



First Church Tucson Weekly Digest

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First Church Tucson is an inclusive multi-ethnic faith community, 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 and disability, 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.



AAPI PANEL - 5/13 @ 6pm

By Rev. Paul Cho

What does AAPI mean to you? For me, that's trying to account for the immigrant voices representing nearly 5 billion people across the largest continent, an area that is more than 4 and a half times the size of the United States of America. At least 48 countries, the countless cultures within each country, and the vastness of unique expressions each generation has within those cultures.

Asian & Pacific Islanders represent, in more ways than one, a majority of our world. Immigrants and their descendents here in the United States live in a state of constant irony where they are very much visible in our world, but nearly invisible in this country. Do not misunderstand. They are not the only voice that matters, nor am I subversively saying that they are superior. I am saying that their voices are valid and that they matter, yet it seems very few are listening.

If our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the **world**, we will not be able to do so without the cooperation and understanding of AAPI.

Right now, in America, there **needs** to be transformation in the way we root out racism and the particular hatred against AAPI. A panel discussion may not by itself transform the whole world, but it can change a person's world to know that they are seen and heard in their suffering and pain. You can be that change.

Visit DSC-RACE.ORG to register and find out more about what you can do to be a better ally.

TRY A **LAY SERVANT MINISTRY CLASS**: YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID

By Nan Rollings, lay leader (520-975-4528; rollingsnan@gmail.com)

Since its beginning, Methodism has called people to live their faith in practical ways that reveal God's grace and love to all. Lay servant ministry classes offered by the Desert Southwest Conference help us grow and give a fresh perspective on our walk with God and service to others. Bonnie and Ian Steel and I took the recent class "Awakening to Grace." Anyone on the FUMC Covenant Board will also be happy to chat about their experience in a lay servant ministry class. Laughing is involved! Classes occur over a few days, which turns out to be a plus. You truly get to know your teacher and classmates!

The first taste of lay servant ministries is always the Basic Class. The next **Basic Lay Servant Class** will be on Zoom on August 26, 27, and 28 (evening times).

Those who have completed the Basic Class can consider these offerings:

- **Leading Bible Study** (via Zoom) on July 14, 15, & 16. Choose between 5:30-9PM or 8:30AM-12PM
- **Aging & Ministry in the 21st century** (via Zoom) will occur Wednesdays, October 6, 13, & 20 at 8:30AM-12PM or 5:30-9PM

Learn more and register by going to:

dscumc.org/lay-servant-ministries-training-sessions

Lastly, there is an opportunity soon for an in-person class at St. Matthew UMC in Mesa, AZ. It explores Holy Communion and is called **Come to The Table**, May 21 and 22. Enrollment is limited to 10 persons and masks will be worn. To inquire about this class, contact East District Director Greg Geihl at (480)839-1269.

Stay tuned for announcements on In-person/hybrid lay servant classes to be held in the future.



Serenity on my street

A small nature park near my house. I love strolling through it to admire all the lovely desert greenery. I enjoy hearing the bees buzzing around in the flowers that are blooming on nearly all the plants.

Photo by Tripp Gordon

THIS WEEK'S
ANNOUNCEMENTS & GATHERINGS

SUNDAY MORNING LIVE!

Join us this Sunday morning at 10am on Youtube followed by a time of fellowship on ZOOM at the link below.

[Meeting ID: 972 7492 7766](#) [Passcode: 6226481](#)

Visit our Youtube channel. bit.ly/fumcYouTube

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한국어 사역

주일 오전 11:30에 Youtube에서 말씀 묵상과 이후 Zoom에서 나눔과 교제의 시간이 있습니다.

[Meeting ID: 998 6112 0822](#) [Passcode: 6226481](#)

Youtube 주소는 bit.ly/fumcYouTube

금요일 오후 7시에 시편 묵상과 나눔의 시간은 위에 주소에서 진행되고 있습니다.

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WEEKDAY ONLINE GATHERINGS

Women on a Spiritual Quest (WSQ)

-A classic UM small group accountability and fellowship on Monday Evenings at 4:30PM.

