



# 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,

This week I attended a meeting at the public library about "Cultivating Community, a plan for Union County's Future," sponsored by the League of Women Voters. I went hoping to hear about plans for transitional housing or shelter for the unhoused in our community. While that wasn't part of the original discussion, Jan Temple from the Lewisburg Council of Churches and I were able to ask questions and begin conversations.

When I asked my first question about shelter for the unhoused, a woman behind me said very innocently, "We have homeless people here?"

I assured her we did. So did Jan. After the meeting, she came up to ask more questions. She truly didn't realize—and she genuinely wanted to understand. She was shocked to hear how many calls we receive each week from people seeking shelter.

Her question has stayed with me.

Last week I wrote an article for the Daily Item's Faith and Reason section entitled "Conversations We Are Not Having." In it, I quoted G.K. Chesterton, the English Christian writer, who said:

***"The only intelligible human controversy is a disagreement upon a basis of agreement. Our whole trouble in most modern controversies is an attempt to get an agreement upon a basis of disagreement."***

I had to read that a few times before I grasped its brilliance. Chesterton was saying we must agree on what the problem is before we can ever agree on a solution. If we don't even agree on what our words mean—if we're not communicating clearly and listening carefully—we end up like the builders of Babel, speaking what sounds like the same language but unable to truly comprehend each other.

That woman's question wasn't a challenge. It was an invitation to understanding. She wanted to know. She wanted to see what she hadn't seen before. And in that sacred moment of curiosity, a conversation became possible—one about not leaving anyone behind in our community, especially the least among us, the ones so easily forgotten or unseen.

I believe this is the work we're called to: creating sacred, safe space where it's okay to ask questions, where we listen carefully to both questions and answers, where we seek first to understand one another.

The deepest human needs are simple: to be respected, loved, and accepted. But we can't meet those needs if we rush past understanding to proclaim our solutions. We can't love well what we haven't truly seen.

Thank you for the intentional work of listening we are all attempting together. May the Holy Spirit gently remind us of this work. May we seek to be who Jesus calls us to be.

As hymnologist Fred Kaan wrote:

***"Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live."***

May our desire to fully understand one another become greater than our desire to have our solutions heard. May we seek first the unifying work of love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Peace and Blessings, Pastor Tim*

# The Farm Report



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

Holy Week is not a single moment. It's a story—one that moves from celebration to sorrow to resurrection. And we'd love for you to walk the whole journey with us.

**Palm Sunday** – We begin with joy. Wave your palm branches. Return your coin boxes—our love offering to the world. Welcome the One who comes in love.

**Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.** – We gather around the table. We remember 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.

**Easter Sunday** - The stone is rolled away.

- **Sunrise Service, 6:15 a.m.** — Meet the morning. Celebrate resurrection as the sun rises.
- **Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.** — Ham and biscuits provided. Bring a side dish to share.
- **Worship, 10:30 a.m.** — The chancel choir. The bell choir. All the stops pulled out. Joy unleashed.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** — Immediately following worship, 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.

**Easter Breakfast, a Special Time @ The Farm!** Easter morning at Saint Paul's is always full of joy—sunrise worship, an egg hunt (with a special guest!), Easter photo ops, and of course, our beloved Easter Breakfast. We can't gather without eating. It just wouldn't be Saint Paul's!

Jesus gathered around tables throughout his ministry—with saints and sinners alike, breaking bread and building community. We honor that sacred tradition during our Easter Breakfast, sharing a meal of ham and biscuits (provided), along with the breakfast side dishes you bring to share.

