

# Saint Paul's United Church of Christ

Welcomes you on this 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Following Pentecost  
September 19, 2021



## Welcoming Saints and Sinners since 1900

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Welcome to Saint Paul's! Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you join us this day. Here we believe this is God's house, and you are welcome. This is home to all who enter. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as we understand God's kingdom, welcoming saints and sinners alike since 1900. We don't all look or act alike; dress alike; and God knows we don't all think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. Yet, every time we gather, we gather, fellowship, and worship as one big family.

In this place, we do Sunday mornings in some pretty traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang and some that may be more modern as well. In our liturgy, our prayers, and our preaching, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world we live in. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this day—a word of comfort, a spur to action, and a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor, and if you would, fill out a welcome card. Check out our Facebook page or website to learn more about us, and get involved in whatever way you choose. You may never know, you may have just found your church home. As we like to say to everyone who comes through the door, "Welcome Home."

*Peace,  
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo*

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# Gathering of the Community

Gathering Music

Michael Haven

Choral Introit

*"He is Exalted"* /arr. T. Paris

*"He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.*

*He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!*

*He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign; Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.*

*He is exalted, the King is exalted on high."*

Welcome

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

News from Home

Niki Weber

Time of Centering

*"The Lord is My Shepherd"* / M. MacDonald

Russ Wynn, Jr.

\*Invitation to All

Niki Weber

Leader: As we enter this space today to worship, to sing, to pray, to maybe hear something anew, to be challenged to serve, let us remember who we are.

**Family: From child to young adult, from adult middle aged to advanced age,**

Leader: May we all remember who we are and how we are called to live, loving God and neighbor, serving others before self.

**Family: We must kneel before we can stand.**

Leader: Let us come, worship, show love, and grace, and be reminded of a desire to serve one another.

**Family: We come.**

**ALL: For this is community in which we come closer to God.**

\*Hymn of Praise, no. 292

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

## Proclaiming the Word

God Moments

Concerns of the Family

A Time of Reflection

*"Create in Me a Clean Heart"*

*"Create in me a clean heart, oh God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from Your presence oh Lord, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.*

*Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and renew a right spirit within me.*

Silent Reflection

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (unison): **\*\*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*\*Please use name and words most familiar and comfortable to you.



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Sermon

*"Sobering Wisdom"*  
Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

## Responding to the Word

Time of Reflection

*"Jesus, Draw Me Close"* / arr. R. Founds

*"Jesus draw me close; Closer, Lord, to You. Let the world around me fade away.  
Jesus draw me close; Closer Lord, to You. For I desire to worship and obey."*

Presentation of Our Gifts

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Offertory

Michael Haven

\*Offertory Response

*"Doxology"*

*"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen."*

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Closing Hymn, no. 428

*"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

\*Benediction

\*Benedictory Response

*"We are Called"* / arr. D. Haas

*"We are called to act with justice, We are called to love tenderly  
We are called to serve one another, To walk humbly with God"*

\*Postlude

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## In Our Daily Prayers

Myrtle Archer and Family	Steve Harding	Mike McCollum
Kevin Beatty	Mya, Ruth, and Al Henry	Katy Mahon
Linda Beaver	Myrtle Hogan	John and Maureen Marsala
Dick and Diane Bettleyon	Mina Hoover	Floyd Merritt
Karen Bottorf	Beau Huber	Cindy Mohr
Hattie Bowersox	Isabel Hummell	Raquel Prager
Beth Brown	Kiana Kautz	Jane Scurfield
Gail Earnest	Mary Rose Knelly	Alecia Snyder
Travis Everly	Bob and Barb Koch	Darlene Rowe Varney
Ron Farrall and Family	Tina Kuhns	The Zeager Family
Gladys Fawcett	Tom and Priscilla Lanks	Employees of R.R. Donnelly
Greyson Greenawalt	The Marrara Family	Unspoken Concerns

