



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Aug. 1 **Sunday, August 3 @ 9:00**

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New 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: The Divine Answer Part 1 Psalm 32:1-5

This sermon explores forgiveness as God's divine answer to the deep needs of human life. Without forgiveness, relationships break down, communities suffer, and individuals carry the heavy burdens of regret, guilt, and resentment. Forgiveness brings freedom, healing, and restored connection—with ourselves, with others, and with God.

Communion This Sunday

Our worship this Sunday will also include Holy Communion. In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome at the table, as we understand Communion to be the gift of Jesus Christ to anyone of any age who desires a closer relationship with Him.

Scripture Reading | Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.
When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.
Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Next Sunday — Forgiveness: The Divine Answer Part 2 Psalm 51, John 8:10-11

Summary: This sermon explores God's heart toward us when we need forgiveness, especially when we know we've done something truly wrong. It begins with honest questions: Does God forgive grudgingly? Is He angry or disappointed? Using Psalm 51 and the story of the woman caught in adultery (John 8), the message shows how even in our worst moments, God's heart is merciful, not condemning. Jesus does not ignore sin, but He meets us with compassion, restoring dignity and offering hope.

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 3** 9:00 am Worship Service with Communion
10:00 am Fellowship Hour
- Aug 4** 6:00 pm Praise & Coffee at Perkins
- Aug 5** 1:00 pm Guest Connections Meeting
7:00 pm Property Team Meeting
- Aug 6** 9:30 am Reading in the Park
6:30 pm Movie Night "The Chosen"
- Aug 9** 8:30 am Super Youth Service Project
- Aug 10** 9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Fellowship Hour

Did You Know?

Did you know John Wesley rode far enough on horseback to circle the earth 10 times? He rode over 250,000 miles during his time of ministry!



Summer Reading

Our Summer Reading in the Park program happens again **this**

Wednesday and will continue each **Wednesday** from 9:30 – 10:30 am through August 20.

Summer Movie Nights Wednesdays | through August 6 | 6:30 pm



Join us this summer for an inspiring and memorable series of Movie Nights at BUMC, featuring *The Chosen: Season 3!* Whether you're a long-time fan or discovering the series for the first time, these evenings offer something special for everyone. Please contact [Sheryl Lehman](#) for more information.



Meals on Wheels in August

Don't forget that August is our month to provide drivers for Meals on Wheels delivery in Buffalo! Click [HERE](#) to sign up online, sign up on the bulletin

board in the entry way or call Michelle in the office.

ALL Hymn Sunday!!

Join us on **Sunday, August 3** as Jill and Gerry Starr lead us with an ALL hymn Sunday!!

Funeral Announcement

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of the a beloved member of our congregation: Neil Hammer- A Service will take place on Saturday, **August 2, at 12:00 PM** with visitation beginning at **11:00 am**.

Please keep the family in your prayers during this time of sorrow and remembrance. If you would like to watch the service online live or later on, click [Here](#).

Project Pencils

Please return all items to the Project Pencils bin at church by this **Sunday, August 3**. Learn more at projectpencils.com. Questions? Contact Rita Varner Otness.

Praise & Coffee

Join us for a community wide gathering for men and women to enjoy a time of fellowship, fun, coffee and God! Don't drink coffee? Grab dinner before you come or have dinner while you're there. This is a casual time to enjoy each other's company! We'll be meeting every first Monday (**Aug 4**) of each month at **6:00PM** in the side room at Perkins in Buffalo. Call Sheryl Lehman with questions at (763) 229-0340.

Attention 7th-12th Graders (and Awesome Parents)!

We want YOU to be part of the Super BUMC Youth Service Project! This is a fantastic opportunity for students (grades 7-12) and their cool parents to team up and help our senior church members and friends with small home or yard projects.

First Service Day: **Saturday, August 9 @8:30 am**
We'll "divide and conquer" based on the needs of each project, and every team will be provided with the tools they need to get the job done. Meet at the church.

Let your kids experience the joy of giving and the impact of helping others—it's meaningful, fun, and deeply rewarding. Ready to join us? Contact George Christ at 612-916-0792 or [email](#) with the participants from your family. Let's make a difference—together!