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“100th Year of Corn Roast!”

By Pastor Ko

Greetings in Jesus Christ,

I pray that you are experiencing a new day every day, filled with the Holy Spirit as we begin our fall, which is the season of harvest.

You might agree that the church has opened the church building since last July and resumed all the church activities and ministries. However, it took longer than a year to have our 100th year of Corn Roast in our Social Hall, which was held on September 25th at 11:00 am after the English Service.

Unfortunately, I was not able to take some pictures on that day, but I am glad to share some pictures for the preparation on Saturday, the day before the Corn Roast, which I got from one of our church members on Sunday. It was great proof that the church should be a place where church families in the faith community gather and share the love of God with one another.



Volunteers for the preparation

It was a great day for English and Korean congregants to have a fellowship time during the celebration of our 100th year of Corn Roast.

What an amazing legacy we have done in the name of the First United Methodist Church of Tucson!

It is clear that we human beings can't make it possible for 100 years because none of us were here 100 years ago. God always worked through those who started this beautiful legacy at our church 100 years ago and continues to work through us who are part

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100th Year of Corn Roast! (cont.)

of the First United Methodist Church of Tucson. Thank you for being part of this great history and legacy.

It means nobody knows who will stay and celebrate the 200th year of Corn Roast 100 years later. However, we are called to sow the seeds now here, and God will harvest through those who will be here 100 years later.

I would like us to read and remember bible verses from Psalm 78:4, 6-7, 14-15:

4 We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might and the wonders that he has done.

6-7 The next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

14-15 In the daytime he led them with a cloud and all night long with a fiery light. He split rocks open in the wilderness and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

시편 78편 4, 6-7, 14-15절

4 우리가 이를 그들의 자손에게 숨기지 아니하고 여호와와 그의 능력과 그가 행하신 기이한 사적을 후대에 전하리로다

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If you have any concerns or suggestions, feel free to contact pastor Eun Young Ko
(pastortucsonfirstumc@gmail.com)

With God's blessings,

Pastor Eun Young Ko



Bea and Winona



Bea and Sumin



Bea and Carol Humphrey



Carol Nelson



Myung, Margo, Amber Right



Chuck, Joyce, Margo, Carol

Testimony of a Young Adult Student: Sanghoon Jun

(photo below from Sanghoon's farewell)



Hello, everyone. I am Sanghoon. I just graduated from my Ph.D. program and am going back home to Korea soon. Before I start my testimony, I want to express my sincere gratitude to Pastor Ko for offering me this opportunity to talk to the Church members.

It was this February when I first came to the First United Methodist Church of Tucson for worship service so it has been over six months since then. Time flies so fast. At that time, it was really tough for me to live far away from home, so I was honestly only thinking about and wishing for just going back home

because I was really homesick. But now I kind of wish that I could've stayed in Tucson a bit longer.

It can be because I am graduating but I would say that what really makes me sad about leaving is the fact that I have to leave here and all the nicest people I've ever met. The nicest people that I am talking about are those I met here at FUMC of Tucson: Pastor Ko, elders, senior deacons, and young adult members whom I call my friends.

I remember the first worship service I had at the Church very vividly. Pastor Ko talked about R.A.P which stands for Remember, Assume, and Pray, and everyone at the church welcomed me very friendly and nicely. Also, all the young adult members were really nice and warm-hearted friends. Having met all these nicest people at the church has inspired me to become a better person and had me sincerely ponder about things that I could possibly do for the church community.

As a result, I joined the Bible study sessions held by Pastor Ko, evangelized some more friends to join our young adult group, and tried to give some help, even just by a little, when preparing for lunch at the Church every Sunday. But, I've also come to realize that all these things that I do for the church community are too trivial compared to all the things that I've received from the community and that got me to think about what I could really do and what God would really want me to do for the community and the answer that I've found for this question was 'love.'

There was a time when I had a conversation about love with some friends from the church young adult group. I used to think that I knew well enough about what love is, but from having this conversation, I got to learn what genuine love is from a friend -- the genuine love that God has for us and that we would never be able to fully understand. As such imperfect human beings, even when we say that we love someone, I think it is almost impossible for us not to be selfish at times. However, God, fully aware of all our weaknesses, has forgiven our sins and continues to love us in the most genuine way. Would we ever be able to love somebody in a way that God loves us?

