



# Saint Paul's Possibilities

January 19, 2024

News & Ways to Plug In

## Powered by Grace and Coffee

Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo

Dear Faith Family,

The old saying, "It takes a village," couldn't be more appropriate. For me, it takes a village of 12 dedicated individuals at any given time to step-up and help lead the church. It is with a grateful heart that I get to write about our Consistory this week as a way of thanks and welcome!

On behalf of myself and the entire church, to all our Consistory we extend a huge word of heartfelt thanks. This group, along with Brad Gill, President of the Board, quietly works in the background to assure the business of the church is being continually cared for. The team acts on behalf of the congregation to ensure we, as a faith community, are doing all we can with all the resources we have to create the best possible sacred safe space and support our neighbors in all the ways we can.

Our Consistory is made up of three classes - each class is made up of two Deacons and one Trustee and each class serves for a three-year term. The president of the board convenes the Consistory and serves as the church administrative overseer assisting the church and the Pastor.

This year, we extend a word of great gratitude to the Consistory Class of 2023, Drew Faust, Sue Overdorf and Colleen Franciscus, Trustee and Deacons respectively, who have shared their gifts with us over the past three years. Additionally, Colleen has served as Consistory Secretary during this time. They have served with a generous heart and spirit and certainly will be missed. However, we know their work and support of this faith community will not stop - but transition to other areas of volunteering and focus now, especially as Colleen takes on the role as our Christian Formation Director for Saint Paul's. Would you join me in a word of thanks and deeds of appreciation for these three individuals?

As they depart their positions, let us give thanks to God for them and take time to appreciate all they have shared with us. We also would like to welcome three new members to the Board, as the class of 2026, Jennifer VanHorn as our Trustee in this class, as well



*New Consistory Members  
Amy Armstrong, Don Emoru, and Jennifer Van Horn.*

as Amy Armstrong and Don Emory as new Deacons, elected at our November 2023 All-Church Meeting.

Jennifer brings with her a host of experience in building and construction and was a very instrumental part of the volunteer team who worked so diligently on the construction of our current space and is always willing to jump in and help. We are very blessed to have Jennifer, her talents and dedication now on the team. Jennifer has a life long history of being active in the church. She is married to Louise Litzzy and they reside in Riverside with their fur- babies.

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## Please Join Us in Praying For ...

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Linda Beaver                   | Katy Mahon          |
| Pat Bender                     | Donnie Poeth        |
| Cookie Breining                | Ira Ranck           |
| Jeanie Council                 | Sherri Schrieber    |
| The Engle Family               | Paul Shaner         |
| Gail Ernest                    | Adam Taylor         |
| Greyson Greenawalt             | Thomas Ward, Jr.    |
| Ruth Henry                     | Mental Health Needs |
| Those with Life-Long Illnesses |                     |

*Updates to our prayer list are made from our Saint Paul's Prayers and Love FB Group, phone calls to the church office, or fill out a prayer card located in our sanctuary.*



# The Farm Report

## Our Neighbors' Pantry

Our little red wagon has been helping us supply our Emergency Food Pantry for over three years now. And wow, it has supplied many a meal for many families, helping fill our pantry and thus our neighbors' pantries, too. Thank you. Please know your donations mean so much to so many people. Currently our prevalent needs are grocery and gas gift cards. To help in this way, you may place gift cards in the offering plate or drop them by the office. Again, thank you for all you do! Being the church, serving our neighbors, it's who we are called to be.

## Annual Ministry Celebration & Chili Cookoff

Sunday, January 21 is the day. We begin with Worship, where the Bell and Chancel Choirs will help provide music, and we will welcome new members! Then, there are several important announcements to share, and things to celebrate at our annual meeting immediately following worship, where we will also have a few items to vote on. Then all bets are off as we begin our first annual Chili Cookoff immediately following the meeting with at least 10 Chili's to choose from including a vegetarian option and a white chicken chili, along with sides and all kinds of fixins, so you won't want to miss this wonderful day in the life of your faith family. Hope to see everyone Sunday!

## Coffee Hour

Each Sunday 10 a.m. to 10:30, join your church family around the tables in Fellowship Hall for coffee, hot tea, and a bite of breakfast. If you would like to sponsor Coffee Hour, please sign up on the sheet just inside Fellowship Hall. Questions? Please see Jen Arnold, Dane Santos, and Diane Bettleyon who are always willing to assist with coffee and set up as well.

You are invited to a night of ...

## *Tails, Talents, Spaghetti & Meatballs*



Sunday, February 11  
Dinner at 5:00 p.m.  
followed by a fabulous talent  
show for all ages.

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

Free will offering to benefit local Missions and Music

...What talent will you share with your church community? Comedic, musical, anecdotal, whatever your talent, we want to experience it with you! Reach out to Gloria Lehman to sign up to share your talent or to the office to help provide desserts for the evening!

## Valentine's Day

What are you doing for Valentine's Day? Here's an offer of great love and significance. Wednesday, February 14, 2024, is also Ash Wednesday. If you are inclined, you may join members of your faith family first for a soup and sandwich meal at 6 p.m. and then for worship at 7 p.m. as a time to both celebrate Valentine's Day and mark the beginning of the season of Lent with a time of reflections and imposition of ashes. We hope you will plan to join your family here for this momentous occasion, as there was no greater love than this of which we honor and remember in this season.

