

The Erin Spirit

Erin Presbyterian Church (USA)

Serving the community on the same site
since 1860.

JULY/AUGUST 2015



For in the one spirit
we were all baptized
into one body.

1 Corinthians 12:13



Pastor's Pen.....

As I write to you, we are finally watching our flowers come into full bloom as spring has slowly transitioned into the sunshine filled days of summer. Time to enjoy God's outdoor majesty with family and friends. It seems like it

has taken a long time to get to this stage in our seasonal year and we are thankful. As each day passes, we can easily remember the joy of planting for the harvest and keeping track of our seedlings as they grow into the harvest we prayed for.

Life as a follower of Jesus Christ is also one where we till the ground, plant the seed and tend to it and anticipate the harvest. (Much like the preparations for the Gratiot Cruise). God has given us many gifts for the love of others and service to God and our communities. We have been hand picked by God for the particular plan that is before us, for only God knows who

we are and why we are the best choice.

How is God continuing to nudge you onward and guide you as you follow our Lord in praise and in service? We live in a world where we think we can get there on our own, and yet we understand life just

isn't that simple.

Psalm 139: 1-8, 13-14 says: "O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well."

The God we worship never quits. God never gives up on us and is forever planning how to bring us home. When we fall short, God is there to lift us up. May we continue to lift one another up and guide them in worship, praise, and prayer. May we in confidence do what needs to be done to bring others to know Jesus and to remember.

Grace and gratitude,
Pastor Nancy

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For Your Information...

Session Committees for 2015

Administration

Property & Finance

Dave Marshall, Chair
 B. Nowaczewski, Treasurer
 Ruth Harris
 Roger Harrison
 Dave Jaworski
 Tom Pietrzak
 Jim Pinello

Evangelism

Mission & Outreach

Tom Pietrzak, Chair
 Edna Bassett
 Joyce Lawrence
 Ramona Hoggarth
 Carol Weidenbach
 Nancy Weidenbach

Chancel

Kevin Smith, Chair

Fundraising

Roger Harrison, Chair
 Carla Harrison

Christian Education

Jean Jaworski, Chair

Church Officer Nominating

Dave Marshall, Co-chair
 Jean Jaworski, Co-Chair
 Margaret Kirkindall, Deacon
 Congregation Members:
 Betty Ireland
 Edgar Kirkindall
 Kelly Morris
 Bob Nowaczewski

Kitchen

Margaret Kirkindall, Chair
 Carla Harrison
 Sue Le Fevre
 Ruby Scalf

Memorial & Endowment Committee

Dave Marshall, Moderator
 Nancy Bass, Pastor
 Bob Nowaczewski, Treasurer
 Jean Jaworski, Secretary
 Roger Harrison, Elder Rep.



- The **DEADLINE** for the **September 2015 Erin Spirit** is Monday, August 17th. Please be sure to have your info to the church office by 1 p.m. if you want it in the **September Erin Spirit**.

- Any committee or person needing something put into the Sunday Spirit...! ask that you have it into the church office by 1 p.m. on Tuesday of the week you would like it put in.

- Any group or committee needing to use the lit up portable sign for event(s) advertising, please see Dorothy to schedule needed dates on the church calendar. It is the responsibility of the group using the sign to put up the message they want and to take the letters down and put them back when they are finished.

Presbyterian Men

Open to all men of the congregation, young and old, this is a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with other Christian men.

We will meet at the Church on Saturday, July 11th and also on August 8th at 9 a.m. for breakfast and a short meeting. We will be performing needed maintenance tasks around the church, so please plan on attending. Every man of the church is encouraged and expected to come out for this

event featuring a great breakfast and wonderful fellowship with other men.



Committee Meetings for July & August

- **Men of Erin** will meet for breakfast & a short meeting Saturday, 7/11/15 and Saturday, 8/8/15 at 9 a.m. in Knox Hall
- **Evangelism** will not meet in July. August meeting will be Saturday, 8/8/15 at 10:30 a.m. in Knox Hall
- **Property & Finance** will meet Wednesday, 7/8/15 and Wednesday, 8/12/15 at 7 p.m. in Pastor's study.
- **Session** will not meet in July. August meeting will be Wednesday, 8/19/15 at 7 p.m. in MacDonald Hall.

The hidden message is: Summer Vacation



4th Friday Feast

Friday, July 24th 5 to 8 p.m.

