

# Saint Paul's Possibilities

January 12, 2024

News & Ways to Plug In

## Powered by Grace and Coffee

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Dear Faith Family,

I am in awe of you. I am in awe of the ways in which you respond, the ways in which you keep connection, the ways in which you share burdens and express joys. As a faith family you reach out to one another without waiting for someone to reach out to you. You check on, care for and nurture others, you are willing to serve at the ask and are always on the lookout for ways we may be able to help one another and others. What I see in you all is a beautiful faith family, trying our best to be the church as Christ intended.

Earlier this week, I heard that a member of our family got up at 4:30 a.m. on New Year's Day to watch the New Year's Day parade live from London to see if they could catch a glimpse of Thomas Wagner marching in the parade! Think that meant something to Thomas or his family? I heard of another member showing up at Sadie's Nutcracker performance. Do you think that meant something to Sadie or her family? Hardly a day goes by that someone doesn't stop at the church to ask, "Is there anything I may do to help around here?" We have one person who will drive people where they need to go if he's available. "It's my own ministry," he will tell you. We have another person who, if we get a call for the emergency pantry or from someone who doesn't have food and can't get to the church, she will deliver - if at all possible - and if we don't have something that is needed in the pantry, it's not unusual for her to stop at a store, pick it up, and deliver it to the neighbor in need.

I could go on and on with story after story about how members of this family step-up and help out, in little ways that mean so very much! It reminds me of the saying (my version) "to the world, what you do may not be much, however, to the person, the neighbor, the stranger, the

family member, you help, it may mean the world." This is what being a faith community, being the church, looks like, at least to me. And I believe our children are watching and I see them wanting to help - and stepping-up to help if they're able. They see what is being done, because they are a part of the church and in seeing, they begin to ask questions and are invited to help when and where they can. This is church. The next time you hear someone say, "I don't know what this world is coming to..." I invite you to ask them to look around, because at least from where I am sitting and what I am seeing, it's becoming love, even when we don't see it in newscasts or hear it being promoted around us.

Some time ago, we talked about building a bigger hospital for those who are soul sick and hurting, a bigger cafeteria for those who are hungry, a bigger table for those who want to gather and just be and know someone else cares, a community of broader welcome and a sacred safe space. That is what I see so many of this family doing, just these things. I smiled the other day when I heard someone say, "I invite people to come sit by me all the time. I see someone sitting alone and I go talk to them and invite them to come sit with me." Of course, if they have a soft spot for animals, she's really interested in getting to know them and there's nothing wrong with finding that common ground, that's community work too. 😊

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## Please Join Us in Praying For ...

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| Linda Beaver       | Donnie Poeth          |
| Charlotte Beshore  | Ira Ranck             |
| Jeanie Council     | Sherri Schrieber      |
| The Engle Family   | Paul Shaner           |
| Gail Ernest        | Family of Mel Swanger |
| Greyson Greenawalt | Thomas Ward, Jr.      |
| Ruth Henry         | Wynn-Haven Family     |
| Katy Mahon         | Mental Health Needs   |

Those with Life-Long Illnesses

*Updates to our prayer list are made from our Saint Paul's Prayers and Love FB Group, phone calls to the church office, or fill out a prayer card located in our sanctuary.*



# The Farm Report

You are invited to a night of ...

## Tails, Talents, Spaghetti & Meatballs



Sunday, February 11  
Dinner at 5:00 p.m.  
followed by a fabulous talent  
show for all ages.

Saint Paul's @ The Farm  
50 Brookpark Circle, Lewisburg

Free will offering to benefit local Missions and Music

...What talent will you share with your church community? Comedic, musical, anecdotal, whatever your talent, we want to experience it with you! Reach out to Gloria Lehman to sign up to share your talent or to the office to help provide desserts for the evening!

### **Bad Weather**

We will almost always have worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. If the weather is bad, we ask you to please use your own discretion and whenever in doubt, remain safe. Our online presence will be an option as long as technology (power) permits.

### **New Member Sunday!**

Sunday, January 21, 2024 will be our first new member Sunday of the year! If you are considering membership in this faith community, please reach out to Pastor Tim or come visit Pastor Tim in Fellowship Hall this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for questions and more information! Membership in this faith community is open to all and required by none, much like our communion table. We pray you will consider joining as a member and reach out to Pastor Tim to learn more.

