To stand in the gap with and for our voiceless and powerless neighbors.
3. To join arms with believers from 22 other faith communities whose work is bringing positive change for all.
4. To follow in the footsteps of Jesus of Nazareth, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King, Fannie Lou Hamer, Nelson Mandela, Oskar Schindler, César Chávez, Eleanor Roosevelt, Malala Yousafzai, and many more.
5. To require our elected leaders and representatives to uphold and demonstrate a standard of justice.
6. To continue Justice Knox's momentum and victories:
 - An affordable housing trust fund of \$50 million over 10 years.
 - Introduction of restorative practices in our schools to ensure fair disciplinary practices for all students
 - Preventing/reducing public gun violence using data-driven practices including street outreach.
7. To give weight and urgency to incomplete campaigns like the need for reliable micro-transportation so people without cars can keep their jobs and thus be able to pay the rent and feed their families.
8. To END homelessness by increasing appropriate affordable housing (with supports, as needed) and crafting an unobstructed pathway to that housing.
9. To trade one hour of your time for a better future for all. Please attend the Nehemiah Action Assembly April 25th, 7 PM, Knoxville Civic Auditorium.

April Volunteers & Brandon Breakfast

APRIL 2ND	APRIL 9TH	APRIL 16TH	APRIL 23RD	APRIL 30TH
BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER
Ripley Linkous	Will McCallum	Lucy Cate	Addison Strand	Craig Strand
GREETER	GREETER	GREETER	GREETER	GREETER
Kelli and Tony Denny	Jim Montgomery Pat Wallin	Brooks Eggers Joanne Clelland	Mike and Mary Nelle Cate	Farrah & Ripley Jim Montgomery
GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE
Erin McCallum	Diana Brandon	Anna McKay	Stacie Armsworth	Robbie Levering
READER	READER	READER	READER	READER
Rickey McCallum	Evelyn Stuart	Sara Leckie	Elaina Wood	Kelcey Levering
USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS
Mike Cate David and Brooks Eggers	Robbie and Kelcey Levering Linda Quinley	Anna McKay Larry McKay Dave Leckie	Randy Sarles Yvette Freter Erin McCallum	Kim Pennington Dusty Pennington Gary Pennington
COUNTERS	COUNTERS	COUNTERS	COUNTERS	COUNTERS
Joe Jaynes Rickey McCallum	Neill Murphy Craig Strand	Andy Sarles David Eggers	Rickey McCallum Joe Jaynes	Craig Strand David Eggers
NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY
Ella Levering Farrah Linkous	Kay Pennington Lizzy Freter	Elaina Wood Kelcey Levering	Lizzy Freter Lindsey Barber	Brooks Eggers Isabella Armsworth
ONLINE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS				
APRIL 2ND	APRIL 9TH	APRIL 16TH	APRIL 23RD	APRIL 30TH
Rob and Kelcey Levering	Don and Linda Quinley	Andy and Kelsey Sarles	Dave and Sara Leckie	Cathy Van Ostrand Kelly Boyd

BRANDON BREAKFAST

For 76 years, a Brandon has had a beat in the heart of the Erin Family. In the mid '80's my father was diagnosed with cancer. After 3 surgeries and many rounds of chemo, and surrounded by the support of his loving Erin family, he saw remission. His first thought was celebrating this good news with his Erin family on the day we celebrate the day of our Risen Lord....and the first annual Brandon Easter Breakfast was born. Daddy's brothers, my brother, and my nephews all pitched in to help pull this off. This was a labor of love for his church family. It was to become a beloved annual event in our church life. When Daddy was no longer able to participate in the preparations, the Fellowship Team graciously took on the task to continue to provide this annual celebration

for our congregation. Upon my mother's passing, it was my goal to have the Breakfast become a self-sustaining function.... no church funds are used. Through the generous donations from family and friends near and far, this goal was reached, and the Breakfast has been "on its own" for the past 10 years and should be for many years to come. It is truly a celebration of the lasting legacy of past Erin generations and the wonderful Good News of the Resurrection. My heart has always been with Erin....Erin will always be my home. Please make plans to come and to celebrate the Good News of Easter.
 - Diana Brandon