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# DAYBREAKING NEWS

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Reflection from Amy Notbohm | UMOM Donation Thanks

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## 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 N. 32nd Street, Phoenix, AZ  
85018-5609*

*(602) 956-3710*

## July Birthdays

Lorraine Hughes - July 3

Amy Notbohm - July 6

Amy Thompson - July 7

Lynette Carrico - July 13

Sue Teel - July 28

## Spring (or Pandemic) Cleaning

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I don't know about all of you, but one of the first things I did during the stay-at-home order was to clean out my closets. I took out the clothes that didn't fit any more, the toys no one played with, the kitchen gadgets I had never used and bagged them up for Goodwill. I have to admit that they are still sitting in the corner of my office until I think it's safe enough to deliver them to the donation drop-off, but my drawers and closets are a little bit emptier.

I'm always a little torn about this cleaning out process. I love having space and the sense of freedom that comes with just having less stuff, but I also always feel a little guilty. There are things that are well-worn that will be hard to re-use.

Some things were gifts I never used. Other things are in perfect working order, and I wish I had a use for them, but I just don't. I don't know for sure if anyone else will use them after I give them away.

I'm reminded though, that spring cleaning, like pruning is holy work. John 15:1-17 shares, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.' he removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit." God's work is in part to clean out the things that are not healthy and even to tend to those that are good to make them even better. When I clean out my closets, I am both purging the old clothes that no longer fit, but also making space for something new to grow. That's not necessarily new clothes, but maybe just the peace of mind that comes with clean space and new emptiness.

What are we called to prune not only in ourselves or our homes, but also in our communities? Are there processes or policies that may have fit at one time, but no longer fit? Do we have

## Prayer Requests

"Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place. Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern. Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another must become a thought as to how we might help that other, should the need arise."

—Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky of Los Angeles

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. 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

We have a couple of summer vacations on our pastoral team. Pastor Joel Bullock will be on vacation through July 11 and Amy Notbohm will be out from July 9 - 22. 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. to reach Pastor Jeff Procter-Murphy.

relationships that are cluttered and we have old grudges or hurt feelings that need to be cleaned out? What new fruits may our community be able to grow if we go through a little spring cleaning to make room for the new?

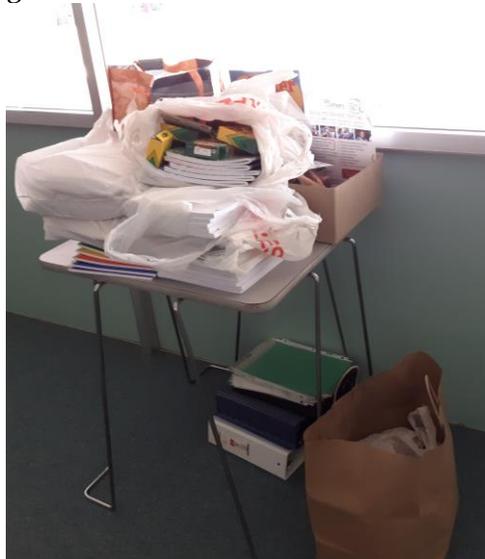
Blessings,

Amy

## Thank you for supporting Back to School at UMOM New Day Centers!

You are making a difference, Aldersgate United Methodist Church!

On behalf of UMOM New Day Centers, thank you for your recent in-kind donation to support our 2020 Back to School Drive that we received on 6/30/2020. Below is a photo of the items purchased for our donation to UMOM, which will be given soon.



## Household Tips - from Lee Smith

1. Keep your Saran Wrap in the freezer. It's much easier to pull it out from the roll and it doesn't try to stick to itself as much.
2. About once a month, fill your disposal with ice cubes, turn on the water, and then turn on the disposal. It helps to keep it clean and odor-free. I also add a citrus "Plink" (disposal refresher) with the ice cubes.

*If anyone has any other tips to share, please let Martha Stowe or Amy Notbohm know.*

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