Saint Paul's Possibilities

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a weekly reflection by Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Dear Faith Family,

Back in 2019, we gathered together in intimate gatherings for our very first Cottage Meetings. In those gatherings, as we prayed and dreamed about what was ahead, I remember hearing dream after dream centered on one clear longing: finding new, expansive ways to serve the wider community.

Fast forward through the twists and turns of these past years—navigating a global pandemic, walking through seasons of uncertainty, packing and unpacking through two moves—and God led us right here to our beloved Brookpark Farm, with dreams that never changed. We purchased this property with the sole intent of welcoming and serving our neighbors. To live into that calling, we established *Saint Paul's Brookpark Farm, a Corporation for the Benefit of the Community,* dedicating our time, talent, resources, and space to give back to our community in whatever ways we could.

From the very beginning, one of our deepest hopes was that our church wouldn't just occupy this space alone. We dreamed of welcoming other local non-profits to The Farm so that, together, we could broaden our reach and better care for our neighbors in need.

After nearly a year of thoughtful conversations, planning, and prayer, a wonderful opportunity has opened before us. On **December 1, DIG Furniture Bank** will officially begin its operations at The Farm!

Initially, DIG will settle into a couple of temporary locations across our property. Then, as construction begins on the Barn, we will put into action a shared plan with creative storage and arrangements that will allow DIG to thrive alongside our faith family in our shared space.

If you are not yet familiar with DIG Furniture Bank, their mission is rooted in practical love, respect, and dignity. At DIG, they believe that furniture is a vital piece of housing stability and that everyone deserves a furnished, stable home. They collect gently used, quality furniture and household items from our generous community and provide them—completely free of charge—to individuals and families in need.

Here is how their beautiful ministry works:

- **You Donate:** They accept quality furniture and household goods that folks no longer need.
- **They Prepare:** A dedicated team of volunteers and staff cleans, sorts, and organizes every piece with care so it feels like new.
- **Families Shop:** Through referrals from partner agencies, neighbors in need "shop" the showroom and choose furniture that fits their personal style and living space, honoring their agency and dignity.
- **Homes Are Transformed:** DIG delivers everything directly to their homes—beds, dressers, tables, and chairs—for free, so families can focus their energy and resources on building stability and moving forward.

At DIG, they live by the belief that whether you are giving help or receiving help, everyone belongs to the very same story.

That shared story is why we are so excited to welcome DIG to The Farm. We are deeply grateful to play a part in providing a home base for an organization that helps so many in our community create a comfortable, stable home of their own.

Please Pray for

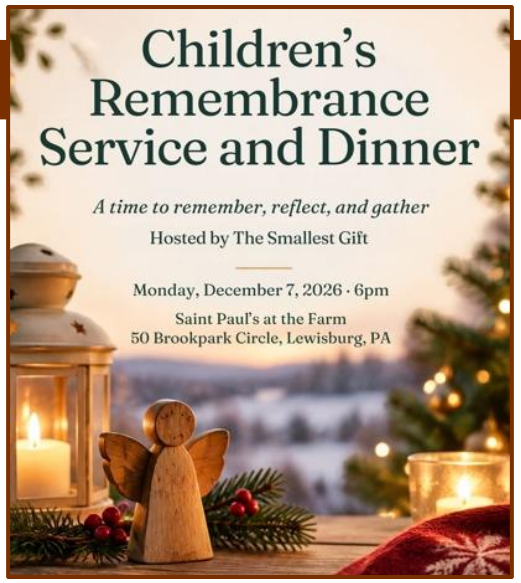
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Shoemaker Family
Jared Simmer
Chuck Schworer
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As December 1 approaches, I invite you to join me in holding DIG's leadership, staff, and volunteers in your prayers. When you see them working around The Farm, please offer them the warm, genuine welcome for which Saint Paul's is so well known. Let us open our hearts with excitement, imagining all the good God will continue to do as we share our home, our hands, and our mission.

Together, we get to be the church! Let us be people who carry the kerosene lamp into dark places—polishing away the mud of cynicism, sharing our light freely, and holding fast to the truth that we are always better, stronger, and more faithful when we walk together.

With love, gratitude, and great anticipation, Pastor Tim

The Farm Report



Children's Remembrance Service and Dinner. The Smallest Gift Foundation will host its annual Children's Remembrance Service and Dinner on Monday, December 7, here at Saint Paul's. Family and friends are warmly welcome to attend. If you plan to stay for dinner, please RSVP by November 20 at blessings@thesmallestgift.org. If you know a family who has lost a child, please share this invitation with them. The holiday season can be especially difficult, bringing with it many memories and emotions. A simple act of care—sharing this event, gifting a remembrance ornament, sending a note, or simply speaking a child's name—can mean more than we realize.

