



# 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.

## “Let us work and pray together!”

By Pastor Ko

May God continue to guide you every day!

Did you know?

University students met on August 24, 2021, at a kick-off celebration. Rev. Hannah Bonner is in charge of the campus ministry associated with the Wesley Foundation. I was invited to be there and shared refreshments with the young adults of the town. Some of them are newcomers, and others are returning to the city of Tucson, AZ.



*Rev. Hannah Bonner*

Even though lots of flies visited the gathering, those flies couldn't stop them from greeting, having fun, and building relationships with one another in the body of the United Methodist Church.

First UMC has been involved with Wesley Foundation for the campus ministry of the University of Arizona for years. As we gather at church for our spirituality and discipleship, students need their spiritual foundation while away from their hometowns and churches.

We are so privileged to provide for that spiritual foundation by offering our church building. As we do it for them, other churches might provide your children and people you know living away from their home with a spiritual foundation where they are. The campus ministry team has a bible study that meets on

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## Let us work and pray together! (cont.)

Thursdays, and there are many other opportunities they would provide for the students at the University of Arizona. So please, continue to pray for our campus minister, Rev. Hannah Bonner, and the student leadership team because we work and pray together in the name of God for this faithful mission opportunity.



*Left: Students in the garden. Right: Students gathered in the social hall*

I hope and pray that First Church can continue the legacy of being the hub church of the campus ministry at the University of Arizona. Even though many other denominations have given up their efforts and investments for the campus ministry at the University of Arizona, our United Methodist Churches do not give up the mission. It might not show us a clear and pleasant outcome right away. It could make us exhausted to keep providing and supporting.

However, I dream that our church would be a place where we can bring all our fears and concerns, where our closed hearts can be open again, where we can come out of isolation, where the heart lost in a dream would dream again, and where it would restore the bounty of our lives. Likewise, I also dream that our campus ministry would be able to provide all my dreams of our church for students. It is because they would quickly be drained, isolated, lost, closed, and hurt while they are away from their home countries, their hometowns, and their home churches.

Will you join me to work and pray for our campus ministry? If so, I would appreciate it.

As the prophet, Isaiah proclaimed of the word of God, “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand (Isaiah 41:10); 두려워하지 말라 내가 너와 함께 함이라 놀라지 말라 나는 네 하나님이 됨이라 내가 너를 굳세게 하리라 참으로 너를 도와 주리라 참으로 나의 의로운 오른손으로 너를 붙들리라. (이사야 41장 10절),” I would like to encourage all of you to believe in the word of God.

God will strengthen us and help us, so let us continue working and praying for our campus ministry and church! Praise to the Lord!

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 pastor Eun Young Ko ([pastortucsonfirststumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastortucsonfirststumc@gmail.com))

With blessings and prayers,

Pastor Eun Young Ko

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](http://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 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](http://bit.ly/fumcYouTube)  
[Meeting ID: 998 6112 0822](http://Meeting ID: 998 6112 0822) Passcode: 6226481

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**WEEKDAY ONLINE GATHERINGS**

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

-A classic UM Bible study group with accountability and fellowship, in the church library on Monday afternoons at 4:30PM.

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**All God's Creation (AGC)**

-A time of scripture reading and reflection with a focus on living creatures, now on Tuesday afternoons at 3PM.

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

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**Chancel Choir**

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

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

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**Progressive Book Study (PBS)**

-Resumes today at 2:30PM. Please note all following meetings will be on Thursdays at 2:30PM. Book title: "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](http://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](mailto:pastortucsonfirstumc@gmail.com)



## 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:  
Sanctuary UMC, Tucson  
Santa Cruz Valley UMC, Sahuarita  
St. John's 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](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.



### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

John Hughes (Sept 7)  
Alice Woo (Sept 10)  
Shirley Murray (Sept 14)

Elizabeth Rollings-Friman (Sept 15)  
Carole Koo (Sept 19)  
Jeanne Bensema (Sept 20)

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

### **September Meet'n'Eat**

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

The next Meet'n'Eat is on **September 10 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/300-W-Wetmore-Rd-Tucson-AZ-85705)).

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



## COMMUNITY NEWS

# JOIN US FOR HUNGERWALK 2021 THIS SATURDAY, SEPT 11

<https://donate.communityfoodbank.org/event/2021-hungerwalk/e337971>



### What's HungerWalk?

HungerWalk is a fun, family-friendly event, a chance to get out, get active, and give back. Join us for HungerWalk 2021 this Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and walk to raise awareness and end hunger in our communities.

This year, HungerWalk is a hybrid event—you can join a small meet-up group to walk together in person, join our virtual walk by walking when and where it works for you, or donate online to support other walkers.

