



# 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,

On Wednesday this week I attended a statewide Keystone Conference UCC Clergy Convocation (calling people together) in Harrisburg. A small business owner bookseller always comes for these events and presents books for us to purchase. Clergy are a very captive audience for a small business bookstore owner, and I can tell you none of us disappointed him. He sold hundreds of books over the few days he was there.

I will admit, I did my part too. I purchased four books, all at his suggestion, one, a new daily devotion by Shauna Niequist, a New York Times bestselling author with a book entitled, "Celebrate Every Day: Seeing the Extraordinary in the Ordinary." The first devotion already hit hard for me, and so I want to share it with you.

Day 1 – What Matters Most

*Shauna writes: "I believe that everyday life as it's unfolding on our plain old streets and sidewalks is the most extraordinary thing most of us will ever experience. I believe that daily life where our lives change, where we learn to love, where we learn from our mistakes, where we sense God's presence, where we learn the truth and make things right, where our hearts are broken and our wounds are laid bare and healed up. So many of the lofty concepts of faith and truth and meaning find their value and grounding not in conceptual spaces but in kitchens and living rooms, at bus stops and in the silence between words and while you are folding the laundry. This is where life is. This is where everything is.*

*For me, it's all about daily, ordinary life. It's all about being a noticer, as a spiritual act. I notice as a way of saying thank you, as a sacrament almost, as a way of bearing witness to what's lovely and good and meaningful in the world.*

*I love to cook, and there are a few people in my life over the years who've been my favorite people to feed, and what I love about feeding those people is how much they notice—they eat with passion, full mouth, full plates, and they notice color and flavor and texture. They ask questions and close their eyes while they're chewing, trying to taste even more deeply. As a cook, as the person who chose the flavors, who chopped and sautéed and thought about color and texture and scent and plating, I love feeding people who notice.*

*I want to be a noticer. God made this world, made people, made flowers and honey and the Susquehanna River. The people he made with great love and in his image have written poetry and build buildings, and they perform surgery and bake bread and play the violin, and one of my most deeply held spiritual practices is noticing it all.*

*At the end of the day, this is what matters most to me: bearing witness to the unfolding miracle of everyday life."*

She closes by urging the reader to: "Right now, notice as much as you can—what do you see? What do you smell? What are you hearing, touching, noticing around you?"

This week, that invitation feels like it is for me—and for all of us. Notice the flavor of your morning coffee. Notice the light on someone's face when they laugh. Notice the ordinary miracles happening around you—at your kitchen table, on your porch, in the parking lot, in the faces of people you pass. That's where God is. That's what matters.

*Please Pray for*

Laurie Anderson  
Linda Beaver  
John & Stephanie Bondhus  
James Bowman  
Traci Eschbach  
Patti Faux  
Hafer/Lucente Family  
Jayce Heckman  
Robin Huffman  
Nicole Kister  
Justin Kozick  
Katy Mahon  
Dan & Peggy Neuhard  
Amanda Unzueta  
Tommy Ward  
Troy Woodruff  
All service personnel  
Unrest in our world

*Peace and Blessings, Pastor Tim*

# The Farm Report



**You Did it Again!** Picture it: coin boxes scattered throughout our homes all through Lent. Pennies dropped by children. Quarters tucked in by grandparents. Loose change emptied from pockets and purses. "Change to Change the World"—that's what we call it, and every year, something miraculous happens.

This week, we counted it all up. \$749 in loose change. \$255 in checks and paper money. \$1,004.

One thousand dollars. From our coins. From our pockets. From our willingness to give the spare change we might have spent on coffee or forgotten in the car. And because you gave it—every penny, every nickel, every dollar—100% of it goes directly to One Great Hour of Sharing. It goes to neighbors facing disaster. It goes to communities rebuilding. It goes to domestic and international ministries of the United Church of Christ, the Disciples of Christ, the American Baptist Church, and Church World Services—brothers and sisters across our whole denomination, working to help those who need it most.

That \$1,004 is not loose change. It is love made visible. It's the whole congregation—grandchildren and grandparents, visitors and long-time members, everyone—answering one simple question together: How can we help? Thank you!



**It's Game Time!** Spring is here, and our families are everywhere. Kids in baseball uniforms stretching in the infield. Daughters on soccer fields and softball diamonds. Grandkids dancing on stages. The track is alive with runners. Field hockey sticks are out. This is what spring looks like in our community—our youngest family members doing what they love, and all of us gathering to cheer them on.

We want to be there. All of us. So we're asking: if your child or grandchild is playing this spring and summer, please add their schedule to our Prayers and Love page. Tell us when and where—because we want to show up. We want to sit in those bleachers. We want to cheer. We want your kids to know that Saint Paul's sees them, supports them, and believes in them.

And there's more: This year's Challenger Baseball season includes two celebrations you won't want to miss.

Sunday, May 24 — Join us for our annual picnic at the Challenger Game. Bring your family, bring your appetite, bring your cheers. It starts at 5 p.m. and this is community at its best.

Sunday, June 14 — Flags and Ice Cream. Come wave those flags, celebrate these athletes, and share something sweet together.

Watch for more events throughout the spring and summer—there will be ways to gather, cheer on, and show these families we're here for one another.