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## News from Home

**What Does It Mean to Be A Part of The Faith Community of Saint Paul's?** - Whether you are an "official" member or not, you are family. And as a family, we invite everyone to participate with the talents and gifts they have in whatever way they feel led to do so. Each year (last year was an exception) in the fall, we like to offer a "**talent survey**" to ask all family members to share what their talents and interests may be and what ways each person would consider serving the larger faith community. This year, for the first time, the survey will be available both electronically, for your convenience and in hard copy at the church. We would ask you to please consider filling these out completely to help us both ensure our directories are up-to-date and correct as well as we know of your interests and commitment to Saint Paul's ministry. Please check your email for a link to the survey, coming soon, or complete the hard copy inserted in this week's bulletin, complete it, and drop it back off either in the office or in the offering plate. Thank you in advance for your help and the way you so generously share your gifts of time and talent.

**How is God Calling You?** - At Saint Paul's, there are many ways to serve in community. Whether it's on a Sunday morning as a greeter or usher or lector, or on a second or fourth Thursday as a helper with our Fresh Express Food Distribution serving more than 100 families, or maybe you like to do the kitchen work and clean up for potluck and family meals, the Red Cross Bloodmobile Canteen, the Annual Soup and Bake Sale, or Vacation Bible School. Maybe you feel called to serve on a team project or you have a team project in mind, or you'd like to help facilitate a faith engagement group. Many hands, hearts, and heads make for light, fun, and fulfilling times in our community of faith. Please talk with Pastor Tim or reach out to Donna at the office to let us know how you would like to help and watch for our talent survey coming out soon! It's a great way to get to know others and we are stronger together in community.

**Joyful Music at Saint Paul's** - Can't sing but want to ring? Please stick around after the service **this Sunday morning (9/19)** to find out more about **Saint Paul's Bell Choir!** We are looking for former and new ringers to work with our newly refurbished bells to add some more joyful sounds to our worship. All are welcome, no experience necessary! It will just be a short meeting to answer questions and gather information to set schedules. If you cannot attend, but are interested in bell choir, contact Russ Wynn.



And for the singers among us ... Want to help lead in music for worship? Open to all teenagers to senior citizens who want to use your gifts and talents to show your love of God. No audition is required! **Chancel Choir** sings most Sundays in worship and special services from September to June. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 8:50 a.m. in the east end of Fellowship Hall. **Bell Choir** plays once a month and at special times throughout the year. **Children's Choir** is for our young ones from age 5 to 12. If your child cannot read yet, we are requesting an adult attend with them to help out and learn with them! Children will rehearse Sunday morning's at 10:00 starting November 7. They will generally sing the third Sunday of each month and special Sundays throughout the year.

**COVID-19 Protocol** - We continue to suggest the following COVID 19 Pandemic precautions at this time:

1. Please do not attend worship or any church events if you are feeling ill.
2. Advise Pastor Tim or contact the church office should you need anything.
3. While, 90% or more of our adults in the congregation are vaccinated, we would ask that if you are not vaccinated, that you please mask. If you are vaccinated and would be more comfortable wearing a mask, you are encouraged to as well.
4. Sanitize often and please be respectful of one another's personal space.

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we strive to balance the normality of church-based events and keeping everyone safe. Be good, be kind, and as always let's be the church.

## Mission and Outreach News

**Meeting the Needs of Our Community** - We thank you for your continued donations of shelf stable items for our pantry! As needs continue, you can also purchase and drop in the offering plate or by the church office, gift cards for Walmart, Giant, or Weis in the amount of \$10, \$15, or \$20. All help is appreciated in this way to give back in our community.

## Worship and Faith Engagement News

**New Names** - With the kick-off to our new church year, our faith engagement groups have updated names:

**"Sunday Morning Head Start"** meets each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. Get a head start on exploring the day's scripture reading and a sneak peek into Pastor Tim's sermon. All are welcome to join this group in the parlor for a time of prayer and study, questions and sharing. No experience necessary.