I was thinking about what we could possibly do to be like Him even by just a little and I have come to believe that we can do that by listening and learning about God's love through worshipping God and trying to imitate God's love in our lives. I think that admitting that I, myself, am an enough person to be loved and

valued by others and being able to spread that love to others will be an enough action that I could take as a follower of Jesus Christ. I truly was loved a lot at Tucson Methodist Church and I will never forget the love, consideration, grace, and warmth that I've received here at the Church and will continue my life loving others as people at the Church have loved me.

I will truly miss everyone and everything about being a member of Tucson Methodist Church. Thank you so much for all the memories and I will never forget the unforgettable moments I had at the Church. Thank you and I love you.

Sanghoon Jun

“A New Surge of Faith Will Be the Work Of The Spirit”

By Nan Rollings

Do you know the term The Great Awakening?

Founder of Methodism John Wesley's preaching about grace uplifted the church in England between 1730 and the Revolutionary War, triggering what became known as the First Great Awakening following the Reformation. In the Second Great Awakening, begun around 1800, vitality filled Protestant churches in America, with the Methodists experiencing fresh energy as well. Might the Holy Spirit bring another Awakening in this technological, secular, and weary modern age?

On September 14, 2022, the hallmarks of Wesley's ministry and what they mean for evangelism today were the focus of a zoom meeting on Compassionate Leadership, sponsored by the Clergy and Lay Leadership Development Team of our Conference. Nan Rollings and 15 others attended the free training led by Rev. George Cushman. Nan is happy to loan the book used, *Evangelism in the Wesleyan Spirit* by Albert Outler. The focus text was Luke 6:36. Another book Rev. Cushman recommended was *If Grace Is True* by Philip Gulley & Games Mulholland.

A personal experience of Christ changed the way Wesley at age 36 approached his listeners. Instead of pounding his audience with judgment, Wesley was able to express the Good News of grace in a way that related to the place and time of his hearers. In 2022, we need not repeat the style of evangelism that belonged to the 1950s, for example. A new surge of faith will be the work of the Spirit; our job is to open our hearts with compassion to those we meet, to listen, and respond. As Rev. Cushman pointed out, Christ's words were always specific to the crisis of the person standing before him.

Let our Pastor know if you would like to attend the next zoom training today (October 4th) at 7 pm. The speaker will be Rev. Anthony Tang, on the foundational importance of offering protection

WANTED: A compassionate person to continue Lee Scott's ministry with Anthony.

It's not easy being poor. Anthony is 63, rides a bicycle, has bad knees, no car, computer or any kind of bank account. He gets disability checks and food stamps, but needs a ride to pay his rent and occasionally some moral support. When Lee passed away, we stepped in. Bruce played chess with Anthony every week and Judith drove him to get groceries and to doctor's appointments. We have had to cut back on our activities with Anthony as each new health issue hit us. Now is the time for someone else to help Anthony.

If this is a blessing you feel called to bestow, please call Judith or Bruce at **520-319-9431**. Thanks.

-The Billings

UPCOMING
MEETINGS & EVENTS

ESL Class - Friday, Oct 7th at 5PM in the Carillon room. See announcement on next page for more information.

Covenant Board Meeting - Saturday, Oct 8th at 10AM in the Carillon room.

Blessing of the Animals - Sunday, Oct 9th at 10AM. Please see announcement on next page for more information.

Laity Sunday - Sunday, Oct 16th at 10AM. Dottie Poczulp, our Lay Minister, will preach.

Charge Conference - Wednesday, Oct 19th at 7PM (SPRC at 6PM) in the Social Hall.

Flute Choir Concert - Saturday, Oct 29th at 3PM in the Sanctuary.

All Saints Sunday - Sunday, Nov 26th at 10AM. Please see announcement on next page for more information.

Blessing of the Animals

October 9th, 2022

Please join us for a special Blessing of the Animals in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Animals and the environment. He expressed his devotion to God through his love for all of God's creations.



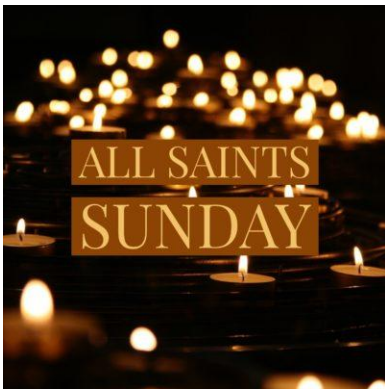
Pastor Ko will be performing the Blessing of the Animals Service. All blessings will be done from pictures provided by the animal owners.

