

# DAYBREAKING NEWS

Road Trip Reflection from Amy Notbohm | July P.O.W.W.O.W.



Top to Bottom: Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon, Grand Tetons, Grand Prismatic Basin, & Yellowstone.

## National Park Tour 2020

Friends, I am on vacation! Our family is headed to South Dakota for my husband's parents 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We decided the best way to travel up there was to take our pop-up trailer and road trip our way north. We started last Thursday with a lunch stop at Lake Powell and overnight in Zion National Park. Then, the next day we headed through Bryce Canyon, UT for a drive to see the hoodoos (the red rock towers that line the canyon). Last night we camped in possibly my favorite place on earth, Grand Teton National Park. As I write this, we just left Yellowstone and are on our way to the Big Horn mountains in Wyoming.

Clearly, it's impossible to see some of the most awe-inspiring landscapes in the country without a sense of wonder. I find myself contemplating the big questions of life. As we stand in Yellowstone next to Old Faithful, it puts our lives into context of the uncontrollable power that resides in the earth. It is easy to think that with respect to such majesty, we are insignificant. Yet, there are signs of how much influence we do have. At the entrance to Grand Teton, there is a sign that boats need to be checked for invasive material. A kayaker may inadvertently introduce non-native materials that throw an entire eco-system out of balance. That power is not insignificant.

I think about when Jesus was tempted by Satan. Satan (which means "the Accuser") took him up to the highest tower and said "look around you, all you see can be yours." I wonder if what I felt looking at the Grand Tetons or Bryce Canyon was anything like what Jesus would have experienced. I was struck with wonder and an intense knowing that the parks are there for me for amusement or entertainment, but my job is to learn that my job is to care for God's creation to any degree I can. I wonder then, when I leave each of these places that are imprinted in my

## Prayer Requests

"Try to be a rainbow  
in someone else's cloud."

- Maya Angelou

Continued prayers for our friends and family as we discern how to live our lives in ways that keep ourselves and our community healthy.

Prayer for the un- and under- employed as they seek food and shelter during difficult economic times.

Prayers for Betty Trabue (she had a fall) and Hailey Archibald for an upcoming medical procedure.

If you have prayer requests or other needs, please let the church know. You can call the church office or let your prayer chain contact know.

## Pastoral Support

Amy Notbohm will be out from July 9 – 22, but Pastor Joel is back from vacation. Please contact the church office for any needs. If you need more immediate assistance, you may also call the Dayspring office at 480.838.1446.



July has some family-related non-holidays:

July 24: National Cousins Day

July 26: National Aunt and Uncle  
Day

memory and photo roll, how I can carry that sense of responsibility back to ordinary and everyday life I live at home.

I wonder what experiences you may have had that filled you with wonder and how you have carried them home with you?

Until next week,

Amy

## Missions

The UMOM Back to School Supplies turned out great. I delivered the first load June 30th. You truly showed that Aldersgate congregation are Christ's ambassadors.



I'm sure the children will be very happy to receive new school supplies. Thank you for always supporting Missions. Keep shining your light for Jesus.

Darlene

*Donated school items left in the narthex were picked-up today by UMOM.*

## Food Distribution



It's time for Borderlands P.O.W.W.O.W again. To beat the heat, we're looking to gather at 5:30 am on this coming Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> to pack boxes and distribute food to families. Please consider joining us! Bring a mask and water!

## Fun food tricks

**Slow down, banana!** Pull your bananas apart after you buy them. They ripen more slowly when not attached to each other by the stem, and will therefore last longer as singletons.

**A sweeter sweet pepper.** Yellow, red or orange sweet peppers with three bumps on the bottom are sweeter than those with four bumps. The ones with four bumps tend to be crunchier though, so choose wisely!

**Don't waste that sauce!** If you don't use up an entire can of tomato paste or tomato sauce when you're making a recipe, freeze the leftovers in ice cube trays. Once frozen, pop into a freezer bag and keep for the next time you want to make a sauce. Small cubes thaw much faster than a big block of sauce, and they can be easily added to soups and stews for a burst of flavor.

Rev. Tom Kiracofe

Pastor

Martha Stowe  
Administrator