

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

1ST 12:15pm J.K. "House" Meetings

3RD 7pm Discipleship Team

4TH 6:30pm Pioneer Club

5TH - 6TH 7:30pm WP "Silent Sky"

8TH 2:30pm WP "Silent Sky"

8TH - 14TH Knox Co. Fall Break

10TH - 7pm Property Team

12TH 7pm Worship Team

15TH 12pm Outreach

17TH 10:30am Coffee Club & Fall Craft

19TH 10am PW Begins/7pm Session Meeting

20TH 12pm Staff Meeting

25TH 6:30pm Pioneer Club Halloween Party!

28TH 9am FISH Pantry Serve Day

29TH Celebration for Nancy Berry

BridgeBuilders every Monday 7pm
PW every Thursday at 10am

Visit us at: www.erinpres.org for events,
news and to read John's devotions!

October

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. (Hebrews 12:1b-2a)



Dear Friends,

I can't believe that we're already into October and beginning the last quarter of the year. My mom used to tell me that the older you get, the faster time goes. I think I now understand what she meant.

This will be my last semester with you and I have mixed feelings about it. I still have a lot that I want to share with you about faith, and I feel as though I haven't done enough to prepare you for what lies ahead. You have been our family's family, so it will be hard to let go and let God lead instead, but that's what ministry is - a temporary office of leadership which has to be relinquished into someone else's hands, at some point.

After almost twenty-nine years, I feel like I've run a marathon with you, and perhaps you feel the same.

This month's highlighted verse from Hebrews helps us to understand that as we run this race, Jesus is at the finish line, cheering us on and encouraging us to run toward Him. I like that idea and hope that the years I have spent with the congregation have enabled all of us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

As we head into October, we'll also get to experience the beautiful Fall colors that surround us. It's a wonderful time of year, reminding us of the passing of the seasons and how God continues to bless us with a wonderful world.

May God be near to you and all your loved ones.

- Pastor John



CONNECTIONS



CONNECTIONS CLASS GOSPEL OF MARK

During the month of October, the Connections Class will continue to meet and discuss the Gospel of Mark.

Each week, the class will look at a different chapter and will eventually finish the Gospel in the middle of December. Pastor Stuart will lead the classes, as well as providing the text with questions to ponder. He will send the text by email on Fridays and will have paper copies available for each Sunday class.

The classes will take place in the Heritage Room and start around 9:30AM. It will conclude before 10:30AM. Everyone is welcome to attend the class each week or drop in any Sunday.

I also want to thank Kellan Sarles, Don Quinley, and Neill Murphy for leading the classes each Sunday when I was away.

Here's a schedule of what chapters will be covered during October:

01 October	-	Mark 7
08 October	-	Mark 8
15 October	-	Mark 9
22 October	-	Mark 10
29 October	-	Mark 11
05 November	-	Mark 12

PASTOR'S RETIREMENT DINNER



We are having a Churchwide Retirement Dinner Celebration for Pastor Stuart on **Wednesday, December 6th at 6pm**, in the lovely Bearden Banquet Hall.

Whether you are 5 months or 95 years old... mark your calendar and make plans to attend!

We want everyone to be there, so if you need transportation, please contact April in the church office to make arrangements. 865-588-5350

AMACHI MENTORING OPPORTUNITY

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD

Amachi is a national program that began in 2000 to match adult mentors with children who have an incarcerated parent. The word in Nigerian means ***"who knows but what God has brought us through this child."*** In Knoxville, Amachi was started in 2004 by the Knoxville Leadership Foundation, which has its offices in the old Regas Building downtown. Erin Church supports Compassion Coalition, another initiative of the Knoxville Leadership Foundation, through its Outreach budget.

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Adult mentors (age 19 or older) volunteer to meet with a mentee once a month for a year, though many relationships last longer. Mentors and mentees are carefully matched according to location and shared interests, and Erin Church was contacted because four children in the 37919 area code are waiting for a mentor.

