



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,

It's been three months this week since we celebrated Christmas, the birth of the Christ Child. Here we are now at Holy Week—the week we honor him that came 33 years after his birth—walking with Jesus on his final entry into Jerusalem. The crowds are gathering, palm branches are waving, and textiles are being spread on the path in honor and respect of this man. This man who has recognized them as real people with real issues, who listened to them and loved them where they are, healed them by their faith, fed them when they were hungry and there was no food. This man who shepherds them. This man, Jesus, is the one they will celebrate.

This is the one we celebrate today. Today, we mark the beginning of the week where we walk the journey to celebrate and remember the one we follow—the one who taught us to serve our neighbors, to love one another, to show grace and offer healing space as we try to do. He's the one we celebrate and remember this week.

I guess all this is why Holy Week has always been so important to me. It's why I want to share each step of the journey with you. Reliving the journey to the cross, the grave, and the resurrection so that we may feel anew the earth-shaking impact of the one we say we follow. The intimacy of the gathering on Thursday to see what it looks like to put everything else aside and just be at the table together. The harsh, unfathomable day on Friday when Christ is crucified, yet continues to show grace and love for us in the midst of his own crucifixion. And then to gather together on Sunday morning around the fire in the meadow, to listen for the birds to proclaim and see the light to rise, that we may experience anew Resurrection, and feel anew Christ's presence with us. This day we begin a day of celebration like no other—gathering around the table, sharing joy beyond measure, for Christ is risen!

The fact is, there is not one part of it I want to miss. And conversely, there is not one part of it I want any of us to miss. It is all such an important, life-changing week. Talk about recalculating your life! What if we recalculated our week around these observations together?

So I want to invite you—with a special invitation. Come. All who are able, come. Be here this week for each step of the journey. Be here as we celebrate, honor, remember, mourn, and rejoice with Jesus—as the followers did then and we do today, with all our brothers and sisters now. There is nothing like it. And I would encourage you to bring others with you, that they too may make this journey. There's much to see and experience this Holy Week, and if I didn't myself find it so impactful, I wouldn't be so adamant about encouraging you to join me and your faith family on this journey—one in which I promise you will recalculate your life if you let it.

We will gather this Palm Sunday at 10:30 for a grand celebration as we mark Jesus's entry into Jerusalem. Then Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 7 p.m. each evening. And then, after the church house remains silent on Saturday, we will awaken Sunday morning for our Sunrise service at 6:15, prepare for breakfast at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:30 a.m., and a special guest will arrive to lead an egg hunt for the kids immediately following worship. Oh, the journey we have ahead!

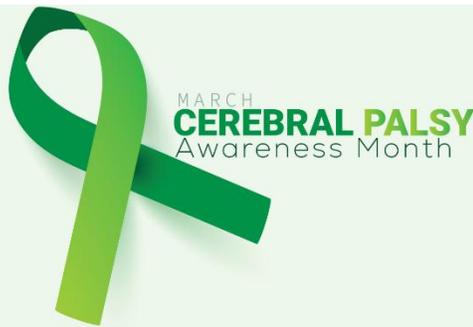
May the Holy Spirit bring all who desire to journey with us to this place, and above all, may all who enter experience the love and warmth of a sacred, safe space to encounter the Holy. Amen.

Please Pray for

Linda Beaver
John & Stephanie Bondhus
James Bowman
Traci Eschbach
Jayce Heckman
Sherri Heckman
Nicole Hoffman
Robin Huffman
Kessler/Hagerman Families
Chuck Schworer
Amanda Unzueta
Tommy Ward
Elaine Waugh
Troy Woodruff
All service personnel
Unrest in our world

Peace and Blessings for the Journey, Pastor Tim

The Farm Report



Celebrating Strength and Resilience: National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month.

Did you know that 1 in 345 children in the U.S. are impacted by Cerebral Palsy, making it the most common motor disability in children in the country? This March, we pause to honor and celebrate the members of our faith family who live with Cerebral Palsy. We see your strength. We witness your resilience. We are blessed by your presence among us, and we hope you know how your spirit inspires us.

