



# First Church Tucson Weekly Digest

First United Methodist Church  
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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/disability, gender identity, 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.

## “The Gifts of God!”

By Pastor Ko

We had a Blessing of the Animals Sunday on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It is one of the Animal Ministry Team's missions. I am so proud of and grateful to Diane and Victoria Russell for their passion and heart for the Blessing of Animals. They are mother and daughter. They initiated a plan to have a Blessing of the Animals. Without their dedication and passion for this event, it wouldn't have been possible. We also offered a certificate of the blessing of the animal. Contact Pastor Ko or the Church office if you didn't get one or haven't picked it up yet.



Left: One of the slides in the Blessing of Animals slideshow.  
Right: Certificates for the Blessing of Animals.

I believe that people who have pets must have very special memories and moments with them. Despite the occasional hardship and difficulties of having pets, their special memories have filled up with countless joys and exciting moments. So, please, cherish the good memories and moments you can count on and won't forget. And, please, expect many more memories and moments to come to you today and every day.

I would like to introduce you to the Animal Ministry Team. Their team vision is: “To connect with the animal-loving community locally and abroad. This ministry is a multi-dimensional and multicultural opportunity that is open to all who share this love and passion of saving and protecting animal welfare. Animals have a voice, they just need caring humans to care and listen. Animals have been proven to improve the quality of life of people of all ages and all faith backgrounds. The love of animals is what will

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connect us to each other. We invite those in our community who have a heart and a passion to help protect God's Creatures.”

Their team goals and objects are below:

- Educate others about the perils that animals face in our shared world and on what individuals in our community can do to help;
- Share what we as human beings can do for animal welfare;
- Share on social media and the Church website to inform people that the animal ministry is being offered through the Church;
- Help support the welfare and safety of our resident feral cats;
- Bring awareness of animals to our weekly digest.



How can we support this ministry?

First, we need to pray for the Animal Ministry Team to reach their goals and practice the purpose of the ministry. And, we can also respect and support all the animal owners and the Animal Ministry Team so that they won't feel alone or excluded. Instead, they will feel motivated, supported, and encouraged by our congregation and the grace of God. Also, you may share any concerns or ideas about the Animal Ministry with Victoria or Diane Russell. They would love to hear from you.

I am so glad to work together in the name of First Church in Tucson. We can do the ministry together as a member of the ministry team and as prayer-warriors and supporters of the ministry team.

‘The righteous know the needs of their animals, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel.’ (Proverbs 12:10)

“God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’” (Genesis 1:28)

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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](mailto:pastortucsonfirstumc@gmail.com)).

With thanks and blessings,  
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](http://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](http://bit.ly/fumcYouTube)  
[Meeting ID: 998 6112 0822](http://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.

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**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](http://Meeting ID: 994 3610 1655) Passcode: 6226481

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**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.

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**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](http://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](mailto: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:

Vista de la Montana UMC, Tucson  
UMC of the Good Shepherd, Kearny  
Willcox UMC, Willcox

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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](http://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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### UPCOMING

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Jessie Hansen (Oct 26)  
Carol Nelson (Nov 1)  
Shar Fowlkes (Nov 6)

Marilyn Hall (Nov 6)  
Kyoung Hee Kim (Nov 6)  
Nancy Tomlinson (Nov 7)

Chuck & Judi Brandt (October 28)

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

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## **All Saints Sunday**

November 7th 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, we would love to remember them. Please send their pictures to the office, including their name, relationship with you, and the dates of birth and death.



## 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 play keyboard, drums, guitar, bass, woodwind, brass, or strings, or 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:

Music Director Lorena Suárez (218) 409-3783 / [suarezmolina@email.arizona.edu](mailto:suarezmolina@email.arizona.edu)  
First Church office (520) 622-6481 / [office@firstchurchtucson.org](mailto:office@firstchurchtucson.org)



### Festival of Lights at Menlo Park UMC, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Pastor Anabel Quijada has kindly invited all of us at First Church to join her congregation's Festival of Lights, which will take place on Halloween 5-8PM. There will be games and free sweets for children.

#### Location:

118 N Westmoreland Ave, Tucson, AZ 85745  
(about 10 minutes from First Church)

## SUNDAY COFFEE/SOCIAL TIME

We have fellowship time with coffee and snacks after the English worship service. Please observe the following rules:

1. Masks are to be worn when not seated at a table.
2. Tables have been set up with **only 5** 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. Serving utensils must be used to pick up food, **DO NOT** use your fingers.
4. Coffee and bottled water will be the beverages for now.

