



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,

On Tuesday morning this week, I woke to a daily devotion from a friend quoting Hebrews 12:1-3. The words stopped me cold: "So then, with endurance, let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith's pioneer and perfecter."

I read those words after four days that felt less like living and more like running—a funeral on Friday morning, hospital visits that stretched into the evening, the loss of a dear friend on Saturday afternoon. I sat with another beloved friend who had just entered hospice care, then celebrated a birthday that night because life doesn't pause for grief. Sunday brought a beautiful worship service, followed by my Ecclesiastical Council—a moment I'd been anticipating (and, if I'm honest, dreading) for decades. Then Monday morning: a cardiac catheterization at 10 a.m., the thing I'd been pushing out of my mind, figuring I'd deal with it when it arrived.

And here's what surprised me: I entered each of those moments with a calm I didn't expect. Shouldn't I have been more anxious? Shouldn't the weight of it all have crushed me? People had teased me about how hard the council would be. I knew the catheterization was serious—the tests had shown enough concern to warrant it. I knew loss was inevitable. And yet, there I was, steady. Held.

It wasn't because I'm strong. It was because I wasn't alone.

I was buoyed by your prayers. By your words of encouragement. By the presence of those who showed up—some traveling great distances just to sit in that council with me and say, "We're with you." I knew some were coming to vote no, and that was their right. But I also knew I was surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, and that made all the difference.

Hebrews 12 became real to me this week in a way it never had before. This race we're running—this life of faith—doesn't guarantee easy outcomes. It doesn't promise we'll avoid pain or loss or fear. But it does promise we won't run it alone. We are held. We are loved. We are never abandoned.

I know Sunday or Monday could have ended very differently for me. I know it's easier to say this when things turn out well. But I also know this: no matter the outcome, God walks with us through every trial, every situation, every step of the journey. Especially when we need it most.

On Friday, I visited someone going through some of the hardest parts of life. I marveled at how they were searching out every positive glimmer of light and hope in the midst of everything—because they knew they were not alone. They, too, were running the race with perseverance.

Here's what I want you to know: You are not running alone either. Whatever race is laid out in front of you—whatever weight you're carrying, whatever fear is gripping your heart—you are surrounded. By this community. By the saints who have gone before. And by the God who promises to never leave or forsake you.

Fix your eyes on Jesus. Throw off the baggage. And run with endurance. Because we are held. And we will make it. I offer this prayer, based on Isaiah 40:31, knowing there is forever a home for you in this faith family.

A Prayer from Isaiah 40: *May you run and not be weary.*
 May your life be filled with song.
 May the road you travel always lead you home.

And may you know, always, that you are never running this race alone.

With love and gratitude, Pastor Tim

The Farm Report



Everyone is Invited: Why Cottage Meetings Matter. What is God calling us to do? Are we headed in the right direction? How can you help? These aren't questions our leadership answers alone. They're questions we ask together, in intimate gatherings we call Cottage Meetings.

What Are Cottage Meetings? Cottage Meetings are small group conversations (12-14 people) where we gather to ask three essential questions: Why Saint Paul's? What drew you here? What is your story? What are your hopes and dreams for our faith community? How can you support those dreams?

Then we listen. Really listen. To each other. To the Spirit.

A Pattern of Faithfulness. We've held Cottage Meetings three times since 2019, and something remarkable has happened: our collective vision has remained almost identical.

In 2019, we asked: What matters most to you? The answer came back: Grow the table wider. Feed our neighbors. Welcome the stranger. Help address childcare and homelessness. Find space to do these things.

In 2021, after the pandemic, we asked again. Same answers. So, we set out looking for space to achieve our hopes and dreams.

In 2024, after we came to The Farm, we asked once more. Still the same vision. So, we embarked on purchasing The Farm to help us achieve our goals and dreams.

Now, we're ready for our fourth round of Cottage Meetings—and this moment is crucial. We're in the midst of a major decision: transforming the barn into a church sanctuary. Before we move forward, we need to ask again:

Are we still aligned on our vision? Is this direction meeting your hopes and dreams? Are we following where the Holy Spirit is leading?

You are Essential. Everyone in our faith family has a voice. Everyone has wisdom to contribute. This isn't a rubber-stamp meeting; it's a discernment gathering. Your questions matter. Your dreams matter. Your voice matters.

Sign Up. Multiple dates and times are available. Choose one that works for your family and sign up this Sunday or call the church office. Let's seek together how God continues to lead. **Cottage Meeting dates and times:**

Monday June 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday June 28 at noon

Monday June 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday July 8 at noon

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Sunday July 12 at noon

Wednesday July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday July 19 at 1 p.m.

Wednesday July 22 at noon

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Sunday July 26 at noon

Please Pray for

Linda Beaver	The Lanks Family
The Belford Family	Katy Mahon
Patti Faux	Chuck Schworer
Rebecca Foote	Bonnie Stevenson
Ellie Guerrero	Amanda Unzueta
Hagan Family	Tommy Ward
Jennie Hagerman	Unspoken requests
Robin Huffman	All service personnel
The Leeser Family	Unrest in our world

Updates to our Prayer List are made by calling the church office, filling out a prayer request card located in our sanctuary, or by posting on our prayers and love FB page.

