



Saint Paul's Possibilities

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News & Engagement

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a weekly reflection by Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Dear Family,

My heart is overflowing with joy from this past weekend.

Friday night under the lights, cheering on our teams—kids running, playing, friends visiting, new connections being made. Saturday, more of our faith family showed up for a local work project, helping one another. And Sunday? Wow. The energy was high, the Spirit was alive and following worship we opened our doors (and trunks!), provided treats, hot dogs, and s'mores, and celebrated community in a Monstrous Love way—welcoming approximately 400 neighbors to The Farm.

Is it any wonder my heart was filled?

And the Joy continues...This week we've been able to serve even more neighbors—helping with food, heat, gas, and housing. We've seen an incredible response to donations for our first-ever Barnyard Sale. And we hit our soup pre-order deadline with a new record of more than 280 quarts sold!

Can you imagine what next Saturday will be like? You should really plan to be here! Come for lunch, take some things home for dinner. Our Soup, Craft, Bake, and Barnyard Sale 100% benefits missions and outreach:

- Saturday, November 8: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Barnyard Preview Sale: Wednesday, November 5, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

As my grandmother used to say every chance she got: "I can't help but give God thanks."

People often ask me, "In the midst of everything happening here, what are you doing for you? What feeds your soul?"

Here's the truth: After 22 years in corporate America, being in ministry feels like every day I get to do something for me because most of what happens here feeds my soul.

Feeding people. Seeing people come together and be community. Finding ways to bridge gaps and discover Christ in one another. Seeking to serve others. Longing to uncover common ground and bring people together—this is what feeds my soul!

I'm always longing for community, because what I've discovered is this: In community is where we meet Jesus. And when we meet Jesus, we find peace. Where our hearts and souls are satisfied and our ultimate longings become reality, God is with us.

This is what fills my heart, feeds my soul, and gives me energy—seeing people discover this relationship and all the good that being in positive relationship can do. All the good a faith family can truly offer.

It takes all of us though. Because, being the church isn't always our first thought or the easiest thing to do at times. It takes work. It takes reminding ourselves and one another:

- No one is alone.
- No one person is more important than any other.
- Everyone who wants to, gets to help.
- There is a place for each of us at the table.
- No one—but no one—is left out, or unworthy, unloved or unwelcomed.

Please Pray for

The Arnold Family
Linda Beaver
Charlotte Beshore
Jennifer Boughner
The Castello Family
Paula Cooper
The Engle Family
Al & Ruth Henry
Tom & Priscilla Lanks
Dottie Leeser
Ed & Eileen Prowant
Michele Pryor
Ben Spickler
Dave & Barb Wagner
Tommy Ward
Carolyn Wuerdeman
Russ & Donna Wynn
Unspoken Requests

We all need Jesus. We all need connectedness to God through one another. That is how I believe God created us.

So, thank you! I close this week with a huge thank you to each of you for helping me "do for me"—for helping us all do for each other as we are the church in the best possible way we can figure out how to be.

Every volunteer at Fresh Express. At Monstrous Love. Working on a project. Singing in the choir. Working in the kitchen. Playing bells. Leading our children and youth. Everything we get to do, we seek to do to the glory of God—not for self, but for one another, and thus for God.

Thank you for feeding my soul, filling my heart, and being one crazy and wonderful faith family.

Now, let's not stop here.

God's not gonna fail you—or any of us—now or ever, for I believe God will supply our every need. So, jump in, be here whenever you can and help serve all you can and discover how it feels to your soul too. For I want this feeling for us all and we aren't the same when you are not here. So, see you soon.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Tim



The Farm Report

Cottage Meetings Return! In early January 2020, members and friends gathered for something special: two-way, small group conversations designed to help us learn, dream, and grow together as a faith family. We called them Cottage Meetings, and we've held them three more times since—with more than 40 gatherings over the years. At each one, we asked four simple but powerful questions:

1. Why Saint Paul's?
2. What brought you here?
3. What are your hopes and dreams for Saint Paul's?
4. How will you help us achieve these hopes and dreams?

Through those conversations, this family dreamed of a space where we could grow, serve more neighbors in more ways, and continue to become the church God called us to be.

Now we are here, watching many of those dreams come to life.

In early 2026, we'll gather again to explore our faith, hopes, and dreams together—to discuss how we best utilize this amazing gift of space God has given us and to get to know one another just a bit better.

Twelve meeting dates and times will be announced in the coming weeks. We truly hope each family will take this opportunity to share once more as we live and grow together as a faith community. Your voice matters. Your dreams matter. Join us!

Baking for Jesus? Our Bake Sale needs YOU! Carol Snyder is leading this year's effort, and all proceeds benefit missions—so yes, you really are baking for Jesus! What we need you to do:

- Check the suggestion sheet on the Fellowship Hall counter for baked goods ideas
- Sign up with your baking intentions
- Bag up your goodies (see suggestion sheet for details)
- Drop off at the church no later than 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 8



When we serve the least of these, we serve Jesus. Thank you for sharing your baking talents with our community!

Final Call for Crafters! Do you craft? Do you know someone who does? We need YOU for our Craft Fair portion of the November 8 Sale! You can: Donate crafts for us to sell, set up your own table and sell your crafts or invite your friends and crafters to do the same for a donation to the Mission Fund. Contact Lisa Bernard to sign up. Don't wait—space is limited!



It's Wreath Season! aka Christmas is Coming! So, order your fresh Christmas wreaths beginning this Sunday! Wreaths are \$22.50 each and come with a bow of your choice. Check out the order form in this Sunday's bulletin for more information. All proceeds support the Gene Gilliom Music Fund—helping us make beautiful music together! Wreaths will be delivered by Sunday, November 30, just in time for your holiday decorating! Order early to guarantee your wreath for the holidays!

