



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,

Some sounds cut through everything else and pull me in. Live music. Running water. The way they both stop my mind and draw me into something sacred.

I remember walking down Duval Street in Key West on our honeymoon. The street was crowded, chaotic—but then I heard it: an organ playing from inside an open church doorway. Someone was practicing. Not loud. Just... there. I had to go in.



The same thing happens when I hear running water in someone's yard, or bells ringing across a chapel lawn, or friends gathering on a porch for a jam session—just neighbors with guitars and a mandolin, playing together, not for performance but for the joy of it. These moments stop me. They call me out of my head and into sacred space.

This week, I asked for a farming picture for our bulletin because our Gospel text talks about preparing soil for planting. And I realized: the same thing applies to our souls. We prepare the soil by noticing what draws us closer to God—what silences the noise and centers us.

For me, it's music and water and the beauty of our rolling hills. For you, it might be something entirely different. But here's what I know: we're never bored when we're open to where God is working around us. Those moments—at the beach, the mountains, the lake—aren't escapes. They're encounters with the Holy.

So, as you take time this summer to refresh and renew, I invite you to notice what draws you in. What stills you? What calls you into that sacred space? That's your green pasture. That's your still water. Pay attention to it. Let it recharge you. Let it reconnect you with the Holy. This is my prayer for us all.



In gratitude, Pastor Tim

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The Farm Report

"You Sure Do Like to Eat Around Here."

That's a phrase people often use about us here @ The Farm—and we lean into it gladly. Because it's also what they said about Jesus. He was always eating: around tables with friends, at banquets, with tax collectors and the outcasts. So often, that they called him a glutton and a drunkard, as if breaking bread with the marginalized was somehow scandalous. But Jesus knew something we're still learning: the table is where real connection happens. It's where conversations deepen and people truly know one another. It's where nobody's an outsider. So of course, we gather around tables here. We're following Jesus's example.

Saint Paul's @ The Farm 4th Annual

Ice Cream Freeze Off

Sunday, July 19
Enter your ice cream creation in the competition!

Following worship join us in the pavilion for a cookout and home-made ice cream tasting (and voting)! Hotdogs will be provided. Bring a dish to share.

Who will be the winner?

This Year's Ice Cream Freeze Off is just another way we will gather around the table and that is happening **July 19**, immediately following worship. We hope you are able to be here. We'll start in our new picnic pavilion with a blessing and dedication of the new space, then an old-fashioned picnic—grilled hot dogs and sides you bring to share, iced tea and lemonade provided. After lunch comes the main event: tasting homemade ice creams and crowning this year's champion.

Here's what we need from you:

- People to make homemade ice cream—this is a Freeze Off, after all!)
- Picnic sides to share
- You and your family gathered around the table

After we eat our fill, there will be games in the meadow—some new, some old-fashioned favorites—as we enjoy The Farm in a whole new way. When we gather, it's not just for fun, we gather as another way to follow Jesus. Come hungry. Come ready to belong. Let's make more memories together.

The Pavilion will be blessed and celebrated at our Grand Opening on July 19 immediately following Worship. We hope you will be here for a great afternoon of fun!

Celebrations 

Happy Birthday to ...
 Barbara Baker - 7/10
 Bob Gift - 7/10
 Finn Rosboschil - 7/10
 Kris Anderson - 7/13
 Nikole Eveland - 7/14
 Amy Mahon - 7/14
 Laurie Anderson - 7/19
 Autumn Faust - 7/19
 Flo Warner - 7/19
 Happy Anniversary to ...
 Cathy & Tom Ward - 7/13

Please Pray for

Linda Beaver
 Mark Covert
 Patti Faux
 Rebecca Foote
 Tucker Franciscus
 Ellie Guerrero
 Robin Huffman
 Katy Mahon
 Chuck Schworer
 Amanda Unzueta
 Tommy Ward

There Always Lots Going on @ the Farm! We hope to see you for any or all of these upcoming events:

July 12: Wet & Wild Family Night in the Meadow - Cool off, laugh a little, and remember what it feels like to just be together as a family of faith.

July 19: 4th Annual Ice Cream Freeze Off & Pavilion Grand Opening - Following our monthly church luncheon (picnic this month!) You'll want to stick around for this one!

Aug 2: Take Me Out to the Ball Game...Crosscutters - There's nothing quite like a summer evening at the ball park. Bring a friend. Make a memory.

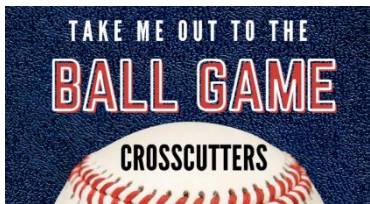
Aug 15: Back to School Chicken Barbecue & Swim - New school year, old friends, and a meal shared together.

August 28, 29 & 30: A weekend of Peace. We're dedicating an entire weekend to peace, purpose, and celebration.

