



# Saint Paul's Possibilities

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News & Engagement

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*a weekly reflection by Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo*

Dear Faith Family,

Here we are one month away from Homecoming Sunday, September 7, where not only do we invite everyone to make a special effort to come home to The Farm that day, but we also make sure to invite family, friends, and neighbors to come and enjoy the day with us. Bring a friend for church, stay for a down-home lunch of West Virginia Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, buttery green beans and all the sides and desserts of which we are famous, and just enjoy a day of music, worship, fellowship, good food and good fun. Enjoying the bounty of God's gifts! That's what homecoming is about! (At least for me!)

Growing up, the end of summer always held two great Homecoming/Reunion Sundays. One with my father's family who grew up in the mountains of central Virginia and one with my mother's family where we spent many a Sunday throughout my childhood and youth. People came home for Homecoming, they gathered friends and family--old and new--distant cousins and great aunts. We could always count on great music, good southern cooking and lots of hugs and kisses. Now, being a pastor of an amazing faith family, it's even more special to me to celebrate these days, see friends old and new, gather with family and make new memories while celebrating a broad welcome of Christ's teachings of love for all God's children.

## **Join Us in Prayer for**

Linda Beaver  
Molly Brown  
Nicole & Dale Cuer  
The Engle Family  
Bryleigh Gill  
Greyson Greenawalt  
Celeste Hampton  
John "Tad" Hampton  
Al & Ruth Henry  
Diane Ippolito  
Pat Korizno  
Kathy Lahr  
Katy Mahon  
Eileen Prowant  
The Valentim Family  
Tommy Ward  
Russ & Donna Wynn

It is within this upcoming church year that our church will celebrate 125 years of being Saint Paul's. Over the years, the church has withstood three major building projects and two sizable remodeling projects--and that was all before the pandemic and before moving twice, including to The Farm, where another successful renovation project was accomplished. We are grateful to have found our unexpected new home on The Farm. We prayerfully look forward to closing on the sale of The Farm within the next month to six weeks. But more than that, we are looking forward to making many new and wonderful memories here together as our family grows and evolves, and all of this does make for an amazing homecoming.

I guess you could say, I'm a bit biased, but I believe Saint Paul's is a bit unique in that over the last eight years, it has almost felt like a new church 'start,' with a pandemic thrown in for added uncertainty. We have seen growth in all areas of the church and with everyone's help, word-of-mouth and personal invitation are still the number one reason people say they show up to "check it out." We look forward to that growth expanding as we seek to understand how God is leading us in this community. With Fresh Express Food Distribution Center and opportunities knocking for a place at the table to discuss transitional housing and further community needs, I can't tell you how exciting it is to be a part of this family in such a time as this.

In the book of Esther, Chapter 4, Mordechai, Esther's cousin and guardian, has become Queen of Persia, and Mordechai urges her to use her position to help the Jewish people, saying to Esther, you have been given this gift of position to help for "such a time as this." And that is exactly what I believe has brought us all here together, we have received a great gift in one another and our diversity and background to do great things in this place and community for such a time as this. We are called to, I believe, unite in our gifts and abilities to build a place of radical welcome and grace and love and acceptance, which is all needed, for "such a time as this."

And if we are called to be the church for such a time as this, then let us come together and celebrate all that God has gifted us that we may welcome one another, old family and new friends, to come home.

I hope to see you all at Homecoming on September 7 as we celebrate such a time as this.

*Peace and Blessings, Pastor Tim*



# The Farm Report

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame.** An annual tradition for Saint Paul's is now only a week away! On Sunday, August 10, we will depart the Farm at 3 p.m. for a 4:05 p.m. first pitch at the historic Bowman Field in Williamsport. It's a great afternoon/evening of fun and fellowship as we cheer on our Crosscutters and celebrate Boomers Birthday! The cost of the event is "free," and all ages are invited to attend. It's always a fun evening at the ballpark for kids of every age. If you plan to meet us there to pick up your tickets, you may do so outside the gate at 3:45 p.m.

**Let's Make a Splash with Another Great August Tradition.** Our Back-to-School Chicken Barbeque and Swim is hosted at the home of the Gill Family (169 Woodridge Lane, Northumberland). With several area schools going back into session later that next week, we take this opportunity to celebrate summer with this annual event, Saturday afternoon, August 16, starting at 4 p.m. You are invited to bring a side dish to share, your bathing suit, a lawn chair, and be prepared for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.



