



# Saint Paul's Possibilities

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News & Engagement

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a weekly reflection by Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Dear Beloved Farm Faith Family,

What a week it has been—one that has reminded us once again of the profound and sacred way that grief and joy are woven together in the fabric of our faith journey.

We gathered to honor Rev. Ed Prowant's beautiful legacy in Jersey Shore on Monday, holding his memory in our hearts as his service drew us together, and we committed him to God's keeping on Tuesday in New Columbia. Scarcely had we caught our breath before we were making the drive to State College on Wednesday to celebrate the life of dear Barclay Wilson—his interment in the morning, and then a joyful service celebrating his remarkable life in the afternoon here @ The Farm.

Yet here is where God's grace shines through most brilliantly: sprinkled between these sacred goodbyes were two glorious hellos. Last week, Heather, Brent, and Teagan welcomed the precious Atlas James into their arms. And then, just this past Sunday afternoon, Hillary, Ethan, and Finley received the beautiful gift of little Elowyn Cree. Oh, how our hearts overflow!

This is the circle of life in its rawest, most holy form—and all of you have shown up with such extraordinary grace. The meals delivered, the desserts lovingly made, the faithful presence at every service, the prayers whispered and spoken aloud, the embraces given, the texts sent—you have been the church in the most beautiful and tangible nurturing ways.

I also want to pause and honor the deep love you've shown me during these intense weeks. Your phone calls and messages, knowing that I'm held in your prayers, acknowledging the weight these days carry—it matters more than words can say. Since November, I've walked beside our community through 13 farewells, and we have journeyed through every single one together. That has made all the difference.

So today, I simply want to say: thank you. Thank you for walking this journey with one another, for understanding that being the church means showing up in both tears and celebration, for loving as Jesus loved. This faithful community is a gift, and I am so deeply grateful to be on this sacred journey with you.

*With Overflowing Gratitude, Pastor Tim*

## *Please Pray for*

Laurie Anderson  
Linda Beaver  
John & Stephanie Bondhus  
James Bowman  
Traci Eschbach  
Patti Faux  
Rebecca Foote  
Jayce Heckman  
Robin Huffman  
Jack Knelly  
Chuck Schworer  
Amanda Unzueta  
Tommy Ward  
Joan Yeziorski  
All service personnel  
Unrest in our world

*Updates to our Prayer List are made by calling the church office, filling out a prayer request card located in our sanctuary, or by posting on our prayers and love FB page.*

## *Upcoming Worship*

May 17 ~ Ascension Sunday ~ "An Interactive Invitation"  
Acts 1:6-14; John 17:1-11 ~ Lector: Dennis Burns  
Worship Leader: Niki Weber ~ Acolyte: Finn Rosboschil  
Flower Sponsor: Available ~ Offering Counters: A. Mahon, D. Spear  
Kitchen Setup: Tina Longan ~ Breakfast Sponsor: Rhonda Newton

May 24 ~ Pentecost Sunday ~ "Poured Out"  
1 Peter 3:3-9; John 20:19-31 ~ Lector: Sue Overdorf  
Worship Leader: Niki Weber ~ Acolyte: Piper Dressler  
Flower Sponsor: Jen Arnold ~ Offering Counters: S. Brown, D. Spear  
Kitchen Setup: Tina Longan ~ Breakfast Sponsor: Bernard, Hogan-Palazzo

*May Usher/Greeter Team: Bill & Lisa Bernard, Louise Litzy, Joanna Johnson, Tracy & Scott Baylor, Reba Rohrer, Chris Warner, Kim Ritter*

# The Farm Report

**A Song of Gratitude for Our Bell Choir.** As we gather this final Sunday of the bell choir season, our hearts are so full of thanksgiving. Today marks the last day our beloved bell choir will grace us with their beautiful music until practice resumes again in late August, and we want to take a moment to truly honor the gift they have been to us this year.



Under the faithful direction of Patty Wagner, a devoted group of volunteer musicians has shown up week after week, rehearsing together and sharing their gifts with our faith family. Over this past season, they have lifted us in worship more than twenty times—twenty occasions where the sound of those bells has opened our ears, quieted our hearts, and drawn us closer to God and to one another. There is something sacred about the way music can prepare our souls for worship. The bell choir has done this so beautifully. Their dedication, their discipline, their willingness to give their time and talents—these are acts of worship in themselves.

So today, you are invited to join in expressing deep, heartfelt gratitude to Patty and every member of our bell choir. Your ministry matters. Your music matters. The way you have centered us in God's word and opened us to His presence matters profoundly. Thank you, dear friends. Until we hear those beautiful bells again in late summer, know that your service has blessed us beyond measure.



## **A Shelter from the Storm—A Gift from Don & Peggy.**

Rainy Sundays just got a little easier, thanks to the thoughtfulness of Don and Peggy Emory! They have generously donated a collection of large black golf umbrellas to our church community, so you can arrive at worship dry and comfortable, no matter what the weather brings.



You'll find these umbrellas in holders by each entrance. If you need one, please feel free to borrow it—and we ask simply that you return it when you're finished so others can use it too. It's such a simple gift, and yet it speaks volumes about caring for one another. Thank you, Don and Peggy, for looking out for your church family and for thinking of the small ways we can love and serve one another.