Mentors pick up the mentee at their home (which has been deemed a safe place by program staff), and outings are scheduled by the mentor with the child's parent or caregiver. Activities could include a visit to a park, playground, museum or library, sports event, or anything the mentor and mentee are interested in. What's important is the friendship with a caring adult who can listen to their mentee and, as one mentor said, become their cheerleader. Mentor relationships can change a child's future and influence who they become.

All mentors are vetted by program staff, and some training is required. If you think you might be interested, check out the Amachi Knoxville website at: <https://amachi.klf.org>. You can read stories of mentors and mentees, and fill out an application. If you have questions you can reach out through the website or contact Natalie Lay, Recruitment Coordinator, at (865) 217-6204 or nlay@klf.org.

OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 1ST	OCTOBER 8TH	OCTOBER 15TH	OCTOBER 22ND	OCTOBER 29TH
COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE
Mary Nelle Cate	Anna McKay	David Eggers	Diana Brandon	Diana Brandon
BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER	BELL RINGER
Will McCallum	Lucy Cate	Addison Strand	Ginger Thompson	Craig Strand
GREETER	GREETER	GREETER	GREETER	GREETER
Linda Quinley	Kelli and Tony	Mike and Mary Nelle	Jim Thompson	Joanne Clelland
Anna McKay	Denny	Cate	Pat Wallin	Jim Montgomery
GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE	GUIDE
Rickey McCallum	Diana Brandon	Kelcey Levering	Sonja DuBois	Neill Murphy
READER	READER	READER	READER	
Erin McCallum	Randy Sarles	Rob Levering	Stacie Armsworth	Joy Bornhoeft
USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS
Jim Thompson	Dave Leckie	Robbie Levering	Randy Sarles	Kim Pennington
Jim Montgomery	Kay Pennington	Erin McCallum	Elaina Wood	Dusty Pennington
Rickey McCallum	Anna McKay	Linda Quinley	Erin McCallum	Gary Pennington
COUNTERS	COUNTERS	COUNTERS	COUNTERS	COUNTERS
Andy Sales	Rickey McCallum	Neill Murphy	Andy Sarles	Craig Strand
Craig Strand	Joe Jaynes	David Eggers	Joe Jaynes	Neill Murphy
NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY	NURSERY
Farrah Linkous	Kelcey Levering	Isabella Armsworth	Farrah Linkous	Kay Pennington
Lindsey Barber	Elaina Wood	Kay Pennington	Lindsey Barber	Kelcey Levering
ONLINE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS				
OCTOBER 1ST	OCTOBER 8TH	OCTOBER 15TH	OCTOBER 22ND	OCTOBER 29TH
Andy and Kelsey	Randy and Kellan	Dave and Sara	Don and Linda	Cathy and Kelly

FINANCIALS

Erin Presbyterian Church
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
 July 1 through September 23, 2023

	Jul 1 - Sep 23, 23	Jul 1 - Sep 23, 22	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Administration Income	399.21	207.42	191.79
Discipleship Income	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Fellowship Income	295.00	70.00	225.00
Offerings	85,928.90	81,521.78	4,407.12
Property Income	2,950.00	2,700.00	250.00
Stewardship Income	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Total Income	89,573.11	84,699.20	4,873.91
Gross Profit	89,573.11	84,699.20	4,873.91
Expense			
Org Health & Culture Team	0.00	21.45	-21.45
IT Team	3,221.84	1,449.15	1,772.69
Audio Visual Team	699.00	0.00	699.00
Administration Team	2,569.24	2,368.25	200.99
Creative Expressions Ministry	0.00	812.81	-812.81
Discipleship Team	332.21	2,195.25	-1,863.04
Fellowship Team	331.27	255.00	76.27
Outreach Team	4,600.00	8,852.00	-4,252.00
Pastoral Ministry	20,936.03	20,295.27	640.76
Property Team	14,364.29	19,838.80	-5,474.51
Stewardship Team	22,261.65	21,950.93	310.72
Worship Team	872.50	935.63	-63.13
Total Expense	70,188.03	78,974.54	-8,786.51
Net Ordinary Income	19,385.08	5,724.66	13,660.42
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Restricted Accts Income	3,560.00	1,300.00	2,260.00
Memorial Fund Income	500.00	0.00	500.00
Property Fund Income	589.00	39.00	550.00
Total Other Income	4,649.00	1,339.00	3,310.00
Other Expense			
Restricted Accts Expense	0.00	12,857.90	-12,857.90
Total Other Expense	0.00	12,857.90	-12,857.90
Net Other Income	4,649.00	-11,518.90	16,167.90
Net Income	24,034.08	-5,794.24	29,828.32