March was established as National Cerebral Palsy (CP) Awareness Month in 2006 to bring attention to the need for increased research, support, understanding, and inclusion for those living with this condition.

While Go Green is a symbol for Kidney Disease awareness it is also a symbol for CP: A Symbol of Hope. This past Wednesday, March 25, was actually CP Awareness Day, when we were especially encouraged to wear green—as a visible sign of solidarity, celebration, and commitment to a more inclusive world.

This month also invites us all to do more than simply acknowledge—it calls us to advocate. We are called to champion better accessibility, to support continued research and treatment options, and to work toward a world where every person, regardless of ability, is fully included and valued in our communities and our churches. We are called to see one another as Jesus saw people: as whole, beloved, and worthy of dignity and respect. Those among us who live with CP teach us daily what it means to persevere, to adapt, to find joy, and to live fully in the face of challenges. Together, let us celebrate the strength of those in our midst, raise awareness, and work toward a world of greater inclusion, accessibility, and hope.

Palm Branches to Empty Tomb: Walk the Journey of Holy Week.

We'd love for you to walk the whole journey with us ... the story that moves from celebration to sorrow to resurrection beginning with **Palm Sunday** as we joyfully wave our palm branches. Then **Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.** we gather around the table remembering Jesus and his friends sharing their last meal together. Bread broken. Wine poured. Love made visible. **Good Friday, 7 p.m.** we sit in the darkness. We remember the events that led to the cross. We hold space for grief, for loss, for the weight of what love costs. Then **Easter Sunday** the stone is rolled away.

Sunrise Service, 6:15 a.m. meet in the meadow and celebrate resurrection as the sun rises. **Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.** with ham and biscuits provided. Bring a side dish to share. **Worship, 10:30 a.m.** All stops pulled out with the chancel choir and bell choir. **Easter Egg Hunt** immediately following worship with 2,000 eggs scattered across the meadow. Each service tells part of the story. Each moment matters. The nursery and sensory rooms will be staffed for all services. Children's sermons at each gathering. You are welcome here—all of you, at every step. Walk with us. From palm branches to empty tomb. From hosanna to hallelujah. You belong in this story.

Upcoming Worship

March 29 ~ Palm Sunday

"Donkey on a Detour"

Zechariah 9:9-10; Matthew 18:21-35

Worship Leader: Kelly Kazibwe

Lector: Mallory Sample

Acolyte: Delilah Sample

Kitchen Coordinator: Kathy Showers

Breakfast Sponsor: Susie Gearhart

Flower Sponsor: Pastor Tim

Offering Counter: A. Mahon, D. Spear

April 3 ~ Good Friday, 7 p.m.

"Bright Sadness"

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Worship Leader: Jen Arnold

Lector: Mark Nielsen

April 2 ~ Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.

"Of All the Things"

John 13:1-17, 31-35

Worship Leader: Jen Arnold

Lector: Frank Wetzel

Acolyte: Bo Gill

April 5 ~ Easter Sunday

"You Have Reached Your Destination"

Luke 24:1-12

Worship Leader: Jen Arnold

Lector: Kate Schaeffer

Acolyte: Cato Kazibwe

Offering Counter: E. Fisher, D. Spear

April Usher/Greeter Team: Don & Peggy Emory, Amy Mahon, Chris & Jen Arnold, Gary & Donna Bennett, Drew Faust, Betsy Pullen

A Beautiful Problem to Have! We're running out of space. What a gift that is. What a blessing to have more people gathering, more children playing, more conversations happening over coffee and breakfast. This is exactly who we believe we are called to be—a church that's alive and growing. And as we grow, we get to care for this space together. Not because we have to, but because we love what happens here.

