



First Church Tucson Weekly Digest

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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 and disability, and sexual orientation.

We welcome you to join in our journey of faith through worship, prayer, Bible study, and service for social justice and ministries of compassion.

At First Church Tucson,
You have a home.

At First Church Tucson,
You have a family of faith.

At First Church Tucson,
You belong.

“We do have HAN MINISTRY TEAM!”

By Pastor Ko

Yesterday Sam Haney stopped by the church office and we had a short conversation. And both of us agree on one thing, that it feels like I've been here more than six months. He was very familiar with me, and me being in the church office. It means that I have been busy with many things since I was appointed on July 1st. It is a good sign.

We do have multiple groups in the church. Also, we have various ministry teams as well: Reconciling Ministry Team, Music Ministry Team, Digital Ministry Team, Women in Service Ministry Team, Nifty Needlecrafts Ministry Team, Han Ministry Team, Animal Ministry Team, Congregation Care Ministry Team, Health Ministry Team. Total nine ministry teams! And I have a couple of more ministry teams in my heart.



(Potluck gathering for welcoming Pastor Ko and Halla)

I'd love to inform you about each ministry through the Weekly Digest. Today, I would like to introduce the “Han Ministry Team.” The Team Vision is to enhance intercultural relationships within First Church by serving together and sharing in fellowship.

It is not easy for Korean congregants and English worship congregants to have a great relationship together because we have different times of worship. There are not many opportunities to meet and have relationships with each other.

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We do have HAN MINISTRY TEAM! (cont.)

However, Korean choir members helped to set up a fellowship table for the English worship congregation. The English worship congregation appreciates their servanthood. Also, the Korean worship congregation loves to have fellowship with one another and appreciates sharing the food.

They always welcome new international students and Korean American students who come to study at the University of Arizona. Their spirit of parenthood to any student is excellent! Also, our Korean congregants who decided to be one body with English Worship congregation are more open than other Korean Americans. They want to enlarge their “Koreanness” to their “Christianness” with other cultures and ethnicities, which is not easy to do as 1st generation of Korean Americans.



(From left: Pastor Ko, Young Kim, Lana Yoo, Hyesook Hong, Carol Koo, Stephanie Kang)

I am so proud of our Korean congregation, who decided to take the uneasy journey with me. Even though there are not many church members in the Korean Congregation, I believe that God blesses and multiplies their capacity to practice the mission of the church in the name of First Church in Tucson.

As 1 Peter 1:2-5 is written, “² May grace and peace be yours in abundance. ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

베드로전서 1장 2-5절 “² 은혜와 평강이 너희에게 더욱 많을지어다 ³ 우리 주 예수 그리스도의 아버지 하나님을 찬송하리로다 그의 많으신 긍휼대로 예수 그리스도를 죽은 자 가운데서 부활하게 하심으로 말미암아 우리를 거듭나게 하사 산 소망이 있게 하시며 ⁴ 썩지 않고 더럽지 않고 쇠하지 아니하는 유업을 잇게 하시나니 곧 너희를 위하여 하늘에 간직하신 것이라 ⁵ 너희는 말세에 나타내기로 예비하신 구원을 얻기 위하여 믿음으로 말미암아 하나님의 능력으로 보호하심을 받았느니라.”

I hope and pray that all of you have a living hope in your lives. Living hope can make us be the one possible, do the things possible, and dream the things imaginable.

Also, please check out the order of worship in this weekly digest since we haven't printed out our bulletin every Sunday. If you have any concerns or suggestions, feel free to contact pastor Eun Young Ko (pastortucsonfirstumc@gmail.com)

With blessings and prayers,

Pastor Eun Young Ko

THIS WEEK'S
ANNOUNCEMENTS & GATHERINGS

SUNDAY MORNING HYBRID SERVICE

There are two ways for you to participate in our 10AM hybrid online/in-person Sunday Service.

YouTube: Join us Live! on our channel. Visit bit.ly/fumcYouTube

In-Person: For those of you who are well and fully vaccinated, join us in person.