## *Celebrations*

Happy Birthday to ...

Cindy Myers - 5/15

Sherri Gill - 5/18

Harriet Zeyn - 5/18

Michael Purcell - 5/20

Brian Austin - 5/21

Scott Mathias - 5/21

Fiona Bruno - 5/22

Colleen Francisus - 5/22

Kate Parker - 5/23



Happy Anniversary to ...

David & Kelly Kazibwe - 5/12

Rhonda Newton & Steve Anderson - 5/18

Carolyn & Harry Wuerdeman - 5/18

Nikole & Richie Eveland - 5/22

Brad & Jeannette Gill - 5/22

Earl & Terri Fisher - 5/23

Chris & Jen Arnold - 5/24



**The Gift That Keeps Giving.** What a beautiful thing it is to watch our faith community embody the Easter message of resurrection, abundance, and radical generosity. For the past six weeks, you have been participating in our 50 Days of Easter Challenge, and the impact has been nothing short of remarkable. Over these weeks, we haven't simply collected food—we've answered the call of Jesus to feed the hungry. Your response has been extraordinary. Families facing food insecurity have received emergency boxes from our pantry, and we've been able to support

the Lewisburg Pharmacy Pantry with additional donations. These aren't just boxes of food; they're tangible signs of God's love and our neighbors' worth.

Right now, with just ten days left before we close this challenge on Pentecost (May 24), we can do something truly special. If we were to imagine dividing what we've collected among the 280 families we serve through Fresh Express, each family would receive four items. Four items that might make a difference. However, if we can do more, that would be wonderful. What we believe these donations say to our neighbors: "You matter. You are loved. God hasn't forgotten you." Whether you've been participating from day one or are just joining us now, there's still time. We welcome you into this challenge with open arms. Every contribution—no matter the size—adds to this beautiful witness of faith lived out. Thank **you** for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community. Thank you for turning your faith into food, your prayers into provision, your generosity into hope. See you at the finish line on Pentecost!

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

- April 5-11: Canned Fruit**
- April 12-18: Canned Vegetables**
- April 19-25: Cereal / Cake Mixes**
- April 26-May 2: Pasta and Sauce**
- May 3-9: Boxed Potatoes, Rice, and Stuffing**
- May 10-17: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cooking Oil, Shelf Stable Milk**
- May 18-24: Dish Soap, Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Tissues, & Personal-Sized Toiletries**



**Parade T-Shirts For Sale!** Join Us in Celebrating Freedom and Community this summer, Saint Paul's at The Farm is marching together! What could be more meaningful than celebrating our nation's 250th birthday and our community's rich harvest traditions—side by side with your church family? This year, we have not one but TWO incredible opportunities to represent Saint Paul's in our local parades, and we want YOU to be part of it! Mark your calendars for these special celebrations: **Union County 4th of July Veteran's Parade Friday, June 27, 2025, in Lewisburg** ...Join us as we honor our nation's 250th birthday and pay tribute to the veterans who've protected our freedoms. Saint Paul's will be marching with floats celebrating the traditions and liberties that make America strong. And, **the 50th Annual Milton Harvest Festival Parade Friday, September 19, 2025, in Milton**...Help us celebrate a half-century of harvest traditions in our community! We'll be there with the same spirit of gratitude and joy.

To show your Saint Paul's Pride in style, we're offering special t-shirts so our church family can march together in unity and style. Choose from two vibrant colors: Fiji Blue, cool, refreshing, eye-catching & Red Clay/Hibiscus, bold, patriotic, warm. On the front our full-color Saint Paul's @ The Farm logo, and on the back our inspiring "Be the Church" message, a reminder of who we are and what we stand for. Order deadline is June 3! Sign up during Sunday worship, pricing by size, or contact the church office.

**BE THE CHURCH**

*Protect the environment.*

*Care for the poor.*

**Forgive often.**

**REJECT RACISM.**

**Fight for the powerless.**

*Share earthly and spiritual resources.*

*Embrace diversity.*

**Love God.**

**Enjoy this life.**



# On the Journey Together

## *news and events* TO WATCH FOR

- Weekly Quiet space for prayer, reflection, contemplation and to just be. Chaplain Kate is leading logistics to help make this happen.
- Cottage Meeting schedules to open with space for 10 to 14 people in each meeting led by Consistory.
- Small Group opportunities organized by Nicole Cuer.
- A late August celebration of Pastor Tim's ordination.

**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 **3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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.

## *Stewardship*

Gifts & Offerings ~ 5/10/26	
Attendance: 172 (9 visitors)	
LIVE Attendance: 1,053	
Virtual Reach: 5,789	
Christian Education: 24	
Plate Giving:	2,572.00
Loose Plate:	339.00
Online Giving:	838.34
Operational Total:	3,749.34
Restricted Giving:	270.00
Total Giving:	4,019.34

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

**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 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.

*See you for Mother's Day Brunch following worship, May 17! Come and gather 'round the tables for fellowship and food. Egg casseroles provided. Bring a side to share!*



*Saint Paul's @ The Farm*  
**A United Church of Christ Community**

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