



SAINT PAUL'S NEWS

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“What happens here doesn’t stay here...”

“What Fascinates You?”

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Dear Church Family,

What are the things in life that inspire, intrigue or fascinate you?

For me, it’s running water, which could include: creeks, streams, rivers, back yard water features, aquariums, and fountains; also, live music. Someone playing an instrument, especially piano or organ, and different bird songs. I love to walk out and hear the birds in the morning and all the different songs they sing. I also like to stop at Amish and General stores, and poke around and look at mission style furniture and lamps, and am attracted to antiques from around the turn of the century, 20th that is. These are all things that quickly get my attention, seeing and hearing the sounds of nature, the work of artisans, hand made things and I am fascinated by craftsmanship. I guess sights and sounds attract my attention. With the sound of running water or music, I am usually attracted and want to seek it out, wanting to see its source.

The fascination of the way water creates sound, the gifts people have to make music, or create things out of wood or pottery, or even stained glass, I look at these things as gifts from God. To me like these are a part of the Holy around us.

I remember moving here and one of our friends telling us a story about her fascination with the barns in the area. She said the craftsmanship and design were stunning and she was right. The amazing structures, like that area covered bridges that have all been built by hand many years ago, standing strong and tall, many of them at least.

I remember being in seminary and taking classes at the Josephinum, built in 1888 in Worthington, Ohio. When we first arrived, we were given a grand tour of the facility. It was built by artisans from all around the world, not artisans like you would know to be in an art museum, but

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craftsmen who would come to the United States for work and each group from a different country would come and be responsible for sections of the interior. For example, you would have areas of beautiful Italian tile and marble work, areas of amazing German woodwork, and Irish iron work. It is just a beautiful place and to see all the design work and craftsmanship in one place amazed me. The Catholic church brought people to the U.S. to give them work, and in return, they received their magnificent craftsmanship they considered a gift from God.

What fascinates or attracts you? What spurs your mind or intrigues you? For me, I believe it all leads back to the Holy with us. Jesus talks about leaving a Companion, one to come up alongside of you, one who encourages you and walks with you in your journey with God. John chapters 14 to 15 take us through Jesus' departure from the world and the Holy Spirit's coming to be with us. It is the Holy, as I understand it, that inspires the gifts we have been given. It is the Holy, I believe also, that inspires us to see the gifts created by God and others around us that draw our attention, fascinate and intrigue us.

Maybe it's too simplistic of a place or a way to see the Holy, however for me, the birds, the water, the craftsmanship of sights and sounds that's where I find and am assured of the Holy with me. Whatever moves, inspires, intrigues you, may you find the Holy within it. May you know the Holy is all around you in whatever grabs your attention.

Amen.

Peace,
Pastor Tim

In Our Daily Prayers...

Dick Albright
Dick Bettleyon
Nancy Cochran
Gail Earnest
Gladys Fawcett
Suli Goodlief
Greyson Greenawalt

Steve Harding
Mina Hoover
Mary Rose Knelly
Tom and Priscilla Lanks
Cindy Lloyd
Katy Mahon
Sandy Merritt

Cindy Mohr
Laura Prager
Jane Scurfield
Alecia Snyder
Donna and Russ Wynn, Sr.



News from Home...

Church Work-Days – Last evening, we experienced one of our two church work days set to help with the move to 1125 Mahoning Street. Last night, we had 31 members and friends (and 4 children) show up to assist! For three hours, we ate, worked, cleaned, moved stuff, fellowshiped, laughed, and got a lot done. It was wonderful to see so many people out having a good time together! Our next work day will take place at 433 High Street, on Saturday, July 11 at 9 a.m.! We will be moving some things from 433 High Street to 1125 Mahoning along with cleaning and ensuring our space there is clean and well maintained. So, mark your calendars now, because it truly was a great evening of fellowship and hard work and, of course, there was food and homemade dessert, too!

Current COVID-19 Restrictions at 1125

With most COVID-19 restrictions being lifted across the country, we ask you to please be mindful of the health and safety of all our members and friends of this faith family. If you have not been vaccinated, whether unable or choosing not to, we ask that you continue to mask. If you feel you are more comfortable masked regardless of your vaccination status, please continue to do so. If you want to hug someone, just be respectful of them and their space and ask if it's ok before hugging. And most importantly, please continue to use good hygiene practices, such as hand sanitizer and hand washing (20 seconds with soap). We will continue to work to keep everyone as safe as possible and ask for your help in doing the same.

Taking Names: So, if most restrictions are gone, why is someone still at the door taking down my name? Well, instead of using pew pads for knowing who is here and keeping up with attendance, we will continue to have a Greeter at the door to register everyone. Our new online church database management allows us to capture attendance electronically. So, in the coming weeks, instead of writing-down names as people enter, we will use an iPad to 'tap' and track attendance at the door. For new visitors or those not yet in the system, we will ask them to fill out a visitor's card and welcome them with a follow-up call, letter, or email. Having a Greeter at the door and registering people has helped us find a new, personal way for people to get to know one another and put faces with names - as well as effortlessly tracking attendance. If you want to volunteer as an usher or greeter for this activity - or other responsibilities - please reach out to Donna.

Coffee Hour: We launched a Summer Coffee Hour last Sunday with Iced Tea, Water and Lemonade, available outside under the covered walkway immediately following worship each Sunday. We hope you will join us and hang out and fellowship following worship. This outdoor space and event gives new meaning to "parking lot worship" and we are excited to be bringing back more opportunities like this for you.