November...a Time to Remember and Give Thanks!

November is the last month of the church year with a new year beginning on November 30, 2025, and the start of Advent. Before we get to Advent though there are multiple opportunities to welcome folks home to The Farm and gather to fellowship and serve our neighbors.

November 2 **All Saints Sunday**

November 5 and 19 **Friends Who Breakfast**

November 9 **Baby Dedication during Worship**

Family Night potluck at 5 p.m. & Family Feud game night.

November 13 (Thurs) and November 25 (Tues) **Fresh Express Food Distribution**

November 16 **Baptisms and New Member Sunday**

November 23 **Christ the King Sunday, Fall Annual Meeting, All Church Thanksgiving Meal**

November 28 **Word, Wine, and Wisdom** 4:30 at Union Cellars

November 29 **Hanging of the Greens** - 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

It's Time for the Sale! Starting with a "Preview Barn/Yard Sale" from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 5 we will kick off this year's amazing events! Soup presales are complete with a record number of presales, and on Saturday, November 8, join us for brunch or lunch, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for soup, beef barbecue, hot dogs, and baked goods. You can also pick up a Christmas Gift craft or take home some baked goods. Please come out for a wonderful day of fellowship and to help raise funds for 100% of the day's proceeds goes to support our Missions & Outreach in the community.



Our Little Red Wagon. The "Little Red Wagon" at Saint Paul's is a long tradition and one of the ways we offer help in our community through our Emergency Food Pantry at Grace Place here @ The Farm. Supplies are needed more than ever in these days to help fill both our emergency pantry and our outdoor free pantry. At times our emergency pantry is also a "stand in" when the need is greater than we have received from the Central PA Foodbank. Your help is greatly appreciated always as we share all we have with our neighbors.

Our needs at this time are for: Local Grocery Gift Cards to: Aldi, Giant and Weis. Gas Cards: Sheetz, Wawa, and Weis, of course any canned fruits and vegetables with pop tops, shelf stable milk, small bottles of vegetable oil, and canned proteins and box dinners, i.e. hamburger and tuna helper, are all helpful.



Upcoming Worship

November 2 ~ All Saint's Sunday

Communion Service

"(One of These Things is Not Like the Other)
Or Is It?"

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4; Luke 19:1-10

Worship Leader: Sue Overdorf

Lector: Louise Litzy

Acolyte: Finn Rosboschil

Communion Assistants: Riley Gill, Ben Barbella,
Rhonda Newton, Lisa Bernard

Kitchen Coordinator: Kathy Showers

Breakfast Sponsor: The Arnold Family

Flowers Sponsor: Emily Bernard

Offering Counter: E. Fisher, D. Spear

November 9 ~ 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

"It Won't Be Long Now"

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5; Luke 20:27-38

Worship Leader: Sue Overdorf

Lector: Chris Arnold

Acolyte: Emma Hott

Kitchen Coordinator: Tina Longan

Breakfast Sponsor: Shirk/Rosboschil Families

Flowers Sponsor: Available

Offering Counter: D. Bettleyon, D. Spear

November Usher/Greeters: Bill & Lisa Bernard,

Joanna Johnson, Louise Litzy, Reba Rohrer,

Chris Warner, Eric Wagner, Kim Ritter

On the Journey Together

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 3rd Grade **Explorers**; 4th to 8th Grade **Pathfinders**; and 9th 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 2nd 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 2nd Sunday, we enjoy **Family Night** from 5 to 6:45 (November 9). **Confirmation Class** with meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. And, on the **3rd Sunday of each month**, we gather around the tables in fellowship hall for a meal together following worship (November 23 is our Annual Thanksgiving Meal).

Weekdays @ The Farm. Each Monday at 11:30 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 **Pastor on the Porch** from 11:30 to 1. 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 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Advent Book Study begins on November 12). On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month is **Friends Who Breakfast**. This has become a popular time to gather to catch up over conversation and breakfast at Street of Shops (9:45) on the 1st Wednesday (November 5) and Silver Moon Restaurant (9:30) on the 3rd Wednesday (November 19). 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. (November 28). Always a fun time as Pastor Tim tosses out a bible word to discuss with laughter and love.



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 1st and 3rd 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. (This week's featured picture: our Chancel and Bell Choir Director, Patty Wagner, as we celebrated her birthday on Wednesday this week at our Bell Choir Rehearsal!)

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 (November 13 and Tuesday, November 25 this month). 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. We also participate in **Community Harvest**, a monthly distribution on the 3rd Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon (November 15) at St. John's UCC and in conjunction with Bucknell's Center for Community Engaged Leadership, Learning & Research. And, Saint Paul's has a long history of offering an "**Emergency Food Pantry**" that we lovingly refer to as our "Little Red Wagon" giving (see the article on Page 3 for more information).

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to ...

Cathy Ward - 11/1

David Sauter - 11/2

Sergio Marques - 11/3

Terri Kremer - 11/6

Nicole Kister - 11/9

Mallory Sample - 11/15

T. J. Duncan - 11/17

Deann Hansum - 11/17

Happy Anniversary to ...

Lisa & Bill Bernard - 11/2

Hillary & Ethan Cree - 11/10



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 10/26/2025

Attendance: 175 (5 Visitors)

LIVE Attendance: 738

Virtual Reach: 16,368

Christian Education: 56

Plate Giving: 7,527.00

Loose Plate: 262.00

Online Giving: 1,014.84

Operational Total: 8,803.84

Restricted Giving: 1,000.00

Total Giving: 9,803.84



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