



Saint Paul's Possibilities

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News & Engagement

Powered by Grace and Coffee

a weekly reflection by Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Dear Faith Family,

On Sunday morning during our "God Moments & Concerns," something remarkable happened—and if you were here, I want to see if you caught it, and if you weren't, I want you to know about it.

In light of Memorial Day, Merle Kay raised her hand for the microphone to ask for prayers for families of those who had suffered, and we had lost, as well as those suffering with PTSD from military service and their families. Minutes later, Val Ritter asked for prayers for her nephew, who has been dealing with significant PTSD issues following his own military service. Two people, separate corners of the room, with the same issue on their hearts, unknown to each other—yet the Holy Spirit wove their needs together in that moment. One spoke the prayer, the other needed it, and the rest of us witnessed the divine timing of it all.

Did you catch that? That's what I mean when I talk about God sightings. That's the Holy showing up in real time, connecting prayers needed with prayers offered. The connections that happen, if we are but open to them, are amazing. Proof upon proof, we walk not one journey alone.

This summer, I'm inviting you to be more intentional about creating that space. Start small: Sixty seconds. Three minutes. Every day, take time to stop. No music, no noise, no scrolling—nothing but a deliberate pause to clear your mind and connect with God. Making a bit more space to hear the Holy in those moments and beyond. Maybe you'll find yourself soaking up the rays by the pool or on the shore; I'd ask you to soak up the Holy as well. May this summer help you make it a daily practice to just sit quietly and listen.

The Holy is in our midst always. Sometimes we must be still enough to hear it.

Grace, peace and blessings, Pastor Tim

Please Pray for

Johny Albright
Linda Beaver
John & Stephanie Bondhus
James Bowman
Traci Eschbach
Patti Faux
Rebecca Foote
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

Upcoming Worship

May 31 ~ Trinity Sunday ~ "From Start to Finish"
Genesis 1:1-2:4; II Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20
Worship Leader: Niki Weber ~ Lector: Autumn Faust ~ Acolyte: Sadie Faust
Flower Sponsor: Merle Kay Englehart ~ Offering Counters: E. Fisher, D. Spear
Kitchen Setup: Kathy Showers ~ Breakfast Sponsor: Styer/Bierly Families

June 7 ~ Second Sunday of Pentecost ~ "Love Child" ~ Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Worship Leader: Sue Overdorf ~ Lector: Doug Richard ~ Acolyte: Kyra Richard
Flower Sponsor: Wennings ~ Offering Counters: D. Bettleyon, D. Spear
Communion Assistants: Ryan Arnold, Elias Franciscus, Nora Hockenbrock,
Olivia Hockenbrock ~ Kitchen Setup: Kathy Showers

*June Usher /Greeter Team: Earl & Terri Fisher, Sue Mahon, Amy Mahon, Carol Oberlin,
Steve Brown, Bob Gift, George Mull, Shelly Sholley*

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to ...

Lauren Troup - 5/29

Deb Frei - 5/30

Heidi Hagan - 5/31

Shelley Peterson - 5/31

Jen Van Horn - 6/1

Gerald Englehart - 6/2

Allen Fasnacht - 6/2

Elaine Waugh - 6/5

Cyndy Kister - 6/6

Happy Anniversary to ...

Gerald & Merle Kay Englehart - 6/3

Chip & Sylvia Eschbach - 6/6

Ron & Kris Wenning - 6/7



Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? Please let us know in the church office so that we may celebrate with you!

The Farm Report



What's That on the Chancel? Have you noticed the two-wheeled item on the chancel? Here's a hint: we found it here on The Farm. No Googling—just curious to see who can figure it out! One of many quirky and wonderful treasures on our beautiful property.

4,900 Reasons for Hope! Over the past 50 days, you've answered the Keystone Conference's challenge to combat food insecurity in our community—and the results are extraordinary: 4,900 items donated. Canned vegetables and fruits, pastas and sauces, peanut butter and jelly, toiletries and paper products—each item represents real hope for neighbors in need. Thanks to your generosity, these supplies are now being distributed through three pantry locations: two here at The Farm and one downtown at Lewisburg Pharmacy. Neighbors helping neighbors. Hope alive in tangible ways. This work didn't happen alone. A heartfelt thank you to every volunteer who gathered, sorted, shelved, and prepared these items for distribution. Your hands, your time, your hearts made this possible. You are the hands of Christ in our community. Thank you.



Saint Paul's Summer Parade T-Shirts—Order Deadline Monday, June 1. Haven't ordered your parade t-shirt yet? There's still time! Available in two colors (red or blue) with youth and adult sizes, each shirt features the Saint Paul's church name and logo on the front right chest, plus our "Be the Church" list on the back. Whether you're riding, marching, or cheering from the parade route, you'll be sporting some new Saint Paul's swag in style. Order deadline: Monday, June 1 Price: Youth \$17.50; Adult S-XL \$19.50; 2XL \$22.00; 3XL \$23.75 (Checks made payable to SPUCC)

Motown @ The Farm: A Summer Like No Other. This summer, something special is happening at Saint Paul's. Beginning Sunday, June 7, Pastor Tim is pairing iconic Motown songs with our scriptures and sermons for each Sunday. Imagine diving into messages like "Love Child," "I'll Be There," and "Uptight (Everything's Alright)"—timeless songs that speak to faith, hope, and trust in ways that will surprise and hopefully delight you. We'll kick off each Sunday morning with a snippet of that week's title song, setting the tone for our time together. But here's where it gets even better: our children will be leading us in a new Summer Introit—complete with dancing—as we all sing along. This isn't just fun (though it absolutely is). This is about discovering that the Gospel speaks in the language of joy, connection, and soul. It's about remembering that worship can be both sacred and celebratory, both timeless and alive. Join us for a summer you won't forget. Bring your family, bring your neighbors and friends, and get ready to experience faith in a whole new key. Motown @ The Farm — Sunday mornings starting June 7.



