

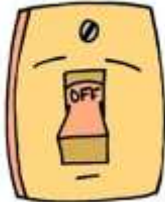
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Pastor's Pen

According to Plan

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."
   
 2 Corinthians 12:9



Some years ago, we were doing some remodeling in our home. One project involved the replacement of a light in our bathroom. Sounds simple enough! As a "do-it-yourselfer", this seemed easily in my wheelhouse. I gathered my tools, carefully unpacked the new light with its pieces, and studied the directions that came in the package. Up to this point, I was doing everything right, perfectly by the book. The project proceeded without a hitch. All the appropriate wires were connected. The light was properly mounted. Most importantly, the power was off throughout the whole project! Finally, all was right and ready. The only thing left to do was turn the power back on. So, I flipped the switch... NOTHING!

To say that I was less than pleased at this point is a gross understatement. Anger, confusion, a sense of failure, and so many other thoughts and feeling flooded my mind and heart. I was at a loss. If only these projects had the ability to know they are always supposed to go as planned, without complication, perfectly the first time.

Isn't that how we think life should be: perfect the first time, without a hitch, easy and smooth sailing. Far too often our lives are anything but simple, straightforward, and smooth sailing. Instead, experience after experience reminds us how little control over life we truly have and how powerless we really are. We need help greater than our own ability. We need a hope that is higher than our own situations. We need a power that exceeds our own.

Beginning this month (March), we enter a season called Lent. It is a six-week period preceding Easter. Every year during Lent God invites us to remember and reflect upon two crucial things: First, all of us need help; Second, God provides the help we need in Jesus Christ.

So, what was the problem with my remodeling project? Obviously, everything wasn't done properly. After a few hours of working it, I finally gave up and called in an expert. Thankfully, they quickly and easily resolved the problem. So, what was it! The wires were crossed. Without the wires properly connected the power wouldn't properly flow. Without power, there was no light. Without light, there was no clarity.

Friends, when the wires of our life are crossed life just doesn't work right. Without God's power we are without light in our lives. And without light in our lives we are left in the dark without clarity. Life becomes what God didn't intend...impossible. But, with God all things become possible. During these six-weeks before Easter, consider reflecting on your own need of help and God's gift of the help you need in Jesus Christ.



Graciously in Christ,  
Pastor Steve



Bring a friend



Trinity Presbyterian Church cordially invites you to bring a friend and attend the 11:00 a.m. worship service and 12:00 p.m. visitor reception on Sunday, March 19, 2017.

Our Pastor and church family are excited to share the many programs and opportunities at Trinity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 2016-2017

CHILDREN...

- **Children's Sunday School** - For children in preschool – 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Meets in the preschool room downstairs in classroom #3. Currently exploring through the *Faith Alive* curriculum. For children in 5<sup>th</sup> and up: Meets downstairs in classroom #1. Currently studying through the *Feasting on the Word* curriculum under the leadership of Tim Barnum.
- **Children's Church** - A special time of worship for children during the 11:00 a.m. service. Parents with children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to have your children join us for a special time of worship during the 11:00 a.m. service. Children begin with Children's time each Sunday in the sanctuary. During the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, Children Grades 1-5 are encouraged to attend the Young Explorer's Class in the Library. Nursery is available for younger children every Sunday. During this time, children will continue with praise & worship, learn about God's Word, and engage in related activities.

ADULT...

