



Saint Paul's Possibilities

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News & Engagement

Powered by Grace and Coffee

a weekly reflection by Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

This week, Pastor Tim welcomes our very own Chaplain Kate Schaeffer to share her Grace and Coffee Reflection.

Dear Faith Family,

Oh, what a joy it is to write and say “HELLO” officially. Pastor Tim suggested you might enjoy a note from someone besides himself. That kind invitation made me a bit nervous with self-doubt because I love Tim so much and find his weekly Possibilities reflection a thoughtful combination of wisdom and The Word and wonder. They inspire us to think. I suppose that’s why he calls it possibilities! So, I’d like to offer this note as more of a loving thank you that is long overdue and was inspired before sunrise today!

God works (and wakes me) in the wildest of ways. And so, before the birds began their song and I made my morning coffee, I opened my laptop and began to jot my thoughts. And then I paused and I began to laugh out loud! I laughed because I realized that this thank you comes after three years of God-winks that have been inspired by you! It was like God woke me and said, “you’ve had enough sleep; now go and tell them!”

I feel such joy when I am moved to share Love with another, the kind of Love that comes from my light to yours; the light that connects us to one another and to the Holy Spirit. Our greatest gift is when God works through us. I never tire of hearing stories of how the divine moves us both from within and together. And the best part is God never stops showing up most especially when we allow our minds and our eyes to receive and realize the Holy Spirit in ALL things and all encounters. The joy that follows is indescribable, isn’t it?

So, yesterday I had the pleasure of meeting with three elders at Central Oak Heights. When I say elders, I mean good people who have enjoyed the Heights for generations. They have grown up there and are keenly aware of the changes and the challenges that every community offers. I asked the good people to share some of the challenges they are facing.

The truth is I approached them because I have a childhood friend who would like to buy a cottage at the Heights so she can spend her summers “back home.” It’s so very exciting, but there seems to be some challenges in the transaction. What I surmised from my chats with the good people there is that Central Oak Heights is like a family. There are elders and there are learners. But what’s so great is that the community is wonderfully full of people who are moved by the Holy Spirit to be listeners and to be inclusive and who offer forgiveness and grace. And perhaps the best part is they consider each other family! You see, I believe family is like spiritual school every day. Through ups and downs and twists and turns, family is where we evolve and grow spiritually.

I’m sharing this saga because in the conversation with the three elders, one said, “The UCC church seems to be doing it right!”

I offered them a pause and smiled. I was moved by their words. You see I don’t believe these good people know where Art and I attend church! They just proclaimed their observation off-cuff, and it came after we agreed how life is really quite wonderful when we LOVE LIKE JESUS and ARE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

It was then I was inspired to share that I learned about The Good News of JESUS at Central Oak Heights as a kid. I told them how upon my 2017 return to the valley I prayed to find a community that came close to what I experienced as a child. I then confessed to these generational methodists (like my own family) that I recently changed

Please Pray for

Linda Beaver
Arlene Belford
Patti Faux
Rebecca Foote
Ellie Guerrero
Hagan Family
Robin Huffman
Dottie Leaser
Priscilla Lanks
Morris Family
Chuck Schworer
Bonnie Stevenson
Amanda Unzueta
Tommy Ward
All service personnel
Unrest in our world

my church membership to UCC, The Farm. I told them it's because you feed the community, house the community, provide funds and hospital care to the community and all in the name of JESUS! I found myself on my toes like a crazy evangelical! It was JOY from my soul that inspired me to share our good news to these beautiful people who had ALREADY heard the good news. It was JOY we shared because of us! Our work, our spirit, and the light that shines over the farm is The Good News!

Before I get carried away, please understand that I am not suggesting we feel proud because that's what gets the church and each of us into trouble, but I am suggesting that we keep doing what we are doing. Keep loving like Jesus and being a good neighbor like Jesus. It's all God asks us to do!

