

# Saint Paul's Possibilities

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News & Engagement

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a weekly reflection by Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Dear Faith Family,

Staying Connected: A Conversation About Communication

Someone asked me the other day if I was keeping something a secret. They had heard through the grapevine about an upcoming Ecclesiastical Council where I am the focus and wondered why they hadn't known about it. I had to chuckle, because we had actually included it in the Possibilities as soon as it was official. But their question got me thinking, and it has stayed with me.

The posture I strive for and I ask of all of us, as individuals and as a church, is one to openly give and receive information, no secrets, no restrictions, for we together create a safe sacred space as a family in this way. So, we all get to ask ourselves, what posture do I take in sharing and receiving information?

And here's the thing about communication in a busy faith community: it's tricky. Life moves fast. We're all juggling work and family and a hundred other things. Information can slip through the cracks even when we're trying our best to share it and questions are always welcome.

During our recent Consistory meeting, we talked about this very thing. We realized that some folks were surprised by changes we'd announced—like adjustments to our breakfast setup—even though we'd shared those details in the newsletter and in our announcements. It made us pause and ask: “How do we make sure everyone feels informed and included?”

Donna, Nicole, and I work hard to keep everyone in the loop. We share information through the Possibilities Newsletter each week, on our website, in the Bulletin, on our outdoor board, in our online slide show, and through Sunday morning announcements and our social media pages. But honestly? We know that no single channel reaches everyone, and we don't always get it right.

Here's what we've learned: communication is a partnership.

We'll keep doing our part—sharing updates thoughtfully and finding new ways to reach you. But we also need you to help us. Whether it's reading the Possibilities, checking the website, or asking a friend what's happening—staying connected in whatever way works for you makes a real difference.

And if there's a better way for us to share information with you, we genuinely want to know. If you're missing things or if there's a channel that would work better for your life, please tell us. We're open to ideas and grateful for your feedback.

We're grateful for all that's happening here at The Farm. We're grateful for you. And we're grateful for the chance to walk together as a faith community—staying informed, staying connected, staying close to one another and to God. Thanks for being part of this beautiful journey together.

*Peace and Blessings, Pastor Tim*

*PS My Ecclesiastical Council (watch for a full article in next week's Possibilities explaining this very thing) will take place here in our Sanctuary at 3 p.m. on June 14. All are welcome.*

## Upcoming Worship

May 24 ~ Pentecost Sunday ~ “An Uncontrolled Substance”  
I Corinthians 12:3b-13; Acts 2:1-18 ~ Lector: Sue Overdorf  
Worship Leader: Niki Weber ~ Acolyte: Piper Dressler  
Flower Sponsor: Jen Arnold ~ Offering Counters: S. Brown, D. Spear  
Kitchen Setup: Tina Longan ~ Breakfast Sponsor: Bernard, Hogan-Palazzo

May 31 ~ Trinity Sunday ~ “From Start to Finish”  
Genesis 1:1-2:4; Matthew 28:16-20 ~ Lector: Autumn Faust  
Worship Leader: Niki Weber ~ Acolyte: Sadie Faust  
Flower Sponsor: Available ~ Offering Counters: E. Fisher, D. Spear  
Kitchen Setup: Kathy Showers ~ Breakfast Sponsor: Styer/Bierly Families

*May Usher/Greeter Team: Bill & Lisa Bernard, Louise Litzy, Joanna Johnson, Tracy & Scott Baylor, Reba Rohrer, Chris Warner, Kim Ritter*

# The Farm Report



**Your Giving Makes this Safe Sacred Place Possible.** You often hear Pastor Tim say, we believe everything we have is a generous gift from God, and we want to give a portion of what God's entrusted to us back to God for the work of the church.

We've made money something we whisper about, if we talk about it at all. But our faith demands we speak about it clearly.

Here's why: Your giving isn't separate from your faith—it is an expression of it. When you support this faith community, you are voting with your generosity for the kind of church we're building together—one where all are truly welcome. Where the vulnerable are protected. Where the gospel is lived, not just preached, and everyone is given space to explore their beliefs.

We see this clearly during mission-focused seasons. When we ask for food or financial support for Missions and Outreach, you respond with abundance. That tells us you believe in the work. The question is: do you believe in the everyday work, too? The electric bill that keeps these doors open. The salaries that allow us to do this ministry. The programs that make space for your children, your grief, your joy.

We've grown by more than 10% already again this year and that's a beautiful thing. That growth is a gift, and it requires us to resource it together. Our increased attendance means our impact is bigger—and so are our operational needs.

If you consider Saint Paul's @ The Farm your faith home, we encourage you to give regularly as God directs you. We offer online giving for your convenience, and you can set up your own giving schedule, so you never miss a week—even when you're away. (Note: Online processing fees do reduce what reaches ministry, but you can choose to cover that fee if you'd like.)