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



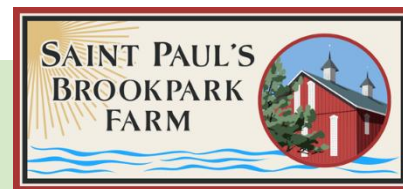
Oak Heights followed by a Father's Day picnic lunch, yard games, swimming, and the kind of day that reminds us why we're here. This Saint Paul's tradition started back in 2017, and we're thrilled it's returning. **Here's what the**

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).

Cottage Meetings Are Coming — You Are Invited!

Members, Friends, Visitors... In a few weeks we will begin Cottage Meetings, a time to talk about your hopes and dreams for this faith community and explore how you might support the work that stirs your heart. When we gather, we will share news of the health of our church, offer a corporate report, present an initial vision for the barn, and ask you to share your hopes and dreams for this faith community. We'll participate in conversation about how we make those dreams a reality together. Whether you have been here ten years or more, less than five, or maybe even only six months or a year, everyone has something to contribute. Your voice matters.

The Details: The meetings are designed as small group gatherings—approximately twelve people per meeting—to keep them timely and intimate, allowing everyone space to speak and be heard. Cottage Meetings will be offered throughout the week: Sundays, Mondays, and Wednesdays, with some gatherings during the day and others in the evenings. We hope this variety gives you the flexibility to choose a time that works best for you and your family. We are excited for this sacred tradition as we dream our way forward and listen to how the Holy is calling us. Specific dates and registration details will be announced this week with meetings beginning the week of June 22 and running through July 26. Additional dates and times will be added if needed.



Updates & What's Happening

Our beloved Farm thrives because of our staff and volunteers! Generous souls who show up with willing hands and open hearts and we have projects for everyone. From painting and landscaping to window washing, roof repairs, and gutter maintenance, it is a daily labor of love to keep things running smoothly every single day. We have exciting projects on the horizon, and we need you. There really is something for everyone. Whether you have one Saturday afternoon or ongoing availability, whether you're a skilled tradesperson or someone eager to learn, we have a place for you. Maybe you have employer-sponsored volunteer hours? Or maybe some of our youth are needing a project to earn service hours for school, Cub Scout, or Eagle Scout requirements? We've got meaningful work that makes a real difference.

What's In Process or Coming Up:

- *The Pavilion - Our new gathering space is ready for continued cleanup and prep work*
 - *Creek Bank Clean-up - A Saturday kick-off party is coming soon*
 - *Wall Building Project - A tenant needs an interior wall*
 - *Landscaping Cleanup - Weeding and Planting around the grounds*
 - *Welcoming New Tenants - Know someone needing space? Help us spread the word*
 - *Gutter & Roof Maintenance - Keeping our buildings safe and sound*
- Ready to get involved or help tackle a particular project? Reach out to Pastor Tim or Jenn Van Horn to learn about project opportunities and find your place. Every hand matters. Every act of service strengthens the community we're building together at Saint Paul's Brookpark Farm.*

On the Journey Together ~ Summer @ The Farm

Summer Season Here @ The Farm. Comes with some new routines...From Sunday, June 7, to Sunday, September 6, coffee is brewed and ready in Fellowship Hall for 10 a.m. and our nursery and sensory rooms are staffed and open. While we do not hold our Faith Connections during the summer season, Miss Colleen provides a robust and fun **Vacation Bible School** and this year's curriculum is **Glad Scientist**. The children will have a lesson during **Time with Our Children**, during worship, and continue with a story during **Children's Church**. Each week Miss Colleen prepares a fun craft which can be completed on the porch following worship (along with snacks, lemonade, and fellowship for all). We celebrate **Holy Communion** together on the first Sunday of each month, and **Family Night** is monthly on the 2nd Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. Our summer family meals include a **Father's Day Picnic** at Central Oak Heights on June 21. On July 19 is our annual **Ice Cream Freeze Off @ The Farm**. And on August 22 is our **Back-to-School Picnic and Swim**. While our Chancel and Bell Choirs take a much needed respite, each Sunday we welcome musicians for **Special Music**. This is always a treat and keep watch for a very special addition this summer as our children take a lead in part of our worship time together.



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. Mid-week, we offer **Wednesday Evening Interactive**, a seasonal book/bible study. On the 1st and 3rd



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 1st Wednesday and Silver Moon Restaurant (9:30) on the 3rd Wednesday. On the 4th 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. *Pictured: Over two dozen gathered this past Friday, sharing in food and fellowship while exploring our faith and a few laughs along the way. You are welcome every fourth Friday @ Word, Wine & Wisdom, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. @ Union Cellar's.*

Serving @ The Farm. Mission and Outreach is an integral part of us "being the church" at Saint Paul's. On the 2nd & 4th 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

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

Gifts & Offerings ~ 5/24/26

Attendance: 122 (3 visitors)

LIVE Attendance: 810

Virtual Reach: 11,841

Christian Education: 26

Plate Giving: 2,185.00

Loose Plate: 225.00

Online Giving: 1,252.08

Operational Total: 3,662.08

Restricted Giving: 145.00

Total Giving: 3,807.08



Saint Paul's @ The Farm

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