

DAYBREAKING NEWS

Thankful Reflections by **Amy Notbohm** – Special Hymn Reflection by David Rowe



There is so much to be thankful for.

Advent Study – LOW: An Honest Advent Devotional by John Pavlovitz

Our Advent study will be based on the book, “Low: An Honest Advent Devotional” by John Pavlovitz. In this short book, we will look at the Christmas story from the messy, dirty, humble low places in life. In his introduction, Pavlovitz says, “When Jesus offers the prayer, ‘Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,’ he reminds us that as we walk the road of Advent the invitation is not to escape this place to an elevated heavenly sanctuary somewhere; it is to bring heaven down.” The book is available for purchase online. If you would like a copy, but need help getting one, please contact the church office. There will be several opportunities to participate in this study. If you are online, please consider joining a Zoom class with Dayspring starting the week of November 28, times and leaders below. Please contact the Dayspring church office to register, [480.838.1446](tel:480.838.1446)

Sundays at 7:30am - Joel Bullock

Tuesdays at 11:00am and 5:30pm - Jeff Procter-Murphy

Wednesdays at 10:30am - Shirley Wells

Thursdays at 12 noon - Amy Notbohm

The second option is a correspondence class via this newsletter. Starting after Thanksgiving, each newsletter will have a question, reflection or story for the Advent journey. You will be invited to send in a written response that will help contribute to the following week’s written discussion. Or if you would like to share a thought, but aren’t interested in writing it, you can always call Amy to share at 480-302-1768!

Community Prayers

Prayers for Sarah Burke, Paula Carmosino, Lee Smith, Sue Teel, Ruth Wymer, Lee Wymer & Tiffany Rodriguez (Betty Trabue’s granddaughter), Stacey O’Rourke and Morgan Schnorr (Martha Stowe’s granddaughter). If you have additional prayer requests, please let the church office know so that they are put on the prayer chain.

Giving

Thank you for your continued support for the work and ministry of Aldersgate United Methodist Church – mailing address is 3530 North 32nd Street; Phoenix, Arizona 85018-5609.

A Brief History of an Old Hymn

Hymn #369 – Blessed Assurance

This most beloved hymn was written in 1873 by Phoebe Knapp. Mrs. Knapp was the wife of the organizer of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. It was written about the time the Knapps were having a large pipe organ installed at their home. When their friend Fanny Crosby was visiting, Mrs. Knapp played the melody on the piano (because the organ wasn't ready yet) Ms.



Rev. Tom Kiracofe

Pastor

Martha Stowe
Administrator



~~Crosby immediately came up with the words "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine." Ms. Crosby was blind and this song reflects her walk of faith.~~

~~Assurance of salvation is a Protestant doctrine; particularly that of the Methodists. John Wesley believed that all Christians have a faith, which implies forgiving love.~~

Thanksgiving Food Drive benefiting the United Food Bank, sponsored by Dayspring Children's Ministry. The number of people and families experiencing hunger continues to be high. Please consider dropping off non-perishable food donations in the Aldersgate office during office hours 2-7pm on Friday, Nov. 20 or 7-11am Saturday, Nov 21. If you would like to donate a frozen turkey, Amy will be working at the Borderlands event Saturday morning and will have a cooler to store them before delivery.

Prayer for the Week

~~In this season of illness, distancing and death we bless those who bear light, healing and hope:-~~

~~Blessed are the joy finders, the joy sharers, the joy tenders;~~

~~blessed are the mask makers, the mask wearers;~~

~~blessed are those forgoing convenience and excess for someone else's survival;~~

~~blessed are the governors, and mayors, and legislators laboring for public health over profit, ego, and the deadly demands of gun-toting, fear-mongers.~~

~~Blessed are the essential workers —, the healthcare workers, sanitation workers, grocery store workers, mail carriers, farm workers — and also, blessed are these essential workers — the poets still feeling, dreamers still imagining, teachers still sparking curiosity, students still soaking up and sharing wisdom, caregivers still caring, journalists still investigating and reporting.~~