### **Coffee Hour Sponsors Needed**

Each Sunday 10 a.m. to 10:30, join your church family around the tables in Fellowship Hall for coffee, hot tea, and a bite of breakfast. If you would like to sponsor Coffee Hour, please sign up on the sheet just inside Fellowship Hall.

### **Our Neighbors' Pantry**

Our little red wagon has been helping us supply our Emergency Food Pantry for over three years now. And, wow, it has supplied many a meal for many families, helping fill our pantry and thus our neighbors' pantries, too. This past week our pantry helped supply groceries for families when more neighbors arrived than we had food to distribute from the Central PA Food Bank. You did that, you fed more of our neighbors on Thursday. Thank you.

Please know your donations mean so much to so many people. Currently our needs include: apple sauce, canned vegetables and soups, instant mashed potatoes, paper towels, and Weis, Walmart, Giant, Aldi, or Sheetz gift cards. To help in one of these ways, drop your items in the Little Red Wagon just inside the Fellowship Hall doors, or you may place gift cards in the offering plate or drop them by the office.

Again, thank you for all you do! Being the church, serving our neighbors, it's who we are called to be.

### **Church Lock-In**

On Sunday, January 14, we are hosting our first church lock-in in many years! This is for children and youth, with dinner and activities. For children age pre-K to early Elementary (2<sup>nd</sup> grade), come from 5 to 7 p.m. for a breakfast themed dinner and a movie. Kids are encouraged to bring a sleeping bag. Then for upper Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up) / Middle School – starting by 8 p.m... a movie, pizza, games, and maybe a bowling outing prior, again bring your sleeping bags because you are invited to spend the night at the church (with adult supervision). High school aged children are invited for the entire evening, all activities and special activities. If you haven't signed up your child(ren) yet, please reach out to Colleen Franciscus.

## 2024 Altar Flowers

If you wish to reserve a Sunday in 2024 to sponsor Altar Flowers, please contact the church office. Or, you may use the online form on the homepage of our website or point your device camera to the QR Code. Flowers are \$50 and are beautifully arranged by our own Susie Gearhart at The Blooming Rooster in Lewisburg.



## Say it with Flowers

Do you know someone who may need a pick me up? Maybe a visit and bouquet of flowers? Here's a solution / suggestion. Sponsor flowers on Sunday morning in honor, memory, celebration, or just because and either deliver them after church or talk to Pastor Tim about a visit from someone from the church if you are unable to deliver them. Let's call them "thinking of you" bouquets and you may order them via calling the office, on our web site, or the QR Code above.

## A Thank You Received

*"We want to express our gratitude for your contribution. We know you have many donation options, and we greatly appreciate that you have made Transitions one of your priorities this year to help us deliver no-cost, essential, and confidential services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other serious crimes." Sincerely, Mae-Ling Kranz, CEO of Transitions of PA*

## Celebrations

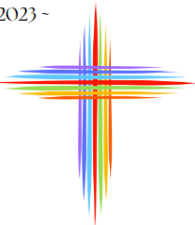
Jan 12 – Happy Birthday Ron Karschner  
Jan 13 – Happy Birthday Ray Leeser  
Jan 13 – Happy Birthday Piper Wolfe  
Jan 14 – Happy Birthday Kasen Taylor  
Jan 14 – Happy Birthday Charlotte Watters  
Jan 16 – Happy Birthday Brent Sechrist

*A time of celebration of who we are  
and who we are called to be.*

- Looking back on the ministries of 2023 -

Sunday, January 21, 2024

New Member Sunday  
All-Church Meeting  
and Chili Cook-Off Luncheon



*Pastor Tim's reflection continued ...*

On January 21, we will celebrate the ministries of this faith family looking back on 2023 and talk about the ways we continue to walk with our neighbors, serve our neighbors, and love on our neighbors in the coming year. I hope you will be in church that day to be a part of this day of celebration. Maybe you will hear of something, some form of ministry you may be interested in participating in, maybe you know of a need that you would be willing to bring to our attention and see if it's an area we can step into the gap to help others with, or maybe you just want to come and be and discover. Whatever the case, I hope you will join us for the celebration. Stay for lunch, gathering around the table, maybe getting to one another a bit better.

As for lunch on the 21st, we will host a Chili Cookoff that day and we hope to have a few of you willing to try out your chili recipe on your faith family. If you aren't a chili cook, then share a side or dessert and let's do one of the things we do best - share a meal together. It's just another way to be in ministry together. Helping in the kitchen and with clean-up are other ways, too!

