



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 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.

“Radical Hospitality!”

By Pastor Ko

May God continue to bless and give you peace every day!



It has been such a blessing for me to settle down and explore the town of Tucson. Also, it has been a new and refreshing experience for me to meet visitors for our worship services. When I met one of the freshmen of the University of Arizona and his mother last Sunday, I was so touched and grateful for our church's opportunity and location.

As I mentioned in my sermon, we are so blessed to be located on the campus of the University of Arizona and have an extraordinary heart for the campus ministry. However, if we only welcome them passively, it would not be so welcoming and approachable in the name of the mission of the church.

We used to greet and welcome them when they visited our church. However, it is not enough. Bishop Robert Schnase introduced us to the spirit of Radical Hospitality in the book “Five Practices for Fruitful Congregation.” According to him, each local church needs to bring a spirit of Radical hospitality, which is the active desire to get people to Christ and his church. Radical hospitality allows us to focus on our neighborhoods, work-life, and affinity networks with greater intentionality.

The church is a place where we worship, have fellowship, and build a kingdom of God. We can build up the Kingdom of God not

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Radical Hospitality! (cont.)

only inside but also outside the church building. It is only possible for us to be willing to do something as life-giving by shifting energy, focus, and imagination.

What I mean is that we must remember what we are doing in the name of the Ministry. Welcoming, inviting, and serving others are always possible to spread the Good News outside First Church in Tucson, maybe in LA, Indiana, New Hampshire, Canada, Mexico, and worldwide.

In the mission of God, there is no racial, gender, social, economic, and other limitation or boundary.

As Romans 15:7 says, “7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God; 7 그러므로 그리스도께서 우리를 받아 하나님께 영광을 돌리심과 같이 너희도 서로 받으라(로마서 15장 7절),” let us welcome and accept one another, new visitors, long time members who haven’t been active. We are all children of God. I am always grateful for your kind and good spirit. It is a time for us to show your kind and good spirit to others. Let us praise the Lord all together!

If you have any concerns or prayer requests, feel free to contact pastor Eun Young Ko at pastortucsonfirstumc@gmail.com.

With blessings and prayers,

Pastor Eun Young Ko



Metamorphosis

Remember those prickly pear flowers that were featured in the April 19th digest?

Well, look what they’ve turned into now!

The juicy red fruits are almost ready to be harvested (very carefully, with tongs and leather gloves) and processed into delicious jelly.

Photo by Tripp Gordon

NEWS FROM THE INN

When a Guest Comes BACK to the INN

True Story August 2021, reported by Diane Everhart, Chair of The INN Board

Today I had the privilege of working in the clothing area at First United Methodist with two volunteers. We were doing our usual sorting and packaging, when a family of four came down the steps. I greeted them and asked if I might help them. "Where is the shelter?," the mother asked. I explained that the supplies were here, but that the Inn had located in a hotel, given the dangers of the coronavirus.

In October 2019 this Russian family was welcomed right where we were standing! The husband showed me photos on his phone of his daughter being served food, and of his son playing in the toy room. They could point to where their beds had been. Speaking in English, the mother said that in 2019 they had feared what might happen to them. Now they had come back in gratitude and brought gifts for us.

I asked if they'd driven all the way from California to bring donations. Yes. We were the first stop on their travels. They had decided to return the help and kindness that had been shown to them. The family brought 35 pounds of fresh apples, a case of breakfast cereal, four bags filled with packages of cookies, and four large sacks of clothing. Excitedly, their daughter looked for a drawing on the wall gallery that she had made years before. She found it and added her message of thanks and the date of August 3, 2021.

The family walked around. It was an important visit for them as much as for me, to see how they had thrived since their stay here almost two years ago. Before they left, they asked if they could take a photo of me, and I did the same. I had tears in my eyes as they left. These are four remarkable lives among several thousand, who have experienced our hospitality. We so seldom know what happens to guests after they leave and head to their sponsors. It was a joy and privilege to be at FUMC when a guest returned to express gratitude and say what it meant to stay with us at The Inn. My heart is filled to overflowing. What we do matters, and we are remembered.