Please submit your pictures of all the animals you would like to be blessed during the service to the church office—care of Diane or Victoria Russell—either by mailing them to 915 E 4th St, Tucson, AZ 85719 or emailing them to office@firstchurchtucson.org.

- Please include the animal's name on the back of the picture along with your name.
- Please send or bring in all pictures by the end of today (October 4) in order to make the picture board!

For questions and concerns, please contact Diane or Victoria at (562) 708-3942.

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All Saints Sunday

November 6th at 10AM and 11:30AM

We will remember those who became saints and separated from us here on Earth. If you have lost your loved one in the last ten years (since 2013), we would love to remember them. Please send their pictures to the office by Monday, October 31st, including their name, relationship with you, and the dates of birth and death.

English as a Second Language (ESL) class this Friday, October 7 at 5PM

This will be Session 0 to introduce ourselves and discuss our goals. The class is free, though donations are much appreciated. We will meet in the Carillon room. Please bring a notebook.

Tripp Gordon will be the instructor; please email rainbowlavender99@gmail.com for more info.

THIS WEEK'S
ANNOUNCEMENTS & GATHERINGS

10AM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us in person, or watch the service Live at
<https://www.youtube.com/c/TucsonFirstUMC>.

한국어 사역

주일 오전 11시 30분에 한국어 예배가
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기도와 참여 부탁드립니다.

매주 금요일 저녁 7시, 성경공부가 줌으로
진행됩니다.

Meeting ID: 998 6112 0822 Passcode: 6226481

NOTICE: Due to the increase in COVID-19 variant cases in Pima County and across the United States, our safety guidelines have been updated again:

- **We are recommending a return to wearing masks inside the building.** Social distancing is also in effect (minimum 6 ft between households).
- If you are not yet fully vaccinated or are immuno-compromised, or if you are not feeling well, we ask that you watch the YouTube livestream rather than attend in person.
- Choir members are required to be fully vaccinated in order to sing for the congregation during the service.

These guidelines are subject to change with Pima County and CDC recommendations.

WEEKDAY GATHERINGS

Women on a Spiritual Quest (WSQ)

-WSQ meets on Mondays at 4:30PM in the church library.

Narcotics Anonymous / Underground

-NA/Underground meets at 7:30PM on Monday evenings in the Arizona room.

All God's Creation (AGC)

-AGC meets on Tuesdays at 3PM over Zoom. The group is reusing last year's book, "All God's Creatures: Daily Devotions for Animal Lovers 2021."

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Chancel Choir

-Practice is on Wednesdays at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary.

-Rehearsal is at 9AM on Sundays.

-Join us after Wednesday practice for a meal and social time on University Blvd.

Progressive Book Study (PBS)

-PBS meets on Thursdays at 3PM. The new book is "The Naked Now" by Richard Rohr.

Questions? Call Rev. Gaston at (520) 323-1611.

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Cocaine Anonymous (CA)

-CA meets in the Arizona room on Friday evenings.

GIVING TO FIRST CHURCH TUCSON



When you attend Sunday services in person, the offering box is in the narthex for your generous giving. Head to our website www.firstchurchtucson.org/give to give online. As always, you can mail in checks to the church office at the address printed on the front page. Alternatively, have your IRA advisor automatically make payments from your IRA.

When we give to God from our hearts, it is always enough. We see you, and we thank you for your commitment to making a difference in our community.

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PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

We offer our prayers for those in our community who are suffering, who are physically, mentally, & emotionally unwell, and for those caring for them.



We offer our prayers for these sister faith communities:

Vista de la Montaña UMC, Tucson
UMC of Green Valley
Huachuca UMC, Huachuca City

If you have a prayer request you would like to share in the Digest, please contact the church office at office@firstchurchtucson.org or (520) 622-6481.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Juyeon Lee (Sept 1)
Diane Russell (Sept 3)
Leonard Santos (Sept 5)
Shirley Murray (Sept 14)
Elizabeth Rollings-Friman
(Sept 15)
Carole Koo (Sept 19)
Jeanne Bensema (Sept 20)

Grace Ageh (Sept 22)
Margo Kahler (Sept 25)
Diana Gertz (Sept 26)
Halla Kang (Oct 1)
Insook Bae (Oct 7)
Bill Snyder (Oct 10)
Tina Todd (Oct 15)
Joyce Holloway (Oct 16)

Gail Snyder (Oct 19)
Maxwell Musgrove (Oct 20)
Suzanne Van Ort (Oct 21)
Jounghwa Namgung (Oct 23)
Jeanne Jensen (Oct 24)
Caroline Fish (Oct 25)
Jessie Hansen (Oct 26)
Carol Nelson (Nov 1)

Pedro & Gretchen Lopez (September 1)
Chuck & Judi Brandt (October 28)

(If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can update our records!)