[Meeting ID: 920 5951 9248](#) [Passcode: 6226481](#)

All God's Creation (AGC)

-A time of scripture reading and reflection with a focus on living creatures, on Wednesday Mornings at 10AM.

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

Chancel Choir

-Meet with the choir online from the comfort and safety of your home on Wednesday Evenings at 6:30PM.

-Please remember to send your recording of *God of Grace and God of Glory* to Lorena by 11:59PM this Sunday, May 16th.

[Meeting ID: 929 7830 4567](#) [Passcode: 6226481](#)

Progressive Book Study (PBS)

-Would you like to be part of a book study? If you'd enjoy reading with us, join Progressive Christian theology on Thursday Afternoons at 2:30PM. The new book is "Kitchen Table Wisdom" by Rachel Naomi Remen, MD.

[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 pastor@firstchurchtucson.org*

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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 those caring for them.

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We offer our prayers for these sister faith communities:

St. Mark's UMC, Tucson
Catalina UMC, Tucson
Campus Ministry, U of A, Tucson

SUPPORT FIRST CHURCH TUCSON

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.
We thank you for your commitment to making a difference in our community.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Young Kim (May 15)

Patsy Shook (May 15)

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

SOUL KITCHEN

Strawberry Rhubarb Crisp

<https://www.onceuponachef.com/recipes/strawberry-rhubarb-crisp.html>

Ingredients

FOR THE FILLING:

1 lb rhubarb stalks, trimmed
and sliced ½ inch thick
½ lb strawberries, hulled
and quartered
½ c granulated sugar
1 ½ Tbsp cornstarch
1 tsp vanilla extract

FOR THE TOPPING:

¾ c all-purpose flour,
spooned into measuring
cup and leveled-off with a
knife
½ c packed light brown
sugar
2 Tbsp granulated sugar
¼ tsp salt
6 Tbsp unsalted butter, cut
into ½ inch cubes
¾ c old-fashioned rolled
oats
½ c chopped pecans

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.

FOR THE FILLING:

2. In a large bowl, combine the rhubarb, strawberries, sugar, cornstarch, and vanilla. Stir until the fruit is evenly coated with the sugar mixture, and the sugar mixture is no longer white.
3. Transfer the fruit mixture to a 2-quart or 8-inch baking dish (no need to butter it) and set it aside while you prepare the topping.

FOR THE TOPPING:

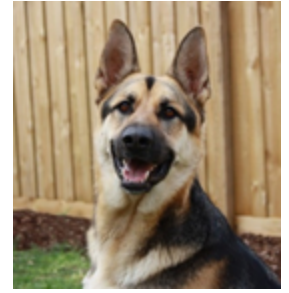
4. In the bowl of a food processor, combine the flour, brown sugar, granulated sugar and salt. Process until well combined, about 30 seconds. Add the cold butter and pulse until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs, with a few pea-sized clumps of butter within. Transfer to a medium bowl and stir in the oats and chopped pecans.
5. Spoon the topping evenly over the fruit without packing down. Bake for 45-55 minutes, until the fruit is bubbling around the edges and the topping is golden brown. Cool for 20 minutes before serving. Spoon into shallow bowls and serve with vanilla ice cream.

Animal Holidays - A Week at a Glance

By Diane Russell

May 10 - German Shepherd Day

The German Shepherd Dog is one of America's most popular dog breeds. The breed was officially known as the "Alsatian Wolf Dog."



May 11 - Picture of the Day

Sable – An antelope from Africa seen on Nkorho Webcam in South Africa.

May 14 - Fintastic Friday

This day was created by Whale Times along with the Shark Research Institute. They

believe in giving sharks, rays, and skates a voice and that kids could be their voice for conservation.



May 14 - International Chihuahua Appreciation Day

This day is a celebration for all the joy and happiness they bring into our lives. They are the smallest breed of dog; but they have a big personality.

May 15 - Picture of the Day

Crown Crane - Pete's Pond Webcam from Mashatu, Botswana



May 16 - National Sea Monkey Day

This day celebrates the tiny brine shrimp that swam around mail-order aquariums.

People have been keeping sea-monkeys as pets since the 1960's.



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