Always loved. Never forgotten.

Fall All-Church Meeting. Please join us for our Fall All-Church Meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, November 15, 2026. This is one of our church's two regularly scheduled business meetings, but it is also an opportunity for our whole church family to gather, share information, listen to one another, and look toward the future with hope. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend. Members will participate in voting, while members and friends alike are invited to be present as we:

- Share updates about the life and ministry of the church
- Discuss plans for the coming year
- Elect the Class of 2029 Consistory members
- Consider and approve the 2027 budget, which begins January 1, 2027

Your presence matters. The church is shaped not only by the decisions we make, but by the people who gather to pray, listen, serve, and discern together. We hope you will join us as we continue building the future of our faith community.

An Invitation to Membership. Have you been feeling a growing connection to Saint Paul's? Are you wondering whether this might be a place where you can put down roots, grow in faith, and share your gifts with a loving and wonderfully imperfect church family? Our remaining opportunities to unite in membership in 2026 will take place during worship on **Sunday, November 15, and Sunday, December 27.** There is no test to take, no minimum attendance requirement, and no financial requirement. Membership is not about proving that you are perfect or that you have everything figured out. It begins with a desire to make a deeper commitment to this faith family and to support its ministry through your love, presence, prayers, participation and support of this family and one another. Whether you have belonged to another church in the past or have never officially joined a congregation, whether you are big into church or not sure where you fit in, you are welcome to explore what membership might mean for you here. At the heart of membership is a promise of love: love for Jesus, love for this faith community, and love for all of God's neighbors. It is a promise to walk with others as we worship, serve, learn, celebrate, and care for one another. If you would like to learn more about membership, please speak with Pastor Tim. He would be glad to answer your questions, listen to your story, and help you discern whether this is the right time for you to take this step. There is no pressure—only an open invitation. We would be honored to welcome you more fully into this wonderfully wild, warm, crazy and beautiful faith family.

Thanksgiving @ The Farm. There is something holy about pulling up an extra chair to make room for one more person around the table. At its heart, Thanksgiving isn't about elaborate place settings or having a picture-perfect holiday; it is about gratitude, fellowship, and knowing you have a place where you truly belong. This year, we are setting a bigger table and hosting *two Thanksgiving gatherings* here @ The Farm. Whether you join us for one or both, we would love to share a meal with you.

1. Thanksgiving Feast & Annual Meeting - Sunday, November 15, Immediately Following Worship & Annual Meeting – Join us right after our annual congregational meeting as we kick off the season together with turkey and all the trimmings! The church will provide the roasted turkey, gravy, stuffing, and mashed potatoes. We invite you to bring along your favorite traditional side dish or dessert—or even test out an adventurous new holiday recipe on us.

Celebrations



Happy Birthday to ...
Terri Kremer - 11/6
Nicole Kister - 11/9

Happy Anniversary to ...
Eric & Polly Barrall - 11/15
Derek & Diana Longan - 11/15

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

2. Thanksgiving Day Dinner - Thursday, November 26 at 12:00 Noon. On Thanksgiving Day itself, our doors will be wide open for our first annual Faith Family Thanksgiving Meal. Maybe you are tired of cooking a massive meal for just one or two, maybe travel plans didn't work out this year, or maybe you simply want to spend the day sharing laughter and gratitude with your church family. Whatever your reason, please don't spend the day alone at home. We will provide the turkey and a warm, welcoming space. Please stop by the Sign-Up Bar in Fellowship Hall to let us know you're coming and what side dish or dessert you'd like to share. All are welcome!

A Quick Note on "Free" Grocery Turkeys - If you earn a free holiday turkey through your grocery store rewards points that you do not plan to use, please consider dropping it off here at the church! Our wonderful turkey-cooking crew will be delighted to prepare them for our community meals or make sure they get into the hands of neighbors who need them most this season.

Come enjoy one Thanksgiving meal or both with your faith family. You are family here, and there is always a place saved for you at our table.

Fresh Holiday Evergreen Wreaths. Our annual holiday wreath sale is underway and continues through November 15. These beautiful, fragrant 18-inch wreaths are freshly made to order specifically for our church family. At $22.50 each, every wreath comes complete with your choice of bow—a lovely, welcoming addition to your front door, home, or business this holiday season. All proceeds from our wreath sales go directly to the Gene Gilliom Music Fund, which helps sustain and enrich our music ministry throughout the year. Your purchase supports special musical programming, equipment needs, and instruments for our children as they learn to share their gifts and help lead in worship. Consider placing your order today for this wonderful cause and bring the fresh scent of the season home!

