

Saint Paul's Possibilities

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News & Ways to Plug In

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Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Dear Family,

I thought about "100 Gallons of Gratitude" as a way to title an article to you this week. We sold upwards of 100 gallons of soup this past weekend. And between soup, baked goods (a fast sell-out), hot dogs, beef BBQ, crocheted winter caps, Christmas wreaths and some beautiful crafts, we raised over \$5,000 (final total pending), all for our Mission and Outreach Fund. And while the gratitude is deep to all those who helped in so many ways, more than 15 volunteers handling the day of activities, a dozen soup makers, and even more bakers, we have many more reasons to express our gratitude.

And we would be remiss if we didn't recognize leaders who made it happen, especially organizers Amy Rearick, Lisa Bernard and Donna Spear! However, never let us forget the "why." "Why" we do what we do, which explains our deeper gratitude. This family, our friends and neighbors - through all the hard work and dedication - didn't just make soup, or create crafts, or bake beautiful treats for the sale, you did so to help feed your neighbors here in our community and offer help in the broader community.

Because of everything everyone did, including those who purchased soup, it enables us to fulfill our covenanted connection with the broader church through One Great Hour of Sharing both in designated and undesignated giving fund, which go directly to helping our neighbors suffering disasters, families in need, struggling faith communities, and communities setting up new programs to help neighbors, which we have been recipients of in the past. And by raising the funds we did, we can offer even more to our neighbors we serve right here in our own community as well.

Locally, we are further able to help our neighbors in need in our community by providing them protein for their meals. We purchase proteins when the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank doesn't have proteins to offer us. We share them during each Fresh Express Distribution at a cost of approximately \$500 per distribution. And still another portion will go to help with housing, heating and fuel needs for members of the community. All because we find our

"why" in ultimately being in service to others as Jesus taught.

Every dollar of what was made and sold this weekend goes out the door for Outreach and Missions because we are here to serve our neighbors. I am grateful for this faith community living in to the "why" we do what we do. When I arrived at Saint Paul's seven years ago, I heard about how the church had voted to close and how they changed their mind and decided to try a little harder. The question I didn't hear a cohesive answer to was, "why?" It wasn't because the church didn't know their why. They had a long history of living into serving others. But when times get tough, sometimes our why can be lost. What I have learned is it's not just when times get tough, the vision of our why can get clouded quickly through distractions of what's going on around us. We must always seek to understand and live into our why. Jesus gave it to us and everything we do must always lead back to it: with all our hearts, minds, bodies, and souls we are to love God and love neighbor and we do that through serving every neighbor. Our why goes back to Jesus' words: "What you have done to the least of these you have done it to me." (Matt. 25:40).

Therefore, my prayer for our and every faith community remains, may we remember our "why" and may everything we do be inspired by it. So, on second thought, "100 gallons of gratitude" - while an amazing number in itself - doesn't begin to cover it. Our gratitude is endless, our hearts are full, because of the way we lean into being the church together, loving and serving every neighbor. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Tim

Please Join Us in Praying For ...

Linda Beaver
Family of Jo Beatty
Charlotte Beshore
The Engle Family
Chip Eschbach
Gail Ernest
Greyson Greenawalt
Liam Haggler
Joanna Johnson
Tony Johnson

Katy Mahon
Paul Shaner
Family of Karen Shaw
Flo Warner
Thomas Ward, Jr.
Lisa Williams
Wynn-Haven Family
Mental Health Needs
World Peace
Unspoken Requests

Those with Life-Long Illnesses



The Farm Report

Farmhand Talents

Saint Paul's Talent Surveys...have you completed one for you and your family? Many have! And while you can always update or complete one any time, having them this time of year helps us in planning for a new year ahead. If you or someone in your family hasn't completed one, please pick up a blue talent survey and turn it in, either in the bin on the welcome desk or to the office today.

November 19 - Thanksgiving @ The Farm

What a day November 19 will be @ The Farm. First, we will welcome New Members. Please reach out to Pastor Tim to learn more about membership or to let him know of your desire to become a member of Saint Paul's. Friends and family are always welcome to join in membership of this faith community, for together we bless and serve one another on this journey called life. Then following worship this day, we will hold our Fall Annual Meeting where we will call for a vote on our 2024 budget, our class of 2026 Consistory members, and share news of the church moving forward. Should anyone have questions prior to the meeting you may seek out a member of your Consistory. And finally, what better way to celebrate this big day than to join around the table for our first Thanksgiving Luncheon @ The Farm. The Farm kitchen will be filled with the aromas of turkey, stuffing, and all the trimmings. Please plan now to bring a dish to share and join your faith family for lunch @ The Farm. It's a great time to try out a new Thanksgiving recipe or share a traditional favorite. Turkey, stuffing, and mashed potatoes will be provided. See you on the 19th!!

