



Saint Paul's Possibilities

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News & Engagement

Powered by Grace and Coffee

a weekly reflection by Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Dear Faith Family,

Earlier this week, we received a lovely thank-you note from the Buffalo Valley Chapter of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO) following their recent puzzle fundraiser here at the church. Lynn Berg, the organizer, wrote to thank us for “our generous spirit in letting us hold our puzzle event there,” sharing that the event was a success and will help support women pursuing educational opportunities. But it was another sentence in her note that stayed with me: “Every single person associated with the church was gracious and willing; it was a heartwarming experience.”

Reading those words brought a quiet joy to my heart, because they reflect the very spirit of who we strive to be.

When I began serving (ten years now) alongside a few of you, we made an intentional decision about how we would view and use these buildings and grounds. We recognized that this is God’s space, and that we are called to be faithful caretakers rather than gatekeepers. Because of that, Saint Paul’s chose not to charge rental fees for community members and neighbors needing a place to gather. If a group has the means and chooses to make a donation, they are always welcome to do so, but our first instinct is simply to open the doors. Over the years, we have had the privilege of sharing this sacred space with our community in so many meaningful ways—from a child’s first birthday party to weddings, celebrations of life, adoption support groups, and fundraisers like the one hosted by the retired educators of PEO. Time and again, our neighbors have cared for this space with great respect, and in turn, they have experienced the hospitality of a church that simply wants to be a blessing.

A visitor in my office this week mentioned how deeply people long to see Jesus in the people of faith they encounter. That conversation resonated deeply with me, because that is the heart of our calling. We see that witness not only when outside groups use our building, but throughout our everyday ministries together.

Just last week during Fresh Express, I was able to step out and help for a little while. Watching our volunteers—including several newer folks who greeted and registered our guests with kindness, compassion, humor, and a genuine welcome—was a beautiful reminder of Christ’s presence in action.

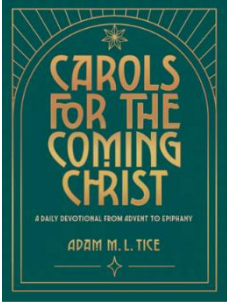
Whether someone is here on a Sunday morning or a Monday afternoon, gathering for Fresh Express, joining us for Wine, Word, and Wisdom, or crossing paths with us out in the community, our prayer is that they find that same warm and loving greeting: “Welcome home; we’re glad you’re here.” Even more, my deepest hope is that in that welcome, they encounter the living love of Jesus. That doesn’t happen by accident. It happens because you show up with open hearts and open hands, ready to love our neighbors without pretense.

Receiving that note this week was a wonderful reminder that ministry happens wherever love is shared. Thank you for your gracious spirit, your hospitality, and the many ways you make Christ’s welcome real to everyone who walks through our doors or encounters us in the community. It is a gift to serve alongside you, and it is why I am always excited for every new opportunity to share Saint Paul’s with our neighbors.



With deep gratitude, Pastor Tim

The Farm Report



Wednesday Interactive Begins Fall Break. October 21 through October 28! All are welcome when we return, November 4, 2026. Books for the class, ***Carols for the Coming Christ: A Daily Devotional from Advent to Epiphany***, will be available the night of class with no prior reading required. There is something about the music of Advent and Christmas that reaches straight into the heart. The carols we sing carry our deepest prayers of anticipation, comfort, and joyful celebration—echoing hope in a weary world. Beginning this November, our faith family is invited on a special seven-week seasonal journey using the devotional guide “Carols for the Coming Christ” by renowned hymnwriter Adam M. L. Tice. Rather than a conventional

study, this experience weaves together timeless, familiar carols with beautiful new hymns of the season. Each entry pairs a song text with Scripture, thoughtful commentary, engaging reflection questions, and creative response prompts that invite us to engage through writing, music, and visual art. As worship designer Marcia McFee beautifully notes, this kind of study is far more than a daily devotional—it is a joyful, intentional invitation to engage the music, poetry, and storytelling that give shape to our faith. It offers us space to uncover fresh meaning behind beloved lines, learn the stories of new songs, and let the message of the incarnation settle deeply within us. Our journey connects directly to this year’s seasonal worship theme @ The Farm, “Hope: A Weary World Rejoices.” Pastor Tim will kick off the series on November 4, and together we will travel from the longing of early Advent, through the wonder of Christmas, culminating in the light of Epiphany on January 6. Whether you love to sing, enjoy exploring Scripture, or simply want a warm, grounding pause in the middle of a busy season, there is a place for you in this circle.