If these rules are observed, we will continue until COVID conditions change and we must reconsider the circumstances. Welcome back to social time and enjoy responsibly.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 2021 CROP HUNGER WALK

When you walk in the CROP Hunger Walk, you are raising money to help fight hunger, and you are also walking in solidarity with all of those people around the world who are walking for food, water and firewood each day. Only a week and a half left to sign up to be a Walker or sponsor! We now have two Walkers participating from our congregation.



To sign up to be a Walker or a sponsor (or both!), please contact Team Captain Tripp Gordon at 520.428.4680 (text or leave a voicemail) or [rainbowlavender99@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowlavender99@gmail.com). Know anyone who might be interested in walking with First Church? Share Tripp's contact info with them!

Want to find out how to do your own virtual Walk? For guidance and downloadable resources, check out <https://resources.crophungerwalk.org/virtual-walks/>.

**CROP Walk date:**  
November 7, 2021 (Sunday)

**Gathering/Registration:**  
2 PM

**Walk starts:**  
2:15 PM

Walk distance: <2 miles (wheelchair accessible; dogs on leash welcome)

**Start Location:**

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
400 E. University Blvd.  
Tucson, AZ 85705

We will gather in the church courtyard--north entrance off of University Blvd. Free parking in lot on East side of the church.

**Event Organizers:**

Betty Lu Holland  
520-579-2895

Sherry Letson  
520-954-4057

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### Thanksgiving Day Potluck Feast Nov 25<sup>th</sup> at 12PM



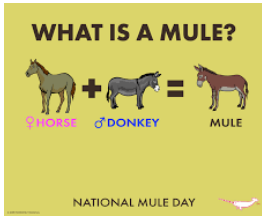
We will celebrate Thanksgiving Day together in First Church's Fellowship Hall at noon. *Everyone* is welcome!

In the Narthex on Sunday, there will be sign-up sheets for bringing food. Turkey & gravy will be provided; we need a minimum of 25 people bringing side dishes to have a successful potluck.

For more information, please contact Anita Lange at [tsnaz2011@aol.com](mailto:tsnaz2011@aol.com) or Jessie Hansen at [xphilern13@yahoo.com](mailto:xphilern13@yahoo.com).

# Animal Holidays - A Week at a Glance

By Victoria Russell



## October 26 - National Mule Day

Mules are pack animals that are a hybrid between a male donkey and a female horse. They inherit characteristics from both. The donkey gives intellect, determination, and a calm personality. The horse gives beauty and athleticism. Celebrate by visiting a farm with mules and learning more about them.

## October 27 - National Black Cat Day

Black cats have a bad reputation of being bad luck. Black cats are less likely to be adopted. There are 22 breeds recognized as a black cat with a coat of fur that is all black. Ways to celebrate include showing off your black cat on social media, watching a program that has a black cat character, and adopting a black cat.



## October 29 - World Lemur Day

Lemurs are native to the island Madagascar with about 100+ different lemur species. There is a World Lemur Day Festival that takes place in the surrounding weeks. Ways to celebrate include posting your pictures of lemurs, joining the Lemur Conservation Network, and spreading awareness, to name a few.

## October 29 - National Cat Day

Cats can be overlooked in favor of dogs, but cats offer some benefits as well. Cats can lower blood pressure; give wholehearted love, companionship, laughter, and alert the owner to danger. Ways to celebrate include adopting cats from the shelter, sharing pictures on social media, and spoiling your cats.



## October 30 - Hug a Sheep Day

Sheep indeed do a lot for humankind and deserve some love in the form of hugs. They give us wool and lanolin (wool grease) and even more. Ways to celebrate include hugging your own sheep, opening your farm to allow others to hug the sheep, having a sheep themed party and posting on social media.

## October 31 - Happy Halloween

Halloween is a fun human holiday, but animals can be included in a safe way. Learn ways to safely give your pets holiday-themed treats, and make sure their costumes are safe for them.



## 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**

환영 및 인사

조용한 기도

예배의 부름

찬양

여는 기도

성경봉독

설교

응답찬송

알리는 말씀 (광고)

목회기도

봉헌기도

결단찬송

축도

후주

### Church Staff

Senior Pastor: Rev. Eun Young Ko

Visiting Pastor: Rev. Raven Gaston

Music Director: Lorena Suarez

Worship Video Team: Sumin Lee & Juyeon Lee

Office Assistant: Tripp Gordon

Bookkeeper: Sue Smith

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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