



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.

“Enlarging Cultural Elegance!”

By Pastor Ko

I am grateful that I came back to worship service last Sunday to see the congregation in person. There are not enough words to express my appreciation and excitement!

Not only that, returning to my regular routine makes me feel good, such as packing my lunch when I come to the church office during weekdays. Even though I have a busy morning, I also feel alive and motivated to achieve things in ministry.

Also, I have always loved going to concerts, exhibitions, and plays. However, since I came to the United States in 2006, it has never been easy. Halla and I were able to go to the “Disney Concert” on Sunday, Feb 13, right after the second worship service, thanks to my friends who gave us tickets. Halla is not a big fan of Disney production animations except Frozen. I wanted to check it out because it would be the very first concert I went to in Tucson. Over 1,000 people, including parents and girls, wore princess dresses and face make-up.



Four adult princesses were the main singers for the Disney movies. They sang all of the songs and shared why and how they became a princess for the tour since they were so little. I believe that their stories are powerful, especially for those who really want to be princesses when they grow up.

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Enlarging Cultural Elegance! (cont.)

It reminded me of the revival gatherings in South Korea when I was young. It was the 1980s to 1990s. Then, each local church and some district-level churches gathered at the retreat center close to the mountain for several nights and several days.

They used to have special speakers and praise songs during the retreats. Special speakers' testimonies empowered so many young children and teenagers to experience the grace of God. Through those experiences, they accepted the call of Jesus Christ and committed to being pastors or lay servants once they grew up.

I am not sure whether all of them became pastors or lay servants. But, I am sure that their inspired and empowered experiences of God made their lives purpose-driven and productive when they returned to their regular lives. Have you ever had those kinds of experiences in your lives by dreaming, committing, and being motivated to be a better person in the future? If that dream is related to faith, it would be even better. Then, you will live in reality, initiative, and provisions God has given as it is said below.

“Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions.” Matthew 6:33 – The Message

“그런즉 너희는 먼저 그의 나라와 그의 의를 구하라 그리하면 이 모든 것을 너희에게 더하시리라.” 마태복음 6장 33절

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 new plan and blessings,

Pastor Eun Young Ko



Marilyn Dunbar (First Church member and formerly a home visitor to others) would benefit from cards and visits to:

Hacienda de Caring Hands
3624 E Calle del Prado
Tucson, AZ 85716

She enjoys the outdoor patio and is feeling stronger. The site is just north of the El Con shopping center.

If you'd like to call her, the general number is 520-647-2421. (No phone in her room.)

THIS WEEK'S
ANNOUNCEMENTS & GATHERINGS

10AM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

We will have hybrid worship services on February 20th! Join us in person, or watch the service Live on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TucsonFirstUMC>.

NOTICE: Due to the new COVID-19 variant cases that are emerging, our safety guidelines have been updated. Please see below:

- Masks are required to be worn by everyone 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, or if you are not feeling well, we very strongly recommend that you watch the YouTube livestream rather than attend in person.
- Choir members are required to be *fully vaccinated and masked* in order to sing for the congregation during the service.

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](#)

WEEKDAY ONLINE GATHERINGS

Women on a Spiritual Quest (WSQ)

-WSQ is back to meeting on Mondays at 4:30PM in the church library. The group's book is "Living a Chocolate Life" by Deb Burma.

All God's Creation (AGC)

-AGC meets on Tuesdays at 3PM over Zoom. The group is reusing last year's book, "All God's Creatures: Daily Devotions for Animal Lovers 2021."

[Meeting ID: 994 3610 1655](#) [Passcode: 6226481](#)

Chancel Choir

-Practice is on Wednesdays at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary.

-Rehearsal is at 9AM on Sunday before the service.

-New requirement: Choir members must remain masked while singing.

-Come join the choir for the upcoming Easter Cantata!

Progressive Book Study (PBS)

-If you like challenging your understanding of the meaning of life, join our book study on Thursdays at 2:30PM. We are reading "The God You Didn't Know You Could Believe In" by Dr. Jeffrey Frantz. We will continue to meet online for a while, hoping to eventually meet in person. Questions? Call Rev. Gaston at (520) 323-1611

[Meeting ID: 980 1573 8087](#) [Passcode: 6226481](#)

Not seeing something of interest?
We'd love to hear from you. Let's talk!
Contact pastortucsonfirstumc@gmail.com

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.

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PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY



We offer our prayers for those in our community who are suffering, who are physically, mentally, & emotionally unwell, and for those caring for them.

If you have a prayer request you would like to share in the Digest, please contact the church office at office@firstchurchtucson.org or (520) 622-6481.

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We offer our prayers for these sister faith communities:

Catalina UMC, Tucson
First UMC, Tucson
Sanctuary UMC, Tucson

UPCOMING

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Kay Jackson (Feb 17)

Byung Kim (Feb 24)

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 15 at 7PM - Covenant Board meeting (via Zoom)

February 16 at 3PM - Board of FUMC Foundation in the church's Carillon Room
(To participate via Zoom, please contact Sam Haney)



Catalina United Methodist Church

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Hello Neighbor,

Catalina United Methodist Church has been a place of worship, an icon and a celebratory location in Tucson for 100 years this year! Christened University Methodist Church on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1922, located at the northwest corner of University Blvd. (then 3rd St.) and Euclid Ave., that congregation grew into what is now Catalina United Methodist Church at its current location on East Speedway Blvd.

Many who have lived in Tucson for any length of time have attended an event or service at Catalina. Whether it was a Sunday church service, Christmas or Easter service, Bible Study, wedding, memorial service, choir concert, organ concert, community service project, youth group, summer camp, Vacation Bible School, Memorial Garden experience, or the Catalina Day School, the church has had connections throughout the valley for the past 100 years!