There will not be a 4th Friday Feast in August

50/50 Raffle & Basket Auction

Cost: 10.00

Includes fried or baked fish (cod), french fries, coleslaw, roll, butter and a dessert. *If you are able to bake a dessert (serve 24) please let Carla Harrison know and bring to the church by 4:30 on the day of the dinner.*

Finances

A note from the Administration, Property & Finance Committee, below is our financial position for the months of January through May 2015:



Cash Receipts

Total offerings	\$ 24,461.04
Fundraisers	3,260.03
Church use & interest income	9,580.27
Total Income	\$ 37,301.34

Cash Expenditures

Staff Salaries	\$ 12,940.76
Building/operational expenses	16,189.59
Committee expenses	5,299.74
Total Expense	\$ 34,430.09

Net Operating Total (favorable) \$ 2,871.25

Total income through May 2014 was \$38,113.14 compared to \$37,301.34 for this year, so total income has fallen behind last year by \$811.80. Expenses through May 2014 were \$43,416.55 while this year our expenses have dropped to \$34,430.09, a reduction of \$8,986.46 in spending.

Last year at this time our expenses exceeded our income by \$5,303.41, this year we have improved to a favorable position, with income exceeding expenses by \$2,871.25. We have not had to borrow from our investments this year, they now total \$5,072.42, up from the December 31, 2014 balance of \$4,938.40.

Thank you,
Administration, Property & Finance Committee

Community Outreach Events



**Classic Car Show in Erin in
Parking Lot 5 to 8 p.m.**

Friday, July 3rd
Friday, July 10th
Friday, July 17th

Food available for purchase
In Knox Hall



Roseville
Community Schools
sponsors
**Gleaner's Mobile
Food Bank** at Erin
Church in the
Parking lot every

third Wednesday of the month.

**If you are able to help
distribute the food please
come to the Church around
noon on:**

**Wednesday, July 15th and
Wednesday, August 19th**



**Where: Erin Presbyterian
Church
30000 Gratiot • Roseville, MI
When: Sat., July 18th, 2015
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Rental Space Available
Call 586-777-9200 for more
information**

Pray for those in need

Temporary Concerns:

Glenn Austin
Chuck & Linda
Rachel Benefield
Renee Braman
Miriam Hall
Tonya Hall
Shirley Hamil
Sam Hammer
Joe Hoggarth
Paul Hughes
John Janas
Nick Klave
Beverly Knox
Sally Marks
Sandy McMullen
Allie Miller
Diane Miller
Nora Powell
Gail Scheffer
Angela Shrubowich
Ron Smolinski
Sandy Van

Long Term Concerns:

Frank Allor
Kevin Atcho
Terra Brozik
Butler Family
Erin Presbyterian
Church
Vi Ferguson
Heather Welch Gleason
Grace Graebert
Dale Harrison
John Harrison
Cindy Hogman
Kelly Keller
Sandy Maley
Everett Martin
Debbie Palutis
Dick Radatz
Alton Rausch
Pauline Rush
Helen Stewart
Nancy Van Rosenberg
Linda Wright

Praying for all
persons in the
military especially...



Jeremiah Gerber, US Marines, stateside
Rivan Frazee, US Air Force, stateside
Dan Heaton, US Air Force Reserves, stateside
Cody Spigelmyre, US Army, stateside
Timothy Harrison, US Marines, Afghanistan
Dakota Kerving, US Army, stateside

A Prayer for Our Country

Today we pray for our nation. We ask that you would give our President wisdom beyond his own understanding and the courage to chose the right path no matter how narrow the gate.

We pray for all in authority over us that you would give them the grace and strength to stand against the temptation to use power as a weapon but rather to carry it reverently as one would a child. We pray for the spiritual leaders of our country that they would hear your voice and know your heart.

