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Pastor's Pen

Your Bill Has Been Paid
 "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
 (Romans 5:8)



The concept is almost lost today. Maybe you remember it from the history books. It is the practice of buying only what we can afford. Do you remember those days? They seem like a land visited long ago, but now a distant memory. Perhaps I overstate the matter. We must admit, though, the practice is true.

The vast majority of American people today live beyond their means. We live, even thrive, on credit. Our actions boldly declare: "Why put off to tomorrow what I can charge today!" The crisis this creates is not just one of bondage to creditors and interest rates. Our joy in what we gained by easy credit is suffocated and sapped by the burdensome cost we pay over time. The "quick fix" leads to a lengthy loss.

Here is the problem with all of this... I'm not describing primarily money or material things. What I have in mind is the state and quality of our relationship with our Creator, the one true Living God! As expressed by our hard-hearted and indifferent lives we have built up a debt with God we are utterly unable to pay. Death, our own death, is inadequate to right ourselves with God. Thankfully, God has intervened on our behalf!

This reminds me of an unexpected blessing that came at just the right time. We were early in our years of parenting and out enjoying a simple lunch with our son at a local restaurant. We pinched pennies and somehow made ends meet. As our meal ended, we waited for the waitress to bring us our bill. Finally, we had to ask for our bill. To our shock and gratitude, the waitress told us, "Your bill has been paid." Perhaps they will never know how perfect that gift was, but it came at just the right time.

This month, I invite you to consider the message of Easter, the message of the cross, the heart of the Gospel message through a few lines from two "poems" I love. They express God's action to forgive our debt and by faith to reconcile our imbalanced lives to the God of perfect peace and righteousness.

Jesus paid a debt he did not owe.
 For we owed a debt we could not pay.
 While on the cross our Lord's blood did flow.
 And he paid for our debts on the hill that day.
 (from the poem "Jesus Paid a Debt that He Did Not Owe", by Ken Ferguson)

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
 Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.
 (from the chorus of "Jesus Paid It All", by Elvina M. Hall)

In God's perfect love,
 Pastor Steve



It's time to get ready to celebrate the empty tomb.
 Don't forget to invite your friends and family for
 The Easter Egg Hunt on
 Saturday, April 15th at 10 a.m.

We are seeking donations for Easter Candies. Please consider donating wrapped candies, filled plastic eggs, and/or empty plastic eggs. All donations can be left in the large bin in the Receptionist Office by April 9th.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

preschool

~Elizabeth Bodine

We had a fun busy month during March in the Orange Room. Everyone was invited to Chuck E. Cheese on March 7th for our annual fund raiser. It was great seeing everyone there. Mr. Magic visited our school on March 14th. The children loved his program. He had the little ones giggling over his mischievous bunny.

In March, we learned about farms, farm animals, and growing plants from seeds. We planted seeds in small containers and were excited to see them growing. We learned the nursery rhyme Humpty Dumpty and made a Humpty Dumpty craft with band aids to put him together again. We also went on a treasure hunt for the Leprechauns' gold.

The month of March was certainly busy and fun. But at Trinity Preschool, the fun doesn't stop! Miss Gina and Miss Tina

Presbyterian women

~Virginia Kozak

By the time this article is published, several of us will have already attended the **PW Spring Gathering of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery**. **THANKS** to everyone that donated items for Disaster Relief. You are so kind!

The TPW Board is humbled and grateful to disburse \$2,000 last month to the following Kentucky organizations from TPW Benevolence funds:
 Buckhorn Children's Center (Buckhorn), Cedar Ridge Camp (Louisville), Family Community Clinic (Louisville), Galilean Home Ministries (Liberty), Neighborhood House (Louisville), St Joseph's Peace Mission Home for Children (Owensboro), Supplies Overseas (Louisville).

TUESDAY MORNING CIRCLE, April 11th at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor. Navigator's LifeChange study of Luke, pages 155-168 (disregard lesson numbers!). Martha Warrick, facilitating.



Easter Events

Palm Sunday Worship Service
Sunday, April 9, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service
Friday, April 14, 12:00 noon

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 16, 7:00 a.m.

Easter Worship Service
Sunday, April 16, 11:00 a.m.



Easter Cross

Don't forget on Easter Sunday to bring fresh flowers to decorate our Easter Cross.

Please bring the flowers prior to the worship service and/or Sunday School.

EASTER FELLOWSHIP

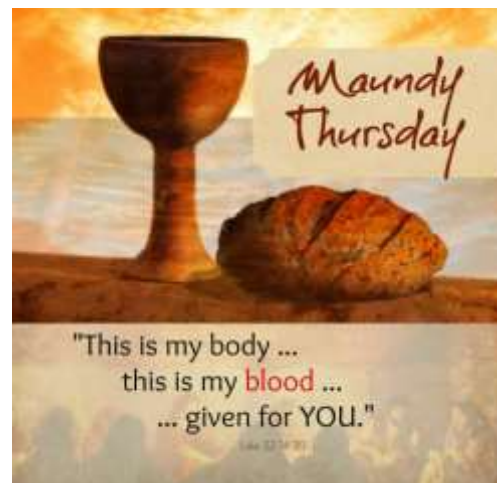
On Easter Sunday, April 16th, there will be a time for fellowship in Fellowship Hall following the Sunrise Service, beginning at approximately 7:45 a.m. and serving until 9:45 a.m. when Sunday School classes begin. Please join us for a variety of breads, juice and coffee as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior on Easter morning.

If anyone would like to make a quick bread to share that morning, please contact Jude Bloor at 502-432-6032 or at jjbloor@att.net.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Trinity's Maundy Thursday service will be held on Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join with our church family as we reflect on the night before the crucifixion of our Lord.



April Birthdays

4/3 Don Crosser
 4/4 Kitty Houser
 Sean Ray
 4/5 Geetha Joseph
 Sean Shumate
 4/7 Margaret Bloss
 Bonnie Mullin
 4/8 Imad Imam
 4/9 Doug Harville
 Sydnei Hacker
 4/11 Maria Hall



4/15 Roger Harvell
 4/17 Mark McDaniel
 4/19 Ann Douglas
 4/21 Juan Sarmiento
 4/23 Kay Nolan
 4/25 Heather Wallace
 Devin Mingus
 4/26 Addy Elder

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Trinity Presbyterian welcomes all visitors who are seeking to find Christ in their lives! Our regular Sunday morning services are at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Nursery and Children's church provided!