NOTICE: Due to the rise in Delta-variant COVID-19 cases, our safety guidelines have been updated. Please see below:

- Masks are required to be worn inside the church building, and social distancing is still in effect (min. 6 ft between family groups).
- If you are not yet fully vaccinated or are immuno-compromised, it is strongly recommended that you watch the YouTube livestream rather than attend in person.
- Choir members are required to be fully vaccinated in order to sing in front of the congregation during the service.

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한국어 사역

주일 오전 11시 30분에 한국어 예배가 현장예배와 온라인예배로 진행됩니다. 기도와 참여 부탁드립니다. 금요일 저녁 7시에 성경공부 모임이 줌으로 진행됩니다.

Youtube 주소는 bit.ly/fumcYouTube
Meeting ID: 998 6112 0822 Passcode: 6226481

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WEEKDAY ONLINE GATHERINGS

Women on a Spiritual Quest (WSQ)

-A classic UM Bible study group with accountability and fellowship, in the church library on Monday afternoons at 4:30PM.

All God's Creation (AGC)

-A time of scripture reading and reflection with a focus on living creatures, now on Tuesday afternoons at 3PM.

Meeting ID: 994 3610 1655 Passcode: 6226481

Chancel Choir

-Practice is held in-person in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM.
-There will be a rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 9AM before the service.

Meeting ID: 929 7830 4567 Passcode: 6226481

Progressive Book Study (PBS)

-Meets on Thursdays at 2:30PM. Book title: "God's Politics—Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It" by Jim Wallis.

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

Meeting ID: 980 1573 8087 Passcode: 6226481

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Not seeing something of interest?
We'd love to hear from you. Let's talk.
Contact pastortucsonfirstumc@gmail.com



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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

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We offer our prayers for these sister faith communities:

Sanctuary UMC, Tucson
Santa Cruz Valley UMC, Sahuarita
St. John's UMC, Tucson

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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.

UPCOMING

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Grace Ageh (Sept 22)
Margo Kahler (Sept 25)
Diana Gertz (Sept 26)

Sherry Hoskinson (Sept 27)
Halla Kang (Oct 1)
Melanie Wallendorf (Oct 2)

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



World Communion Sunday (Joint Service) on Oct 3rd at 10 AM

World Communion Sunday is a celebration of unity in Christ, taking place on the first Sunday of every October. We focus on the observance of Holy Communion through the service even though we speak different languages or ethnicities. So we can experience the unity in Christ with one another partaking in Holy Communion.

Please join our special service on World Communion Sunday!



Please join us for a special Blessing of the Animals on October 10th 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 in care of Diane or Victoria Russell.

- Please include the animal's name on the back of the picture along with your name.

For questions and concerns please contact Diane at the Animal Ministry at (562) 708-3942 and email is russelldc@live.com. Church Office email is: office@firstchurchtucson.org.

SOUL KITCHEN

Copper Pennies
 Shared by Margo Kahler

Ingredients

- 3 lbs carrots
- 1 small green pepper, sliced
- 1 med onion, sliced

Sauce:

- 1 can tomato soup
- ¾ c vinegar
- ½ c salad oil
- 1 c sugar
- 1 tsp mustard
- 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

Directions

Slice and boil carrots; cool. Alternate in layers with peppers and onions. Blend sauce ingredients and pour over vegetables. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours.

MUSICAL INVITATION

Join our music groups at First United Methodist Church!
You are welcome to participate, whether you can read music or not.

FUMC Choir

Our rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:30PM and Sundays at 9AM in the Sanctuary.

FUMC Ensemble

If you sing, contact us and join this ensemble for worship services and special occasions.

FUMC Handbell Choir

We will prepare music for the Christmas Season!

Contact information:

Lorena Suárez (218) 409-3783 / suarezmolina@email.arizona.edu
First Church Office (520) 622-6481 / office@firstchurchtucson.org

SUNDAY COFFEE/SOCIAL TIME

There is coffee and social time after English Service every Sunday.