Wherever you walk and however you give, you can follow along on Facebook and Instagram with the hashtag **#HungerWalk2021**—and make sure you tell us why YOU walk!

### Ways to Participate

#### Virtual HungerWalk

You pick the place, you pick the pace! Just like last year, this year's HungerWalk gives you the option to walk where and when you want on event day. Walk your neighborhood or your favorite trail, your local park or your air-conditioned treadmill. Walk alone or with family and friends. It's all up to you!

Share your walk photos and tell us why you walk with the hashtag **#HungerWalk2021**. We can't wait to see where your walking shoes take you!

Set up your virtual team page and fundraise to make an even bigger impact! Download our participation packet [HERE](https://bit.ly/2TCIXLv) (<https://bit.ly/2TCIXLv>) for more information. For virtual walkers and larger teams see suggested trails below!

Pima Prickly Park Trail  
Freeman Homestead Trail

Catalina State Park Nature Loop  
Tumamoc Hill

#### Join A Small Group

Ready for some in-person socialization? Join one of our small group meet-ups to get your walk in with other community members. All groups will be walking between 8-10am. Social distancing will be recommended!

Attendance is capped and space is limited. To RSVP for a meet-up group, please register for HungerWalk and follow the prompts to select your location.

- Morris K Udall Park, 7200 E Tanque Verde Rd, Tucson.
- George Mehl Family Foothills Park, 4000 E River Rd, Tucson
- Kino North Complex, 3600 S Country Club Rd, Tucson
- Reid Park, 900 S. Randolph Way, Tucson
- Historic Canoa Ranch, 5375 I-19 Frontage Rd, Green Valley
- Sahuarita Lake Park, 15466 S Rancho Sahuarita Blvd, Sahuarita

Questions about joining a meet-up group? We're happy to help! Call Hannah at 520-770-7815!

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

By Diane Russell



## **September 8 - National Dog Walker Appreciation Day**

The on-demand mobile dog service app “Wag” has announced the first annual holiday to celebrate all the men and women dog walkers who have walked countless miles exercising and entertaining dogs everywhere. All dog walkers deserve a little extra gratitude today whether it is a professional hired walker or walking your own dog for pleasure.

## **September 11 - National Iguana Awareness Day**

This day originated in 1998 by iguana owners to celebrate and bring about awareness that iguanas need special care and are not considered “disposable pets.” Their motto is “Hard to Care for, Easy to Love.”



## **September 12 - National Pet Memorial Day**

This day is a day to remember all the pets who have passed through our lives. They are part of our lives and when they pass; the loss is felt deeply. Ways to remember your pet include making a photo album, planting a garden, placing a memorial stone, or donating to your favorite charity.

## **September 12 - National Hug Your Hound Day**

This day was created by Ami Moore, the “Dog Whisperer of Chicago.” This day is to remind people of the special bond that is shared between a dog and their owner. The best way to celebrate is by hugging your hound (if they enjoy hugs).



## **September 13 - Pet Birth Defect Awareness Day**

This day was created by David Rogers of the MB Jungle Foundation in 2014 to address pet birth defects. The importance of this day is to raise awareness of the many physical and mental challenges that they face.

## MUSICAL INVITATION

Join our music groups at First United Methodist Church!  
You are welcome to participate, whether you can read music or not.

**FUMC Choir** Our rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:30PM and Sundays at 9AM in the Sanctuary.

**FUMC Ensemble** If you play keyboard, drums, guitar, bass, woodwind, brass, or strings; or if you sing, contact us and join this ensemble for worship services and special occasions.

**FUMC Handbell Choir** We will prepare music for the Christmas Season!

### Contact information:

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### Massive Moth Meditating In My Mitt

This female Black Witch Moth (*Ascalapha odorata*) with a 5-inch wingspan was found on my parents' porch. She allowed me to pick her up and place her in a leafy tree to (hopefully) stay camouflaged until nightfall.

Photo by Tripp Gordon



## SUNDAY COFFEE/SOCIAL TIME

On Sunday, August 29th, we tried a simplified version of coffee after the worship service. It went very well. Thus, we are reinstating the time with social distancing rules:

1. Masks are to be worn when not seated at a table.
2. Tables have been set up with only 4 chairs to ensure there is social distancing and must remain this way.
3. Food will be limited to finger foods like cookies, doughnuts and crackers or chips. Utensils must be used to pick up food, **DO NOT** use your fingers.
4. Coffee and water will be the beverages for now.

If these rules are observed, we will continue until covid conditions change and we must reconsider the circumstances.

Welcome back to social time and enjoy responsibly.

## 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**

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

### Church Staff

Senior Pastor: Rev. Eun Young Ko

Visiting Pastor: Rev. Raven Gaston

Music Director: Lorena Suarez

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