



# 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.



HYUNGWON KANG/LOS ANGELES TIMES/REUTERS

## “Can’t We All Just Get Along?”

By Rev. Paul Cho

These famous words from the 1992 Los Angeles riots may be something many of us resonate with. To be correct, these were not Mr. Rodney King’s words. His actual words were, “People, I just want to say, you know, can we all get along?”

Notice the difference? The negative contraction is missing. This difference matters because Mr. King’s original expression, one that is positive, hides a painful reality. Despite Mr. King being a victim of violence himself by abusers of power and privilege, he felt he must remain positive (*and silent*) about the very situation which caused the outburst.

More cynically, I believe he was convinced (by persons of privilege) to take such a position in order for the media to portray his positive demeanor and calm people’s nerves. By the way, that is how oppression works. Tell the victim that they must change in order to fix what was wronged to them. (Another example, tell the raped woman that it was her fault. She should have dressed more appropriately. Ugh.)

The truth is, for most of us, we all want to get along. We all want to be able to move past our division and hate. It is likely why we remember this quote the way we do. “Can’t we all just get along?” As in, “Why can’t we?” We should be able to. (cont. pg 5)

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](https://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](https://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](#)

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**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](#)

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**Chancel Choir**

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

-This is the last week to join the choir in the parking lot this Saturday at 2PM.

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

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**Progressive Book Study (PBS)**

-Join us on Thursday Afternoons at 2:30PM. The new book is "Kitchen Table Wisdom" by Rachel Naomi Remen, MD, "one of the earliest pioneers in the mind/body health field." Her writing will touch your heart as well as enrich your mind.

[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](mailto: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:

Community UMC, Bowie  
Desert Skies UMC, Tucson  
Duncan UMC, Duncan

## **NIFTY NEEDLECRAFTS THANKS YOU!**

A sincere "Thank you!" to those who have so generously donated fabric to the sewing ministry thus far. We are very appreciative and look forward to using them to create many fun, colorful projects.

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## **COLLECTION MONTH**

At the end of the month there will be a collection of coins, plastic bags, and hand sanitizer. Drop-off is on Sunday, May 31st, between 1PM - 3PM in our parking lot.

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## **SUPPORT FIRST CHURCH TUCSON**

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

\*Notice: We are switching from Vanco and Paypal to Breeze Online Payments. If you have recurring donations set up through Vanco or Paypal, you should cancel those and set them up through Breeze instead (accessed through the link above). The deadline to switch over is June 30th.

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## **SOUL KITCHEN**

### **Easy Tiramisu**

<https://tastesbetterfromscratch.com/easy-tiramisu/>

#### **Ingredients**

1 ½ c heavy whipping cream  
8 oz container mascarpone  
cheese, room temperature  
½ c granulated sugar  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1 ½ c cold espresso  
3 Tbsp coffee-flavored  
liqueur (optional)  
1 pkg Lady Fingers  
Cocoa powder for dusting

#### **Directions**

1. Add whipping cream to a mixing bowl and beat on medium speed with an electric mixer (or a stand mixer). Slowly add sugar and vanilla and continue to beat until stiff peaks form. Add mascarpone cheese and mix just until combined. Set aside.
2. Add espresso and liqueur to a shallow bowl. Quickly dip--don't soak--the lady fingers in the coffee and lay them in a single layer on the bottom of an 8x8" or similar size pan.
3. Smooth half of the mascarpone mixture over the top. Add another layer of dipped lady fingers. Smooth remaining mascarpone cream over the top.
4. Dust cocoa powder generously over the top. Refrigerate for at least 3-4 hours or up to overnight before serving.

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

By Victoria Russell



## May 3 - International Wild Koala Day

Koalas are marsupials native to Australia and are classified as endangered. This day is dedicated to bringing attention to their status and their loss of habitat of Eucalyptus trees.

## May 3 - National Specially-abled Pets Day

Pets with special needs are often overlooked when getting adopted. It is important to consider the pet's unique needs and if you can fit their needs.



## May 4 - International Respect for Chickens Day

Chickens come in many different breeds. This day is intended to celebrate chickens and object to the horrors chickens face in the world.

## May 8 - National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day

Natural disasters can occur at any time and anywhere.

When families make plans they need to include their pets.

Learn about ways you can prepare for your pets' safety.



## May 8 - World Migratory Bird Day

Be inspired to go bird-watching and learn more about bird identification and biology. This year's conservation theme is "Sing, Fly, Soar- Like a Bird!"

## May 9 - Mother's Day

Moms come in all different shapes and sizes. They are linked by their love for their children and their children's love for them.



## Beautifying the courtyard

Nan Rollings has been hard at work, diligently pruning, weeding, and replanting the courtyard gardens, including this raised bed.

The flowers are salvia (pink, red, and purple), plumbago (blue), potato vine (yellow-green), and pincushion flower/scabiosa (lavender).

*Photo by Tripp Gordon*



## Can't We All Just Get Along? (cont.)

It has been nearly 30 years since the Los Angeles Riots, and regretfully, we are in no better a place. Racism is just as prevalent and pronounced. Hate crimes and hateful speech still increase, now extending beyond the black and white narrative, to the brown, and most recently, to the yellow.

Perhaps, just being quiet and playing nice is not an effective strategy. It may be that by choosing to be silent or to be positive at the cost of reconciliation that comes from recognition, we are also choosing to ignore the suffering, which does not lead to healing but even more suffering. True reconciliation comes only after we fully recognize the harm done by our actions.

American abolitionist Frederick Douglass once said, "Those who profess to favor freedom and yet depreciate agitation are people who want crops without ploughing the ground; they want rain without thunder and lightning; they want the ocean without the roar of its many waters. The struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one, or it may be both. But it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will." More than 200 years later, his words are prophetic in our age.

I hope to become reconciled. I pray that we would be moved by the Holy Spirit to face the truth, despite how difficult, uncomfortable, or inconvenient it may be.

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. This year, the Desert Southwest Conference AAPI has put together resources for your learning and growing.

Visit [bit.ly/DSCAAPIResources](https://bit.ly/DSCAAPIResources) for a curated list of resources categorized by media type.

Join the 21 Day Challenge for Racial Equity at [dsc-race.org](https://dsc-race.org)

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## Appointment Introduction

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior!

I am pleased to announce to you that Bishop Robert Hoshibata intends to appoint Rev. Eun Young Ko to serve as pastor at First United Methodist Church, Tucson, AZ, effective July 1, 2021. Through a process of prayerful discernment and consultation with the church, the Bishop and Cabinet believe Rev. Ko has the gifts and skills needed to serve your church at this time.

Rev. Ko is currently serving at Faith Evangelical United Methodist Church in the Northern Illinois Annual Conference, and she is looking forward to being in ministry with you.

I am praying for you as you take time to honor and celebrate the ministry of Rev. Paul Cho in the coming months, and then welcome and celebrate Rev. Ko into your presence.

In Christ,

Rev. Matt Ashley  
Missional Strategist and Superintendent



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