Here's what you need to know:

- When: Easter Sunday, 9:30 a.m. prior to worship
- Where: The Farm Fellowship Hall
- What's provided: Ham, Biscuits, and lots of coffee
- What to bring: A breakfast side dish to share
- Your hosts: Lisa Bernard and Brad Gill

All are welcome—family, friends, visitors, neighbors. Come sit at the table with us. Make Easter Breakfast part of your celebration of recalculation, resurrection and renewal. We'll see you there! #seeyou@TheFarm #resurrectionSunday2026

## *Please Pray for*

Linda Beaver  
John & Stephanie Bondhus  
James Bowman  
The Engle Family  
Traci Eschbach  
Jayce Heckman  
Sherri Heckman  
Nicole Hoffman  
Robin Huffman  
Randy Kessler  
Ritter/Young Family  
Chuck Schworer  
Amanda Unzueta  
Tommy Ward  
Elaine Waugh  
Barclay Wilson  
BJ Woodruff  
Troy Woodruff  
All service personnel  
Unrest in our world

**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 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!



### A Prayer for the Common Good

(Cameron Trimble, PilotingFaith.org)

God of all life,  
 You created us not as isolated individuals  
 but as members of one human family.  
 Awaken in us a deeper commitment  
 to the well-being of the whole.  
 Give us courage to resist systems  
 that diminish human dignity.  
 Teach us to build communities where compassion  
 is stronger than fear and justice stronger than greed.  
 May our lives contribute to a world where every person  
 has the opportunity to flourish.  
 Amen.

**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.

**We Received a Thank You.** From Evangelical Community Hospital Foundation... *“We want to thank you for your gift of many items for our cancer patients and also for the patient experience for children. These gifts, including self-care items, will be given to children in the emergency room, one-day surgery, the urgent care facility and as well as our cancer patients. Being in a hospital can be stressful. At Evangelical Community Hospital, we do our best to help make a hospital visit as worry-free as possible. Our experienced staff’s goal is to help patients feel better and return home as soon as possible. Thank you gain for your support.” ~ Donna Schuck, Executive Director*

### Stewardship

Gifts & Offerings ~ 3/15/26

Attendance: 153 (18 visitors)	Plate Giving: 1,634.00
LIVE Attendance: 1,371	Loose Plate: 324.00
Virtual Reach: 21,000	Online Giving: <u>1,290.06</u>
Christian Education: 44	Operational Total: 3,248.06
<small>“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Luke 12:34) Giving thanks for the time, talents, and resources shared here.</small>	Restricted Giving: <u>210.00</u>
	Total Giving: 3,458.06

### Upcoming Worship

March 22 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent “Buzz Lightyear Theology” Matthew 18:21-35 Worship Leader: Kelly Kazibwe Lector: Kathy Showers Acolyte: Masen Dressler Kitchen Coordinator: Tina Longan Breakfast Sponsor: Tammy Erb Flower Sponsor: Roxanne Deitrick & Family Offering Counter: A. Mahon, D. Spear	March 29 ~ Palm Sunday “Donkey on a Detour” Luke 19:28-40, 10-14; Matthew 21:1-11 Worship Leader: Kelly Kazibwe Lector: Mallory Sample Acolyte: Delilah Sample Kitchen Coordinator: Kathy Showers Breakfast Sponsor: Available Flower Sponsor: Pastor Tim Offering Counter: S. Brown, D. Spear
March Usher/Greeter Team: Earl & Terri Fisher, Sue Mahon, Amy Mahon, Carol Oberlin, Steve Brown, Bob Gift, George Mull, Shelly Sholley	

### Celebrations

Happy Birthday to ... Brigid Hagan - 3/20 Finley Cree - 3/22 Heather Sechrist - 3/22 Chris Warner - 3/23 Chris Arnold - 3/24 Heath Hansum - 3/24		Happy Birthday to ... Kate Schaeffer - 3/24 Bo Gill - 3/25 Doug Kister - 3/26 Ivy Rosboschil - 3/28 Ed Prowant - 3/29
Happy Anniversary to ... Scott & Tracy Baylor - 3/24		



## Saint Paul's @ The Farm

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# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade **Explorers**; 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade **Pathfinders**; and 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>



Sunday, we enjoy **Family Night** from 5 to 6:45. On the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month**, we gather around the tables in fellowship hall for a meal together.

*Pictured are... Consistory members Jeanie Council and Kathy Showers at the Luck O The Irish Selfie Wall during our luncheon last week.*

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday and Silver Moon Restaurant (9:30) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. On the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## **Serving @ The Farm.**

Mission and Outreach is an integral part of us “being the church” at Saint Paul’s. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 March 26, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