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 ~ 11/1/26
Attendance: 159 (8 Visitors)
LIVE Attendance: 1,053
Virtual Reach: 7,807
Christian Education: 47

Plate Giving:	1,507.00
Loose Plate:	571.00
Online Giving:	1,412.79
Operational Total:	3,490.79
Restricted Giving:	512.50
Total Giving:	4,003.29

Fill the Freezer: Drum Roll, Please! Some people see a need and tackle it full force—and that is exactly what Earl Fisher brings to the table here @ The Farm. Earl is always quietly showing up to lend a hand, support people, and help out at events across our faith community. But when it comes to a very specific, vital need like filling our freezer to provide healthy proteins, such as chicken, for our Fresh Express families, Earl is on it! As many of you know, Earl spearheaded the ***$100 Coffee Challenge***, inviting each of us to take the amount we would normally spend on our daily coffee or tea and tuck it aside. Over the course of 12 weeks, those everyday choices added up to $100 gifts to help supply essential food for our neighbors. Thanks to Earl's wonderful leadership and your incredible generosity—with a few last-minute gifts still trickling in—we have raised $7,091! That is enough to "Fill the Freezer" and provide steady proteins hopefully for our Fresh Express distributions for the next 10+ months (price dependent)! Way to go, Earl! And way to go, everyone! Whenever a real need arises, we share the invitation, and you respond in extraordinary ways. Thank you for your big hearts and your caring hands—because through this, we truly get to be the church together.

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. From 10 to 1:25, please enjoy breakfast, coffee, and fellowship then worship begins at 10:30. On the first Sunday of each month, we celebrate ***Holy Communion*** together. And, monthly on the 2nd 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.

Christian Formation @ The Farm. ***Faith Connections*** classes for all ages run from 9 to 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings, with Miss Colleen and Miss Krysta leading our children and Nicole and Dale Cuer offering a Prayer Workshop for adults. Additionally, following the "Time with Our Children," during worship, kiddos aged 3 to 2nd grade head back to the classroom for "***Children's Church***" and return to worship following Pastor Tim's sermon.

Upcoming Worship

November 8 ~ 24th Sunday after Pentecost
"Happy New Year!"
Psalm 70; Matthew 25:1-13
Worship Leader: Jen Arnold
Lector: Chris Arnold; Acolyte: Finley Cree
Flower Sponsor: Foust/Sholley
Breakfast Sponsor: Rosboschil, Shirk
Kitchen: Kathy Showers
Offering Counters: K. Showers, D. Spear

November 15 ~ 25th Sunday after Pentecost
"Passive or Active" Matthew 25:14-27
Worship Leader: Jen Arnold
Lector: Heidi Hagan; Acolyte: Brigid Hagan
Flower Sponsor: Available; Kitchen: Tina Longan
Breakfast Sponsors: Cassidy Family
Offering Counters: D. Bettleyon, D. Spear

November Usher/Greeters: Bill & Lisa Bernard, Louise Litzy, Joanna Johnson, Tracy Baylor, Tyler & Emma Hott, Frank Wetzel, Kim Ritter, Chris Warner

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 British Baking Company right here at Brookpark Farm or from the Farmer's Market across the bridge or bring your own and join Pastor Tim. Then on Wednesday evenings, we offer ***Wednesday Evening Interactive***, a seasonal book/bible study. 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.

Music and Movement @ 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 5:30 to 6:30 and plays for worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. ***The children practice*** from 9:45 to 10:05 each Sunday and bless our worship time twice a month with their selections of music and movement. This group is led by Sharon Styer and Ashley Rosboschil.

Serving @ The Farm. Mission and Outreach is an integral part of us "being the church" at Saint Paul's. On the 2nd & 4thThursdays 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. The next distributions are November 12 and Tuesday, November 24. 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 (next distribution date is November 21). Our next cooking date is November 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. See Terri Kremer with questions. Saint Paul's also has a "Little Red Wagon" which you will find on the porch at the entrance to our sanctuary. This is where you can drop off shelf-stable food items to help keep our emergency food pantry stocked. As well, if you wish to donate grocery or gas gift cards to help our neighbors in need, you may drop those in the offering plate during worship. Our current needs include: *Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce, Chef Boyardee cups, Instant potatoes (boxes), Canned, boxed, or cup soups, Peanut Butter, Shelf-stable or powdered milk, Cereal, Knorr's Noodle and Sauce Mix, Knorr's Rice Side Dishes, Ramen Noodles.*



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