And I believe that God woke me this morning to share this good news with you. May this Love Note raise your spirit and the possibilities that God has for all of us! And Art and I are so excited to see you all at the Heights on Father's Day!

In Love, Chaplain Kate



The Farm Report

Father's Day at Central Oak Heights—Worship, Picnic, Games & the Pool! Mark your calendars! On Sunday, June 21, we're returning to Central Oak Heights for the first time in seven years, and we can't wait to gather in their beautiful space for worship, food, games, and fellowship. Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. (coffee at 10 a.m.). Afterward, we'll share a picnic lunch. Please bring a dish to share and come ready for a day of fun! **Location & Directions:** Central Oak Heights, 78 Heritage Road, Lewisburg. **Important:** COH is only accessible from Route 15 South. If you're coming from the south, take the West Milton exit off Route 15, then return to Route 15 South. The property will be the first driveway on your right—watch for signs. **Join Us:** Whether you've been to COH before or this is your first time, don't miss this wonderful day of worship, fellowship, and fun. Let's make our return the biggest and best yet!



It's Time to Sign Up for 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! The meetings are designed as small group gatherings—12 to 14 people per meeting—to keep them timely and intimate and allowing everyone space to speak and be heard. 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 a lifetime or are new to our faith family, everyone has something to contribute. We are excited for this sacred tradition as we dream our way forward and listen to how the Holy is calling us. Sign-up sheets are on the sign-up bar, and here are the dates:

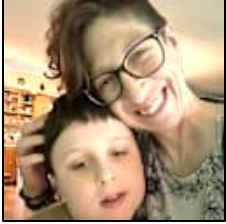
Congratulations to Miss Cora with our apologies! In last week's Possibilities, we celebrated our Saint Paul's graduates and missed our dear, sweet Cora Kazibwe who graduated Pre-K and is heading to Mifflinburg Elementary.



Monday June 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday June 28 at noon
Monday June 29 at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday July 8 at noon
Wednesday July 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday July 12 at noon

Wednesday July 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday July 19 at 1 p.m.
Wednesday July 22 at noon
Wednesday July 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday July 26 at noon

Faith and Reason and Other Archives, too! Did you know Pastor Tim is a monthly contributor to the Daily Item's Faith & Reason column published in the Weekend Edition. Pastor Tim writes once a month for the paper and if you aren't a subscriber and would still like to read his articles you may find them on our website homepage ... along with a monthly archive of this, our weekly Possibilities Newsletter, and the Sunday morning worship bulletins.



Prayers and Actions for the Hagan Family.

This week, the Hagan family is navigating a medical and emotional crisis with their son, Liam. With their permission, we share this update and ask for your faithful support. **The Situation:**

Liam is receiving care at Geisinger Medical Center for a psychiatric emergency. Since Tuesday, the family has awaited placement in an inpatient autism specialty unit. Five facilities have rejected his case so far, with three more pending. Geisinger itself lacks in-house pediatric psychiatric care—a gap in our healthcare system that's becoming painfully clear. **The Heartbreak and Hope:** As Heidi shared: "Our system is broken. Trying to navigate through the brokenness to help your child brings stress, heartbreak, anger, and frustration." Yet there is hope. Liam's medications are beginning to help, and the GMC team is advocating for his needs.

How We Can Support Them:

- Pray for Liam's healing, the medical team's wisdom, and strength for Jon and Heidi.
- Provide meals and childcare for TJ and Brigid (check out the "Meal Train" here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/zml2vo>)
- Give financially. With both parents needed at Geisinger and unable to work, financial support is vital. This Sunday, we'll collect gifts during worship or give online to Missions (memo: "Hagan"). Cash may be placed in an envelope marked "Hagan." Checks will be cut to the family weekly as funds arrive. Sheetz and Door Dash gift cards are also welcome.

Together, let them know they are not alone. Our faith family stands with them.

