



SAINT PAUL'S NEWS

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“What happens here doesn’t stay here...”

“Communion Everyone?”

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Dear Church Family,

Sometimes it is hard to put or explain full emotion into words, however, I believe you may understand my feelings around communion as we most likely share some of those same unexplainable feelings around the Lord’s supper. We have scripture to describe it, like in Matthew 26 we read, *“While they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take and eat. This is my body.” He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many so that their sins may be forgiven... Then, after singing songs of praise, they went to the Mount of Olives. (Matthew 26:26-30 CEB)*

We also have a same close description in Mark 14 and Luke 22. Passages depicting the same scene. It draws a picture of that day for us, yet when we remember and re-enact that day, it comes alive in new ways for us. Often personal and if we allow becomes a very intimate meal meant just for us as a reminder of our connectedness, to God, to one another, and to Christ our brother through the movement of the Holy.

This week, as I busily prepared and worked-through the set-up of communion prep - both in my head and physically preparing - I was so busy trying to make sure what we had planned was as safe as possible and had options that would comfortable for everyone that I missed some things.

We would offer individual prepared communion and bread cups - like the ones we’d been using since we came back together. We’d also offer bread, placed in the hands of those wishing to receive it, then individual cups for people to take. Hand sanitizer at the ready, we began. All seemed to run smoothly, however, I realized after communion that I had missed a few details. Normally we have two stations

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for the juice and in trying to be safe, I didn't think the plan for the individual cups all the way through. We should have had a basket for the used cups to be deposited in (so they didn't go back into the tray), and I should have had instructions for those holding their prefilled cups as well. Lesson learned and next time will be improved and hopefully safer.

Logistics aside, the other thing I missed that hit me in powerful ways, when I looked up and saw Merle Kay Englehart standing in front of me, the first person to receive communion eye to eye since March 1, 2019. I realized something I had missed so very much: making eye contact and sharing a word with each person coming forward. I had missed those things so deeply. And those are the things that tugged so strongly on my heart, the remembrance and relationship Christ called us in to. Knowing Jesus was so intimate with the Disciples and those gathered around when He shared in the Eucharist, the Communion Meal, everything came flooding back, thoughts and memories of looking each person in the eye as tears streamed down our cheeks. How powerful the image and emotions of Communion are for me. What a powerful and wonderful connection to one another through the Holy it reminds us of, intimate relationship in life's journey of hardships and joys, of acceptance and grace, of just being marked and remembered as a child of God.

I often speak of the sacrament of communion, how it reminds me of what was done for us all, how it connects us to the Holy and to one another, how beautifully love-filled the moment of communion is.

Oh, precious love, how great thou art, that we can know and be a part of the great meal that connects us all. It's real, it's tangible, it gives us something to physically touch and be a part of. So, I want to say thank you to all those who are patient and caring with us as we seek ways in which we can be safe and continue to share the meal as a way to remember.

May we never forget our connectedness, one to another and through one another may we realize our connectedness to the Holy.

Peace,
Pastor Tim

In Our Daily Prayers...

Dick Albright
Dick Bettleyon
Nancy Cochran
Gail Earnest
Gladys Fawcett
Greyson Greenawalt

Steve Harding
Mina Hoover
Mary Rose Knelly
Tom and Priscilla Lanks
Cindy Lloyd
Katy Mahon

John Marsala
Cindy Mohr
Raquel Prager
Jane Scurfield
Alecia Snyder
Donna and Russ Wynn, Sr.



News from Home...



Church Work-Day: Our next workday will take place at 433 High Street, on Saturday, July 10 at 9 a.m.! We will be moving some things from 433 High Street to 1125 Mahoning along with cleaning and ensuring our space there remains clean and well maintained. So, mark your calendars now, and we hope all will join us!

COVID-19 Restrictions: With most COVID-19 restrictions lifted across the country, we ask you to please be mindful of the health and safety of all our members and friends of this faith family. If you have not been vaccinated, whether unable or choosing not to, we ask that you continue to mask. If you feel you are more comfortable masked regardless of your vaccination status, please continue to do so. If you want to hug someone, just be respectful of them and their space and ask if it's ok before hugging. And most importantly, please continue to use good hygiene practices, such as hand sanitizer and hand washing (20 seconds with soap). We will continue to work to keep everyone as safe as possible and ask for your help in doing the same. We have plenty of hand sanitizer and are happy to keep them filled and ready.

