

GRATITUDE

Hey folks!

When folks ask me how I'm doing, my answer is generally "I'm grateful, how about yourself."

I inherited that response from my Granddaddy and namesake, Dr. Joe Taber Jr. I'm not sure how he started it, but he has used it as long as I can remember. He lived with an attitude of gratitude.

For me, it started as a Lenten practice, and as an observation that it was easier to choose to be "grateful" than it was to choose to be "fine." I'm a person with episodic depression, living in an anxious world. There are days when I am pretty far from "fine," despite that being the expected response to the question "How are you?" So I took the thankful wisdom of my Granddaddy, and turned my greeting into a spiritual discipline. It stuck long after the season of Lent ended.

As we move into our summer schedule and wrap up our Stewardship season (the luncheon is on the 14th! Come celebrate our shared generosity!), I hope you will also find ways to live with an attitude of gratitude, and to dedicate some part of your life to God.

I heard a story once of a man who kept his

shoes as far under his bed as he could reach, so that each day he would spend some time on his knees, and used that as a reminder to pray. Another person used the opening lines of hymns as passwords, so that each time she logged in to an account, she was reminded to sing praise to God always. One of the youth at a previous church took a sharpie and wrote "child of God" on her mirror, so that she was constantly reminded of who she was, and whose she was.

There are many ways to put our faith into practice, and Presbyterians believe that there is no aspect of our lives that does not fall under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Our lives, and our life together, is an expression of gratitude for the steadfast lovingkindness of our God. I am grateful for this church, for the ministry we do together, and for the financial, emotional, and energetic support of the members of this family of faith.

Thanks for all that y'all do! Let's keep up the growth as disciples, entrusting ourselves to God's sustaining grace!

Your grateful brother in Christ,

Rev. Joseph W. Taber IV

Pastor, Erin Presbyterian Church



STEWARDSHIP

Our Stewardship Campaign has kicked off for the upcoming fiscal year, focusing on what our church budget accomplishes and why it matters. Our finances are solid at the moment, but as inflation eats into our personal purchasing power, so it eats into the church's as well. In order for us to stay healthy as a congregation, we must prioritize the needs of the church, and our campaign goal is to encourage people to do just that.

The church needs a raise.

We will look at some of what Erin actually does with its resources over the next several weeks. In worship we're hearing stories of how our ministry makes an impact in our lives and in our life together.

We encourage each of you to prayerfully consider how you can support the church and its mission, and to help us out by pledging so we know how to best budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Pledge Sunday is June 14th, when we will have tally pledges and celebrate that Sunday at our annual Luncheon after church. We look forward to seeing you there!

FISH PANTRY DAY

SAVE THE DATE! Our next Service Day is Saturday, June 27th from 9am to 1pm. Please let Nathan Barber know (in person or by email: nathan.barber213@gmail.com) if you'd like to come along.



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 in the past or want to come along for the first time, we'd love to have you join us.

BAKERS & MAKERS

It's the event you've been waiting for Erin's annual Bakers and Makers Fair, coming Sunday, August 23rd in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:00am.



All proceeds will be used to advance the work of Justice Knox in our community.

If you would like to be a vendor, please see Kellan Sarles so she can reserve a table for you, or email sarleskellan@gmail.com.



Set up will be on Saturday, August 22nd between 1:00pm and 3:00pm.

We will again have gift baskets to raffle, and NEW THIS YEAR - a cake icing competition for kids!

It's a fun time!

SUNDAY SERVICE TIME

Remember that we'll move to our Summer Worship Service time of 10am on Sunday, June 7th. We change back to the 11am worship service time on Rally Day, August 9th.

Worship Service

10AM



END OF YEAR PARTY: IT WAS A CIRCUS!





JUNE VOLUNTEERS

JUNE 7TH		JUNE 14TH		JUNE 21ST		JUNE 28TH	
BELL RINGER		BELL RINGER		BELL RINGER		BELL RINGER	
Ginger Thompson		Craig Strand		Addison Strand		Will McCallum	
GREETER		GREETER		GREETER		GREETER	
Pat Wallin		Tony and Kelli		Regina Bishop		Erin McCallum	
Kathy Boyd		Canan-Denny		Kathy Boyd		Rickey McCallum	
GUIDE		GUIDE		GUIDE		GUIDE	
David Eggers		Eliza Barber		Diana Brandon		Betty Gibbs	
READER		READER		READER		READER	
Sara Leckie		Kelcey Levering		John House		Neill Murphy	
USHERS		USHERS		USHERS		USHERS	
Rickey McCallum		Jim Montgomery		Linda Quinley		Gary Pennington	
Robbie and Kelcey		Mike Cate		Susan Miller		Kim and Dusty	
Levering		Dave Leckie		Jim Thompson		Pennington	
COUNTERS		COUNTERS		COUNTERS		COUNTERS	
Craig Strand		David Eggers		Ann Snograss		Neill Murphy	
Rickey McCallum		John House		Andy Sarles		Joe Jaynes	
LIGHTS		LIGHTS		LIGHTS		LIGHTS	
Neill Murphy		Neill Murphy		Anna McKay		Neill Murphy	
SOUND		SOUND		SOUND		SOUND	
Tammy Murphy		Tammy Murphy		Joe Jaynes		Tammy Murphy	
STREAMING		STREAMING		STREAMING		STREAMING	
Kevin Griffin		Phil Watkins		Kevin Griffin		Phil Watkins	
SLIDES		SLIDES		SLIDES		SLIDES	
Craig Strand		Stacie Armsworth		David Eggers		Craig Strand	

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Betty Gibbs | 11 Stephen Lamb | 23 Hayden Crisp |
| 2 Anna Bornhoeft | 16 Joy Bornhoeft | 24 Brooks Eggers |
| 5 Ella Levering | 16 Sophia Cyr | |
| 9 Stacie Armsworth | 18 Pat Wallin | |
| | 20 Tammy Murphy | |