FAMILY MINISTRIES



**Pioneer Club meets
October 4 and 25
6:30 - 7:30pm**

Pioneer Club meets twice this month!! Join us and Nate the Great as we go on more detective adventures. Each session we read aloud a "Nate the Great" book by Marjorie Sharmat, play some games, craft, and have fun together. On October 25th, we'll celebrate Halloween with some extra spooky detective activities. Pioneer Club meets in the Family Life Center.



*"Come. Follow me," Jesus said.
"I will make you fishers of people."*

**Planet Worship
October 22nd**

This month in Planet Worship, we continue our study of Jesus' disciples with a focus on James, the son of Zebedee and brother to John.

There will be no children's Sunday School nor Planet Worship on October 8th due to Knox County Fall Break.



**Women's Bible Study
Thursdays at 10 am
Oct. 19 – Nov. 16
Family Life Center**

Women of Erin Church, join us for a 5-week Bible Study beginning Oct. 19th. As we enter this season of thanksgiving, our study will focus on compassion and gratitude and feature a three-part series on Matthew 5 led by Lisa Osborne. Matthew 5-7, called the Sermon on the Mount, is one of the best known and most quoted parts of the New Testament. Lisa will lead us on an in depth look at the Beatitudes and the passage on Salt and Light. The Matthew 5 lessons will be bookended by lessons on Compassion and Gratitude as Spiritual Disciplines, from the Thoughtful Christian website. Contact Joy Bornhoeft (cec@erinpresbyterian.org) to register for this study. Details and weekly reminders will be sent via email.

Topic Schedule:

Oct. 19: Compassion as a Spiritual Discipline
Oct. 26: The Beatitudes, Part 1
Nov. 2: The Beatitudes, Part 2
Nov. 9: Salt and Light
Nov. 16: Gratitude as a Spiritual Discipline

Each weekly session will begin with a time of fellowship, coffee and treats. All ladies of Erin are welcome and feel free to invite a friend.

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH

COFFEE CLUB AND AUTUMN CRAFT



Tuesday, October 17 at 10:30am

Joy and April will bring some delicious autumn treats, make a good pot of coffee, and walk you through a fun and easy craft with fall-inspired beads to enjoy this lovely season. The string of beads are beautiful wrapped around the base of a candle, over a stack of books, or hanging wherever you like. They're very popular in home décor stores.

Sign up with the insert in the bulletin or call April at 865-588-5350. We'll make sure we have supplies for everyone!

OCTOBER BREADBREAKERS



Saturday, October 21 at 6pm

Breadbreakers is hosted by Ginger & Jim Thompson and Pat & Al Wallin. The location is the Brookshire Commons Clubhouse, 433 Brookshire Way, 37923. There will be signups in the bulletins beginning this week. Come out for food, fun, and fellowship, Erin style!!

CELEBRATION FOR NANCY



Sunday, October 29

After church join us for a celebratory reception in the Narthex to honor our own Nancy Berry, organist/pianist extraordinaire, for her over 30 years of service to our congregation. Please join in celebration celebrating Nancy!

NEED A MEAL?

The Fellowship Team had their first cook-in at the end of August. If someone in our church family needs a meal after illness or surgery, please let the church office or a member of the Team know, so that we can provide a meal.

URGENT REQUEST



The kitchen freezer and refrigerator are both **full of random items**. If these items are not labeled **by October 15** by their owners, they will be thrown away. Please respect these spaces and their availability by keeping your items organized and current.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



"You are with me." Psalm 23

On World Communion Sunday, October 1, our denomination collects the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Christ's peace

extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace. Extending the peace of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith—a witness to what it means for us to be the Church together.

