



# 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.

## “Be Filled with the Holy Spirit!”

By Pastor Ko

Greetings in the resurrected Christ,

I deeply appreciate your trust, support, and prayers for my participation in the PIM (Partners In Ministry) in the Western Jurisdiction Leadership and Young Clergy Retreat of the DSW (Desert Southwest Annual Conference). Both of them were new to me; it was only possible for me to attend after moving to Tucson and serving the First Church of Tucson.

Even though I needed to work on April 17th until midnight for next Sunday's worship, I was excited to meet other Korean pastors to get connected in PIM. On Monday, April 18th, at 6 AM, I drove to the airport in Phoenix, AZ and began my week-long journey with Halla.



Left:  
PIM group photo



Right:  
PIM opening worship

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## Be filled with the Holy Spirit! (cont.)

My body was almost dead because I was too tired to get everything that needed to be done. However, once I arrived at the place and joined other pastors (most of whom I didn't know), I was able to get to know the pastors in the Western Jurisdiction Korean Ministries. Connectionalism is so powerful in the Methodism movement.

The founder of PIM is pastor Woongmin Kim who was a District Superintendent. Whenever he visited small churches or churches far from the Korean communities, he felt sorry and wanted to help them. He initiated building up strong relationships with pastors who are eligible to help others to set up some bridges between the two. So, they became partner churches to one another. Since 2016, PIM is one of the powerful ministries models that has modeled and influenced other ministries at the California-Pacific Annual Conference.

I experienced the radical hospitality the hosting church had provided for all the participants for four days, which was outstanding, so I am so grateful that I am part of the PIM. Partner churches discussed ways we can work together to build God's kingdom and do the mission of Christ together. Please continue to pray for this amazing partnership in ministry. Our partner church is Holliston United Methodist Church-Dream Church in Pasadena, CA.

From Friday through Sunday, Halla and I participated in the Young Clergy Retreat of the DSW. As you know, I haven't had many chances to get to know the clergy and their families in AZ since I moved to Tucson. So it was a perfect time for us to get to know each other and meet each other's colleagues. Also, Halla could make friends who are also PK (Pastor's kid). Several girls there are in the same grade as Halla so she was so happy to be there. There is an old saying in Korea, “가화만사성 (Ga-Hwa-Maan-Sa-Seong),” which means you will do great in other places if your family is in peace.



*Young Clergy Retreat worship*

My only prayer request about my family is Halla. If she settles down and feels comfortable here in Tucson, AZ, there is nothing more that I want. It means a lot to me to be at the retreat and observe Halla, who was active, laughing, and hanging out with other kids.

I am fully resurrected in body and spirit by the grace and love of God through people around me after I participated in PIM conference and Young Clergy Retreat. What about you? I hope and pray that you also experience the true Resurrection in your lives because Jesus Christ was resurrected for all of us. Let us continue to pass the spirit of the Resurrection every day.

“The Messiah would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would bring the message of light to his own people and to the Gentiles.” (Acts 26:23)

## Be filled with the Holy Spirit! (cont.)

“그것은 곧, 그리스도는 고난을 당하셔야 한다는 것과, 그는 죽은 사람들 가운데서 가장 먼저 부활하신 분이 되셔서, 이스라엘 백성과 이방 사람들에게 빛을 선포하시리라는 것입니다.” (사도행전 26장 23절)

If you have any concerns or suggestions, feel free to contact me at [pastortucsonfirstumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastortucsonfirstumc@gmail.com).

With God's blessings,

Pastor Eun Young Ko

## Desert Southwest ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MISSION PROJECT, June 10-11, 2022

By Nan Rollings

Let's think about the theme of this year's annual conference: **THRIVE: FROM LANGUISHING TO THRIVING**, with key scriptures of Deuteronomy 30:19 and John 10:10. First Church has experienced just that. God was with us through the lonely days of separation and has brought us together for vibrant experiences of worship in person and online. Easter 2022 we had two baptisms, filled the church with music, and drew closer to God. Pastor Ko and Halla bring us daily blessings.

The Conference Mission Project entitled *The Long Journey: Scholarship Funding for DACA/Undocumented Students* shows compassion for those with extraordinary obstacles to completing their educations. Visit <https://dscumc.org/blog/2022/03/01/the-long-journey-scholarship-funding-for-daca-undocumented-students/> to learn about Annual Conference and how we can help these dedicated students achieve their dreams of education and service to our country.