Out with Pew Pads/In with Clicks: One of the gifts we received over the course of trying to safely gather we began signing people in, so if there was a COVID-19 case in our midst, we could safely and completely notify everyone who was with us. At least that is how this name-taking began. However, we have found, instead of using and passing pew pads to track attendance, we will continue to have a Greeter at the door to register everyone for our new online Church Database Management System.



SMILE! Also, this week, you may have noticed we began taking pictures as well for our online directory "Engage." Please note, unless you have a log-in, you cannot access the directory to see the pictures, so access is very limited. By taking pictures and adding to the church directory, you and others can put faces and names together as a way to get to know one another. So, thank you, Bryleigh, for being our photographer and thank you all for helping us stay connected. Watch for our photographer in the Narthex weekly!

Coffee Hour: Join us for a Summer Coffee Hour - with Iced Tea, Water and Lemonade, all available outside under the covered walkway immediately following worship each Sunday. We hope you will join us and hang out outside for fellowship following worship. This outdoor space and event gives new meaning to "parking lot worship" and we are excited to be bringing back more opportunities like this for you.



Community Research Project...it's on!



6 p.m., Thursday, July 8 (tomorrow) Whispering Oaks Winery, Sunbury

6 p.m., Thursday, July 29, Pier 87, Williamsport

Both venues will include music, food options, and a reserved spot for us to all gather. The Ann Kerstetter Trio will be performing at Whispering Oaks Vineyard on July 8 and the Real Taste Food Truck and Catering will be there to grab dinner. You are welcome to bring snacks and water, other beverages will be available for sale.

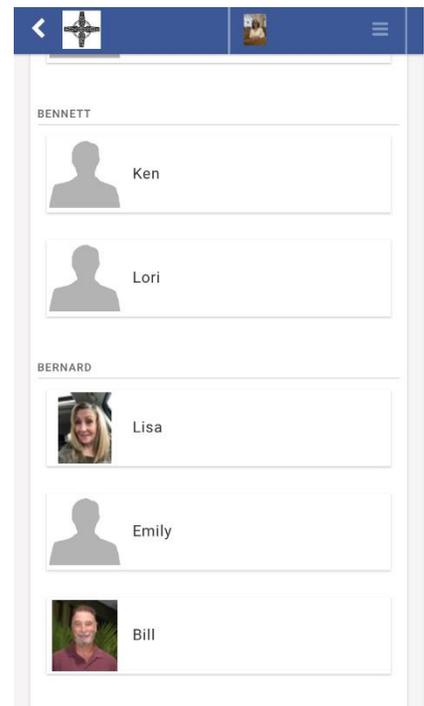
Beginning Sunday, we will announce the details of our Pier 87 evening out.

Engage

You can create your Saint Paul's Engage online directory account to easily look up names, addresses, and phone numbers. Go to this website:

<https://engage.suran.com/spuccwm/s/login>

(or click on the Member Directory Login at the bottom of the church website homepage). Use your email address (same one that you receive this eNews) to create your account, update your information, add a picture (*or we will add your picture taken by our own Bryleigh Gill*), and stay in touch! Any questions, call the church office.



Faith Formation and Worship News...



VBS! Plan Now! Beginning Monday, August 2 to Friday, August 6 we will offer Vacation Bible School here at the church. This year's VBS, Compassion Camp will kick off with a light supper being offered each evening from 5 to 6 and then crafts, lessons, music, and activities from 6 to 8 for ages 3 to 11 (5th grade). Compassion Camp builds on "being loved, being kind, and being you."

Preregistration will open soon, but not required, and if you are interested in assisting in some way, please reach out to Colleen Franciscus or Pastor Tim. We hope you will be here to join us. Volunteers are needed from kitchen to classroom and even bakers from home would be an option to assist. It's coming soon, so plan now to join us!



Weekly Faith Formation Gatherings

Sunday Morning's with Dave and Friends... Will return Sunday, September 12

Monday Morning Preacher... Will return Monday, September 13

Wednesdays Theology Mashup... Will return Wednesday, September 15

Want to join or are you looking for online worship or a worship replay? Like you can't get enough of Pastor Tim's message (right!)? Replay of services are always available via YouTube or Facebook. Links are on our website homepage. <https://www.spuccwm.org/> or below:

Saint Paul's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulswestmilton>

Saint Paul's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx534qz98pw4lEcpsJznLnw>

Mission and Outreach News...