## 2024 Altar Flowers

If you wish to reserve a Sunday in 2024 to sponsor Altar Flowers, please contact the church office. Or, you may use the online form on the homepage of our website. Flowers are \$50 and are beautifully arranged by our own Susie Gearhart at The Blooming Rooster in Lewisburg.

*Pastor Tim's Grace and Coffee Reflection continued ...*

One of our two newest Deacons includes Amy Armstrong. Amy has a bachelor's degree in biblical studies, and has served as a visitation minister in a previous faith community, and currently works as an Administrative Assistant to the leadership team of DTA, here in Lewisburg. Amy plays in the Bell Choir, sings with the Chancel Choir, and helps in decorating of the church, and is always willing to make a pot of soup or assist with the Soup, Bake & Craft Sale. There's really not much she can't do, growing up on the farm here in Central Pennsylvania and being active in churches her entire life. Amy lives in Lewisburg with her husband Richard and they have two adult children.

Don Emory, the second of two new Deacons in this class, is retired from the United States Bureau of Prisons working in Human Resources for 20 years. Don and his wife Peggy settled in Milton when moving to the area and raised their children there. Don serves the community as a member of the Milton Library Board as well as works hard around the church, willing to do and pitch in whether a building project, decorating for Christmas, or helping out as the unofficial morale officer for the outside Fresh Express crew! Don and Peggy have two adult children and a grand fur-baby!

The Consistory meets monthly, typically on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Should you have questions, thoughts, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself, Brad Gill, or any member of the Consistory you may choose, they are here to help and represent all of us. This years, officers/leadership team includes Brad, as our standing President, Lisa Bernard will continue as our Vice President, and Amy Armstrong as our new Secretary. Thank you all once again for your willingness to serve. Saint Paul's at the Farm is truly blessed by each of you!

I hope you will join me in both thanking the departing team members as well as welcoming the new class and hold them all in your heart and prayers as they seek to discern and lead us!

There are many exciting things happening, in fact "Something is happening here @ The Farm...and that something is love. Let us always show love, grace, and respect for one another.

*Peace and Blessings, Pastor Tim*

## Celebrations

Jan 21 – Happy Anniversary Ed & Eileen Prowant  
Jan 22 – Happy Birthday Valerie Ritter  
Jan 23 – Happy Birthday Peggy Emory  
Jan 24 – Happy Birthday Cory Mahon  
Jan 28 – Happy Birthday Earl Fisher  
Jan 30 – Happy Birthday Barclay Wilson



Join us for  
**Family Night**  
2nd and 4th Sunday Nights  
5-7 pm  
Family meal  
Classes for ALL ages

- Nursery
- PreK-Grade 2
- Grade 3 - Grade 6
- Grade 7 - Grade 12
- Parents/Adults

Here, you're family.  
50 Brookpark Circle, Lewisburg, PA

Dear Families,

Please join us for Family Night - kicking off **Sunday, January 28!** We'll begin with a family friendly meal @ 5 p.m. (donations per family accepted, yet not required) followed by classes for the entire family! Let's learn and grow together! We'd like to know if you are planning to join us for our kick-off night. Click the link below or use the QR Code to sign up (you can select multiple slots at a time to sign your entire family up in one click). See you soon!



Colleen Franciscus

<http://tinyurl.com/spuccfamilynight>

## 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 Lunch with the Pastor

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. On January 10 we will gather to begin wrapping up "Everybody Always." All are welcome to jump in for this great discussion.

### 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. **Jan 25 and Feb 8 & 22**

### Sundays @ Saint Paul's

**9 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal** - Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary and helps lead worship weekly. Always open to new members. To learn more, please see Patty.

**10 a.m. Children's Choir** - children through 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday's Family Meal** – We gather around the tables monthly for good eats and good times!

**January 21 All-Church Potluck Chili Cookoff following worship**

### 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.

### **January 22**

### Breakfast with Friends

Gather at the Silver Moon Restaurant on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. for a time to catch up and share stories in a small group setting.  
**February 21 (weather permitting)**

### 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. **January 26**

## Stewardship

### Gifts & Offerings January 14, 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: 1,032 Virtual Reach: 5,520  
Attendance In Person: 117 (4 Visitors)  
Christian Education: 41

Plate Giving	\$ 2,589.09
Loose Plate	\$ 185.50
Online Giving	\$ 322.93
Operational Total	\$ 3,097.02
General Restricted Giving	\$ 208.00
Total Giving	\$ 3,305.52

## Upcoming Worship

### January 21, 2024

### Third Sunday after the Epiphany

"Take Off the Gloves!"

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Mark 1:14-20

Worship Leader: Drew Faust

Lector: Doug Richard

Acolyte: Kadence Gill

Flowers: The Prowants

Breakfast Sponsor: The Hagans

Offering Counter: C. Franciscus; D. Spear

### January 28, 2024

### Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

"Shock & Awe?"

Psalm 111; Mark 1:21-28

Worship Leader: Drew Faust

Lector: Rhonda Newton

Acolyte: Ben Barbella

Flowers: Staci Wagner

Breakfast Sponsor: H. Zeyn and R. Rohrer

Offering Counter: E. Fisher; D. Spear

*January Greeter/Usher Team: Don & Peggy Emory,  
Amy Mahon, Rhonda Newton, Sue Mahon, Reba  
Rohrer, Donna & Gary Bennett, Drew Faust*