I truly am in awe of you and all you do, you are present, sometimes tired and weary, sometimes just barely able to be here, and yet your mere presence brings something to others you may never realize, hope and encouragement. So, whatever you are able to do, however you are able to be, maybe you can help do more, maybe you can't just now, just know this, just come and bask in the love and warmth of being loved, of knowing you are in sacred safe space, and let the Holy take it from there.

Let's keep building this hospital, this cafeteria, this bigger table and sacred community, whatever it is - the Holy is leading. Let's build it all together, for together, to others, it may mean the world. And what a feeling that is!

Amen.

*Peace and Blessings, Pastor Tim*



## On the Weekly Journey

### Monday Morning Reflections, 11:30 a.m.

This is a weekly gathering with Pastor Tim to explore further the sermon and texts from Sunday's service. No experience necessary. All are welcome!

### Weekly Wednesday Lunch with the Pastor

A time to just sit, relax, and discuss random topics with Pastor Tim on the porch (or if the weather is not cooperating, in Fellowship Hall). Grab your lunch at the market and join us on the porch 11:30 to 1 p.m.

### Bell Choir

Directed by Patty Wagner, rehearses 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays in the Sanctuary and performing twice a month for worship throughout the year. For more information see Patty.

### Wednesday Evening Interactive

Meeting at 6:30 p.m. weekly and currently discussing the book "Everybody Always." All are welcome to jump in for this great discussion.

### Fresh Express Thursdays

Come help us provide groceries for our neighbors every second and fourth Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., come for an hour, two hours, or the entire time. All volunteers are welcome. **Jan 25 and Feb 8 & 22**

### Sundays @ Saint Paul's

**9 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal** - Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary and helps lead worship weekly. Always open to new members. To learn more, please see Patty.

**10 a.m. Children's Choir** - children through 7<sup>th</sup> grade, directed by Sharon Styer, rehearses at 10 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Chapel, and sings on the fourth Sunday of every month. Parents, drop your kids off for choir and enjoy coffee or breakfast while they practice for 10 to 15 minutes each Sunday morning.

### **10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's Family Meal** – We gather around the tables monthly for good eats and good times!

**January 21 All-Church Potluck Chili Cookoff following worship**

### Monday Harvest Meal

Join us 1 to 5 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month as we help prepare and serve meals in conjunction with Bucknell's Office of Civic Engagement to our neighbors in the Milton area. Shelly Sholley is our lead contact for this meal.

**January 22**

### Breakfast with Friends

Gather at the Silver Moon Restaurant on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. for a time to catch up and share stories in a small group setting.

**January 17 (weather permitting)**

### Fourth Friday Wine, Word, and Wisdom

From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., come sit, relax, have a glass, and sink into the conversation about words that inspire our faith as we gather at Union Cellars, 4760 Furnace Road, Lewisburg. **January 26**

## Stewardship

### Gifts & Offerings January 7, 2023

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

Attendance on LIVE: 492 Virtual Reach: 5.571

Attendance In Person: 62 ( Visitors)

Christian Education: 30

Plate Giving	\$ 1,132.00
Loose Plate	\$ 92.00
Online Giving	\$ <u>333.28</u>
Operational Total	\$ 1,557.28
General Restricted Giving	\$ <u>40.00</u>
Total Giving	\$ 1,597.28

## Upcoming Worship

### January 14, 2024

#### Second Sunday after Epiphany

"Something's Happening Here!"

I Samuel 3:1-11; John 1:43-51

Worship Leader: Drew Faust

Lector: Alaina Taylor

Acolyte: Cato Kazibwe

Flowers: Available

Breakfast Sponsor: Dennis & Deb Burns

Offering Counter: D. Bettleyon; D. Spear

### January 21, 2024

#### Third Sunday after Epiphany

"Take Off the Gloves"

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Mark 1:14-20

Worship Leader: Drew Faust

Lector: Doug Richard

Acolyte: Kadence Gill

Flowers: Ed and Eileen Prowant

Breakfast Sponsor: Available

Offering Counter: C. Franciscus; D. Spear

*January Greeter/Usher Team: Don & Peggy Emory,*

*Amy Mahon, Rhonda Newton, Sue Mahon, Reba*

*Rohrer, Donna & Gary Bennett, Drew Faust*