ARC Did you know that each Monday evening from 6 to 8 p.m., we welcome our neighbors from Advocacy and Resources for Citizens to our space at 1125 Mahoning Street. ARC offers a special time of food, fun, and fellowship for these neighbors and their advocates. This group is hosted by Amy Norris of West Milton and we are happy to be in the partnership with them. This week our friends had fun creating thank you notes for our church family. You can read these cards displayed on the piano in the narthex and are welcome to come

by on a Monday evening to say hello to our friends under the pavilion. Just another way we celebrate being church in the community.

Saint Paul's Coffee Club is an ongoing mission project at Saint Paul's and funds community needs. Check out the organic coffees, teas, and chocolate products from Fair-Trade Farmers on hand for purchase in the display case in the lobby at 1125. These make really nice gifts or treat yourself in the name of giving back. Visit the homepage of our website <https://www.spuccwm.org/> to peruse the products, order online directly at <https://forms.gle/mV5R4NvUqkH3bbxj6> or fill out an order form at the display. Or call Donna at the office to find out more about supporting SPUC's Coffee Club!



This Week at Saint Paul's...

- Wed., July 7** **Happy Birthday Debbie Fisher**
- Thurs., July 8** **Happy Birthday Isaiah Franciscus**
Happy Birthday Alyiah Helwig
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Office open
 2 to 5 p.m. Fresh Express Food Distribution at 433 High Street
 6 p.m. Community Research Project at Whispering Oaks, Sunbury
- Fri., July 9** **Happy Birthday Tina Stahl**
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Office open
- Sat., July 10** 9 a.m. Church Clean Up Day at 433 High Street
- Sun., July 11** 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship LIVE Online & In-Person at
 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847
 Delilah Sample Baptism
- Mon., July 12** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Office open
- Tues., July 13** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Office open
- Wed., July 14** **Happy Birthday Amy Mahon**
Happy Birthday Nikole Eveland
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Office open

Upcoming Sunday Worship...*LIVE stream and In Person @ 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton*

July 11, 2021
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
"You're a Piece of Work"
 Ephesians 1:3-14; Matthew 4:14-17
 Lector: Laurie Hafer
 Flower Sponsor: Available

July 18, 2021
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
"Body Work"
 Ephesians 2:11-22; March 6:30-34, 53-56
 Lector: Autumn Faust
 Flower Sponsor: Available

July Worship Leader: Drew Faust

July Usher Team: Lisa and Bill Bernard, Autumn or Drew Faust
 Rhonda Newton (Check In), Colleen Franciscus (Alternate)



If you like to plan... Here are some upcoming events to add to your calendar:

Thursday, July 8 – Fresh Express Food Distribution at 433 High Street 2 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 8 – Community Research Project at Whispering Oaks Vineyard
6 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 10 – Clean Up Day at 433 High Street, West Milton at 9 a.m.

Sunday, July 11 – Delilah Sample Baptism

Sunday, July 18 – Swim Party and Chicken BBQ 4 p.m. (Gill Home)

Thursday, July 29 – Community Research Project at Pier 87 Bar & Grill 6 to 10 p.m.

Sunday, August 1 – Communion

Sunday, August 8 – Bo, Kadence, and Riley Gill Baptisms

Sunday, August 8 – Community Dinner at 5 p.m. at 1125 Mahoning
(Drive-Through Format)

Sunday, August 22 – Back to School Picnic and Swim Party

Sunday, September 5 – Communion; Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 12 – Rally Day All Church Potluck

Monday, September 13 – Monday Morning Preacher Returns at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 15 – Family Formation Returns
(Dinner, Bible Study, Youth Events, Music)

Saturday, September 18 – Harvest Festival Parade 1 p.m. (SPUCC Float)

Sunday, September 26 – S'mores and a Movie

Saturday, October 9 – Hayride

Sunday, October 10 – Community Dinner at 5 p.m. at 1125 Mahoning
(Drive-Through Format)

Saturday, October 23 – Pumpkin Patch / Trunk and Treat

Sunday, November 7 – All Saint's Day

Sunday, December 5 – Community Dinner at 5 p.m. at 1125 Mahoning
(Drive-Through Format)