To give online, go to <https://bit.ly/2022MissionProject>, scan the QR code below, or you can mail a check with “2022 Mission Project” in the memo line, to:

Desert Southwest Conference  
P.O. Box 32830  
Phoenix, AZ 85064

Thank you for prayers as I attend  
Annual Conference online as your lay  
leader.

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2022 DESERT SOUTHWEST ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE MISSION PROJECT

# THE LONG JOURNEY

Scholarship Funding for DACA/Undocumented Students  
Donate at <https://bit.ly/2022MissionProject>





UPCOMING  
WORSHIP SERVICES & EVENTS

## Mother's Day Service

May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10AM

We are so grateful for mothers in every way! Please join us in celebrating all mothers together.



## FLUTE CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3PM



You are invited to attend **"A Spring Celebration"** presented by the Southern Arizona Flute Orchestra and conducted by Lorena Suarez, which will take place on Mother's Day at 3PM at First Church.

Bring your friends and family! This is a free event open to everyone (donations appreciated).

You are encouraged to wear a mask during this event.

For more information, please visit [www.tucsonfluteclub.org](http://www.tucsonfluteclub.org).

## Graduation Sunday Service

May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10AM

We are going to celebrate all the graduates among us. If you have any graduates in your family, please let the office know so we can congratulate them!





THIS WEEK'S  
ANNOUNCEMENTS & GATHERINGS

**10AM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

Join us in person, or watch the service Live at  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/TucsonFirstUMC>.

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한국어 사역

주일 오전 11시 30분에 한국어 예배가  
현장예배와 온라인예배로 진행됩니다.  
기도와 참여 부탁드립니다.

5월 6일 저녁 7시, 디모데전서 공부가 다시 금요일  
저녁 줌으로 시작됩니다.

**NOTICE:** Due to the current decline in  
COVID-19 variant cases in Pima County, our  
safety guidelines have again been updated:

- For now, wearing a mask in the church building is no longer required, though still encouraged.
- If you are not yet fully vaccinated or are immuno-compromised, or if you are not feeling well, we ask that you watch the YouTube livestream rather than attend in person.
- Choir members are required to be fully vaccinated in order to sing for the congregation during the service.

*These guidelines are subject to change with Pima County and CDC recommendations. If cases rise again, we will have to return to masking.*

**WEEKDAY GATHERINGS**

**Women on a Spiritual Quest (WSQ)**

-WSQ is back to meeting on Mondays at 4:30PM in the church library.

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**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."

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**Chancel Choir**

-Practice is on Wednesdays at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary.  
-Rehearsal is at 9AM on Sunday before the service.

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**Progressive Book Study (PBS)**

-Please note there will be no meetings during the month of April. On Thursday, May 5th, at 3PM, we will resume our study and discussion of the book, "The God You Didn't Know You Could Believe In" by Dr. Jeffrey Frantz. We will be beginning Part III: "God and the Bible".  
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!  
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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](http://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.



We offer our prayers for these sister faith communities:

Christ Church UMC, Tucson  
Community UMC, Bowie  
Campus Ministry, U of A, Tucson

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

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## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Miwon Lee (Apr 27)

Ozzie & Carol Nelson (May 2)

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

### May Meet'n'Eat

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

The next Meet'n'Eat is **Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM** at the Olive Garden on the northeast corner of Oracle/Wetmore ([300 W Wetmore Rd, Tucson, AZ 85705](http://www.olivegarden.com/locations/tucson)).

If you're interested in coming, please call Shirley Murray at (520)297-4796 by Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> so she can reserve enough tables at the restaurant.

## SOUL KITCHEN

### Chicken Cordon Bleu Rice Casserole

<https://www.bettycrocker.com/> (<https://bit.ly/3ENvDpm>)