Your generosity makes this possible. Not out of fear. Out of love. Out of belief in what we're building together.

If you haven't already, here's how to set up online giving: Click the "give" button on our website, scan the QR code in the weekly bulletin, or reach out to Donna in the church office to set up one-time or recurring giving.

Together, we are making a difference in the lives of one another and our community. Thanks be to God.

**The Final Push: 50 Days of Easter Generosity.** The end is nearly here—and what a beautiful journey it has been! For 50 days, you have answered Jesus' call to live the resurrection. Not just believe it. Not just celebrate it. But live it through your generosity, your compassion, your radical love for neighbors in need.

Here's what your faithfulness looks like: Three food pantries will be overflowing because of you—our emergency pantry, our community free pantry, and the Lewisburg Pharmacy Pantry. Every box, every item, every donation is a tangible sign that Jesus is alive. That hope is real. That our neighbors matter deeply to God. And you're not alone in this. Across the Keystone Conference of the UCC, churches are joining together in this same witness, proving together that resurrection power moves through generosity, grace, and showing up for one another filling food pantries across the Commonwealth!

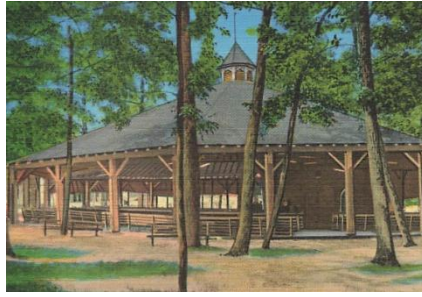
**One Final Call to Celebrate:** If you haven't yet participated—or if you want to add one more gift to this beautiful witness—we'd love to have you join us! Donations are due by Tuesday, May 26. Simply drop your contributions by the office or place them in the wagon, and they'll be counted toward this challenge. These last few days are your chance to be part of something extraordinary. To live as a people who believe in a risen Jesus. To be the hope our community desperately needs. Thank you for living the resurrection. See you at the finish line!

## *Please Pray for*

Linda Beaver  
John & Stephanie Bondhus  
James Bowman  
Traci Eschbach  
Patti Faux  
Rebecca Foote  
Family of Ronnie Gemberling  
Jayce Heckman  
Robin Huffman  
Priscilla Lanks  
Chuck Schworer  
Amanda Unzueta  
Tommy Ward  
Joan Yeziorski  
Young & Ritter Family (Zac)  
All service personnel  
Unrest in our world

**Father's Day Celebration at Central Oak Heights.**

Mark your calendars to join your faith family on Sunday, June 21, for worship at 10:30 a.m. under the open-air tabernacle at Central Oak Heights followed by a Father's Day picnic lunch, yard games, swimming, and the kind of day that reminds us why we're here. This Saint Paul's tradition started back in 2017, and we're thrilled it's returning. **Here's what the day looks like:** After worship, we're firing up the grill for hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring a picnic side to share—it's the old-fashioned way of saying "I'm part of this community." Then come ready to play: sack races, cornhole, horseshoes, ladder ball, maybe even wiffle ball if we're feeling ambitious. The pool will be open for anyone who wants to cool off. It's the kind of day that builds memories—the kind that seven-year-olds talk about for years, that grandparents remember with joy, that reminds us what it means to be church together. No performance. No pretense. Just faith family, food, games, and laughter in the sunshine. See you at Central Oak Heights on June 17, located at 78 Heritage Road, Lewisburg (*accessible from 15 Southbound only – go to West Milton exit and come south on 15 from there*).



**Coming this Summer.** Here @ The Farm, we know there "Ain't Nothing Like the Real Thing," and Pastor Tim's sermon series this summer will have you "Stopping in the Name of Love!"



**Brookpark Farm, Inc.**  
*Updates & What's Happening*

Thank you for the many hands that keep our beloved Farm running smoothly! Every day, our dedicated volunteers and staff are busy with everything from painting and landscaping to window washing, roof repairs, and gutter maintenance.

Coming Soon:

- The Pavilion — Our new gathering space is next on the agenda. We can't wait to celebrate together in this beautiful new addition!
- Wall Building Project — Another exciting improvement in the works for one of our tenants who needs a new wall put up in their space.
- Spring Landscape Cleanup — Bringing fresh life to our grounds continues.
- New Tenants — We're welcoming new renters to some of our buildings
- Gutter & Roof Maintenance — Keeping our buildings safe and sound

Want to Help?

Do you have volunteer hours through your employer? Are your young people looking for service projects (Cub Scout, Eagle Scout, or school requirements)? We have a wonderful list of ways to serve!

Reach out to Pastor Tim or Jen Van Horn to learn about project opportunities and get involved.

