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Greetings,

I hope you find this
devotional helpful in
your daily journey.

Blessings, Pastor Dan

Reflection: Forgiveness

Greetings:

Over the years I have had conversations with adults who vividly remember hurts from their childhood. Although the incident is often presented as though it no longer matters, still the weight of the experience seems to still be a burden. Forgiveness often seems to allude them. In contrast to this, we are told that forgiveness is necessary for the Kingdom of God to dwell in one's soul. Jesus tells Peter that forgiveness is boundless (Matt 18:22). So what gives? As a follower of Jesus we are to be agents of healing. For that to occur, we too are in need of healing. When we continue to carry past wounds with us, the Kingdom is short-circuited in our lives. Hence Jesus' invitation is to be set free from emotional wounds and the power they have over us.

It does not mean that what caused the injury is "OK." Instead of letting injury, anger and resentment live in our souls, we are to nurture a different Spirit – creating a space for God's compassion to enlarge our lives, rather than have them truncated. So as you journey through this Lenten time, I invite you to examine the soil of your soul. If you find some resentments that are still bearing "fruit", then perhaps it is time to pray: Lord help me to be willing to be willing, to forgive. This prayer becomes the beginning step, ultimately releasing the power of God more fully into your life and the lives of those around you.

Blessings, Pastor Dan

Upcoming Dates

Monday: Bounty Food Bank: 9 am to Noon, Volunteers welcome.

Friday: *Bounty Food Bank*: needs Volunteers every Friday for food pickup and storage help.
Call 253-335-7860.

Next Sunday: Worship Service 11:00

Monthly

1st Saturday: Bethany Garden Club - 11:30 a.m.

2nd Thursday: Finance/Trustees - 6 p.m./7 p.m.

2nd Saturday: Food Bank Board Meeting - 10:30 a.m.

Food Bank Open - 1:00 p.m. ~ 3:00p.m.

April

18th - Maundy Thursday -7:00 p.m.

19th - Good Friday Service - 5:00 p.m.

21st - **Easter Sunday**

Bounty Food Bank Item of The Week: Pasta Dinner

This week, consider adding this item to your food bank donation. Also - We are always needing plastic bags - So, if you shop where they still give out plastic bags, the food bank would love to take them off your hands.

Please keep in your prayers...

Danielle - and family

Dee Baker

Laura Tippie

Liz Best

Gail Rocheleau

Mary Egeland

James & Jenifer Angus

Rev. Barbara Brown

Elaine & Jerry Ramsey

Anderson-Gammel family

Spring & her family

Judy Egan & her family

Please keep our U. Methodist church in your prayers as we reflect on what occurred at the Conference in St. Louis.