**Our Leaders of Tomorrow.** This year's theme for the 2025 Milton Harvest Festival is "Harvesting Tomorrow's Leaders." This theme will be carried out during the annual Festival Parade on September 13, 2025, at 1 p.m. down Front Street in Milton. Our float lead this year is Joanie Weaver, who has come up with a wonderful idea which will be revealed at upcoming meetings. However, first we need the help of parents and children to grab costumes to represent their favorite dream jobs of tomorrow. The children are invited to dress as firefighters, police officers, doctors, teachers, lawyers, judges, bakers, midwives, zookeepers, pilots, ghost busters or any other member of the workforce their minds can conjure up. Then we all share in the joy of our faith family, tomorrow's leaders on display. Start thinking today of how you and your family can participate. Our littlest ones can even ride along with some of our more seasoned leaders. Additionally, we will

need banner carriers, parade riders and walkers to pass out candy and greet the parade watchers. Before we get to all that, we have a float to build, so watch this space for updates and plans and join us when you can there will likely be something for everyone to do as we prepare for another great parade celebrating and supporting our community!

**Vacation BIBLE SCHOOL 2025**  
**SUNDAY AUGUST 3**

STRAWBERRIES CARRY THEIR SEEDS  
ON THE OUTSIDE. GOD WILL GIVE US  
THE COURAGE TO WEAR OUR FAITH  
ON THE OUTSIDE SO THAT WE CAN  
BE A WITNESS TO THE WORLD.



ASK YOUR CHILD WHAT THEY LEARNED  
ABOUT STRAWBERRIES AND SALT AND LIGHT!!

CRAFTS AND SNACKS ON THE  
PORCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP  
FOR ALL AGES



**Calling all  
painters and  
cleaners!**

**Beginning Monday, August 18, at 9 a.m.**  
we will be getting ready for a new  
tenant at the **Brick House (the former  
Mud Club) @ The Farm.** Do you like to  
paint? Do you like to clean? Your help  
is needed. Reach out to **Jenn Van Horn**  
for more information and ways that you  
can help!

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors.** As needs grow, so does our need for volunteers, especially as kids return to school schedules. Our Fresh Express delivery dates for August are Thursday, August 14, and 28. If you have an hour or two or more, we gather around 1 p.m. and wrap-up by 5 p.m. If you've never helped before--never fear. We've got seasoned hands to show you the ropes. And all hands and ages are welcome.



**Mission Trip Opportunities.** There are other opportunities for missions help here in the state, Lycoming, Tioga, and Potter counties are asking for volunteer groups to work on homes damaged last August by Hurricane Debby. Pastor Tim can give more details upon request. Also, help is still needed in North Carolina as well. Pastor Tim would love to identify a Mission Team

Leader(s), might you be interested? We have all seen the pictures and heard the stories of the devastation that Hurricane Helene ravaged on North Carolina almost a year ago. Volunteer work groups are being requested to help rebuild in Western North Carolina. One of our own United Church of Christ churches, High Country United Church of Christ, in Vilas, NC, has launched their very own volunteer host site. They are accepting groups of up to 20 people. Volunteers will be staying at the church for \$60/person/week, and the church is coordinating work in the area with a variety of different community organizations to do rebuilding and recovery work based on the skills/interest of the volunteers. Volunteer groups will be accepted for about 6 weeks from mid-September to early November this year and then will reopen in early spring 2026. If you would be interested in heading up / being the point person for a team from the Farm, please reach out to Pastor Tim and let's get the ball rolling on a trip or two!

**Football Friday Nights are back!** Join your faith family under the Friday night lights starting August 22 when the local High School Football Season kicks off. You can find Elias Franciscus in his senior year of marching band with Milton High School Panthers as he wows the fans on percussion, or you may find Ryan Arnold hitting hard for the Lewisburg Green Dragons and a host of our faith families in the stands and on the sidelines of the Mifflinburg games this season. So come, join your faith community as we join the broader communities under the Friday night lights for the 2025 season.

8/22 7 p.m.	8/29 7 p.m.
Mifflinburg vs. Loyalsock	Mifflinburg @ Danville
Milton vs. Shikellamy	Milton vs. Montoursville
Lewisburg @ Line Mountain	Lewisburg vs. Shikellamy

**Parents, Asking for Your Help.** The Farm is sacred safe space and open to all, especially our youngest family members. Please help us keep the children's spaces ready and welcoming for everyone by keeping the following guidelines in mind:

- Nursery and Sensory Rooms are staffed and open only during Church (Sundays, 10:15am-11:45am), Family Night (2nd Sunday, 5-7pm), and Sunday School (early Sep-mid-June, 9am-10am).
- Both of these rooms are set up to be used by age or needs-appropriate families and children only during staffed hours, with age-appropriate supervision.
- These rooms are not to be used as open, general free play spaces during fellowship meals or other open church events (*Sensory families may use the Sensory room during church events as needed, with age-appropriate supervision*).
- If you use the space for a specific event, please be mindful of using each area for age and needs- appropriate children, and return them clean and organized.
- We ask that no one access teaching supplies unless given specific permission by a teacher or a staff member.