Community Research Project...it's on! And what a great time it was! Our first CRP event drew about 30 members and friends together and what fun it was! Thank you, Lisa Bernard and Amy Rearick, for organizing this! The weather and scenery were stunning, the music was entertaining, the food (Son of a Butcher Food Truck) was over-the-top, and of course the company couldn't have been better! While the CRP team plans our next event, a pop-up interim event is also in the works. The Ann Kerstetter Trio will be performing at Whispering Oaks Vineyard (yes, the same place we were last week) on July 8 and there was a lot of interest in attending this event. Watch for news of this possible pop-up event while our next adventure is being planned.

“Pasta and Performance!” is Sunday, June 27, in the Fellowship Hall at 1125 Mahoning Street. Join us as we celebrate this year's Talent Show and share in a spaghetti dinner, meatballs and all. This year is a hybrid talent show including the videos you submitted (with your permission) and live performances. The cost is free; however, donations will be accepted to benefit our music and media ministries. As always, as a way to support missions, a 10% donation will also be given to the community dinner program.

Offering Envelopes: If you would like a new box of offering envelopes, please ask an usher on Sunday morning or call the church office to pick up.

Engage: This is a reminder to everyone that Saint Paul's has an online directory of members called “Engage” which makes it really easy to look up names, addresses, and phone numbers. The directory is secure and is only accessible to those who have accounts. You can create your Saint Paul's Engage directory account at this website: <https://engage.suran.com/spuccwm/s/login> (or click on the Member Directory Login at the bottom of the church website homepage. Use your email address (same one that you receive this eNews) to create your account, update your information, add a picture, and stay in touch! Any questions, call the church office.

A prayer for midweek: This prayer was written this week in preparation for this upcoming Sunday's message, I could relate and wondered if you might too...

“God, we love to excel. We love to receive certificates with glossy gold stars embossed upon them. To stretch ourselves and to achieve more than we previously believed we could. We love to love those who excel. We love to watch, breathless, as athletes compete, breaking records and soaring to ever-higher heights of human achievement. Help us strive to excel at generosity more than at anything else. Help us derive our greatest pleasure from living a level of boundless grace. Help us be most inspired by those around us who give not to receive, but because giving is to them as natural as breathing. Help us, in our abundance, to celebrate the harvest of goodness in our lives by joyfully sharing with others. Until all people in all places have enough to live well. Amen.”



If you like to plan... Here are some upcoming events to add to your calendar:

Sunday, June 27 – Pasta and Performance at 5 p.m. Fellowship Hall at 1125 Mahoning.

Sunday, July 4 – Communion

Saturday, July 10 – Clean Up Day at 433 High Street, West Milton at 9 a.m.

Sunday, July 11 – Delilah Sample Baptism

Sunday, July 18 – Swim Party and Chicken BBQ 4 p.m. (Gill Home)

Sunday, August 1 – Communion

Sunday, August 8 – Bo, Kadence, and Riley Gill Baptisms

Sunday, August 8 – Community Dinner at 5 p.m. at 1125 Mahoning (Drive-Through Format)

Sunday, August 22 – Back to School Picnic and Swim Party

Sunday, September 5 – Communion; Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 12 – Rally Day All Church Potluck

Monday, September 13 – Monday Morning Preacher Returns at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 15 – Family Formation Returns (Dinner, Bible Study, Youth Events, Music)

Saturday, September 18 – Harvest Festival Parade 1 p.m. (SPUCC Float)

Sunday, September 26 – S'mores and a Movie

Sunday, October 10 – Community Dinner at 5 p.m. at 1125 Mahoning (Drive-Through Format)

Sunday, December 5 – Community Dinner at 5 p.m. at 1125 Mahoning (Drive-Through Format)

Faith Formation and Worship News...

Sunday Morning's with Dave and Friends... Will return Sunday, September 12

Monday Morning Preacher... Will return Monday, September 13

Wednesdays Theology Mashup... Will return Wednesday, September 15

Want to join or are you looking for online worship or a worship replay? Like you can't get enough of Pastor Tim's message (right!)? Replay of services are always available via YouTube or Facebook. Links are on our website homepage.

<https://www.spuccwm.org/> or below:

Saint Paul's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulswestmilton>

Saint Paul's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx534qz98pw4lEcpsJznLnw>



Mission and Outreach News...

Saint Paul's Coffee Club is an ongoing mission project at Saint Paul's and funds community needs. Check out the organic coffees, teas, and chocolate products from Fair-Trade Farmers on hand for purchase in the display case in the lobby at 1125. These make really nice gifts or treat yourself in the name of giving back. Visit the homepage of our website <https://www.spuccwm.org/> to peruse the products, order online directly at <https://forms.gle/mV5R4NvUqkH3bbxj6> or fill out an order form at the display. Or call Donna at the office to find out more about supporting SPUCC's Coffee Club!

This Week at Saint Paul's...

Thurs., June 24 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Office open
2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Fresh Express Food Distribution at 433 High Street

Fri., June 25 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Office open

Sun., June 27 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship LIVE Online & In-Person at
1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847

Mon., June 28 **Happy Birthday Marianne Zeyn**
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Office open

Tues., June 29 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Office open

Wed., June 30 **Happy Birthday Fred Fisher**
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Office open

Upcoming Sunday Worship...LIVE stream and In Person @ 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton

June 27, 2021
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
"Breaking Boundries"
2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
Lector: Richard Armstrong
Flower Sponsor: Sue Overdorf

July 4, 2021
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
"Struck by Lightning"
Ezekiel 2:1-5; Mark 6:1-13
Lector: Rhonda Newton
Flower Sponsor: Chip & Tim

June Worship Leader: Amy Armstrong July Worship Leader: Drew Faust

June Usher Team: Drew Faust, Sue Mahon, Amy Snider,
Steve and Robin Brown, Earl Fisher

July Usher Team: Lisa and Bill Bernard, Autumn or Drew Faust
Rhonda Newton (Check In), Colleen Franciscus (Alternate)