We pray that they would lead from their knees and by that simple grace bring each one of us to our knees before your throne. Have mercy on our nation Lord, In Jesus name, Amen. —Anonymous

Happy July Birthday to:

- 2 Megan Klein
- 4 Sandra Rogers



- 5 Eric Graham
- 6 Fran Blackaby
- 9 Kelly Morris
- 14 Joe Scott
- 18 Logan Ireland
- 23 Mary Smith
- 26 Irene Wingate

July 5 -Team 2
Dave Marshall
Sandra Rogers



July 12-Team 3
Dave Jaworski
Terry Bossick

July 19-Team 1
Tom Pietrzak
June Frazee

July 26-Team 2
Dave Marshall
Sandra Rogers

USHER TEAM

- 5 Team 4, Men of Erin
- 12 Team 5, John Janas & Sue LeFevre
- 19 Team 1, Ruth Harris & volunteer needed
- 26 Team 2, C. Harrison & Ramona Hoggarth



Deacon of the Day

- 5 Priscilla Smith
- 12 Carol Weidenbach
- 19 Carol Eickhoff
- 26 John Janas

GREETERS SCHEDULE

- 5 Tom & Dorothy Pietrzak
- 12 Ed & Margaret Kirkindall
- 19 Gary & Kelly Morris
- 26 Carol Weidenbach

- 5 Kevin Smith
- 12 Roger Harrison
- 19 Kevin Smith
- 26 Roger Harrison



If you are interested in helping run the sound during worship please talk to Kevin or Roger.

- 5 Tom & Dorothy Pietrzak
- 12 Dave & Karen Marshall
- 19 Dave & Jean Jaworski
- 26 The Kirkindall Family



Sunday Worship Leader



- 5 Dorothy Pietrzak
- 12 Kelly Morris
- 19 Dorothy Pietrzak
- 26 Kevin Smith

Mission for the Month of July

Funds collected this month will go towards "Erin Church Parking Lot Repair - Phase 1"

Church sign of the Month



Sunday, July 5, 2015 - COMMUNION SCHEDULE



Deacon preparation: Sally Marks & Priscilla Smith

Elder clean up: Carla & Roger Harrison

Happy August Birthday to:

- 1 Jane Robart
- 10 Dave Marshall
- 14 Pastor Nancy
- 24 Dorothy Pietrzak



Aug. 2 -Team 3
 Dave Jaworski
 Terry Bossick



Aug. 9 -Team 1
 Tom Pietrzak
 June Frazee

Aug. 16 -Team 2
 Dave Marshall
 Sandra Rogers

Aug. 23 -Team 3
 Dave Jaworski
 Terry Bossick

Aug. 30 -Team 1
 Tom Pietrzak
 June Frazee

Happy August Anniversary to:



- 8 Gary & Kelly Morris
- 24 George & Lee Stepanovic 58 years!

USHER TEAM

- 2 Team 3, D. Marshall & Tom Pietrzak
- 9 Team 4, Men of Erin
- 16 Team 5, John Janas & Sue Le Fevre
- 23 Team 1, Ruth Harris & volunteer needed
- 30 Team 2, Carla Harrison & Ramona Hoggarth



Deacon of the Day

- 2 Margaret Kirkindall
- 9 Martin Kirkindall
- 16 Sally Marks
- 23 Priscilla Smith
- 30 Carol Weidenbach

GREETERS SCHEDULE



- 2 Sue Le Fevre & Carol Eickhoff
- 9 Joyce Lawrence & Ilene Morris
- 16 Tom & Dorothy Pietrzak
- 23 Edgar & Margaret Kirkindall
- 30 Gary & Kelly Morris

- 2 Kevin Smith
- 9 Roger Harrison
- 16 Kevin Smith
- 23 Roger Harrison
- 30 Kevin Smith



If you are interested in helping run the sound during worship please talk to Kevin or Roger.

- 2 Roger & Carla Harrison
- 9 Carol & Nancy Weidenbach
- 16 Sue Le Fevre & Carol Eickhoff
- 23 Joyce Lawrence & Ramona Hoggarth
- 30 Neil & Virginia Latham



Sunday Worship Leader



- 2 Dorothy Pietrzak
- 9 Dorothy Pietrzak
- 16 Kelly Morris
- 23 Kevin Smith
- 30 Dorothy Pietrzak

Mission for the Month of August

Funds collected this month will go towards "Erin Church Parking Lot Repair - Phase 1"

