



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.

“World Communion Sunday at First Church in Tucson!”

By Pastor Ko

Greetings in Jesus Christ,

I hope and pray that you are experiencing the grace and love of God in your daily lives. Thankfully, we as the church had a World Communion Sunday worship last Sunday. As I mentioned in my sermon, conducting a bilingual service is not easy to do. However, thanks to Joyce and Sam, the sanctuary was beautifully decorated after they came to the church on Friday to prepare for the World Communion Sunday Service.

Both the Altar decorations and wall banner for World Communion Sunday are so meaningful and helpful. It helps the congregation to have visual images of the spirit of World Communion Sunday, which would influence their spiritual images of it.



Left: Altar Table.

Right: Sam Haney with the banner of the World Communion Sunday



Left: Joyce Garcia with the decorated Altar

Also, I would like to thank Caitlin Bussey, a student of the Wesley Foundation; Steven Yoo, a longtime member of the Korean congregation; and Joyce Garcia, a Spanish and (cont. pg 2)

World Communion Sunday at First Church in Tucson! (cont.)

English bilingual person. Also, even though there is no picture, I am grateful for Anita, the liturgist; Lorena, our music director who conducted the choir; Young Kim, our pianist, who played beautiful music for prelude and postlude; and our choir members. In addition, even though Pastor Raven is not in the picture below, she, Hannah, and I led the Holy Communion together.



(Left: Scripture readers – Joyce, Steven, and Caitlin. Right: Pastor Ko and Pastor Hannah)

We could be one in God while partaking in a piece of bread and drinking wine by experiencing divine love. John Wesley emphasized his eucharistic text in his 1745 collection below.

O the depth of love divine, the unfathomable grace!
Who shall say how bread and wine God into us conveys!
How the bread his flesh imparts, how the wine transmits his blood,
Fill his faithful people's hearts with all the life of God!

Methodism founder John Wesley knew the depth of divine love so he offered an “open communion table.” It means that we welcome communicants of all denominations and do not exclude anybody. It includes those who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, or even not yet baptized. I am so glad to be a Methodist church pastor who is called to proclaim the Good News in which we include all of the people in God without any exclusion. God always loves and cares for you that you are not alone and are included in God and one in Christ. Let us continue to praise and give thanks to our God in our daily lives!

Ezra 3:11

With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord: “He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever.” And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

에스라서 3장 11절

11 찬양으로 화답하며 여호와께 감사하여 이르되 주는 지극히 선하시므로 그의 인자하심이 이스라엘에게 영원하시도다 하니 모든 백성이 여호와의 성전 기초가 놓임을 보고 여호와를 찬송하며 큰 소리로 즐거이 부르며

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:

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 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

Insook Bae (Oct 7)
Bill Snyder (Oct 10)
Martha Morgan (Oct 12)

Tina Todd (Oct 15)
Joyce Holloway (Oct 16)

Blaise & Nathalie Lolika (October 5)

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

October Meet'n'Eat

This is a fellowship time to visit with each other and see old and new friends.
All are welcome--everyone is invited!

The next Meet'n'Eat is this Friday (**October 8th**) at **11:30 AM** at the Olive Garden on the northeast corner of Oracle/Wetmore ([300 W Wetmore Rd, Tucson, AZ 85705](http://300WetmoreRd.com)).

If you're interested, please let Shirley Murray know ahead of time by calling her at (520)297-4796 so she can reserve enough space at the restaurant.



Please join us on October 10th for a special Blessing of the Animals in honor of St 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 during the Sunday 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 have blessed during the service to the church office in care of Diane or Victoria Russell. You can bring physical photos to the office at 915 E 4th St, Tucson AZ 85719 between 10AM and 2PM through Thursday morning. Or, you may email your digital photos to office@firstchurchtucson.org. Please include the animal's name along with your own.

For questions or concerns, please contact Diane at the Animal Ministry at (562)708-3942 or russelldc@live.com.

Charge Conference is approaching!

The Charge Conference date is October 14th (Thursday) at 7 PM.

SPRC will meet at 6 PM with District Superintendent, Matt Ashley.

Please, pray for the holy conferencing so that we can celebrate our ministry this year and dream of future ministry together with the strength and wisdom God would provide.



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
First Church office (520) 622-6481 / office@firstchurchtucson.org



The Bell Tower at the Golden Hour

Shimmering golden clouds float serenely over First Church's bell tower and rainbow flame sculpture.

Photo by Rev. Hannah Bonner

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. 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.

Animal Holidays - A Week at a Glance

By Victoria Russell



October 8 - Vet Nurse Day

Vet nurses work alongside veterinarians and are the first contact when your pet gets checked out. Their job includes explaining the issues facing your pet and comforting your pet in this new/scary environment. The best way to celebrate is to thank your local vet nurse team by going in, calling, or writing them a letter.

October 8 - National Salmon Day

There are five species of salmon: King (Chinook), Red (Sockeye), Silver (Coho), Chum (Keta), and Pink. They are a migratory species and are anadromous. This means they begin life in freshwater then migrate to the ocean from the river. Honor and celebrate salmon by not eating them today.



October 9 - World Migratory Bird Day (2nd celebration)

Dedicated to birds who migrate around the world. This is celebrated twice a year; once on May 8th and then October 8th & 9th. This year's theme is "Sing, Fly, Soar - Like a Bird!"

October 10 - World Animal Road Accident Awareness Day

Every day, animals are hit by cars and then left to die on the side of the road. This day aims to remember the animals that are hit, and to raise awareness for drivers to be more careful so no more animals suffer this fate. If an animal is hit, the right thing to do is to check on the animal and take it to the emergency vet if possible. Animals deserve to be looked after, too - and not just as a hit-and-run casualty.



Picture of the Day

Wolf pack at the International Wolf Center in Minnesota.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Romans 8:38-39

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

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.

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 10AM-2PM

Church Staff

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