- **Adult II Sunday School** - Meets in the Library, under the leadership of Betty Muse. Studying *The Present Word*, Uniform Series published by the PCUSA. The study involves a direct Bible Study, understanding the Bible in relation to our lives and life experiences and developing an awareness of God's love through his son, Jesus Christ.
- **Koinonia Sunday School** - Meets in the parlor, under the leadership of Reverend Bob Williams-Neal. Study in *Galatians* through *Paul for Everyone: Galatians and Thessalonians* by N. T. Wright. Drawn from a spectrum of Trinity members, this class meets to discuss a certain book of the Bible and explores Scripture. This is a Seminary/Discussion formatted class.
- **Men's Sunday School** - Meets downstairs in classroom #4. This men's only class has open discussion about God's Word. This class is designed to reach out to men and to effectively help grow through the grace and knowledge of God's Word. We study the Bible to find strength and courage in supporting one another in our daily walk with God. Seeking in prayer and fellowship, we seek to pursue true Biblical principles regarding our leadership as men in the home, church, and the community. Currently, study is in R.C. Sproul's series on Interpretation Standards of the Bible.
- **Men's Study Group**- On the first and third Tuesday of each month, the men of Trinity gather together for coffee, fellowship, and an appetite for the Bible. We meet at Wild Eggs restaurant off of English Station Rd. at 8:30 a.m. Our study and time together will be a tremendous encouragement to grow as a godly man. Study is in the Life of David through 2 Samuel.
- **Women's Sunday School** - Meets downstairs in classroom #6, under the leadership of Jeanette Priebe. The purpose of this class is to bring women together to support one another in building their faith in Jesus Christ. Through our discussions and our prayer time together, we have developed a real love for each other and would love to have you join in as we journey together. This is a fun-loving group of Women who empowers and encourages each other. They will be studying Acts of the Apostles using a DVD and "Acts: The Spread of the Gospel" by John MacArthur beginning Sept. 18.

Fellowship



Take me out to the Ball Game!

This year Trinity Presbyterian is excited to participate again in a co-ed summer softball league. The 2017 season begins with the season opener in May with all games being played weekly each Wednesday night at Watkins United Methodist Church. Coached by our very own Joe Torre in-training, Kyle Mullin, the team includes members of all ages, skill level, and athletic ability! We hope joining this league will help us enjoy fellowship and a little friendly competition with other believers in the community. If you are interested in participating, it is not too late! Look for a sign-up sheet on the fellowship bulletin board. Our first practice is going to be held in March. We are looking forward to an exciting season!

MISSIONS OF TRINITY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Faith & art

~Candy Wheat



Peace & Christ to all!

The Center enjoyed working with the Trinity Preschool making Valentine Day gifts for their mothers.

WE WANT TO BE YOUR CHURCH HOME!  
PLEASE JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY FOR WORSHIP!

Presbyterian women

~Virginia Kozak

TPW's Sew 'n Sews is focusing on sewing for various special needs during the first quarter of 2017. If you happen to know how to sew and can spend an evening or two with your machine, you might be interested in helping us. Meander through our fabric stash if you'd like. Here is what we are working on in particular to complete soon:

**Baby Receiving Blankets** that we will be taking to the **VA Hospital** on Zorn Avenue. As there are more women in the service, we are having more babies being born to veterans, and they need warm flannel receiving blankets! Easy patterns and ideas can be found on the internet and youtube.com.

**Chemo caps** are being sewn using of soft fabrics, and knitted or crocheted from soft yards for patients at the practice where **Dr. Geetha Joseph** works. The caps will provide something warm, attractive and practical for women facing the huge challenge of cancer, while letting them know we are thinking and praying for their recovery.

One hundred cute **Best Buddy dolls** and another hundred colorful **pillowcases** are being stitched again for **Wellstone Behavioral Hospital** in Southern Indiana. For the special patients at Wellstone, these little items encourage positive behavior and brightness which they can take with them when going home.



*It's no joke!!* All Trinity women are invited to the **Spring Gathering** of the Mid-KY PW, where sisters from our region will meet on **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. The speaker is Carol Winkler, the national PW moderator. The event is always an encouraging time, so plan to be with us if you can. For those wanting to carpool, we'll gather here at 8:50 a.m. to Beulah Presbyterian Church (Fern Creek area). Can you help us collect items for the day's mission project to build hygiene kits: gallon-size zip lock bags, washcloths, hand towels (16"x28"), combs with wide teeth, wrapped bath-size bar soap, and Band-Aids. Please see our hallway bulletin board and March Trinity Times for more information about the event and mission challenge, and to register to attend. You can also contact Kay Nolan or Virginia Kozak.

**TUESDAY MORNING CIRCLE**, March 14th at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor. Navigator's LifeChange study of **Luke**. Exact lesson assignment will be published in an upcoming Sunday bulletin.

Minute for mission



March 22nd - WOW MISSION

WE HAVE RESCHEDULED

Beth Buster, founder of My Dog Eats First will come & tell us about the unique Mission opportunity. We will also be doing a hands on project to support "My Dog Eats First."

