



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Aug. 15 **Sunday, August 17 @ 9:00**

Also on Buffalo United Methodist Church's Facebook Page & YouTube!

Sermon Series — Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go

There is nothing more crippling than holding on to anger. Anger, more than any other emotion, has the power to consume all aspects of our lives, distort our sense of purpose, and destroy our relationship with God. In the passionate and life-changing book *Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go*, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings insight to forgiveness. He contends that only when we learn to forgive others and ourselves can we truly receive forgiveness from God.

This Sunday — Forgiveness: Seventy-Seven Times Matthew 18:21-22

After church one Sunday in my last church, we had some playful sarcasm during a game with friends that reminded me just how misunderstood forgiveness can be. Jokes about repentance and forgiveness flew, but it highlighted how layered and complex this topic really is. In his book *Forgiveness*, Adam Hamilton uses the metaphor of pebbles, rocks, and boulders to describe the varying weight of offenses we experience—from minor annoyances to life-altering wounds. Most days, we collect “pebbles” that, if not released, can weigh us down. Jesus calls us to forgive not just seven times, but seventy-seven—an idiom meaning without limit. But how do we do that? Come this Sunday and find out.

Scripture Reading | Matthew 18:21-22

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”

Next Sunday — Forgiveness: Applying Wisdom to Deeper Areas of Forgiveness

Matthew 5:23-24

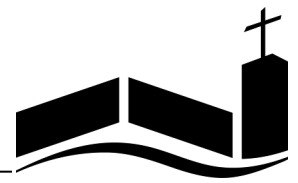
In a broken world, people will hurt us—sometimes in small, pebble-sized ways, and sometimes with large, heavy offenses. While forgiveness is always the path Jesus calls us to walk, the process looks different depending on the depth of the wound.

Drawing from Adam Hamilton's book *Forgiveness*, the sermon highlights two dimensions of forgiveness: an internal release of bitterness, and the external extension of mercy, grace, and reconciliation.

Ultimately, Jesus models radical forgiveness, even from the cross. In response to his mercy, we are called to become a forgiving people—practicing grace wisely, patiently, and prayerfully as we follow Christ.

Sunday Fellowship

Join us for coffee, treats, and great conversation in the Fellowship Hall after worship at 10:00 a.m.



Other Ministry Updates

- Aug 17** 9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Fellowship Hour
- Aug 19** 4:00 pm SPRC Meeting
- Aug 20** 9:30 am Reading in the Park
- Aug 24** 9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Fellowship Hour
10:30 am Congregational Care Team Meeting

Did You Know?

Did you know our 2025-2026 confirmation class will now be meeting on Sunday mornings instead of Wednesday nights? How cool is that?



Final Summer Reading in the Park
Our Summer Reading in the Park program

happens again **this Wednesday from 9:30 - 10:30 am.**

Register Soon for Sunday School

Sunday School starts on September 7 and registration is open!! You will be receiving registration in the mail or you can [Click Here](#) to register!! Fall is a great time to invite friends and neighbors to Sunday School! Your invitation might be just what it takes for a family to join the fun on Sunday mornings and get to know Jesus.

Meals On Wheels Wraps Up This Week

There are just a few more openings left on our meals on wheels delivery schedule! Thanks to all who helped this month! If you are able to still help out, [Click Here](#).



STAFF UPDATES

If you were in church on Sunday, you saw AMY AUSTIN presented as our newly hired Worship Coordinator! Thank you for all your prayers as we waited for God's timing to prevail. Amy has begun her training with Debbie Bishop. There is much to cover so please be generous in giving Amy time to learn the ropes and flourish in this role. More good news! We expect to interview

an applicant for the Children and Youth Coordinator position next week! Please pray for our applicant and those preparing to interview.



Thank You from Soles4Souls

Thank you so much for your recent donation of shoes. Without big-hearted, open-handed supporters like you, Soles4Souls couldn't do what we do. So when I say, "Thank you for your generosity," what I'm really saying is, "Thank you for noticing suffering—and deciding to do something about it." What I'm really saying is, "Families rebuilding after natural disasters have one less thing to worry about because of you." What I'm really saying is, "People in developing countries who've been trapped in the cycle of poverty for generations are finding their way forward because of you."

Save the Dates!

There are some upcoming dates that you won't want to miss in the life of our church this fall. It all begins on Sunday, **September 7**, when we kick off our fall programs and celebrate together, also our start of Sunday School FSS blessing. This will include Sunday School Open House/Orientation followed by a breakfast potluck for all. **September 14** will be Confirmation Sunday, and on Sunday, **Sept 21** we will be blessing our new Confirmands. **October 8th** will be our very first Wednesday night Meals and Missions Night and don't forget our annual Cribbage/Uno/Fast Track tournament on **Oct. 12** with a potluck. Fall is such an important time for us to be coming together as the church. Please make a point of saving these dates and giving the gift of your presence.



Secure Giving



Worship Registration