APRIL  
**AUTISM**  
Autism Awareness Family Night  
Date: April 19, 2026  
Time: 5:00 PM

Join your Saint Paul's family for a special family night to raise awareness and celebrate the amazing individuals with autism in our community!

We will have crafts, games, and sensory activities. The theme for dinner is comfort food with chicken nuggets and pizza - bring your favorite dessert or side if you wish!

Come learn, engage, and show your love for the autism community!




**Take a Hike (with us)!** Sunday, April 26, 1:30 p.m. at Dale's Ridge, 1471 Strawbridge Road (off Route 192 west of Lewisburg). Picture it: a trail under the trees. The smell of earth and growing things. People you love walking beside you—talking, laughing, breathing in the spring air. This is what it looks like to celebrate Earth Day, to say thank you for God's green earth, to be together in the middle of something beautiful.

We're inviting you to join your faith family for an afternoon on the trails. Whether you're a serious hiker or just want to stretch your legs and enjoy the company, there's a place for you here. We're offering two options: a short version for those who want an easier pace, and a longer 2-mile trek for those ready to go deeper into the woods or up the mountain.

Here's the plan: Meet us at the trailhead kiosk at Dale's Ridge, at 1:30 p.m. We'll hike together, then reconvene to celebrate one more of God's great creations: ice cream at the Purple Cow.

No special gear required. No experience necessary. Just come as you are, ready to walk together and enjoy creation. We hope everyone who can will join us for this fun afternoon.

*Fostering Fun* 

**HERE ARE SOME GREAT WAYS TO CONNECT WITH YOUR FAITH FAMILY IN THE COMING WEEKS:**

April 24 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
Join us for Word, Wine, and Wisdom at Union Cellars.

May 2 from 1 to 6 p.m.  
All Church Day at Knoebels

May 17 following worship  
Mother's Day Luncheon

May 24 at 5 p.m.  
Hotdogs and Baseball with our Little League Challenger Family

*Celebrations*

Happy Birthday to ...  
Jaime Spickler - 4/19  
Greyson Greenawalt - 4/21  
Justin Rosboschil - 4/22  
Zephyrine Franciscus - 4/23  
Linda Beaver - 4/26  
Lori Bennett - 4/26  
Kyra Richard - 4/29  
Sylvia Eschbach - 5/1  
Sharon Klose - 5/3  
Rhonda Newton - 5/3  
Ember Richard - 5/6  
Skylar Ritter - 5/7  
Kim Ritter - 5/11

Happy Anniversary to ...  
Andrew & Michelle Dressler - 4/16  
Dean & Nancy Haven - 5/10  
David & Kelly Kazibwe - 5/12

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



*Upcoming Worship*

April 19 ~ Third Sunday of Easter  
"Knock Your Socks Off"  
Luke 24:13-35  
Worship Leader: Jen Arnold  
Lector: Heidi Hagan  
Acolyte: Liam Hagan  
Kitchen Coordinator: Tina Longan  
Breakfast Sponsor: Arnold Family  
Flower Sponsor: Zeyn/Heckman Families  
Offering Counter: K. Showers, D. Spear

April 26 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter  
"What the Sheep"  
Psalm 23; John 10:1-10  
Worship Leader: Jen Arnold  
Lector: Louise Litzy  
Acolyte: Kate Parker  
Kitchen Coordinator: Kathy Showers  
Breakfast Sponsor: Council/Eschbach Families  
Flower Sponsor: Priscilla Lanks  
Offering Counter: P. Emory, D. Spear

April Usher/Greeter Team: Don & Peggy Emory, Chris & Jen Arnold, Gary & Donna Bennett, Amy Mahon, Drew Faust, Betsy Pullen

**HC Spirit Camp**  
*In the Wilderness*



Sunday, July 26 - Saturday, August 1

**Sunday - Saturday**  
Elementary - Grades 3-5  
Middle School - Grades 6-8  
High School - Grades 9-12



**Sunday - Wednesday**  
Getting Started - Grades K-2  
Intergenerational Camp

**Wednesday - Saturday**  
Camp of the Heart - different abilities  
Heart and Soul Camp - Adults



For more information or to register go to [HCSpiritcamp.org](http://HCSpiritcamp.org) or use this code!



# 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 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.

## 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.

## Stewardship

Gifts & Offerings ~ 4/12/26

Attendance: 153 (10 visitors)

LIVE Attendance: 1,107

Virtual Reach: 4,002

Christian Education: 46

Plate Giving: 2,920.00

Loose Plate: 247.00

Online Giving: 977.08

Operational Total: 4,144.08

Restricted Giving: 905.00

Total Giving: 5,049.08

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

## 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.

## 50 Day Food Challenge

Churches across the UCC Keystone Conference are being challenged to gather food for our neighbors from Easter to Pentecost. All donations will be used to stock our emergency food pantry here @ The Farm and at Lewisburg Pharmacy.



**Drop your donations in the Little Red Wagon and see how our pantries grow!**

**April 12-18: Canned Vegetables**

**April 19-25: Cereal**

**April 26-May 2: Pasta & Sauce**

**May 3-9: Rice, Potatoes, Side Dish Packets**

**May 10-17: Cooking Oil, Cake Mixes**

**May 18-24: Dish Soap, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue**

**May 25-June 1: Personal Sized Toiletries**

## 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 April 23, May 14 & 28. 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.



*Saint Paul's @ The Farm*

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