**"Monday Morning Reflections"** is Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor. Meet with Pastor Tim and dig even deeper into the week's scripture. What was Paul talking about? What did Jesus mean? How did the sermon relate?

**"Wednesday Evening Questions"** is another faith engagement group opportunity at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the parlor. Bring your dinner and the current book, "The Difficult Words of Jesus," for this time of study and questioning with your Saint Paul's friends.



**“Children, Youth, and Families”** meet on the third Sunday of each month at 5:30 p.m., starting with a light dinner, and follows with fun faith engagement activities for different age groups. This is an opportunity for our little ones to our high school seniors to learn and grow together.

**Worship Options** - If you are unable to join us in person or LIVE online on Sunday morning, replay of services are always available via YouTube or Facebook with links on our website homepage. <https://www.spuccwm.org/> or here:

Saint Paul’s Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/saintpaulswestmilton>

Saint Paul’s YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx534qz98pw4lEcpsJznLnw>

**NEWS FLASH!! Children’s Church and Nursery are Back!** - Beginning this Sunday, September 19, we will offer children’s church for ages 3 to Grade 2 in the second classroom on the right in Fellowship Hall. The children will engage in sharing a lesson complimentary to the one being shared in worship that day. This group will leave the sanctuary immediately following the choir anthem and will return for the closing hymn. The group will be led by Colleen Franciscus. However, a volunteer assistant is needed each week. Ideally, a group of three to four volunteers who could rotate on a weekly basis to support Colleen would be preferred. Please contact Colleen if you are able to help in this way.

**Nursery** - We are currently seeking a lead person or persons and volunteers to open Saint Paul’s nursery for children ages infant to two years. Again, we would like to ideally have three to four people to volunteer so that we may rotate weekly nursery coverage. Please contact Pastor Tim or the church office if you feel called to volunteer.

*Please note, if you do not have your child care clearances, we can assist you in obtaining the needed documentation.  
Remember to mark these options on your talent survey. :-)*

## Stewardship News

**Giving of Time, Talents and Offerings:** To all who offer their time, talents and gifts to create this community, our special thanks! It is good always and everywhere to give thanks to God.

### Gifts & Offerings, Sunday, September 12, 2021:

Attendance In Person: 90 (14 Visitors)	Plate Giving	\$ 949.00
Attendance on LIVE: 297	Loose Plate	\$ 91.00
Virtual Reach: 1,875	Online Giving	\$ <u>459.02</u>
	Operational Total	\$ 1,499.02
	Restricted Giving	\$ <u>10.00</u>
	Total Giving	\$ 1,509.02



**Upcoming Worship:****September 26, 2021****18<sup>th</sup> Sunday Following Pentecost***"Make Way, Coming Through!"*

James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Worship Leader: Niki Weber

Lector: Rhonda Newton

Flower Sponsor: Available

Offering Counter: A. Henry; D. Spear

**October 3, 2021****19<sup>th</sup> Sunday Following Pentecost***Come Listen to a Story 'Bout a Man Named Job"*

Job 1:1, 2:1; Mark 10:2-16

Worship Leader: Jen Arnold

Lector: Jane Rowe

Flower Sponsor: Available

Offering Counter: D. Bettleyon; D. Spear

September Usher Team: Steve & Robin Brown, Richard & Amy Armstrong, DeAnn Hansum (Sign In)**Upcoming Birthdays:**

Sept. 29 – Gail Ernest and Myles Purcell

Sept. 30 – Bob Koch

Oct. 2 – Jeannette Gill and Kadence Gill

Oct. 2 – Cindy Swanger

**Upcoming Anniversaries:**

Oct. 2 – Jon and Heidi Hagen

Oct. 5 – Beth Vincent and Bill Hawkins

## This Week at Saint Paul's

*Our church office is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday*

- Mon., Sept. 20** Monday Morning Reflections in the Parlor 10:30 a.m.  
6 to 8 p.m. ARC (in the Pavilion)
- Tues., Sept. 21** Consistory Meeting 6 p.m.
- Thur., Sept. 23** **Happy Birthday Sophia Houtz and Crystal Reid**  
Fresh Express Food Distribution 3-5 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 25** S'mores and a Movie in the Pavilion 7 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 26** Sunday Morning Head Start 9:15 .m.  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.