~~Blessed are the music makers, art makers, word makers, meaning makers;~~

~~blessed are the imams, the rabbis, the pastors, the chaplains, the spirit seekers ministering and tending and holding.~~

~~Blessed are the letter writers, the card senders.~~

~~Blessed are you in your tears, your prayers, your fears;~~

~~blessed are you every moment you choose tenderness, softness, gentleness, care;~~

~~Blessed are you in your living, your loving.~~

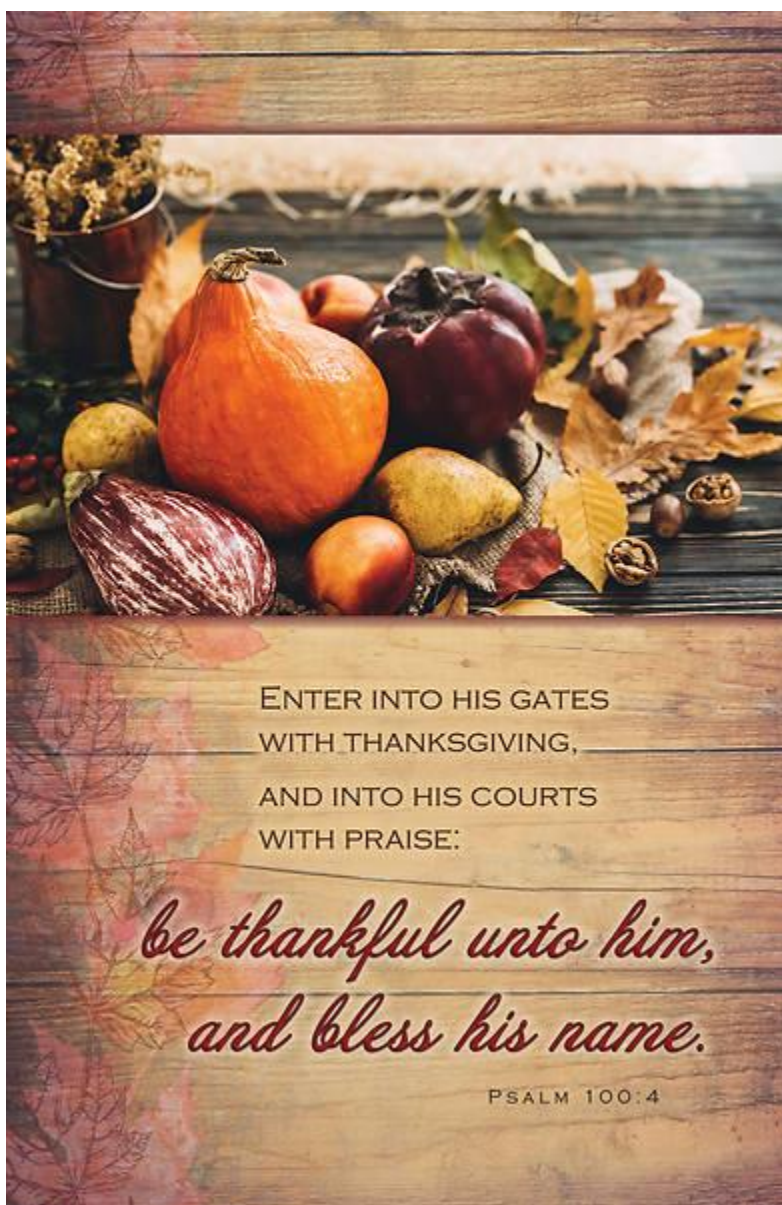
~~Blessed are you in your fearing, your dying.~~

~~Blessed are you, Sacred Child of God.~~

~~God is with you always. You are never alone.~~

~~Amen.~~

~~—Rev. Matt Laney, Senior Pastor of [Virginia Highland Church](#)~~



ENTER INTO HIS GATES
WITH THANKSGIVING,
AND INTO HIS COURTS
WITH PRAISE:

*be thankful unto him,
and bless his name.*

PSALM 100:4

Special offering for Thanksgiving will be for :