Upcoming Worship

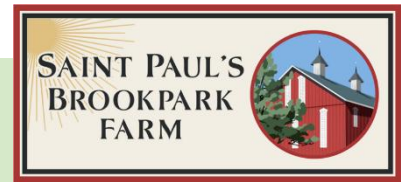
June 14 ~ Third Sunday after Pentecost ~ "I'll Be There"
Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8 ~ Worship Leader: Sue Overdorf
Lector: Reba Rohrer ~ Acolyte: Lucy Rosboschil
Flower Sponsor: Bill Bernard ~ Offering Counters: K. Showers, D. Spear
Kitchen Setup: Tina Longan

June 21 ~ Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ~ "Uptight (Everything's Alright)"

Worship at Central Oak Heights

Psalm 23; John 10:1-10 ~ Worship Leader: Sue Overdorf
Lector: Art Schaeffer ~ Acolyte: Kendrick Swartz
Flower Sponsor: Available ~ Offering Counters: P. Emory, D. Spear

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



Updates & What's Happening

Our beloved Farm thrives because of generous souls who show up with willing hands and open hearts. This week, here's what they've been up to:

- **The Pavilion Transformation**
If you've been to the Farm this past week, you've likely noticed the dumpster outside the Pavilion—demolition is complete, and the real transformation has begun! (*Tina, we see you pulling nails out of boards—this is a labor of love!*) The building that once housed animals will now welcome outdoor gatherings with covered space for up to 80 people, plus room for roasters, grills, and outdoor seating. Coming next in the pavilion transformation: electrical work, water line repairs, and new lighting. Our "Farm Hand" dream team making this happen includes Jen and Bob, Don Emory, Tim and Tina Longan, and Doug Kister – of course a surprise inspection by our own Gloria Lehman can't be forgotten either! Now for the cleaning, painting and construction work! We can't wait to welcome our faith family and neighbors into this beautiful new space. Summer @ The Farm just got even better!

Beyond the Pavilion - This week's work also includes:

- Tree trimming / weed whacking
- Welcoming a new tenant at 195 Brookpark Circle as Bluebird expands for summer camp
- Planning water and sewer installations for additional buildings

Oh, the things that happen on The Farm everyday—it's truly amazing. We are so very blessed.

On the Journey Together ~ Summer @ The Farm



Kiddos, we are continuing our JOY experiments this week! We'll put on our GLAD scientist goggles and explore a new hypothesis. Join Miss Colleen for the Children's Moment during worship and continue in the classroom where we'll hear the Bible story and carry out the experiment! This summer we are discovering that we experience true JOY when we follow God's way!

This week's HYPOTHESIS:
Lying is good!

God's TRUTH:
We experience JOY when we tell the truth.

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** classes during the summer season, Miss Colleen provides a robust and fun curriculum and this year the kiddos will become **Glad Scientists** with a lesson during **Time with Our Children** during worship and continuing with a story and experiment during **Children's Church**. Following worship, please enjoy snacks, lemonade, and fellowship on our beautiful porch. 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.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to ...

Bonita Bossert - 6/12
Jesse Swanger - 6/12
Rachel Henry - 6/13
Steve Brown - 6/14
Lisa Bernard - 6/15
Amy Armstrong - 6/16
Tim Hogan-Palazzo - 6/19
Adam Oetjens - 6/19
Emily Oetjens - 6/19
Niki Weber - 6/21



Happy Anniversary to ...

Matthew & Kathryn Oetjens - 6/18

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 ~ 6/7/26
Attendance: 156 (10 visitors)
LIVE Attendance: 876
Virtual Reach: 6,075
Christian Education: 32

Plate Giving:	2,005.00
Loose Plate:	255.00
Online Giving:	<u>730.04</u>
Operational Total:	2,990.04
Restricted Giving:	<u>420.00</u>
Total Giving:	3,410.04



Weekdays @ The Farm. Monday's 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 on the Porch** 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 (returning in September). 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 is Gloria Lehman, ready to provide any assistance with our current Pavilion Transformation!

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 distribution is June 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.