Note from Tripp: My sincerest apologies for omitting most of September's birthdays from the previous Digest. Due to a misunderstanding on my part, I only included the first week's birthdays instead of the whole month's. To remedy the mistake, they are included in this edition of the Digest; see above.

Animal Holidays at a Glance

By Diane & Victoria Russel



October 2 – World Farm Animals Day

In 1983, this day was created in honor of the memory of Mahatma Gandhi. He believed that all living things should be treated equally and with respect. This day raises awareness of the suffering and conditions of farm animals used in factory farms and to help improve their lives.

October 4 – World Animal Day/World Animal Welfare Day

The first world animal day was held in Germany in 1925 by Heinrich Zimmermann. Today it is a worldwide mission to improve the welfare standards for animals around the world and to make the world a better place for all animals. The theme for 2022 is “a Shared Planet”.

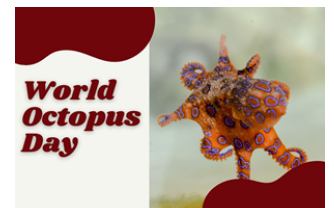


October 4 – Blessing of the Animals

In celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, the “Patron Saint of Animals and the Environment”. He expressed his love and devotion to God through his love for all of God’s creations. This day is for the blessing of all God’s creatures great or small.

October 8 – World Octopus Day

Octopi are strange and unique animals. They have 8 tentacles – six arms and two legs with suction cups on the bottom side. They are considered to be intelligent, have nine brains, three hearts, and can even change colors and texture to blend in for safety.



October 10 – Animal Road Accident Awareness Day

Every day, animals are hit by cars and then left to die on the side of the road. Often animals will survive if they receive medical assistance. Approximately a million animals are killed in the U.S. each day. Remember if you do hit an animal, please check on them and get them the help they need. Please don’t commit a hit and run!

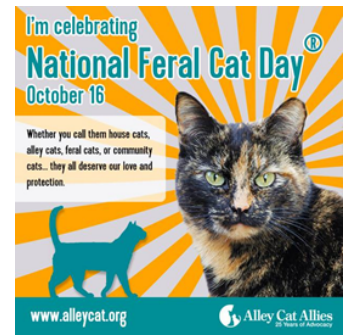


October 12 – National Pet Obesity Day

Pets just like people can sometimes weigh more than they need to which can lead to health problems. Some problems include diabetes, arthritis, reduced life expectancy, high blood pressure, and cancer. This day is to raise awareness about pet obesity and to promote healthier diets and lifestyles.

October 16 – National Feral Cat Day aka Global Cat Day

Created in 2001 by Alley Cat Allies to raise awareness about using non-lethal feline programs such as trap, neuter and release (TNR) program for feral/stray cats. Adoption doesn't always work with feral cats, who have never had human contact. Adoption is an option for stray cats



October 18 – World Okapi Day

Created in 2016 to raise awareness of the amazing Okapi. They are related to giraffes and are also known as the “forest giraffe”. They are native to the rainforests of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). According to the IUCN, they are considered to be endangered.

October 24 – Freshwater Dolphin Day

A day to bring awareness to the river dolphins. According to the IUCN Red List they are listed as endangered or Critically Endangered. Sadly, The Baiji was declared extinct in 2006. They are endangered due to pollution, dams, shipping, fishing, and bycatch.



October 31 – Halloween with pets

Pets can safely join in on this spooky day. Make sure pets have collars, ID tags, microchips. no candy or candy wrappers, keep pets calm and inside, pumpkins are fire hazards, make sure your pets costume fits and is comfortable, and never force a costume. Enjoy this fun spooky day!



First Church Tucson is an inclusive multi-ethnic faith community and a reconciling congregation of the United Methodist Church.

Established in 1879 as the first Protestant church in our city, First Church Tucson continues to pave the way in creating a faith community that embraces all peoples into the grace of God.

As a courageous family of faith, we celebrate the diversity of all God's children, welcome everyone to share in God's love and grace, and offer a sanctuary of hope.

We seek to be in ministry with all God's people, regardless of gender, race, age, class, ethnicity, culture, country of origin, ability/disability, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

We continue to work towards building a loving and faithful community in Tucson. We welcome all of you to be part of it.