



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,

Some week's clarity for writing comes quickly; other weeks I'm distracted, and the Holy waits until I'm ready.

As I was praying Thursday morning, I received a text from Colleen with a song she said reminded her of the Scripture passage for this week. I sat with my headphones and listened, and sure enough, the Holy was there.

As I listened, I thought: this is how we should be leaving worship each Sunday. Asking questions like, "What would Jesus do?" "What would Jesus say?"

I know the phrase "What Would Jesus Do" became a catch phrase back in the mid-90s. WWJD showed up everywhere—bracelets, t-shirts, billboards, buses in big cities. But in Julie Miller's version of this song—the one Colleen shared with me—she offers an answer to the question, and it's exactly the answer my heart longs for.

The song "What Would Jesus Do" by Julie Miller (from the album Meet Julie Miller) begins with a recitation:

"So, Jesus said to them, 'What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about the one sheep than the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way, your father in Heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.'"

With the lyrics, she asks about the children, the homeless, the lost ones—those hurting and crying, What would Jesus do? And with each chorus, she offers an answer—the answer I believe we're called to embody each time we move out from worship and leave this place:

***"What would Jesus say? What would Jesus do?
Where would Jesus go? - We've got to go there too,
He wants to love them...love them through me and you,
We must be his voice, we must be his hands,
We must show his heart, so they understand,
Brothers and sisters, we've got his work to do,
It's a labor of love.
Now, what would Jesus do?"***

That's it.

While the question may seem simple, it's the one I believe we need to carry into our daily lives. When the temptation is to respond to news and others we don't agree with, we need to center ourselves on the answer to the question: What would Jesus say?

When we're tempted to walk on by, we must be the voice, the hands, the feet—the labor of love Jesus showed us. What would Jesus say? What would Jesus do? Where would Jesus go? The Holy calls us to go there too.

And I am reminded of the saying: Jesus doesn't call the equipped; he equips the called. Come, let us be ready and able to be equipped for the work of Jesus in the community and world around us.

Amen?

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Tim

PS Thank you, Colleen, for being a vessel for the Holy.

The Farm Report



Exciting Changes at the Farm. Change can feel unsettling, but at Saint Paul's @ Brookpark Farm, it's often a sign of God at work. Here's what's unfolding.

Saint Paul's @ Brookpark Farm is structured as a Benefit Corporation, which means our corporate board can and does partner with Bucknell's Small Business Development Center for guidance and resources. It also means every dollar of rent maintains our property, and every profit returns to the community through our missions. Through this stewardship, God continues to open doors for ministry and community partnerships.

Because we're intentional about how we manage our resources, we're able to be responsive when opportunities arise to serve our community better. And recently, several wonderful things have happened.

Grace Place Housing, Fresh Express & Emergency Food Pantry is on the Move. When one of our established tenants, S&T Manufacturing, needed space to grow, we listened. Rather than see that as a problem, we saw it as an opportunity to steward our resources wisely. We swapped Grace Place and S&T and are now creating shared office space for Face to Face in our new pantry building. It's a beautiful example of how listening to community needs helps us serve more effectively. One half of Grace Place had been used for storage; now both spaces are being used to their full potential. *Pictured below are the inside and outside operations of Fresh Express in its new location on March 12.*

Rail to Trail Tack Also Relocates. Another long-time tenant, Rail to Trail Tack, is moving from 195 Brookpark Circle to 220 Brookpark Circle to better accommodate their business needs—both in-person and online.

The Big Red Barn and More. Our renter who occupied three of our buildings, including our Big Red Barn, is currently in the process of moving out. This allows us to freshen up these spaces and welcome new tenants who share our mission.

What Does All This Mean? All these changes point to something deeper: we're not just managing a farm—we're building a community of purpose. As tenants move to better serve their own missions, new doors open for us to expand ours. We're now prayerfully preparing to welcome new tenants and have exciting spaces available:

185 Brookpark Circle: 2,340 SF of usable space with a loft option

195 Brookpark Circle: 1,600 SF of flexible space (can be configured as one or two spaces)

If you know of individuals or businesses looking for space that would add to our farm community vibe, please spread the word! We're seeking tenants who share our heart for serving the community. Contact Jennifer Van Horn (570) 490-5443 or by email: jlvh1222@ptd.net.



Please Pray for

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



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Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday, March 29, 10:30AM

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7PM

Good Friday, April 3, 7PM

Easter Sunday, April 5, 10:30AM

Sundays

Breakfast @ 10:00am

Worship @ 10:30am

Easter Flower Orders. The deadline is Sunday, March 29, 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 you may order online from our church website homepage. <https://www.spuccfarm.org/>

Our Love Offering to the World. Are your coin boxes getting filled up with loose change to change the world? We will collect them on Palm Sunday morning, March 29, during worship. Thank you for taking part in this annual benevolent giving as part of the wider UCC. Still need a coin box? Pick one up at the welcome desk.

Coffee / Breakfast Time. There are still a few Sundays available to sponsor breakfast. You may sponsor a Sunday yourself or with another family. Suggestions include crockpot oatmeal, mini or full-size muffins, fruit, breakfast casseroles, yogurt parfaits, cookies, danish, crackers and cheese ... or be creative! The sign-up sheet is just inside the doors of Fellowship Hall and dates available begin March 22 through June 7.

Stewardship

Gift & Offerings ~ 3/8/26

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34) Giving thanks for the time, talents, and resources shared here.

Attendance: 133 (9 visitors)

LIVE Attendance: 900

Virtual Reach: 13,800

Christian Education: 53

Plate Giving: 2,347.00

Loose Plate: 209.00

Online Giving: 906.24

Operational Total: 3,462.24

Restricted Giving: 185.00

Total Giving: 3,647.24

Easter Egg Donations

We are accepting donations of wrapped candy, stickers, or small toys to fill plastic Easter eggs for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday Morning, April 5.

Please drop off any items to container in Fellowship Hall just inside the door, no later than Wednesday, April 1.

Thank you for helping to make this special time for our children extra special!



Upcoming Worship

March 15 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

"There's Always One"

Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14; John 13:3-5

Worship Leader: Kelly Kazibwe

Lector: Rhonda Newton

Acolyte: Bo Gill

Kitchen Coordinator: Kathy Showers

Breakfast Sponsor: Tammy Erb

Flower Sponsor: Pastor Tim & Chip

Offering Counter: J. Van Horn, D. Spear

March 22 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

"How Many Times?"

Matthew 18:21-35

Worship Leader: Kelly Kazibwe

Lector: Kathy Showers

Acolyte: Masen Dressler

Kitchen Coordinator: Tina Longan

Breakfast Sponsor: Available

Flower Sponsor: Roxanne Deitrick & Family

Offering Counter: A. Mahon, 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 ...

Mark Covert - 3/13

Chuck Sample - 3/16

Cato Kazibwe - 3/19

Brigid Hagan - 3/20

Finley Cree - 3/22

Heather Sechrist - 3/22

Chris Warner - 3/22



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.

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.



VOLUNTEER / SERVICE

COMMUNITY HARVEST MEAL

Saint Paul’s cooks on the 4th Monday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. John’s UCC

NEXT DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 23

REACH OUT TO TERRI KREMER WITH QUESTIONS AND TO SIGN UP!

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 March 12 and 26. 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!



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