



So All May Know Joy

BUMC Weekly Connection—Aug. 22

Sunday, August 24 @ 9:00

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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: 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.

Scripture Reading | Ephesians 4:31-32 (NIV)

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Colossians 3:13 (NRSVUE)

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Next Sunday — Victor Waters Preaching

Sunday Fellowship

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

BUMC 2025 Directories

If you need an updated 2025 BUMC picture directory, pick up a copy on the wall in the entryway.

Please remember that our worship is livestreamed online on [YouTube Live](#) & [Facebook Live](#). You will also find links to the livestreams on our website or simply subscribe to our YouTube channel.

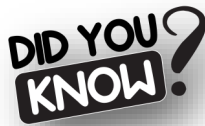


Other Ministry Updates

- Aug 24** 9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Fellowship Hour
10:30 am Congregational Care Team
- Aug 25** 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting
- Aug 26** 6:30 pm Finance Team Meeting
- Aug 31** 9:00 am Worship Service with Victor Waters
10:00 am Fellowship Hour

Did You Know?

Did you know there are copies of the Weekly Connection available on the wall in the entry way every week.



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.



STAFF UPDATES

The SPRC is delighted to announce that Taylor Ryan has accepted the position of Children and Youth Coordinator! She will begin work after Labor Day, joining Amy Austin as our newest staff members. We thank God for bringing such gifted women to fill the positions. Please hold both Taylor and Amy in your prayers as they grow into their new roles!

Pastoral Care Coverage During Vacation

Pastor Amy will be on vacation from August 25–August 31. Pastor Ralph Holbrook from Community UMC in Monticello has graciously agreed to provide pastoral care as needed. If a pastoral care need arises (hospitalization, hospice, or death), please contact the Chair of the Leadership Team, Gail Hurley at 612-559-9659 and she will coordinate with Pastor Ralph on your behalf. Thank you!



Altar Design

Our sermon series for August is based on a book by Adam Hamilton called "Forgiveness". Our Altar depicts that in a broken world, people will hurt us and sometimes we will hurt others, sometimes in small, pebble-size ways, and sometimes with large, heavy offenses. Therefore, the variety of rock sizes... pebbles, mid-sized and large-sized rocks. Forgiveness is always the path Jesus calls us to walk, the process looks different depending on the depth of the wound. We are called to become a forgiving people—practicing grace wisely, patiently, and prayerfully as we follow Christ.

To be a forgiving people, we must remember the Six Words for Life: "I forgive you" and "I am sorry". You will now see these signs displayed on the altar as a reminder to us all.

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