Gathering Details: Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. in The Gathering Room. To allow for the holidays we will gather: **November: 4, 11, 18; December: 2, 9, 16; and January: 6 (Epiphany)** Books will be available on November 4 with no prior reading required for that evening. Come join us around the table as we sing, reflect, and make room for the Christ child together! Come as you are, bring a friend, family member or neighbor to share the journey with you. All are welcome here!

Fall Is Here, and the Pantry Shelves Are a Bit Bare! Because of your wonderful generosity during this past Easter season, our faith family has been able to meet so many vital needs over the last five months. Thanks to your faithful gifts, our outdoor Free Pantry continues to be restocked multiple times each week, we have provided emergency food boxes for more than 20 local families, and we have helped supplement the food shared with our neighbors and guests at Fresh Express. Your kindness has provided real nourishment, comfort, and peace of mind to so many households. Recent reporting from credible national sources has highlighted a quiet but significant reality across the country: while the need for food assistance continues to rise, community food supplies are becoming much less reliable. With an overall 25% reduction in USDA allocations and changing guidelines for public assistance, many families—especially our elderly and single neighbors—are being forced to make heartbreaking choices between food, medicine, heating, and housing. As pantry directors across various regions have noted, when institutional resources decline, neighbors are increasingly relying on neighbors to share what they have, especially in small-town communities like ours. It is a poignant reminder of how much of a difference everyday hospitality and local care make for those experiencing food insecurity.



As we move into the cooler autumn months, our own pantry shelves here at The Farm are beginning to run a bit bare, and we would love your help giving them a boost. Participating is simple and dignified: the next time you are out grocery shopping, consider picking up an extra item or two to help us restock our shelves.

Our current needs include:

- Mac & Cheese
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Chef Boyardee cups
- Instant potatoes (boxes)
- Canned, boxed, or cup soups
- Peanut Butter
- Shelf-stable or powdered milk
- Cereal
- Knorr’s Noodle and Sauce Mix
- Knorr’s Rice Side Dishes
- Ramen Noodles



As always, you may drop your donations off in the “Little Red Wagon” on the porch on Sunday mornings, or anytime throughout the week that is convenient for you. Thank you for your steady compassion and for continually showing up to care for our community. Every single can, box, and jar helps ensure our neighbors are fed and reminded that they are never alone. “I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.” (Matthew 25:35)

Scan, Order, Join the Joy: Annual Soup, Bake, Craft & Barnyard Sale!

One of Saint Paul's favorite traditions returns this November! Every single dollar raised goes directly to local missions—helping our neighbors with emergency heating, utilities, housing, and food support. Last year, we prepared and sold nearly 500 quarts during pre-sales, and there is a place for your hands and heart again this year.

Here is how you can jump in:

- **Order & Make Soup:** Pre-sale quarts are \$10 (Ham & Bean, Chicken Tortellini, Beef Vegetable, and Chicken Corn). We need cooks, kitchen prep helpers, and Saturday lunch-counter volunteers. **Contact: Amy Rearick or Donna Spear.**
- **Bake Delicious Treats:** Donate cookies, pies, breads, or seasonal treats, or help price and organize our Bake Sale table. **Contact: Carol Snyder.**
- **Share Handmade Crafts:** Donate handcrafted items or lend a hand welcoming our visiting craft vendors. **Contact: Lisa Bernard.**
- **Donate to the Barnyard Sale:** Bring gently used housewares, tools, and small furniture (please, no clothing). Drop off Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., or Sundays right after worship. To help sort, price, or sell. **Contact: Cyndy Kister or Terri Kremer.**
- **Fresh Christmas Wreaths:** Beautiful holiday wreaths with your choice of bow are \$22.50, with all proceeds supporting our Music program. **Contact: Gloria Lehman or Amy Armstrong.**
- **Holiday Portraits (New!):** **Tammy Erb** will offer family Christmas mini-sessions in the Gathering Room or outside. Details and sign-ups coming soon!
- **Shop, Eat & Visit Saturday, November 7:** Join us for a hot soup-and-sandwich lunch, browse the tables, and visit neighboring businesses hosting open houses and sidewalk sales.
- **Spread the Word:** Take pre-sale forms to work and neighbors, call the church office, or scan the QR code to order your soup today.

Whether you bake a pie, chop vegetables, donate a treasure, or invite a neighbor to lunch, every gift blesses our community. Thank you for once again putting God's love into action!