- **Friday, August 28:** *Word, Wine & Wisdom - A special gathering to set the tone for the weekend ahead.*
- **Saturday, August 29:** *Music on the Porch for Peace - As the summer light fades, we gather for songs, presence, good food, and great fellowship. There's something sacred about music and community under the stars.*
- **Sunday, August 30:** *Pastor Tim's Full Ordination Celebration - After years of preparation and faithfulness, Pastor Tim was approved for full ordination into ministry. This marks a new chapter for him—and for all of us.*

Join us for a weekend celebration unlike any other, complete with s'mores and the joy of witnessing God's call unfold in our midst. As together we celebrate and honor a weekend of peace. Bring a friend. You belong here.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame! August 2 at 4:05 p.m., our church family is heading to Williamsport to watch the Crosscutters take on the Trenton Thunder. If this is your first year hearing about this, let us tell you—it's one of our favorite traditions. **Here's What Makes It Special:** Each year, the church purchases a block of tickets from our community events fund, making it affordable for families to join us. Whether you're a die-hard baseball fan or just looking for a fun summer evening with your church family, this outing has something for everyone. The Cross Cutters are having an amazing season—they just finished the first half as #1 in their division! So, bring your appetite, bring your cheers, and come celebrate a great team and great community. **How to Join:** It is free! Tickets are already purchased. We're organizing a carpool leaving the church at 2:45 p.m. (plenty of time to grab snacks and settle in before first pitch). Want to come along? Contact the church office or sign up this Sunday. Let's make it a night to remember.



Before the First Bell Rings!

Yes, it's time to think ahead—school starts the week of August 24. But before the rush begins, we're gathering for our annual Back-to-School Chicken Barbecue & Swim.



- Saturday, August 15 at 4 p.m.
- At the home of the Gill family

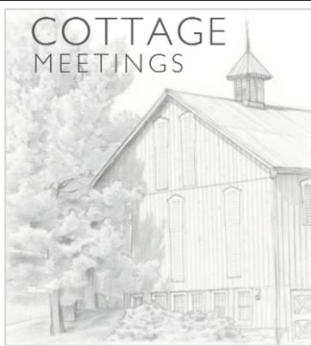
Here's What This Tradition Is All About: This is one of our favorite church events—a chance to gather as families before the school year takes over. The chicken is always amazing. The laughter is raucous. The pool is full of splashing kids. And the evening? Pure fun. It's become something to behold.

Who's Invited? Everyone. All ages. Every family. Whether you have kids heading into kindergarten or college, whether you're a longtime member or brand new to Saint Paul's—there's a place for you.

What to Bring: Just a side dish to share and maybe an extra lawn chair. The church takes care of the chicken (and it's really good), and together we make a feast.

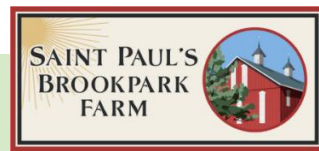
More details coming soon, but please mark your calendars now: **Saturday, August 15 at 4 p.m.** This is the perfect way to send our kids back to school—surrounded by community, laughter, and love. We can't wait to see you there!

COTTAGE MEETINGS



Still Time to Sign Up! Cottage Meeting dates remaining are: Sundays: July 12, 19, 26 (noon or 1 p.m.) and Wednesdays: July 15, 22 (noon & 6:30 p.m.) Sign-up sheets are located on the sign-up bar just inside Fellowship Hall. Or, you may call the office or email admin@spuccfarm.org to get your name on the list. We want to hear your hopes and dreams for our future here at the Farm.

*Up on ladders,
in the rafters
... Chip and
Doug have
been busy this
week running
electrical wires
in our new
pavilion,
getting ready
for the Grand
Opening on
July 19!
Thankful and
blessed are we.*



Brookpark Farm News

The Picnic Pavilion is Taking Shape: "Build a picnic pavilion," they said. "It will be nice," they said. And they were right—it certainly will be. But oh, the work it takes!

Here's what we're witnessing: a labor of love, just like everything else that happens here @ The Farm. This week, Doug Kister worked on new wiring (with help from Chip Palazzo), while Tina Longan, Bob Gift, and Jen Van Horn painted. Cory Mahon began digging the trench for the electrical lines. And this whole project started with Don Emmory helping with the demo – who needs a wreck it Ralph when we have Demo Don?

This work isn't an exception. This is how we do things on the Farm: with joyful hearts, many hands, plenty of laughter, and yes—lunch breaks to feed both body and soul. We're blessed to be building this together.

What's Coming Next: The pavilion will eventually have water access and our outdoor space will soon include a horseshoe pit, badminton, cornhole, volleyball, and a fire pit for conversation and s'mores. There's more on the way.

We look forward to sharing this outdoor community space for years to come.

As always, there are projects all around the Farm which you are invited to be a part of, volunteer an hour or two, even just come and hang out for lunch with the team, all are welcome as we work to improve and enhance our entrusted piece of God's creation. Contact Jen Van Horn for more information.

