

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.

“Halloween is Over!”

By Pastor Ko

As we announced during our past worship service, Pastor Anabel Quijada invited all of us to the “Festival of Lights” at Menlo Park United Methodist Church on October 31st from 5 pm to 8 pm. They prepared hotdogs, sweets, and games for children. Even though Halla was not interested in participating in the event, I wanted to check it out and explore our neighboring town and the church.

We got there early so that Halla was able to help to make balloons for the children.



Left: Halla inflating balloons with a pump. Right: Halla and Pastor Anabel.

While observing and helping to tie up the balloons, I realized that she is growing up so much. She is not a kid who loves to play games and hang out with kids for fun anymore. While coming home, I shared my dream of having a children's program at our church and asked her to be a helper, not a participant. What a change I'm experiencing! What tremendous growth she has!

Christine D. Pohl, a professor of Christian Social Ethics at Asbury Theological Seminary, insists in her article, “A Community's Practice of Hospitality,” that “The wisdom and wonder of a practice is communicated through stories that are told and retold within the community of faith, and these stories become more vivid when encountered in the midst of contemporary practitioners and in the face of contemporary need.”

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Halloween is Over! (cont.)

To practice Hospitality as Christians in the community, there should be stories of the people. The stories could relate to the buildings with people, to the community with people, and to the people in their own lives.

Also, our church should have stories of people as well in order to be a true faith community. Menlo Park United Methodist Church is our neighborhood church, and their neighborhood needs the love of Jesus Christ.



(Pastor Ko and Pastor Anabel Quijada)

I am so grateful for the opportunity to visit her neighborhood and the church. They are trying to reach out to the community where children want to grow and have fun in a safe environment. Menlo Park UMC can be a place where children in the community gather to have fun and grow in faith. I will continue to pray for her and her church to be the light of the community.

Halloween is over. I don't know what Halloween has looked like in the last five years here in Tucson. But it looked quiet this year. Maybe that's just me!

Now, we are approaching Thanksgiving and Advent season soon.

What can we do to change our community and share the love of Jesus Christ? I need your wisdom, experience, prayer, and support to discern what we can do together as a body of Christ and in the name of the First United Methodist Church. When I ask for your special help, please, take it seriously and pray about it. God will guide you to the best area you can contribute to the church and God's kingdom work.

“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.” **(John 12:26)**

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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)

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

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.

Note: Due to Thanksgiving, practice on Nov 24 is rescheduled for Monday, Nov 22.

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 during the month of November:

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

Shar Fowlkes (Nov 6)
Marilyn Hall (Nov 6)
Kyoung Hee Kim (Nov 6)
Nancy Tomlinson (Nov 7)
Grace Lee (Nov 10)

Linda Hughes (Nov 12)
Marjorie Task (Nov 12)
Charlotte Baker (Nov 14)
Lori Medcoff (Nov 14)

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

November 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 on **November 12 at 11:30 AM** at the Olive Garden on the northeast corner of Oracle/Wetmore ([300 W Wetmore Rd, Tucson, AZ 85705](http://www.firstchurchtucson.org/give)).

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



All Saints Sunday, November 7th at 10AM

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 by this Wednesday evening, including their name, relationship to 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

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. Please **do not** rearrange the seating.
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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

2021 CROP HUNGER WALK

This Sunday is the CROP Hunger Walk! There's still time to sign up to be a Walker or a sponsor (or both!), so please contact Team Captain Tripp Gordon at 520.428.4680 (text or leave a voicemail) or rainbowlavender99@gmail.com. If you 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

Gathering/Registration:
1:45 PM - 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

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 Social 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.

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

By Diane Russell

November 3 - One Health Day

This is the 6th annual global campaign to bring awareness and address the health issues that affect humans, animals, and the environment. One Health is to be a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach working on all levels with the goal of achieving optimal health outcomes for everyone and everything.



November 3 - World Jellyfish Day

This day celebrates jellyfish. They have been on this earth for millions of years. Jellyfish are not actually fish but invertebrates; with nearly 350 different types in the world. They do not have bones, a heart, or a brain. They do have a central nervous system.

November 6 - National Bison Day

This day celebrates the American Bison, the largest land mammal in North America. On May 9, 2016, President Barack Obama signed the law making the American Bison the National Mammal of the United States.



November 6 - World Numbat Day

This day is to spread awareness and conservation efforts to Australia's unique marsupial mammal. They are unique because they eat termites instead of plants and they don't have pouches like other marsupials. With less than a 1,000 left in the wild; they face the threat of extinction.

November 7 - National Canine Lymphoma Awareness Day

This day was created in 2011, by Terry Simons (dog trainer) to honor his dog Reville who was diagnosed with Canine Lymphoma. Some of the symptoms include: enlarged lymph nodes, lethargy, loss of appetite, weakness, or weight loss. Lymphomas commonly affect the liver, spleen, and bone marrow.



November 7 - National Hug a Bear Day (a stuffed bear)

A hug can lower a person's blood Pressure and anxiety and can also boost self-esteem. Celebrate Hug a Bear Day by snuggling up with your favorite Teddy Bear.

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

Holy Communion

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

성만찬

알리는 말씀 (광고)

목회기도

봉헌기도

결단찬송

축 도

후 주

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

Senior Pastor: Rev. Eun Young Ko

Visiting Pastor: Rev. Raven Gaston

Music Director: Lorena Suarez

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