Monstrous Love Is Just One Week Away! Our annual Monstrous Love Sunday is almost here, and it takes our whole faith family to make this day an incredible celebration of welcome for our neighbors! Here's how you can still jump in and help:

- **Host a Trunk:** Decorate your vehicle and hand out treats for Trunk or Treat
- **Donate Candy:** Bring bags of individually wrapped candy for the trunks
- **Serve Food & Drinks:** Help serve hot dogs, fresh popcorn, and warm cider
- **Make S'mores:** Lend a hand at the campfire station making sweet treats
- **Welcome Neighbors:** Greet guests with a warm smile and open arms



Costumes are optional, but your presence, your energy, and your loving welcome are irreplaceable.

Come join the fun and let's show our community what God's love looks like in action! See you at The Farm!

barnyard
early bird sale
furniture, household
items, tools, and more!
**Wednesday
November 4
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**



Saint Paul's @ The Farm
50 Brookpark Circle, Lewisburg

Soup, Bake, Craft & Barnyard Sale

Saturday, November 7, 2026 ~ 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- come, sit, and enjoy a lunch featuring a bowl or samples of a variety of home-made soups
- grab a BBQ sandwich or hotdog and a drink
- shop great crafts
- pick up some home-made baked goods
- order a fresh Christmas wreath
- check out great “barnyard” sale items
- and pick up your pre-ordered quarts

For pre-order quarts of soup (\$10)
ham & bean, chicken corn, vegetable beef, chicken tortellini
visit spuccfarm.org, use QR code to order online, or call
570-568-1433 by Friday, October 23



Shop, Taste, and Support our Community

All proceeds support Saint Paul's @ The Farm UCC local mission & outreach serving our neighbors

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. From 10 to 1:25, please enjoy breakfast, coffee, and fellowship then worship begins at 10:30. On the first Sunday of each month, we celebrate **Holy Communion** together. And, monthly on the 2nd Sunday, we enjoy **Family Night** beginning at 5 p.m. On the **3rd Sunday of each month**, we gather around the tables in fellowship hall for a meal together.

Christian Formation @ The Farm. **Faith Connections** classes for all ages run from 9 to 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings, with Miss Colleen and Miss Krysta leading our children and Nicole and Dale Cuer offering a Prayer Workshop for adults. Additionally, 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.

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 British Baking Company right here at Brookpark Farm or from the Farmer's Market across the bridge 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 and Movement @ 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 5:30 to 6:30 and plays for worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. **The children practice** from 9:45 to 10:05 each Sunday and bless our worship time twice a month with their selections of music and movement. This group is led by Sharon Styer and Ashley Rosboschil.

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. The next distribution is October 22. 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 9 a.m. to noon. Our next cooking date is October 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. See Terri Kremer with questions. Saint Paul's also has a "Little Red Wagon" which you will find on the porch at the entrance to our sanctuary. This is where you can drop off shelf-stable food items to help keep our emergency food pantry stocked. As well, if you wish to donate grocery or gas gift cards to help our neighbors in need, you may drop those in the offering plate during worship. (See **the pantry shelves article for current needs.**)

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 ~ 10/11/26

Attendance: 126

LIVE Attendance: 1,431

Virtual Reach: 23,376

Christian Education: 42

Plate Giving: 3,102.00

Loose Plate: 299.00

Online Giving: 1,316.41

Operational Total: 4,717.41

Restricted Giving: 1,355.00

Total Giving: 6,072.41

Upcoming Worship

October 18 ~ 21st Sunday After Pentecost
"Heartfelt"

I Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Worship Leader: Kelly Kazibwe Zziwa

Lector: Jessica Mathias; Acolyte: Cato Kazibwe Zziwa

Flower Sponsor: Foust/Sholley

Breakfast Sponsors: Mahon, Newton, Rowe

Kitchen: Tina Longan

Offering Counters: A. Mahon, D. Spear

October Usher/Greeters: Don & Peggy Emory, Amy Mahon, Deb Frei, Jen & Chris Arnold,

Donna & Gary Bennett, Sue Mahon, Drew Faust, Betsy Pullen

October 25 ~ 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
"Nothing Else Matters"

Matthew 22:34-40

Worship Leader: Kelly Kazibwe Zziwa

Lector: Jeanie Council; Acolyte: Finn Rosboschil

Flower Sponsor: Available

Breakfast Sponsors: Robinson

Kitchen: Kathy Showers

Offering Counters: S. Brown, D. Spear

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to ...

Jon Hagan - 10/16

Brooke Swartz - 10/20

Timothy Adams - 10/21

Tammy Erb - 10/21

Chip Eschbach - 10/21

Betsy Pullen - 10/21

Delilah Sample - 10/22

Beth Ann Vincent - 10/23

Riley Gill - 10/25

Tyler Hott - 10/25

Lorren Huff - 1/25

Kathleen Wallace - 10/25

Happy Anniversary to ...

Sergio Marques &

Allen Fasnacht - 10/24