#### Ingredients

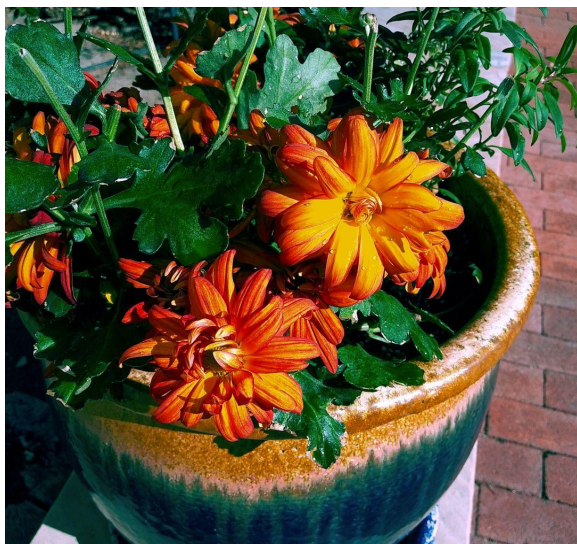
2 Tbsp olive oil  
½ onion, diced  
2 Tbsp all-purpose flour  
1 c chicken broth  
½ c milk  
2 c shredded deli rotisserie chicken  
1 c chopped ham  
2 c cooked rice  
1 ½ c (6 oz) shredded Swiss cheese  
¾ c Italian style bread crumbs  
1 Tbsp melted butter  
Chopped fresh parsley for garnish, if desired

#### Directions

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Lightly grease a 10-inch round baking dish with olive oil; set aside.
2. In a 10-inch skillet, heat 2 Tbsp olive oil over medium-high heat. Add onion; cook until tender and translucent, stirring occasionally. Add flour; stir to make a roux. Cook roux 1 to 2 minutes or until lightly golden. Gradually beat in broth with whisk, followed by milk, and simmer until slightly thickened into a gravy.
3. In large bowl, mix chicken, gravy, ham, rice and 1 cup of the cheese. Spread evenly in baking dish.
4. In another bowl, mix bread crumbs and butter to coat well. Add remaining ½ c cheese. Top casserole with bread crumb mixture; bake about 20 minutes or until top is crisp and golden and casserole is bubbling.

Note from Tripp:

*"I made this on Monday night with some alterations: Cheddar and Colby Jack instead of Swiss, double the amount of onion, and panko instead of bread crumbs. It turned out so delicious and filling! Just don't forget to season the food at each step of cooking—skipping the salt would leave this dish too bland to really enjoy."*



#### Mystery Flower!

These gorgeous orange flowers reside in the Memorial Garden in one of the beautiful flowerpots provided by Nan Rollings. Seeing such lovely blooms on our church campus always cheers me up.

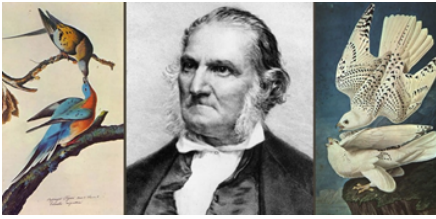
*Photo by Tripp Gordon*



# Animal Holidays - A Week at a Glance

By Diane Russell

## April 26 – National Audubon Day



This day honors ornithologist John James Audubon, a well-known wildlife illustrator and naturalist. He painted, cataloged and described the birds of North America. He was born on April 26, 1785. He became famous for his 435 paintings that described 700 bird species with his book “Birds of America”.

## April 26 – National Help a Horse Day

This day was created in 2013 by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA). Their goal is to create awareness to help promote protection of neglected, unwanted, and abused horses in the U.S. There are programs that promote horse rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption.



## April 27 – World Tapir Day



This day was created in 2008 to bring awareness and help protect the tapir from going extinct. There are five species of tapir found in Central/South America and Southeast Asia. They are considered to be endangered or vulnerable. Celebrate this day by going to the zoo or donating to tapir conservation.

## April 27 – International Guide Dog Day

This day was created in 1992 to celebrate and honor the hard-working dogs who help the visually impaired. Guide Dogs provide services such as leading visually impaired people around, picking up dropped items, alerting them to danger, assisting with tasks, and of course as emotional support.



## April 27 – Marine Mammal Rescue Day

This day was created by California Senator Tom Atkins on April 27, 2017. To recognize the efforts of wildlife biologists, veterinarians, and animal care specialists who rescue marine animals along the entire California coastline. There are 8 member organizations in the Marine Mammal Stranding Network.

## April 30 – Save the Frogs Day

The 14th Annual Save the Frogs Day was created to bring awareness and conservation efforts to the frogs of the world. There are over 5,000 species of frogs in the world and over 500 species that are considered to be critically endangered. Celebrate by learning about your local frogs.



## 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**

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Visiting Pastor: Rev. Raven Gaston

Music Director: Lorena Suarez

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Bookkeeper: Sue Smith



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