JUSTICE AND SOCIAL ISSUES



Our Family's mission is to eliminate homelessness and strengthen our community.

We do this by

Providing stability in times of crisis

Linking people to support and resources

Supporting social connectedness

Engaging our neighbors to tackle tough community issues

Acknowledging and combating systemic inequities through policies and advocacy

Back-to-School Supplies Needed

The new school year is just around the corner and with the majority of students returning to in-person learning, supplies for students in our programs are needed.

We need:

- Backpacks for teens and children
- No. 2 pencils
- Pens
- Pencil pouches
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Erasers
- Highlighters
- Lined paper, college and wide ruled
- Spiral notebooks, college and wide ruled
- Rulers
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Colored pencils and crayons
- 3 Ring binders
- Folders
- Gift Cards to Target and/or Walmart for school uniforms and clothing

Donations can be delivered (and checks can be mailed) to 2590 N. Alvernon Way, Tucson AZ 85712.

For more information, please contact:

Kimberly Moyer (520) 323-1708 ext 425

Learn more about this organization at www.ourfamilyservices.org/

More ways to help: www.ourfamilyservices.org/ways-to-help/

For donation and general information, email info@ourfamilyservices.org

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 again 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.
금요일 저녁 7시에 성경공부 모임이 줌으로
진행됩니다.

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 small group Bible study group with accountability and fellowship; now meets in the church library at 4:30PM on Monday afternoons.

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

-Practice is now in-person in the Sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM.
-There will be rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 9AM before the service.

Progressive Book Study (PBS)

-On break through August; will resume Tuesday, September 7 at 2:30PM. The book is "God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It" by Jim Wallis.

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

[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 pastortucsonfirstumc@gmail.com

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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:

New Hope UMC, Tucson

St. James UMC, Tucson

St. Francis in the Foothills 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

Sang Ho Park (Aug 11)
Jack Hill-Harrill (Aug 13)

Byung & Young Kim (August 15)

Graham Wooley (Aug 17)
Bob McVey (Aug 21)

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

Meet'n'Eat reminder!

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

The next meetup is this **Friday (Aug 13)** at **11:30 AM** at the **Olive Garden** on the northeast corner of Oracle/Wetmore (300 W Wetmore Rd, Tucson, AZ 85705).

If you're interested, please let **Shirley Murray** know as soon as possible by calling her at **(520)297-4796** so she can reserve enough tables at the restaurant.

SOUL KITCHEN

Rhubarb Custard Pie (Linda's)

Shared by Margo Kahler

Ingredients

4 c rhubarb, fresh or frozen
1 ½ c sugar
3 eggs
4 Tbsp minute tapioca

Directions

Beat eggs; add sugar and tapioca. Add rhubarb. If using frozen rhubarb, let mixture stand 30 minutes. Put in 9" pie shell and bake at 400°F for 1 hour or until done.

Animal Holidays - A Week at a Glance

By Victoria Russell



August 10 - World Lion Day

Lions are considered the “King of the Jungle”. The lion’s population is rapidly declining. They are listed as a vulnerable species. Take time today to learn how to help lions. Another thing to do is go to your local zoo and see them in person.

August 12 - World Elephant Day

Elephants are one of the most amazing animals. Unfortunately they are being hunted for their Ivory and for sport. This is a day to spread awareness of their plight and learn ways to help them. Your local zoo might be celebrating them as well.



August 14th World Lizard Day



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Lizards are a part of the reptile family. There are about 6,000 types of lizards. Ways to celebrate include going to a lizard exhibit, adopting one as a pet, reading a book with lizards, and learning more about them.

August 15 - National Check the Chip Day

Microchipping your pet is a good way of protecting them and increases the likelihood of a reunion. The American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Animal Hospital Association teamed together to form this day to remind owners to get them chipped and to make sure that the contact info is current.



Picture of the Day

Penguins at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, CA.

SUNDAY SERVICE ORDER OF WORSHIP (Aug 15, 2021)

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
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
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

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