

DAYBREAKING NEWS

Wesley & Health by Amy | Community Prayers

Community Prayers

Prayers for all who are looking for the best way to try to make the world a better place and don't know where to start. May they find inspiration and hope.

Prayers for all who are confined. Those who shelter in place, those care centers, those in prison and those who live alone. May they feel your presence.

Continued prayers for Sarah Burke and Ruth Wymer as they face the healing process.

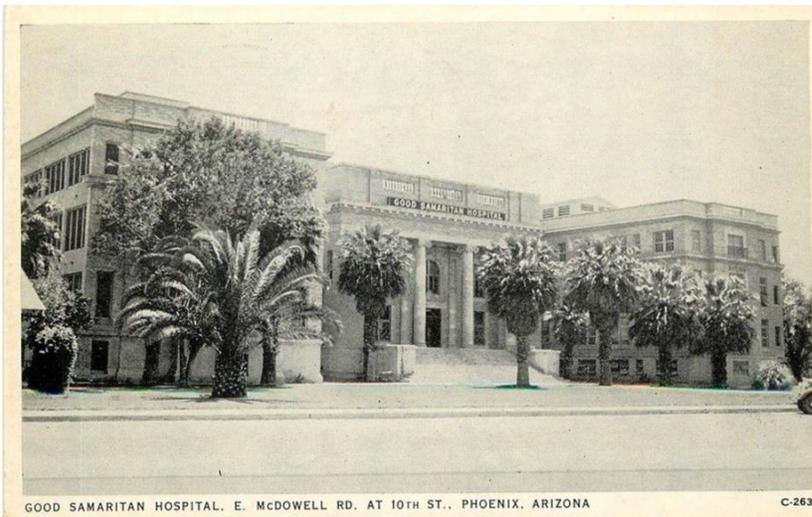
If you have additional prayers, please let Sue Teel, Amy Notbohm or the church office know.

Giving

Thank you for your continued support for the work and ministry to Aldersgate UMC.

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Wesley, Health & Well-Being



John Wesley (the founder of Methodism) had an abiding interest in the health and well-being of people. Having been introduced to some learning about disease and care during his time in Oxford, he took a lead in caring for the mind, souls and bodies of his people, both within the Methodist movement and beyond. In the mid 1700s, he opened the Methodist meeting space, called the Foundry, in London to the public on Fridays as a medical dispensary. This was not a hospital per se, but an intermediary form of care for those with chronic or minor medical concerns at a time when medical care was expensive and limited, and in Wesley's opinion ineffectual.

One day, a local resident, William Kirkman, a 71-year-old weaver decided he would seek care at the Foundry. Mr. Kirkman had had a chronic cough since he was 11 years old, and had nowhere else to turn, so thought he would see what the Methodists could do.

*Diaper Drive:**Creighton Family Resource Center*

In our efforts to engage in the local school district, we are learning about the work of the Creighton Family Resource Center which provides community services and early-childhood education to the Creighton School District.

They are currently running a diaper drive, specifically looking for diapers size 4-6 that consistently run short.

Diapers can be dropped off at:

Creighton Family Resource Center
2052 N 36th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85008

or, let Amy Notbohm know and she can pick them up at your home and deliver them to the CFRC.

(480) 302-1768 or
amy@dayspringumc.org



September:

LaVon Ullrich – 09-14

Moto Kinjo – 09-20

Don Smith – 09-27

Now, John Wesley had a dilemma. He was worried that if he was unable to care for Mr. Kirkman, it would discourage people from going to the Foundry, but his concerns were unfounded. The story goes that within 2-3 days, the concoction that was provided cured William's life-long ailment. (Wesley was consistent in attributing the healing to God, not to himself or the treatment.)

Wesley went on to expand the focus on healthcare to the Methodist meeting houses in Bristol and Newcastle. In addition, the young Methodist printing apparatus began producing healthcare pamphlets and recipes for home remedies to reach people who could not reach the meeting houses. This focus not only on healthy spirits, but healthy bodies, has become a hallmark of Methodism. Hospitals across the country have Methodist roots including Banner-University, formerly known as Phoenix's Good Samaritan which was started in 1911 by a Methodist Deaconess named Lulu Clifton.

What does this legacy mean for us in a time of pandemic both as individuals and as a church? Individually, we have a call to help care for the health and well-being of ourselves, our families and our communities. We do this through following CDC guidelines in our homes and as a church as we look to a future when we can gather again. We also have an opportunity to show the neighborhood we care about those around us in new ways. As our neighborhoods, cities, county and state along with the medical community seek to test, trace and prevent the spread of COVID, we may have new and interesting ways to partner with those groups and reach out into the neighborhood.

I'm not sure John Wesley could have foreseen COVID-19 in today's world, but he can still teach us through his work in London with the Foundry as to how to think about Phoenix and Aldersgate UMC.

Rev. Tom Kiracofe

Pastor

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 Our beautiful Bell Carillons have not been working for a couple of months' time, but through the diligence of David Rowe, he has finally managed to fix the problem and they are working again! Thanks so much, Dave!!

Our church campus alarm system was destroyed by the storm last week. We have replaced the entire system with a brand new one. Therefore, if you had a 4-digit code for the Bay Alarm key pad, it should still work on the new system as usual.

Some funny church bulletin mistakes/bloopers from Pastor Tom:

This Evening at 7 p.m. there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.



The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours."



Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.



The Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.



The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."



Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.



The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.



Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.



Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.



Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

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