
DAYBREAKING NEWS

Road Trip Reflection from Amy Notbohm | Indoor Activity



Top to Bottom: Crazy Horse Memorial, Black Hills, SD, Rifle Falls State Park, CO, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park

National Park Tour 2020, Part 2

From the road,

Thanks everyone for following along on my trip! After last week's journey through Zion, Bryce Canyon, the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone, we are on our way home from the Black Hills, South Dakota. Today we find ourselves having found a couple less traveled sites including Rifle Falls State Park in Colorado and Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park.

The word on my mind this week is wonder. "How Majestic is your name in all the earth." The land is filled with majesty, and so often in hidden places. On our way to find Rifle Falls, we drove through desolate lands, then cultivated fields and through high desert to stumble upon 7 waterfalls feeding a stream. Our family was looking at each other on the drive wondering what we were getting ourselves into. There certainly couldn't be something work visiting on this drive, and yet as we stayed the course, we came upon wonder.

The same thing happened today. We were driving through flat lands outside of Grand Junction, CO, and entered into a low mountain range only to find a gorgeous canyon I had never even heard of until I started researching our trip.

I think it's easy to forget that the wonder of God and creation is often hiding just around the bend in sometimes ordinary life, and the trick is to keep on the journey and keep your eyes open. There is certainly beauty all around all the time, but how precious are the moments we stumble upon true majesty!

Blessings,
Amy

Macramé Bird Feeder Activity



The Summer Day by Mary Oliver

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?

This grasshopper, I mean—

the one who has flung herself out of the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down,

who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,

how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,

which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

with your one wild and precious life?

(New and Selected Poems, Volume I)

Food Pantry

Our food pantry closets are empty for a while. The contents were given to Mount of Olives Lutheran church's Olive Branch Community of Hope Food Closet. They were very appreciative and Gail Peterson from Mount of Olives church, food pantry & thrift store advised me that when we start our food pantry again, they would be happy to provide us with some start-up items.



Rev. Tom Kiracofe

Pastor

Martha Stowe

Administrator

Community Prayers and Announcements

Sarah Burke is having a surgery this week; Hailey Archibald and Ruth Wymer are recovering from some medical procedures. Continued prayers for Jim Simmons, plus our friends and family as we discern how to live our lives in ways that keep ourselves and our community healthy. Thanksgiving for the governor's eviction moratorium extension for those facing homelessness. 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.

Giving

Our offering plate is going to be lonely without Sunday Services, but never fear, you can still send your tithes and offerings to the Aldersgate church office:

3530 North 32nd Street,
Phoenix, Arizona 85018-5609
(602) 956-3710
(602) 889-0758

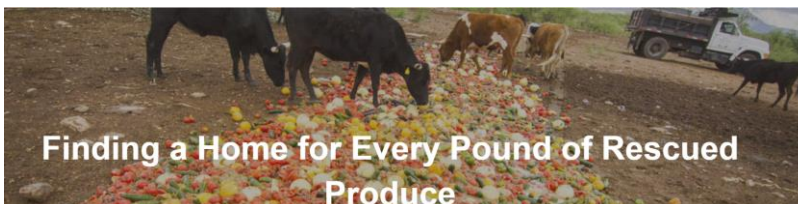
You may wish to consider processing a bill payment from your bank account for paying your tithe or donation electronically periodically. Let me know if you have questions.

Note from Cynthia Reid, our CPA:

The donor sets up an auto payment from their bank account. To do this they enter the church's name and address into their bill pay system (needs to be done online). Then each month the bank sends the scheduled payment, by check, to the church. It is the same way we pay bills with billpay and our vendors receive a check from us that the bank sends out. The checks will indicate whom the sender is so that we know who is giving the donation.

Food Distribution Report

Borderlands P.O.W.W.O.W processed over 250 produce boxes last Saturday. We have received a check for \$129 in proceeds from June's event. The final event of the season will be August 15th in our church parking lot from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



Borderlands is able to partner with local ranchers and compost programs to donate a significant amount of produce for their animals that would have otherwise ended up in a landfill.

Martha Stowe



Keeping it Cool at UMOM

Scroll down for a UMOM update video!

July 17, 2020

Dear UMOM Family,

Because of you, we've been able to continue helping the most vulnerable members of our community safe, healthy and off the streets. Your donations from our [Amazon wish list](#) have been extremely helpful in ensuring the families, women, and youth here at UMOM receive every day essentials like diapers, toilet paper, hygiene items, and more.

Today, we're reaching out to ask for your help again. Our air conditioning is out! The average temperature this week in Phoenix, AZ was 110° F. Can you imagine what it would be like to endure even one day without air conditioning?

The chiller on our main campus which provides cool air to all 155 rooms at our family emergency shelter recently broke. Fortunately, we were able to secure rental units to keep the 600 individuals living at the family shelter cool, but it's urgent that we raise the funds to fix this problem.

The cost to replace the chiller is \$300,000. The City of Phoenix agreed to donate the first \$150,000, but we need your help in raising the rest of the funds! Will you [make a gift](#) today to help keep UMOM clients cool during this sweltering Arizona summer?

Many thanks,

Darlene Newsom

Darlene Newsom, Chief Executive Officer

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