



SAINT PAUL'S NEWS

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“What happens here doesn’t stay here...”

“May I Borrow Your Cell Phone?”

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Dear Church Family,

What if someone came up to you and asked if they could borrow your cell phone? Something like, “I lost my cell phone. Would you mind if I borrow yours for a few days?” Let’s say they really needed it because of illness or something. Ok, so maybe a cell phone isn’t a great example. Let’s change items and say someone asks, “May I borrow your car to get back and forth to work while mine is being fixed?” Or, “Could you give me a place to stay for a few days until I can find a place of my own?” Now what if any of these scenarios weren’t about blood relatives? In fact, what if they were maybe even just acquaintances or someone you may just be meeting for the first time? How quickly would you be ok allowing someone to borrow something that may cause you some slight inconvenience?

Visiting a friend at her work place this week I saw her bike sitting in her office and so I asked, “Is that your bike?” She answered me quickly, “Yep.” “Why is it here?” I asked. She said, “Because my daughter is using the car to shuffle friend’s children, friends who had helped me with my kids as a single mom and so I want us to be able to help them.” “So, you are riding your bike in this heat to and from work - what most of us would consider a real inconvenience, so your daughter may use the car to shuffle friend’s children from place to place - because they can’t?” Followed by a quick “Of course you are. That’s who you are.”

This woman is a modern-day version of my grandmother and her unconditional giving spirit. It made me wonder, how many of us would quickly be willing to help others out if it meant inconveniencing ourselves? How often do we willingly put our neighbors first? How often do we act without regard to our own comfort if someone needs something?

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This Week at Saint Paul’s

What an amazing lesson the person I dropped by see is offering to all who know her, especially her children. It's not a me first world for her, it's a I'll see what others need and trust I will have all I need. Isn't that the promise of God? I will supply your every need, just trust me. In Philippians four, we find that exhortation to the church of Philippi, from Paul: *"My God will meet your every need out of his riches in the glory that is found in Christ Jesus."*

Last Sunday's text from 2 Corinthians, Paul was telling the people of Corinth that there should be a fair balance between their abundance and other's needs. Yet, so often we don't want to do any more than a little bit, just enough so we are not inconvenienced in the least, today or even in the future. We grab and snatch, we clutch tightly to what we have and share as little as we have to. Where then is our faith? Where then is our willingness to give of self, more than cursory platitudes or beyond what we can control?

While I will acknowledge, when someone asks if they can have my cell phone, I would probably pause to assess the situation and then look for alternative answers, however if we have something and someone needs it, I believe we should try to figure out how to help in the need. It's being the church, is it not? Amen.

Peace,
Pastor Tim

In Our Daily Prayers...

Dick Albright
Dick Bettleyon
Nancy Cochran
Gail Earnest
Gladys Fawcett
Suli Goodlief
Greyson Greenawalt

Steve Harding
Mina Hoover
Mary Rose Knelly
Tom and Priscilla Lanks
Cindy Lloyd
Katy Mahon
John Marsala

Mike McCollum
Sandy Merritt
Cindy Mohr
Laura Prager
Jane Scurfield
Alecia Snyder
Donna and Russ Wynn, Sr.



News from Home...



Church Workdays

Our next workday will take place at 433 High Street, on Saturday, July 10, at 9 a.m.! We will be moving some things from 433 High Street to 1125 Mahoning along with cleaning and ensuring our space continues to be clean and well-maintained. So, mark your calendars now. We'll see you there!



Current COVID-19 Restrictions at 1125

With most COVID-19 restrictions being lifted across the country, we ask you to please be mindful of the health and safety of all our members and friends of this faith family. If you have not been vaccinated, whether unable or choosing not to, we ask that you continue to mask. If you feel you are more comfortable masked regardless of your vaccination status, please continue to do so. If you want to hug someone, just be respectful of them and their space and ask if it's ok before hugging. And most importantly, please continue to use good hygiene practices, such as hand sanitizer and hand washing (20 seconds with soap). We will continue to work to keep everyone as safe as possible and ask for your help in doing the same.

Taking Names

So, if most restrictions are gone, why is someone still at the door taking down my name? Well, instead of using pew pads for knowing who is here and keeping up with attendance, we will continue to have a Greeter at the door to register everyone. Our new online church database management allows us to capture attendance electronically. So, in the coming weeks, instead of writing-down names as people enter, we will use an iPad to 'tap' and track attendance at the door. For new visitors or those not yet in the system, we will ask them to fill out a visitor's card and welcome them with a follow-up call, letter, or email. Having a Greeter at the door and registering people has helped us find a new, personal way for people to get to know one another and put faces with names - as well as effortlessly tracking attendance. If you want to volunteer as an usher or greeter for this activity - or other responsibilities - please reach out to Donna.



Coffee Hour

Join us for a Summer Coffee Hour - with Iced Tea, Water and Lemonade, all available outside under the covered walkway immediately following worship each Sunday. We hope you will join us and hang out and fellowship following worship. This outdoor space and event gives new meaning to "parking lot worship" and we are excited to be bringing back more opportunities like this for you.

Community Research Project...it's on!

Hey! While the CRP team plans our next event, a pop-up interim event is also in the works. The Ann Kerstetter Trio will be performing at Whispering Oaks Vineyard (yes, the same place we were last week) on July 8 and there was a lot of interest in attending this event. This was not originally on the calendar but was added after we discovered who was singing and how much everyone enjoyed our last visit there. Sign-up for this pop-up event while our next adventure is being planned.



News from home...you all are amazing!

Over the past two weeks, more than 60 unique individuals have assisted in volunteer work around the church! Cooking, cleaning, delivering food, participating with Fresh Express, helping out neighbors in need and that's just the things we know about! Thank you for continuing to be the church. And what makes it so important and such a gift is the fact that you have been the church with love and desire to serve one another.