Milton Area Community Choir  
2021

Performing:  
**"Love Was Born a King"**  
Bringing Hope for the Hopeless & Strength for the Broken  
Created by Joel Lindsey and Jeff Bungardner  
Arranged and Orchestrated by Daniel Semisen

Performance: Sunday, December 12, 2021  
7:00pm Saint Paul's UCC  
1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, Pa.

Rehearsals begin Sunday, October 3, at 2:30pm  
at 1125 Mahoning Street  
(\$10.00 donation requested to cover the book cost)  
Questions? Contact Russ Wynn (570)490-5897  
[russlw@gmail.com](mailto:russlw@gmail.com)

## A Little Look Ahead

*Visit the Saint Paul's website calendar for all planned events at: <https://www.spuccwm.org/calendar>*

- Wednesday, September 29 – Red Cross Bloodmobile at 1125 Mahoning Street 1 to 6 p.m.
- Sunday, October 3 – World Communion Sunday; Community Choir Rehearsal at 1125 at 2:30 p.m.
- Sunday, October 3 – Hayride and Hotdogs at Ard's Farm Market, Lewisburg 4 p.m.
- Sunday, October 10 – All-Church Potluck following Worship, in celebration of and thanksgiving for this church family. The main course sponsored by the Gill family, following the baptism of Riley, Beau, and Kadence Gill
- Sunday, October 10 – Community Dinner at 1125 Mahoning Street 5 to 6 p.m.



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## Saint Paul's Leadership Team

Pastor	Timothy Hogan-Palazzo
Church Administrative Assistant	Donna Spear
Minister of Music/Organist	Russell Wynn, Jr.
Assistant Minister of Music/Asst. Organist	Sharon Styer
Assistant Accompanist	Michael Haven
Nursery Attendant/Children's Church	Open / Colleen Franciscus
Children & Youth Leader	Colleen Franciscus
Sexton	Steve Brown
Groundskeeper	Robert Greenly
Tech Team	Chip Palazzo, Keegan Gill, Heath Hansum
Financial Secretary	Dianne Covert
Treasurer	Amy Snider

### Consistory

Sharon Klose ('21) – President/Deacon	Brad Gill ('22) – Vice President/Trustee
Jen Arnold ('23) – Deacon	Lisa Bernard ('23) – Trustee
Merle Kay Englehart ('21)- Deacon	Drew Faust ('22) – Trustee
Earl Fisher ('21) – Deacon	Colleen Franciscus ('22) –Secretary/Deacon
Floyd Merritt ('22) – Deacon	Rhonda Newton ('23) – Deacon
Amy Rearick ('22) – Deacon	Brent Sample ('21) - Trustee

## Contact and Connect

Church Address:	1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847
Church Mailing Address:	PO Box 85, West Milton, PA 17886
Church Office Contact:	570-568-1433 / <a href="mailto:admin@spuccwm.org">admin@spuccwm.org</a>
Pastoral Emergencies:	570-975-9536 (Pastor Tim's cell)
Pastor's Email:	<a href="mailto:PastorTim@spuccwm.org">PastorTim@spuccwm.org</a>

Church Online Directory:	<a href="https://engage.suran.com/spuccwm">https://engage.suran.com/spuccwm</a>
Church Online Events Calendar:	<a href="https://www.spuccwm.org/calendar">https://www.spuccwm.org/calendar</a>

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FaceBook and YouTube and connect with online at: <http://www.spuccwm.org>

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