1. Masks are to be worn when not seated at a table.
2. Tables have been set up with only 4 chairs to ensure there is social distancing and must remain this way.
3. Food will be limited to finger foods like cookies, doughnuts, and crackers or chips. Utensils must be used to pick up food, **DO NOT** use your fingers.
4. Coffee and water will be the beverages for now.

We are so grateful for your cooperation with our coffee and social time. Let us continue to follow our guidelines for our safety. Welcome back to social time and enjoy responsibly.

Baptism in the United Methodist Church

Baptism is a sacrament. The word *sacrament* comes from a Latin word for *vow* or *promise* and a Greek word for *mystery*. Sacraments are ritual practices that connect us to the mystery of God's love and grace and call us to respond in faith. While there are many ways of opening to the love and grace of God, United Methodists recognize two rituals as sacraments: baptism and Holy Communion. These are the only two practices that Jesus specifically commands in the Gospels (see Matthew 28:19-20; Luke 22:14-21). Baptism is our welcome to the family of Christ; Holy Communion sustains and nourishes us on our journey of faith.

Animal **Holidays** - A Week at a Glance

By Diane Russell



September 22 –National Elephant Appreciation Day

This day originated in 1996 to raise awareness of the plight of elephants. African elephants are classified as vulnerable and the Asian Elephant is classified as endangered by the (IUCN). Threats include poaching for ivory, habitat loss, and conflict with humans.

September 22 - World Rhino Day

This holiday was created in 2010 by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) to bring about awareness of the threats facing all five rhino species. The theme for rhino day is “Five Rhino Species Forever.” The five species include Javan, Sumatran, Black, White, and the Greater One-Horned Rhino.

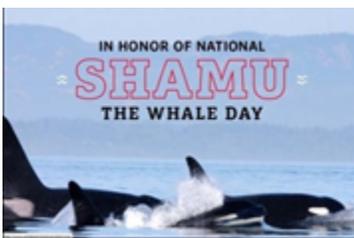
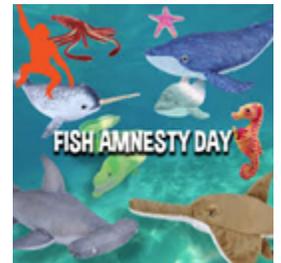


September 23 - Remember Me Thursday (Social Media Day for pets in shelters)

This day was created in 2012 to bring attention to the millions of adoptable pets that lose their lives waiting in shelters to be adopted. Ways to celebrate include lighting a candle for remembrance to show respect and mourn all the animals that were not able to make it out of the shelter.

September 25 - Fish Amnesty Day

This day was created in 1997 by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) in 1997 to remind people that animals should be respected and not killed for fun. PETA chose the fish because more fish are killed for food each year than all other animals combined.



September 26 - Shamu the Whale Day

This day is dedicated to Shamu, the first female killer whale to perform at SeaWorld in San Diego. Shamu died in 1971 at the age of nine. SeaWorld trademarked the name “Shamu” and it has been used by several orcas. The name Shamu represents all the “Shamu’s” who have suffered greatly at the hands of SeaWorld for consumer enjoyment.

Other Days Include:

September 21 - National Walk n Roll (Dogs in Wheelchairs)

September 24 - World Gorilla Day

September 24 - Save the Koala Day

September 25 - International Rabbit Day

SUNDAY SERVICE ORDER OF WORSHIP

English Worship Service at 10AM

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Anthem (Choir)

Message

Song of Response

Sharing joys and concerns

Prayers of the People

Offertory Prayer

Closing Song

Benediction

Postlude

Passing of the Peace

한국어 예배 오전 **11시 30분**

환 영 및 인사

조용한 기도

예배의 부름

찬양

여는 기도

성경봉독

설 교

응답찬송

알리는 말씀 (광고)

목회기도

봉헌기도

결단찬송

축 도

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Please contact the church office if you have any questions, need information, or want to submit an article or put an announcement in the weekly digest.

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