Food Pantry & The Little Red Wagon

We are forever grateful to all who help keep our emergency food pantry stocked! The pantry is being used regularly, and we are fortunate enough to be able to help our neighbors thanks to everyone who contributes so generously. If you feel led to help your neighbors in this way, our current needs include shelf stable milk and gas or grocery gift cards. Please know your gifts mean a lot and enable this family to help serve families. Thank you, from the bottoms of the hearts of the recipients and our hearts as a family, for together we get to make a difference and share the love.

Advent 2023 is Here!

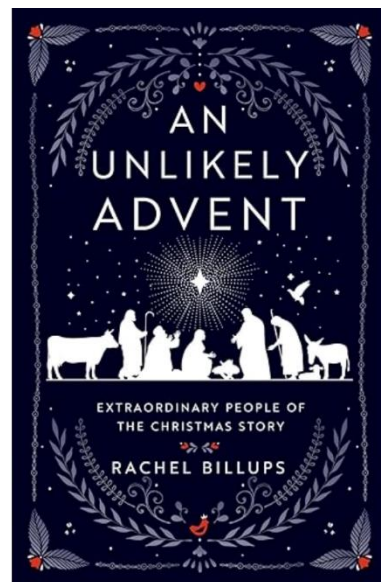
It does not seem possible that it is time for Advent preparations. However, there are just 46 days now until Christmas! Where has this year gone? Please plan to be home @ The Farm for this season! Whenever you can, be active and participate in any way you feel led or are able, because as you know, we aren't the same when you are not here. Here is a preview ...



We will celebrate Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, November 25, from 9 a.m. to noon. Come help decorate the church for the season. It's always a joyous time and there's something for everyone to help with as we deck the halls!

Our Saint Paul's Advent Concert Series is four Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. and begins on November 26. Each concert is approximately an hour with a dessert reception following. Watch this space next week as we provide all the details!

Advent Book Study ... "An Unlikely Advent" begins on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 p.m. Join Pastor Tim as he invites us in to explore Rachel Billups new book, "An Unlikely Advent" during the four Wednesday evenings of Advent and for the following three Wednesdays after. The group will be exploring the "often overlooked characters of the Advent story." Books for the study will be available through the church office beginning Sunday, November 19. Everyone is invited to join as we gather in Fellowship Hall.



Parents' Night Out is Saturday, December 9, from 5 to 9 p.m. Hey parents ... Bring your children to the Farm for an evening of activities and fun while you take a little time to do some shopping without your littles.

On Monday, December 11, is the 3rd Annual Infant, Child Loss Remembrance service and dinner at Amazing Grace Church in Northumberland beginning at 6 p.m. This is hosted by The Smallest Gift Foundation which was founded by Jeannette Gill and Mandy Maneval. Our Saint Paul's Chancel Choir will be singing at the service.

Continue to watch The Farm Report each week for more details as we move through the season.



Plan Now For
Saint Paul's @ The Farm
Christmas Dinner & Children's Pageant
Sunday, December 17
5 p.m. Dinner
Pageant Following

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nov 12 – Happy Anniversary Dave & Norma Muffley
Nov 15 – Happy Anniversary Polly & Eric Barrall
Nov 16 – Happy Birthday Mallory Sample
Nov 17 – Happy Birthday T. J. Duncan
Nov 17 – Happy Birthday DeAnn Hansum
Nov 19 – Happy Birthday Chad Kister

Advent & Christmas Services & Sermons

It's going to be a beautiful Advent and Christmas season @ The Farm. We hope you will join us on the journey.