Thank you Gloria, Russ, Mike, the Palazzo Family, Diane and Dick Bettleyon and so many others for all you did to make Sunday's Talent Show a great success! Over 100 in attendance were treated to a great family Pasta and Meatball Dinner and, oh, the talent showcased for us all was wonderful! As the evening began, it struck us that our last gathering just before the pandemic started was the Talent Show and Spaghetti dinner so what an appropriate way to restart, but Pasta & Performance Saint Paul's Style 2021! Every year just seems to get better!

Offering Envelopes

If you would like a new box of offering envelopes, please ask an usher on Sunday morning or call the church office to pick up. You may also give your gifts through Saint Paul's Engage application by creating a secure account, which also provides our member directory...

Engage



This is a reminder to everyone that Saint Paul's has an online directory of members called "Engage" which makes it really easy to look up names, addresses, and phone numbers. The directory is secure and is only accessible to those who have accounts. You can create your Saint Paul's Engage directory account at this website:

<https://engage.suran.com/spuccwm/s/login> (or click on the Member Directory Login at the bottom of the church website homepage. Use your email address (same one that you receive this eNews) to create your account, update your information, add a picture, and stay in touch! Any questions, call the church office.

People	
	Profile
	Groups
Giving	
	New Gift
	Scheduled Gifts
	Recent Online Gifts
	Giving History
	Payment Methods
	Giving Profile

Faith Formation and Worship News...

Sunday Morning's with Dave and Friends... Will return Sunday, September 12

Monday Morning Preacher... Will return Monday, September 13

Wednesdays Theology Mashup... Will return Wednesday, September 15



Want to join or are you looking for online worship or a worship replay? Like you can't get enough of Pastor Tim's message (right!)? Replay of services are always available via YouTube or Facebook. Links are on our website homepage. <https://www.spuccwm.org/> or below:

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

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

Mission and Outreach News...

Saint Paul's Coffee Club is an ongoing mission project at Saint Paul's and funds community needs. Check out the organic coffees, teas, and chocolate products from Fair-Trade Farmers on hand for purchase in the display case in the lobby at 1125. These make really nice gifts or treat yourself in the name of giving back. Visit the homepage of our website <https://www.spuccwm.org/> to peruse the products, order online directly at <https://forms.gle/mV5R4NvUqkH3bbxj6> or fill out an order form at the display. Or call Donna at the office to find out more about supporting SPUCC's Coffee Club!



Community Building

Our own Jennifer VanHorn along with MLPs Rusty Brouse joined forces to create and install three planter boxes for the Donald Heiter Center Youth Summer Program. The boxes will be used for hands on teaching about summer vegetable gardening. This was just another exciting way we come together in community and in support of community. Watch for more opportunities to serve together. Thank you, Jen and Rusty!

This Week at Saint Paul's...

- Thurs., July 1** **Happy Anniversary Ken and Lori Bennett**
Happy Anniversary Colleen and Scott Franciscus
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Office open
- Fri., July 2** **Happy Birthday Charley Jo Kister**
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Office open
- Sun., July 4** 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship LIVE Online & In-Person at
 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton, PA 17847
- Mon., July 5** **Happy Birthday Myrtle Hogan**
Happy Birthday Emma Kister
 Church Office closed in observance of Independence Day
- Tues., July 6** **Happy Birthday Sue Overdorf**
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Office open
- Wed., July 7** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church Office open



Upcoming Sunday Worship...LIVE stream and In Person @ 1125 Mahoning Street, Milton

July 4, 2021

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

"Struck by Lightning"

Ezekiel 2:1-5; Mark 6:1-13

Lector: Polly Barrall

Flower Sponsor: Chip & Tim

July 11, 2021

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

"The Story Doesn't End Here"

Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Lector: Laurie Hafer

Flower Sponsor: Available

July Worship Leader: Drew Faust

July Usher Team: Lisa and Bill Bernard, Autumn or Drew Faust
Rhonda Newton (Check In), Colleen Franciscus (Alternate)

If you like to plan... Here are some upcoming events to add to your calendar:

Sunday, July 4 – Communion

Thursday, July 8 – Fresh Express Food Distribution at 433 High Street 2 to 5 p.m.

Thursday, July 8 – Community Research Project at Whispering Oaks Vineyard
6 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 10 – Clean Up Day at 433 High Street, West Milton at 9 a.m.

Sunday, July 11 – Delilah Sample Baptism

Sunday, July 18 – Swim Party and Chicken BBQ 4 p.m. (Gill Home)

Thursday, July 29 – Community Research Project at Pier 87 Bar & Grill 6 to 10 p.m.

Sunday, August 1 – Communion

Sunday, August 8 – Bo, Kadence, and Riley Gill Baptisms

Sunday, August 8 – Community Dinner at 5 p.m. at 1125 Mahoning
(Drive-Through Format)

Sunday, August 22 – Back to School Picnic and Swim Party

Sunday, September 5 – Communion; Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 12 – Rally Day All Church Potluck

Monday, September 13 – Monday Morning Preacher Returns at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 15 – Family Formation Returns
(Dinner, Bible Study, Youth Events, Music)

Saturday, September 18 – Harvest Festival Parade 1 p.m. (SPUCC Float)

Sunday, September 26 – S'mores and a Movie

Saturday, October 9 - Hayride

Sunday, October 10 – Community Dinner at 5 p.m. at 1125 Mahoning
(Drive-Through Format)

Saturday, October 23 – Pumpkin Patch / Trunk and Treat

Sunday, November 7 – All Saint's Day

Sunday, December 5 – Community Dinner at 5 p.m. at 1125 Mahoning
(Drive-Through Format)