Upcoming Worship

June 21 ~ Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ~ "Uptight (Everything's Alright)"

Worship at Central Oak Heights

Psalm 23; John 10:1-10 ~ Worship Leader: Sue Overdorf

Lector: Art Schaeffer ~ Acolyte: Kendrick Swartz

Flower Sponsor: Available ~ Offering Counters: P. Emory, D. Spear

June 28 ~ Fifth Sunday after Pentecost ~ "Stop in the Name of Love"

Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42 ~ Worship Leader: Sue Overdorf

Lector: Drew Faust ~ Acolyte: Molly Faust ~ Flower Sponsor: Heckman Family

Offering Counters: A. Henry, D. Spear ~ Kitchen Setup: Tina Longan

June Usher/Greeters: Earl & Terri Fisher, Sue Mahon, Amy Mahon, Carol Oberlin, Steve Brown, Bob Gift, George Mull, Shelly Sholley

Pastor Tim received a gift on Sunday as a beautiful reminder of who we are with the attached note:

"This gift is about propping the door open to radical Hospitality, defending the Vulnerable and offering/providing comfort for the Broken, which We All Are. Thank you for ALL of you! With great admiration."



An early 1900's cast iron iron (aka doorstop).

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to ...
Pastor Tim - 6/19
Adam Oetjens - 6/19
Emily Oetjens - 6/19
Niki Weber - 6/21
Liam Hagan - 6/23
Allen Basom - 6/26
Marianne Zeyn - 6/28



Hot Fun, It's Summertime @ The Farm! Our 4th summer at The Farm is shaping up to be our best yet. With new events alongside favorites, there's never been a better time to join us.

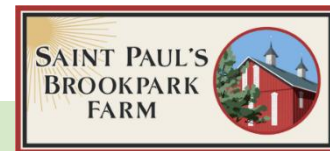
Mark Your Calendars:

- June 27: Lewisburg Fourth of July Veterans Parade
Join us or cheer us on!
- July 12: Wet & Wild Family Night in the Meadow
- July 19: 4th Annual Ice Cream Freeze Off
Following our monthly church luncheon—
don't miss this one!
- Aug 2: Take Me Out to the Ballgame- Crosscutters
- Aug 15: Back to School Chicken Barbecue
- Aug 29: Music on the Porch for Peace
- Aug 30: Pastor Tim's Full Ordination Celebration



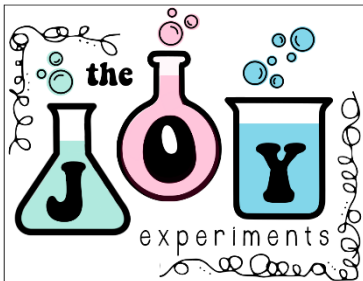
Whether you're looking for family fun, community connection, or just a reason to be outside this summer, The Farm has something for you. Come celebrate with us!

This Week's Saint Paul's Brookpark Farm Updates in Photos!



After months of permits, planning, and challenges, what a transformation in just a few weeks! The animal and equipment shed is now our open-air pavilion! Many, many thanks to all who helped ... Jenn, Bob, Tina, Doug, Chip, Don, Steve, and Pastor Tim! The pavilion will welcome its first guests Saturday for the Challenger Baseball Picnic Celebration!

On the Journey Together ~ Summer @ The Farm



Kiddos, we are continuing our JOY experiments this week! We'll put on our GLAD scientist goggles and explore a new hypothesis. Join Miss Colleen for the Children's Moment during worship and continue in the classroom where we'll hear the Bible story and carry out the experiment! This summer we are discovering that we experience true JOY when we follow God's way!

This week's HYPOTHESIS:
We shouldn't make mistakes.

God's TRUTH:
We experience JOY because we are forgiven and can try again!

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.

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 distribution is June 25. 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 (*next date is June 22*) and assist on select months with monthly distribution there on the 3rd Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Summer Season Here @ The Farm. Comes with some new routines...From Sunday, June 7, to Sunday, September 6, coffee is brewed and ready in Fellowship Hall for 10 a.m. and our nursery and sensory rooms are staffed and open. While we do not hold our **Faith Connections** classes during the summer season, Miss Colleen provides a robust and fun curriculum and this year the kiddos will become **Glad Scientists** with a lesson during **Time with Our Children** during worship and continuing with a story and experiment during **Children's Church**. Following worship, please enjoy snacks, lemonade, and fellowship on our beautiful porch. We celebrate **Holy Communion** together on the first Sunday of each month, and **Family Night** is monthly on the 2nd Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. Our summer family meals include a **Father's Day Picnic** at Central Oak Heights on June 21. On July 19 is our annual **Ice Cream Freeze Off @ The Farm**. And on August 22 is our **Back-to-School Picnic and Swim**. While our Chancel and Bell Choirs take a much-needed respite, each Sunday we welcome musicians for **Special Music**. This is always a treat and keep watch for a very special addition this summer as our children take a lead in part of our worship time together.

Weekdays @ The Farm. Monday's 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 on the Porch** 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. Mid-week, we offer **Wednesday Evening Interactive**, a seasonal book/bible study (returning in September). On the 1st and 3rd

Stewardship

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

Gifts & Offerings ~ 6/14/26

Attendance: 159 (5 visitors)

LIVE Attendance: 825

Virtual Reach: 20,547

Christian Education: 12

Plate Giving: 2,527.00

Loose Plate: 292.00

Online Giving: 2,251.56

Operational Total: 2,990.04

Restricted Giving: 1,345.00

Total Giving: 6,415.56



Saint Paul's @ The Farm
4th Annual
Ice Cream Freeze Off
Sunday, July 19
Enter your ice cream creation in the competition!
Following worship join us for a cookout and home-made ice cream tasting!
Hotdogs will be provided. Bring a dish to share.
Who will be the winner?