



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.

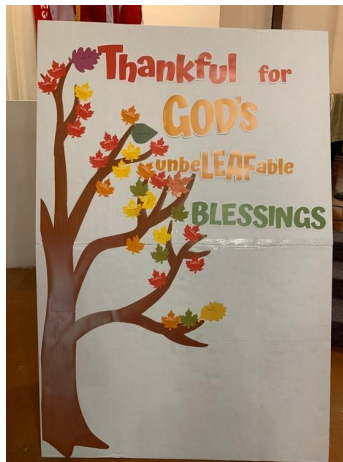
We welcome you to join in our journey of faith through worship, prayer, Bible study, and service for social justice and ministries of compassion.

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

“Generosity Begets Generosity!”

By Pastor Ko

We had a Thanksgiving Sunday worship on November 21st at 10:00 as a joint service of English and Korean congregation. It is not easy to put two different languages and cultures into one service.



Left: one of the Thanksgiving Trees.
Right: Dottie giving a Children's Message.

However, I am so grateful that we can make it work with the help of congregation members who have different gifts and talents. Thanks to Joyce Garcia, who decorated the altar; Minsoo Ahn, who translated a sermon to Korean; Dottie Poczulp, who gave us a children's message; Lorena, Young Kim, and choir members, who sang a song for the worship; Arthur and Suhyun, who became liturgists; Everton Maia who offered a postlude playing guitar; Jessie and others who brought food for the fellowship time, and all the congregants who were there in body and spirit, came out to the Thanksgiving tree putting their leaves of what they are thankful for.

Bishop Robert Schnase said, “The root of generosity is God's love.” That's why if we trust in God and believe in God's love, we will live in generosity. Generosity doesn't mean only to give financially, it also includes giving everything such as our gifts, talents, time, passion, love, and our lives.

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Generosity Begets Generosity! (cont.)

2 Corinthians 8:9, The Message says, “You are familiar with the generosity of our Master, Jesus Christ. Rich as he was, he gave it all away for us – in one stroke he became poor and we became rich.” I am so blessed to witness all of our congregants who show their generosity for the worship service and much more in the future.

We always remember why we are here, what we are called to do, and how we can love our neighbors with the spirit of Generosity and thanksgiving. As I emphasized it in my sermon on Sunday, it produces the spirit of generosity. That spirit of generosity produces the spirit of thanksgiving in someone. That thanksgiving reproduces the spirit of generosity to someone. It goes on and on.

If we offer our generosity fully and authentically, it will touch so many others at the end. That is the true value of the generosity of Jesus Christ.



Altar decorated for the Thanksgiving Sunday

“Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity.” (Luke 6:38, The Message).

주라 그리하면 너희에게 줄 것이니 곧 후히 되어 누르고 흔들어 넘치도록 하여 너희에게 안겨 주리라 너희가 헤아리는 그 헤아림으로 너희도 헤아림을 도로 받을 것이니라 (누가복음 6장 38절)

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 God's comforts and blessings,

Pastor Eun Young Ko



HANGING OF THE GREENS

On Saturday, November 27th we will decorate our Christmas trees together at 10AM.
All are welcome to join in!

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.

이번 주 금요일 저녁 7시에 성경공부 모임은 없습니다.

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. **(No choir practice this Wed, Nov 24th.)**
-There will be rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 9AM before the service.
-Christmas Cantata on December 12th!

Progressive Book Study (PBS)

-Finished for the year.
-New book study beginning January 6th. The book will be "The God You Didn't Know You Could Believe In" by Dr. Jeffrey Frantz.

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

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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

Megan Turnbull-Dominguez (Nov 23)
Patricia Murphy (Nov 29)
Hae Sook Hong (Nov 30)
Bok Namgung (Dec 3)

Nan Rollings (Dec 3)
Bruce Billings (Dec 5)
Luna Lopez (Dec 5)

(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 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.

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!

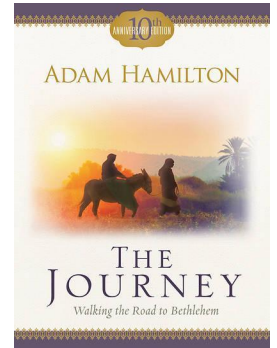
For more information, please contact Anita Lange at tsnaz2011@aol.com or Jessie Hansen at xphilern13@yahoo.com.

Advent Book Study beginning Nov 29th

Pastor Ko and Pastor Raven will lead this book study on Monday (Nov 29th) at 2PM and Thursday (Dec 2nd) at 2:30PM.

Please contact the church office if you are interested.

The book will be "The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem" by Adam Hamilton.



First Church Choir - Christmas Cantata Dec 12TH at 10AM

Love's Pure Light

A Christmas Cantata for SAB Choir, Narrator, and Congregation
by Lloyd Larson

1. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
2. Comfort My People
3. The King Shall Come
4. Light Our Darkness
5. a. Do Not Be Afraid
b. Glory to God!
6. Silent Night, Holy Night!
7. Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
8. Arise, Shine! Your Light Has Come!



Blue and Orange Sunset

My view on Nov 9th while standing outside my new apartment. Just look at those intense colors!

Photo by Tripp Gordon

Sights, Sounds and Smells of Christmas



Who: The church family and friends of all ages

What: Celebrate the Sights, Sounds and Smells of Christmas

When: December 12 or 19, an Advent Sunday 4-6PM

Why: To share the traditions of Christmas and prepare for the baby Jesus

How: Enjoy the many offerings of Christmas through food, song, music, readings, and crafts

Food: Hot cocoa bar, decorated sugar cookies, turkey soup & bread

Mission: Write letters/decorate cards for shut-ins

Music: Sing Christmas carols before dinner

Readings: Come and enjoy wonderful stories about Christmas

Crafts: 3 different crafts to create

Photos: Take a picture at the Nativity with Jesus



Share in the many activities for one night that brings family and traditions together.

There will be several stations to rotate through in about 90 minutes, then we will finish with carols and dinner.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24th at 7PM

On Friday, December 24th, there will be a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7PM.

We will read scriptures and sing Christmas carols.



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

By Diane Russell



November 25 - Thanksgiving Day

This holiday is celebrated each year on the 4th Thursday in November with family, friends, food, and fun (like football and the National Dog Show). This day is to be grateful for the things you do have. Something to be thankful for is family and all of God's creations.

November 25 - Sardine Day

Sardines get their name from the Mediterranean island of Sardinia, where there once was an abundance of these small oily fish from the herring family. They are also known as "pilchard" fish. There are 21 species of sardines; in which three of them are overfished and are considered endangered.



November 25 - National Dog Show

The 20th Annual National Dog Show will be airing on Thanksgiving Day. There will be over 190 breeds of dogs competing to win the title "Best in Show" and \$20,000 in prize money.

November 29 - International Jaguar Day

This day was created to bring awareness to the plight of the Jaguar. They are the largest wild cat in the Americas. They were put on the endangered Species List in 1972, and are still considered endangered, mostly due to poaching and deforestation.



Picture of the Day

Two Woolly Necked Storks from Tembe Elephant Park in Africa.



Burst of Fire

A zinnia bloom beautifies the Wesley Foundation garden, located at the northeast corner of the First Church campus. Even as the flower begins to wilt, it's still so vibrant and eye-catching.

Photo by Tripp Gordon

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

영어예배와 연합으로 드립니다.

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예배의 부름

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성경봉독

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설 교

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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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