Supplies that the My Dog Eats First often needs:

We would love to have a supply on March 22nd that we can donate:

- Dog/Cat Food - Wet and Dry
- Heavy Duty Storage Bins (for our foodbank, to keep the mice out)
- Zip Lock Bags (1 or 2 Gallon and Sandwich Size Zip lock Bags)
- Cat Litter
- Animal Food Dishes & Water Bowls
- Collars/Leashes & Harnesses of ALL sizes
- New or GENTLY USED (clean) fleece blankets



PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

APRIL 5th ~ WOW MISSION

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event.

We will hear about what PDA does and will be assembling Emergency Hygiene Kits for PDA.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND  
BOTH THE MISSION PROGRAMS

INTERESTED IN COMING TO TRINITY? CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH?  
WATCH OUR 11:00 AM SERVICES ON OUR LIVESTREAM CHANNEL:

[HTTP://LIVESTREAM.COM/TPCLOUISVILLE](http://livestream.com/tpclouisville)



Office volunteer



We are in need of an office volunteer for the  
**4th Friday of each month.**

If anyone is interested, please contact  
Deanna Smith, Church & Financial Secretary,  
via email at [tpclouisville@att.net](mailto:tpclouisville@att.net) or at 502-245-5515.

preschool

~Elizabeth Bodine

The month of February has been a busy one in the Red Room. We completed our penguin unit, learning about the emperor penguins of Antarctica and tried out being penguin parents by carrying our penguin eggs on our feet and waiting for the eggs to hatch and then carry the baby penguins on our feet. It was fun, but harder than it looked!

We cut out 100 hearts and strung them out over our room to celebrate Valentine's Day. We made valentines for some of the residents at Clarity Pointe Center. On February 14th, we enjoyed a Valentine party in our classroom.

We finished the month with units on zoo animals and insects.

Miss Linda, Miss Sharron and Miss Heather



**WHAT ARE YOU DOING**  
**ON SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>?**  
**NOTHING? FANTASTIC!**  
THEN GET YOURSELF TO  
**CEDAR RIDGE CAMP, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, U.S.A.**  
**OF BASKETBALL**  
**BBQ & BEER \$20**  
Watch the game on the big screen and hang out with friends at Hopkins Hall!!  
[www.cedarridgecamp.com](http://www.cedarridgecamp.com)



## 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 FELLOWSHIP

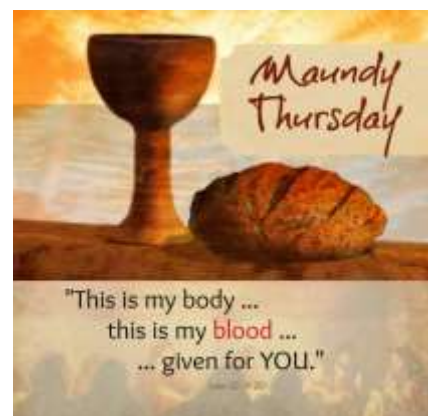
On Easter Sunday, April 16th, there will be a time for fellowship in Fellowship Hall following the Sunrise Service, beginning at approximately 7:45 a.m. and serving until 9:45 a.m. when Sunday School classes begin. Please join us for a variety of breads, juice and coffee as we celebrate the Resurrection 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](mailto: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. This service will follow a light meal that will begin at 6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please come for dinner and the service and join with our church family as we reflect on the night before the crucifixion of our Lord.



## March birthdays

3-1 Ellie Hall  
3-5 Lucie Fulmore  
Riley Young  
3-7 Ruth French  
3-8 Megan Barnum  
3-10 Andrea Williams-Neal  
3-11 Phyllis Santos Sauer  
Tara Petty  
3-12 Lincoln Hall  
3-13 Harper Davis  
3-16 Chip Hardwick  
3-18 Kathy Schuler  
3-19 Nolan Anderson



3-20 Rev. Steven Jewell  
3-22 Jane Kurfees  
3-23 Liz Barnum  
3-25 Clyde Muse  
3-26 Sarah Douglas  
Bill Hambleton  
3-28 Vivian Smith  
3-29 Thomas Douglas  
Patrick Jewell  
3-31 Sadie Mingus  
Ghyll Simoneschi  
Midge Goeth

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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!