Half of the offering received at Erin will be used for peace and reconciliation work by Presbyterians across the globe, and 25 percent will be used by Presbyterian mid-councils to support peacemaking in our region. The other 25 percent will remain with our congregation, and Erin's Outreach team decides how it will be used in our local community to address the anxiety and discord that's been especially prevalent in recent years.

All around us people continue to argue about critical issues we face and whether and how to address them. We're surrounded - in person and in the media we watch and read - by conflict, anger, and disagreement. As God's people, though, we remember that we find our peace in Him. We will not always agree, but we are sisters and brothers nonetheless. Jesus challenges us to show the rest of the world that peace is possible even when we disagree, and even when we're surrounded by conflict. Christ's peace is truly for all times and all ways.

To donate to the Presbyterian Peace and Global Witness offering you can write a check and drop it in the offering plate on Sunday, October 3, using the special envelopes in the pew racks. You can mail your check, marked Peace and Global Witness Offering, to the church office. Or you can go to Erin's website at

OUTREACH & WORDPLAYERS

www.erinpres.org, click on DONATE in the menu at the top of the home page, and select "Special Offerings" in the Choose a Fund box. Either way, know that your gift will help spread Christ's much-needed peace in our community, our region, and around the world.

FISH PANTRY SERVE DAY

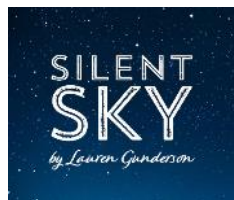


We're going to FISH on October 28th, 9a-1pm. Join us for a wonderful opportunity to show Christ's love for our fellow man.

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 with us! You'll find signups in the bulletin this month.

OUTREACH THANKS YOU!

Outreach wants to thank each one of you for bringing in the egg cartons and plastic grocery bags for FISH Pantry. Providing these items is very helpful and truly appreciated. Keep on bringing them in!



The Wordplayers present: an evening of theatrical magic! We're producing Lauren Gunderson's masterful and illuminating work, *Silent Sky*.

Show dates of October 5, 6, 12, and 13 at 7:30pm, and October 8 and 15 at 2:30pm, in the auditorium of Erin Presbyterian Church.

Tickets on sale now at www.wordplayers.org, and available at the door while seats last. Thursdays, Oct. 5 and 12, will be "Pay What You Wish" for *Silent Sky*. The true story of 19th century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt explores a woman's place in society during a time of immense scientific discoveries, when women's ideas were dismissed until men claimed credit for them. Social progress, like scientific progress, can be hard to see when one is trapped among earthly complications; Henrietta and her female peers believe in both, and their dedication changed the way we understand both the heavens and the earth.

Coming soon from The WordPlayers...

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe **December 8 - 13, 2023**

This dramatization of C.S. Lewis' classic, set in the land of Narnia, faithfully recreates the magic and mystery of Aslan, the great lion, his struggle with the White Witch, and the adventures of four children who inadvertently wander from an old wardrobe, into the exciting, never-to-be-forgotten Narnia.



All the memorable episodes from the story are represented: the temptation of Edmund by the witch, the slaying of the evil wolf by Peter, the witnessing of Aslan's resurrection by Susan and Lucy, the crowning of the four new rulers of Narnia, and more. This story of love, faith, courage and giving, with its triumph of good over evil, is a true celebration of life.



West of Bethlehem
by Ethan Norman

Available to tour to your facility:
Nov. 26 - December 20, 2023

West of Bethlehem, a one-act play with music by Ethan Norman, offers a reminder to remember the beauty, majesty, and perfection of the story God gave us.

In the Kingdom of God, the Shepherd is an honored title and a picture of leadership. In the kingdom of men, Shepherds are the dregs of society and shepherding is a task of drudgery with little personal gain. We delve into this example for us in Christ as it plays out in the Christmas story, with laughter and with heaviness at moments.

For more information or to schedule a performance, please call 865-539-2490.

Or email Terry at: terry@wordplayers.org