Church sign of the Month



Sunday, August 2, 2015 - COMMUNION SCHEDULE



Deacon preparation: Carol Weidenbach & Carol Eickhoff

Elder clean up: Jean Jaworski & Sue Le Fevre

Ponderings: Things that make you go hmm . . . Christian Band-Aids

"Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy comes in the morning!"
But I sit here struggling in my angst
And a new day is a'dawnin'
"Everything happens for a reason.
It's all in God's plan."
But it's hard for me to divinize
suffering. I'm sorry. I just can't.
"All things work together for good . . ."
You know how that is finished.
And instantly whatever I am going through
is supposed to diminish?
Why? O why dear sisters and brothers,
do you make remarks like these?
Applying Scripture like a Band-Aid
with no balm for my dis-ease?
You don't listen to my pain.
Make no time to hear my thoughts.
Do not see the tears forming.
Care no mind that I'm distraught.
At least that's how it feels
when you apply a Christian Band-Aid.
I understand your motives may be good
Your intentions begin from the heart
The Scripture you quote is "good for my soul"
I believe that's where you start.
But can I ask you to back up a bit
Just take a moment to see
That all I need from you right now
is to acknowledge my humanity?
I am in pain. I am hurting.
I have sorrow deep within.
I lack the energy to hope.
I do not know where to begin.
I just need someone to listen.
I just need someone who's there.
Not to fix my situation
Or to "God-talk me to care."
But to sit down in my presence.
To be quiet and let me be.
To let me rant about injustice,
What's not fair, or "Lord, why me?"
Without interruption or instruction
About how Christ paid it all

About how we as Christians suffer
About how sin came with the Fall
About how God gave up God's Son
so that we all might live
About how we as Christians
are suppose to forgive
About how suffering brings perseverance
how trouble doesn't last always
About how God's timing is not ours
And how God turns our darkest nights into
days!
I know you mean well.
I know you want to assist.
But this instant application of God's Word,
Please resist.
Until you've heard my story.
Until you've acknowledged my pain.
Walked a mile in my shoes
Actually experienced what I'm saying.
Asked me what I need
Or how you can help me, if you can
And don't get mad if I tell you to back off.
"Talk to the hand!"
And then maybe . . . just maybe . . . it won't feel like
you're applying a Christian Band-Aid.

Shanell T. Smith is a teaching elder PC(USA) and assistant professor of New Testament and Christian origins at Hartford Seminary

Shanell,
This is brilliant, and rich with layer upon layer of meaning. Thank you. "But to sit down in my presence. To be quiet and let me be." But oh how little time we Christians to offer the ministry of silent presence. "But this instant application of God's Word Please resist." The tendency to just lift and quote Scripture completely out of context. Thank you for the reminder.

Pastor Nancy



Summer...Find and circle all of the summer words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell an additional summer item.

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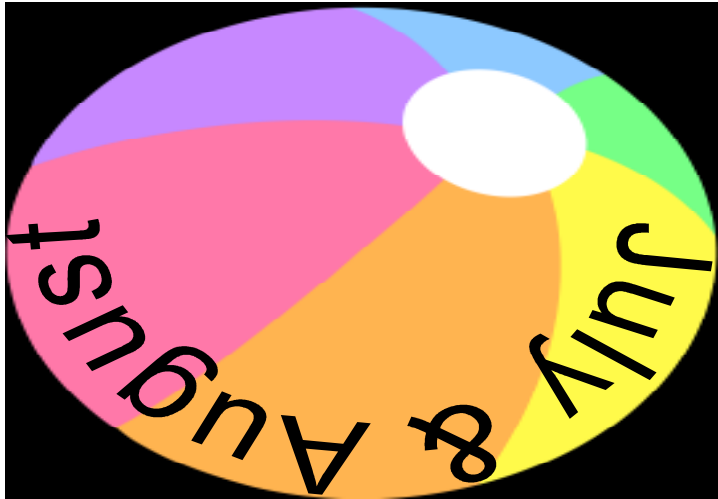
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 SUNSHINE
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 WATER FIGHTS
 WATERMELON





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<p>The <i>Session</i> of Erin Church sets our vision and has authority over the entire ministry. Please contact its members with your questions, comments, and or ideas.</p>	<p>Rev. Dr. Roxie Davis, Moderator Nancy D. Bass, Pastor Jean Jaworski, Clerk of Session</p>		
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<p>The <i>Deacons</i> of Erin Church perform the ministries of service and compassion. Please contact its Members if you have or see a spiritual and/or physical need.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Class of 2015</u> Carol Eickhoff Margaret Kirkindall Priscilla Smith</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Class of 2016</u> Marvin Dumire Dave Kussner Carol Weidenbach</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Class of 2017</u> John Janas Martin Kirkindall Sally Marks</p>