When we bus our tables after breakfast, we're making room for the next conversation. When our kids help pick up the Primary Room, they're learning what it means to care for a shared home. When we recycle our bulletins (though we know you're taking *Possibilities* home every week!), we're honoring the space where we worship. Small acts. Big love.

A few gentle reminders as we care for one another: Our nursery is only open when staffed, and the changing room isn't a playroom—let's make sure our little ones always have an adult nearby. It's how we keep everyone safe and cared for.



Easter Flower Orders. Sunday, March 29, is the last day to order Easter flowers to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter morning in memory, honor, or celebration of loved ones. Pick up an order form at the Sanctuary welcome desk or visit our site <https://www.spuccfarm.org/> to order online.

Easter Egg Hunt

Dear Kiddos: You are invited to Saint Paul's Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Sunday Morning, April 5, following worship, there will be 2,000 eggs in the meadow just ready to be found! Bring a basket, bring a friend, and get ready to hunt for eggs in the Meadow @ The Farm!



Celebrations

Happy Birthday to ...
Ivy Rosboschil - 3/28
Ed Prowant - 3/29
Ben Barbella - 3/31
Sam Barbella - 3/31
Gary O'Neill - 3/31
Jane Rowe - 3/31
Dale Cuer - 4/4

Happy Anniversary to ...
Don & Peggy Emory 3/31



APRIL AUTISM

Autism Awareness Family Night
Date: April 12, 2026
Time: 5:00 PM

Join your Saint Paul's family for a special family night to raise awareness and celebrate the amazing individuals with autism in our community!

We will have crafts, games, and sensory activities. The theme for dinner is comfort food with chicken nuggets and pizza - bring your favorite dessert or side if you wish!

Come learn, engage, and show your love for the autism community!



Challenge Accepted! 50 Days of Easter Food Challenge

Our UCC Keystone Conference has thrown down the gauntlet—and we're picking it up with joy! Churches across our conference are being challenged to gather food donations between Easter (April 5) and Pentecost (May 24) - 50 days of resurrection power transforming into 50 days of feeding our neighbors.

Here's Our First Seven-Day Game Plan:

Each week focuses on a different need. Bring your donations any Sunday, and we'll make sure they get where they're needed most.

April 5–11: Canned Fruit

Stay tuned for more information in each week's Possibilities!

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. Our **Faith Connections** classes run from 9 to 10 a.m. and include Pre-K to 3rd Grade **Explorers**; 4th to 8th Grade **Pathfinders**; and 9th 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 2nd 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 2nd Sunday, we enjoy **Family Night** from 5 to 6:45. On the **3rd Sunday of each month**, we gather around the tables in fellowship hall for a meal together. *Pictured above... Cora and Cadence intently listening to Miss Colleen during Children's Moments this past Sunday. "To Infinity and Beyond" is God's love and grace, even when we make mistakes.*

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 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 @ 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 1st and 3rd 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 ~ 3/22/26

Attendance: 158 (8 visitors)

LIVE Attendance: 1,236

Virtual Reach: 7,800

Christian Education: 42

Plate Giving: 3,057.00

Loose Plate: 278.00

Online Giving: 1,968.26

Operational Total: 5,303.26

Restricted Giving: 500.00

Total Giving: 5,803.26

"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 2nd & 4th 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 April 9 and 23. 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 10 a.m. to noon. And, Saint Paul's has a long history of offering an **Emergency Food Pantry** that we lovingly refer to as our "Little Red Wagon" Our needs at this time are for: **Local Grocery Gift Cards to: Aldi, Giant and Weis. Gas Cards: Sheetz, Wawa, and Weis, any canned fruits and vegetables with pop tops, shelf stable milk, small bottles of vegetable oil, and canned proteins and box dinners, i.e. hamburger and tuna helper.** You may drop food items in the little red wagon on the porch outside the Sanctuary door and gift cards may be dropped in the offering plate on Sunday morning or to the church office throughout the week. We thank you for all the ways in which you serve our neighbors!



Saint Paul's @ The Farm

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