By helping us maintain these safe spaces, you help us to maintain welcoming sacred space for all.

## Celebrations

### Happy Birthday ...

Aug 4 – Dave Wagner  
 Aug 6 – Gloria Patterson  
 Aug 11 – Dennis Burns  
 Aug 12 – Joanna Johnson  
 Aug 14 – George Mull  
 Aug 16 – Kai Kazibwe  
 Aug 16 – Barb Wagner

### Happy Anniversary ...

Aug 3 – Autumn & Drew Faust  
 Aug 13 – Nicole & Dale Cuer  
 Aug 15 – Jessica & Justin Kozick

## On the Journey

### Sunday Mornings @ The Farm

- ~ Nursery & Sensory Rooms Open 10:15 a.m.
- ~ Sunday School returns August 31
- ~ Worship 10:30 a.m.
- ~ Children's Church (ages 3 to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
- ~ Breakfast returns August 31
- ~ First Sunday Communion

### Music Rehearsals @ The Farm

- ~ Bell Choir Rehearsal returns September 3
- ~ Chancel Choir Rehearsal returns August 31
- ~ Children's Choir Practice returns September 7

### Christian Formation @ The Farm

- ~ Second Sunday Connections 5 to 6:45 p.m.  
Join us on second Sunday evenings for dinner, lessons, and crafts for all ages.
- ~ Monday Morning Reflections 11:30 a.m.  
Gather with Pastor Tim and dig a bit deeper into the week's texts.
- ~ Wednesday Evening Interactive 6:30 p.m.  
Returns September 3.
- ~ Confirmation Class every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5 p.m. exploring our faith through class and field trips.

### Fellowship @ The Farm

- ~ Wednesday Lunch with Pastor Tim on the porch, 11:30-1:00 a.m.
- ~ Friends Who Breakfast  
8/6 Street of Shops Restaurant, 9:45 a.m.
- ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Word, Wine & Wisdom, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Union Cellars, 8/22

### Serving @ The Farm Mission & Outreach

- ~ Fresh Express 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 1-5 p.m.  
8/14, 8/28
- ~ Harvest Meal 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays @ St. Andrews, Milton 1-5 p.m. Next date TBA
- ~ Emergency Food Pantry is always available @ Grace Place (little red wagon drop off)  
This week's "Little Red Wagon" needs are:  
**peanut butter, jelly, soup, apple sauce, shelf stable milk, canned vegetables, Chef Boyardee canned meals, and grocery gift cards.**



## Stewardship

### Gifts & Offerings July 27, 2025

*"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: 119 (8 visitors)

Attendance on LIVE: 735 Virtual Reach: 5,799

Christian Education: 27

Plate Giving	\$ 407.00
Loose Plate	\$ 183.00
Online Giving	\$ 666.34
Operational Total	\$ 1,256.34
Restricted Giving	\$ 138.00
Total Giving	\$ 1,394.34

## Upcoming Worship

### August 3, 2025 ~ 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

"Deep Pockets Jesus"

Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Worship Leader: Drew Faust

Lector: Merle Kay Englehart Acolyte: Lillie Franciscus

Kitchen Coordinator: Tina Longan

Flower Sponsor: Terri Kremer

Communion Assistants: Judy Albright, Barb Wagner,  
Donna & Gary Bennett

Offering Counter: E. Fisher, D. Spear

### August 10, 2025 ~ 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

"That's One Way to Look at It"

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Worship Leader: Drew Faust

Lector: Frank Wetzel Acolyte: Bo Gill

Kitchen Coordinator: Kathy Showers

Flower Sponsor: Dennis Burns

Offering Counter: P. Emory, D. Spear

**August Usher/Greeters:** Bill & Lisa Bernard,  
Joanna Johnson, Louise Litzy, Reba Rohrer, Chris  
Warner, Eric Wagner, Dave Muffley, Kim Ritter

*Not able to be here in person on Sunday morning? Join us LIVE on Facebook and YouTube. Connect with us online at: [spuccfarm.org](https://www.spuccfarm.org) and follow us on Facebook.*



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