Advent I, November 26

"Under the Influence" - a story of Hope

Advent II, December 3

"Far and Wide" - a story of Love

Advent III, December 10

"Wait, Look, Listen" - a story of Joy

Advent IV, December 17

"The Defining Moment" - a story of Peace

Christmas Eve Morning - "Lessons on Carols"
10:30 a.m. A celebration of the songs of Christmas

Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight

4:30 p.m. "In the Midst of the Mess"

Children's Choir performing

10:30 p.m. Special Music

Chancel & Bell Choirs

11:00 p.m. "The Knock at the Door"

First Sunday of Christmas, December 31

"A New Day Dawning"

Epiphany, January 7

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus"

The Carillon Graces the Farm



Last Sunday at the end of our All Saint's Worship service, Pastor Tim invited Pat Korizno to join him for the Benediction. Little did Pat know that she would push the "remote" button to start the playing of Saint Paul's Carillon here @ The Farm. What joy it was to hear the chimes and bells of the carillon and to see the smile on Pat's face. Thank you to Doug, Bob, Steve, and Earl for their careful removal and installation of the beloved carillon. Although we are sure that West Milton will miss the hourly chimes and hymns, it feels good to have it home @ The Farm.

On the Weekly Journey

Monday Morning Reflections, 11:30 a.m.

This is a weekly gathering with Pastor Tim to explore further the sermon and texts from Sunday's service. No experience necessary. All are welcome!

Weekly Wednesday Pastor on the Porch

A time to just sit, relax, and discuss random topics with Pastor Tim on the porch (or if the weather is not cooperating, in Fellowship Hall). Grab your lunch at the market and join us on the porch 11:30 to 1 p.m.

Bell Choir

Directed by Patty Wagner, rehearses 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays in the Sanctuary and performing twice a month for worship throughout the year. For more information see Patty.

Wednesday Evening Interactive

Meeting at 6:30 p.m. weekly. A book study, currently exploring Bob Goff's *"Everybody, Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People"* and how it relates to Jesus' Commandment in Matthew 22:37-40 to love our neighbor.

Fresh Express Thursdays

Come help us provide groceries for our neighbors every second and fourth Thursdays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., come for an hour, two hours, or the entire time. All volunteers are welcome. **Nov. 21, Dec. 14 & 28**

Sundays @ Saint Paul's

9 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - directed by Russ Wynn, Jr., on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary and helps lead worship weekly. Always open to new members. To learn more, please see Russ.

10 a.m. Children's Choir - children through 7th grade, directed by Sharon Styer, rehearses at 10 a.m. each Sunday morning in the Chapel, and sings on the fourth Sunday of every month. Parents, drop your kids off for choir and enjoy coffee or breakfast while they practice for 10 to 15 minutes each Sunday morning.

10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

3rd Sunday's Family Meal - We gather around the tables monthly for good eats and good times!

November 19 - "Thanksgiving" Meal

Fourth Monday Harvest Meal

Join us 1 to 5 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month as we help prepare and serve meals in conjunction with Bucknell's Office of Civic Engagement to our neighbors in the Milton area. Shelly Sholley is our lead contact for this meal. **November 27**

Breakfast with Friends

Gather at the Silver Moon Restaurant on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. for a time to catch up and share stories in a small group setting. **November 15**

Fourth Friday Wine, Word, and Wisdom

From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., come sit, relax, have a glass, and sink into the conversation about words that inspire our faith as we gather at Union Cellars, 4760 Furnace Road, Lewisburg. **November 24**

Stewardship

Gifts & Offerings November 5, 2023

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 on LIVE: 291 Virtual Reach: 4,572

Attendance In Person: 148 (6 Visitors)

Christian Ed: 45

Plate Giving	\$ 8,298.67
Loose Plate	\$ 237.00
Online Giving	\$ 574.21
Operational Total	\$ 9,109.88
General Restricted Giving	\$ 5,143.50
Total Giving	\$ 14,253.38

Upcoming Worship

November 12, 2023 -24th Sunday after Pentecost

"Show Out"

Hebrews 12:1-3; John 12:36-50

Worship Leader: Kelly Kazibwe

Lector: Elias Franciscus

Acolyte: Charley Jo Kister

Flowers: Available

Breakfast Sponsor: Susie Gearhart

Offering Counter: E. Fisher; D. Spear

November 19, 2023 -Christ the King Sunday

"Standing in Our Blind Spot"

Colossians 1:15-20; John 17:1-25

Worship Leader: Kelly Kazibwe

Lector: Barb Wagner

Acolyte: Emerson Council

Flowers: Available

Breakfast Sponsor: Hogan-Palazzo

Offering Counter: S. Brown; D. Spear

November Usher Team: Chris and Jen Arnold, Drew Faust, Peggy and Don Emory, Kathy Showers, Carol Clewell