*a sermon series with*  
**Motown**  
**A place to belong @ the Farm**  
**June 7 - September 6**

*Celebrations*

Happy Birthday to ...	Ashley Rosboschil - 5/26	Lauren Troup - 5/29	Happy Anniversary to ...	Earl & Terri Fisher - 5/23
Fiona Bruno - 5/22	Nelle Parker - 5/27	Deb Frei - 5/30	Tammy & Todd Erb - 5/21	Chris & Jen Arnold - 5/24
Colleen Franciscus - 5/22	Penelope Shetler - 5/27	Heidi Hagan - 5/31	Dave & Cassandra King - 5/21	Justin & Ashley Rosboschil - 5/26
Kate Parker - 5/23	Keegan Gill - 5/28	Shelley Peterson - 5/31	Nikole & Richie Eveland - 5/22	
Tripp Stahl - 5/25	Thomas Rubillo - 5/28		Brad & Jeannette Gill - 5/22	



# On the Journey Together

## news and events

### TO WATCH FOR

- June 14 ... 5:30 p.m. Flags and Ice Cream at Challenger Baseball in New Berlin (*and Challenger Picnic rain date*)
- June 21 ... 10:30 a.m. Worship at Central Oak Heights and Father's Day Picnic and Games following
- June 27 ... 10 a.m. Lewisburg 4<sup>th</sup> of July Veteran's Parade
- July 12 ... 5 p.m. Wild and Wet Family Fun Night @ The Farm

**Sundays @ The Farm.** At 9 a.m. our coffee is brewing, and the nursery and sensory rooms are staffed and open. Our **Faith Connections** classes run from 9 to 10 a.m. and include Pre-K to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade **Explorers**; 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade **Pathfinders**; and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade to Age 99 **Travelers**. From 10 a.m. to 10:20, please enjoy breakfast, coffee, and fellowship then worship begins at 10:30. Following the "Time with Our Children," during worship, kiddos aged 3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade head back to the classroom for "**Children's Church**" and return to worship following Pastor Tim's sermon. On the first Sunday of each month, we celebrate **Holy Communion** together. And, monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, we enjoy **Family Night** beginning at 5 p.m. On the **3rd Sunday of each month**, we gather around the tables in fellowship hall for a meal together.

**Music @ The Farm.** Our **Chancel Choir**, directed by Patty Wagner with Sharon Styer, pianist, rehearses each Sunday morning from 9 to 10. Our choir averages 25+ singers and there's always room for more! We also have a **Hand Bell Choir** which rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 5:15 to 6:15 and plays for worship on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. The **Children's Choir** practices during a portion of the Faith Connection classes with Miss Sharon and Miss Ashley and they bless our worship time once a month with their selections.

**Weekdays @ The Farm.** Each Monday at 10 a.m. a group gathers for **Monday Morning Reflections**, a relaxing time with Pastor Tim to dig deeper into the scripture from our Sunday service. On Wednesdays is **Lunch with the Pastor** from 11:30 to 1:00. Pick up lunch at the Farmer's Market across the bridge from the farm or bring your own and join Pastor Tim. Then on Wednesday evenings, we offer **Wednesday Evening Interactive**, a seasonal book/bible study. On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month is **Friends Who Breakfast**, a popular time to gather to catch up over conversation and breakfast at Street of Shops (9:45) on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday and Silver Moon Restaurant (9:30) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. On the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, you can find a Saint Paul's group gathering at Union Cellars Winery for **Word, Wine, and Wisdom**, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Always a fun time as Pastor Tim tosses out a bible word to discuss with laughter and love.

**Serving @ The Farm.** Mission and Outreach is an integral part of us "being the church" at Saint Paul's. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month, we offer a **Fresh Express Food Distribution** in partnership with the Central PA Food Bank. Volunteers join us from 1 to 5 p.m. at Grace Place @ The Farm as we

receive, sort, and distribute fresh food and groceries to our neighbors. All are welcome as we have a wonderful time serving together. Next distributions are May 28, June 11 & 25. We also participate in **Community Harvest**, a monthly meal program in conjunction with Bucknell's Center for Community Engaged Leadership, Learning & Research. We cook on the 4th Monday of each month from 1-4 p.m. at St. John's UCC and assist on select months with monthly distribution there on the 3rd Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

### Stewardship

Gifts & Offerings ~ 5/17/26	
Attendance: 151 (3 visitors)	
LIVE Attendance: 1,533	
Virtual Reach: 3,144	
Christian Education: 40	
Plate Giving:	1,850.00
Loose Plate:	248.00
Online Giving:	1,121.15
Operational Total:	3,219.15
Restricted Giving:	396.00
Total Giving:	3,615.15

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) Giving thanks for the time, talents, and resources shared here.



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