Catalina is known for having an impact on Tucson's religious, cultural, and social justice landscape over the years. In 1940 the University Methodist Church gave space to gather for the Tucson Boys Chorus, founded by Eduardo Caso a member of the church. Catalina sponsored the Sunday Evening Forum which featured nationally known speakers and performances from 1942 – 1984. Catalina's pastor Roland Brammeier founded Tucson Metropolitan Ministries in the early 1970's. Catalina United Methodist Church helped to start six other United Methodist Churches in Arizona. Catalina is a member of the Reconciling Ministry Network. Catalina has produced over 30 United Methodist pastors over the years; individuals who grew up in the church and/or folks who have come to be sponsored by the church. Catalina United Methodist Church has made a positive difference in the spiritual lives of thousands of people.

Catalina has a history of an exemplary Music Ministry with the Sanctuary Choir, Bell ringers, Catalina Brass, and the Cornerstone Contemporary Band. In the past, the Sanctuary choir has toured Europe and has sung at Carnegie Hall. The Organ festival, which occurs throughout the year, brings world renowned organists to perform concerts on the Quimby pipe organ.

We would be honored if you would help us celebrate our rich history and - attend our Centennial Sunday Service and Open House

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

10:00 am sanctuary service followed by a COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Campus Tours, History Displays, Food Trucks, Conversations, Memories and more!

Please join us – you will probably see someone you know!

To another 100 years! Please Pass the word!

Sincerely,

Rev. Melissa Rynders

Rev. Matt Colby

Catalina Staff and Congregation

Judy Wingert, Centennial Chair

SOUL KITCHEN

Magic Air Fryer Bagel Bites With Everything Bagel Seasoning

<https://www.savingyou dinero.com/2019/03/25/magic-air-fryer-bagel-bites-with-everything-bagel-seasoning/>

Ingredients

1 c all-purpose flour
½ tsp salt
2 tsp baking powder
1 c nonfat Greek yogurt
4 Tbsp (4 oz or half pkg) ½ less fat cream cheese, cut into 8 cubes
1 egg white, whipped
Everything bagel seasoning – or get creative!

Directions

1. In a bowl mix the flour, baking powder and salt until well combined.
2. Add the yogurt and mix until well combined.
3. Add a little flour to your counter or cutting board and knead the dough a few times until the dough is a little wet but not very sticky. (You can also add flour to your hands to mix it easier.)
4. Divide the dough into 8 equal parts. Flatten each dough ball into circles, then place ½ tablespoon cream cheese on each. Fold up the edges around the cream cheese and form a ball. Use a drop of water to seal the edges if necessary, so the cream cheese doesn't pop out.
5. Brush with egg white and sprinkle with everything bagel seasoning. You can also leave them plain or use another topping. (I want to try cinnamon sugar!)
6. Turn the air fryer to 320°F and set for 12 minutes. They will expand – so don't place them right next to each other in the air fryer. You may need to do a couple of batches.
7. Wait a few minutes to enjoy them because they will be very hot inside!

These have so many possibilities! You can make them plain, or you could add something to the cream cheese to add flavor.

Notes from Tripp:

- Don't have an air fryer? You can also make these in a convection oven or a toaster oven with a convection setting.
- I have made these with canned biscuit dough (flattened with a rolling pin) and they turned out great.

SUNDAY COFFEE/SOCIAL TIME

We will have fellowship time with coffee and snacks after both worship services this coming Sunday. Please observe the following rules, which are in place to help minimize the spread of COVID-19:

1. Masks must be worn when not eating or drinking—**please stay masked while chatting.**
2. Tables have been set up with **only 5** chairs and **must** remain this way.
3. Food will be limited to finger foods like cookies, crackers, and chips. Utensils must be used to pick up food from serving trays, please **do not** use your fingers.
4. Coffee and water will be the beverages for now.

Animal Holidays - A Week at a Glance

By Victoria Russell



February 15 – World Hippo Day

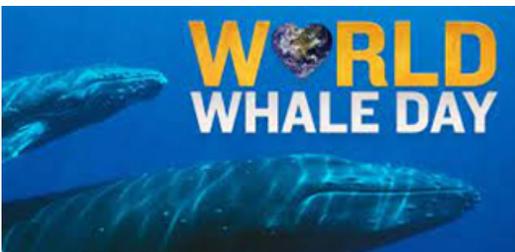
The Hippo's full name is Hippopotamus (what a mouthful). This day was created to honor and educate others about the hippo's vulnerable status. Hippos are native to sub-Saharan Africa. They are mammals who are mostly herbivores. They are semi-aquatic creatures that can be found in rivers, lakes, and mangrove swamps.

February 19 – World Pangolin Day

2022 marks the eleventh annual celebration of World Pangolin Day. They are endangered. They are hunted and poached for their scales, and to be eaten. This day is to raise awareness about their struggles and encourage people to join together to save these creatures. They are the most trafficked animal.



February 20 - World Whale Day



Whales are found in our diverse ocean ecosystem. They can range in size from 98' (blue whale) and 6'7"- 8'10" inches (toothed dwarf sperm whale). This day was created on Maui in 1980, originally to honor humpback whales but now includes all whales. Another important note about this day is that its goal is also to raise awareness of mankind's disruption of this beautiful habitat: dumping waste and pollution, to name a few.

February 20-26 – National Justice for Animals Week

This week was created by the Animal Legal Defense Fund. Their goal was to educate the public about crimes that are perpetrated against animals. It is important to learn what is considered as animal cruelty and to hold people accountable. Each year a spokes animal is highlighted that can show where the law can help animals more. They end the week with that year's list of America's Top Animal Defenders.



Picture of the Week

Happy Bonobo Day–February 14th!

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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