



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/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.

“We Miss All The Saints!”

By Pastor Ko

We observed All Saints Sunday on November 7th at 10AM during the English service. All Saints Day celebrates those who have died in the faith. Methodist churches usually observe All Saints Sunday on the first Sunday of November. Greek Christians have had their memorable event since the 4th century. Eastern Christianity and Catholic, Lutheran, and Methodist churches also have observed this tradition.



Left: One of the slides from the All Saints presentation.

Right: The altar table covered with candles.

The founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, cautioned against holding saints in too high of regard. But, he also advised against disregarding the saints altogether and encouraged us to respect all the saints who passed away before us, including all other saints in church history.

Even though we admit the mood of All Saints is one of celebration, there is certainly sadness in acknowledging loss, and there needs to be space for that grieving. Yet, I hope and pray that the overall experience will be one of joy and hope. My husband, Insoo, suddenly passed away on September 9th, 2012, due to heart disease. This year was the last time for us to name him in the presentation for All Saints Sunday. Next year will be the 10th anniversary. It is hard to believe the fact that it has been almost nine years. Still aching, missing him, and sorrowful! But, I am so grateful that Halla and I have grown up so much and matured since his passing.

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We Miss All The Saints! (cont.)

I am amazed how the lack of his presence would be another blessing for us to grow and mature. Therefore, we sing about the hope of eternity; we celebrate the cloud of witnesses; we pray for the sense of belonging together in community and the growth as disciples of Jesus Christ. We can't do it alone, and only God can raise us up to do it. I can't imagine doing it without a faith community as well. God always has worked through people of faith and faith communities along with us.

I also hope and pray that those who have experienced the loss of their loved ones will experience the same grace and love of God like me. I am with you and at your side as a person who has been there first and a pastor who is willing to comfort you, guide you, and work with you in faith.



Pastor Ko leading the All Saints Sunday worship

“They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” (**Revelation 7:16-17**).

그들이 다시는 주리지도 아니하며 목마르지도 아니하고 해나 아무 뜨거운 기운에 상하지도 아니하리니

이는 보좌 가운데에 계신 어린 양이 그들의 목자가 되사 생명수 샘으로 인도하시고 하나님께서 그들의 눈에서 모든 눈물을 씻어 주실 것임이라. 사람이 나를 섬기려면 나를 따르라 나 있는 곳에 나를 섬기는 자도 거기 있으리니 사람이 나를 섬기면 내 아버지께서 그를 귀히 여기시리라 (**요한계시록 7장 16-17절**)

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 me at pastortucsonfirstumc@gmail.com.

With God's comforts and blessings,

Pastor Eun Young Ko

Pink and Yellow Trumpets

These *Bignonia capreolata* (a.k.a. Cross Vine or Quartervine) flowers were shot near Time Market on University Blvd. This shade- and drought-tolerant plant is very attractive to hummingbirds and butterflies. It can grow up to 45 feet high and will climb any structure it encounters as it grows, making it ideal for decorating arbors and fences.

Photo by Tripp Gordon



QUEER VOICES

TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK NOV 13-19 & TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE NOV 20

By Tripp Gordon

Hello again, everyone; Tripp here. Just a reminder that it is Transgender Awareness Week, and on Saturday it will be Transgender Day of Remembrance.

From [GLAAD's website](#):



What is Transgender Awareness Week?

Transgender Awareness Week is a week when transgender people and their allies take action to bring attention to the community by educating the public about who transgender people are, sharing stories and experiences, and advancing advocacy around the issues of prejudice, discrimination, and violence that affect the transgender community.

What is Transgender Day of Remembrance?

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) was founded by transgender advocate Gwendolyn Ann Smith as a vigil to honor her memory of Rita Hester, a transgender woman who was killed in 1998. The vigil commemorated all the transgender people lost to violence that year and began an important memorial that has become the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance.

One way to observe Trans Awareness Week includes watching movies or shows with positive portrayals of trans* people (for example, check out this list here: <https://bit.ly/3nokzly>). One documentary in particular that I've heard recommended is DISCLOSURE, a "feature from director Sam Feder and executive producer Laverne Cox [which] explores the history of trans representation in TV and film in unprecedented form, revealing how Hollywood simultaneously reflects and manufactures people's deepest anxieties about gender."

On Saturday, take some time to read about the many victims of violent transphobia: <https://bit.ly/3qKAETr> for 2021 and <https://bit.ly/3kJyffk> for 2017 through 2020.



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.

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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, 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 rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 9AM before the service.

Note: Practice on Wednesday, Nov 24th is rescheduled for Monday, Nov 22nd.

Progressive Book Study (PBS)

-The last meeting before the holidays will be on Nov 18 at 2:30PM. This will be the last discussion of "God's Politics—Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It" by Jim Wallis.

On Jan 6, PBS will start "The God You Didn't Know You Could Believe In" by Dr. Jeffrey Frantz.

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:

First UMC, Bisbee
First UMC, Eloy
First 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

Chuck Brandt (Nov 19)
Megan Turnbull-Dominguez (Nov 23)
Patricia Murphy (Nov 29)

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

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 from serving trays, **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.

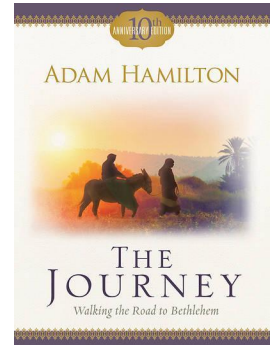
Joint Thanksgiving Sunday Service Nov 21st at 10AM

There will be a joint English/Korean service the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving Day. Don't miss it!

Advent Book Study beginning Nov 29th

Pastor Ko and Pastor Raven will lead this book study on Monday at 2PM and Thursday at 2:30PM. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

The book title is "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem" by Adam Hamilton.



Thanksgiving Day Potluck Feast Nov 25th at 12PM

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



In the Fellowship Hall 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 or Jessie Hansen at xphilern13@yahoo.com.

Christmas Cantata Dec 12TH at 10AM



Congratulations to Bill Warnock
for 25 years with Raytheon Technologies
as of November 1st!



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

By Victoria Russell



November 17 - National Take a Hike Day

Hiking is a fun way to get some exercise. On this day take your favorite furry friend with you. They can benefit from hiking as well. Find local hiking trails that are safe for pets.

November 18 - National Princess Day

Celebrate the universal love of princesses. Take time to treat yourself and your animals as one would a royal.

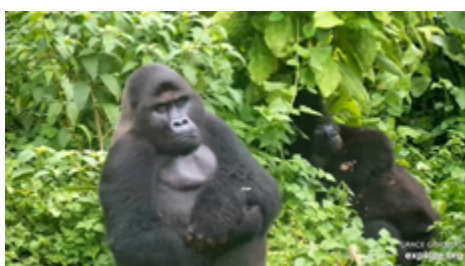


November 21 - World Fisheries Day

Having a healthy ocean is good for the world. To celebrate one can advocate for ways to keep the ocean ecosystems stocked with fishes by not over fishing.

Picture of the Day

Friends (donkeys, a horse, and a goat) relaxing together in the Donkey Barn at the Service Dog Project in Massachusetts.



Picture of the Day

Two gorillas in the GRACE (Gorilla Rehabilitation and Conservation Education) forest corridor in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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

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