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SEEK GOD

"Be Still, and know that I am God"
Psalm 46:10

Worship this Month

October worship stretches us to think of our relationships with people around the world and in our community. How do we welcome others? In what ways do we live our call to be one with siblings of faith? In what ways do we need to grow in our hospitality, welcome, and full inclusion?

On October 27, we will begin to consider these relationships in light of our faith's call to care for creation through a four week Season of Creation.

October 6

World Communion/Hispanic Heritage Sunday
Exodus 24:9-11, Luke 14:15-24

October 13

Welcome and Refuge with Jewish Voices for Peace
Psalm 142, 1 John 4:7-8, 16b-21

October 20

Mental Health Sunday
Guest preacher, Tandala Kidd

October 27

Season of Creation Series begins

Seek



Love

Serve

Sunday Worship
10:30am

Church School
9:00am

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"And let us consider how we may provoke one another to love and good deeds" Hebrews 24:10



Forward Together Updates:

1. Listening Campaign: Listeners continue to meet with businesses and organizations in the community. One development so far is a connection with the campus food pantry at the University of Arizona. Since one leading of our discernment process was to explore connections with the university community, we are making plans to help support students experiencing food insecurity. Want to know more? Please contact Pastor Ailsa.

2. Building:

Property Maintenance Person: The team has postponed the posting of the position until we have a better estimate of the 2020 proposed budget. In the meantime, we express gratitude to our members attending to property matters and our Office Manager, Jenna Hosler, for addressing property needs.

Sanctuary Updates: We had a great response to the chair campaign. As of the printing of this issue of the Desert Disciple, funds for 104 had been raised. That surpasses our hope for 100 chairs by the end of September with more time to give. Our overall goal is 200 chairs. See more information on page 4.

3. Expanding Evangelism through Social Media: Now is the time to follow First Christian Church on Facebook, if you have not already. Our contract with Social Grace Media began in September, and we look forward to sharing the story of our congregation through social media and an updated website.

Jewish Voice for Peace — Sukkot Event

Jewish Voice for Peace will set up a "sukkah"--a temporary structure like a ramada--for the Jewish holiday of Sukkot (the plural of sukkah), **October 13 - October 20**. Sukkot is a harvest festival, a time of thinking about shelter and a time when we welcome the stranger. It is also the most joyous holiday in the Jewish calendar, because it follows the intense work of reflection and making amends during Yom Kippur.



Sunday, October 13, Following Worship

Jewish Voices for Peace will join us for worship and lead an event following the service. Learn about Sukkot--the history, music, dancing, and decorations. **Lunch is potluck.**

Friday, October 18, 6:00-8:00pm

Shabbat potluck with Alex Kack (#GreenShirtGuy), organizer for the People's Defense Initiative, focusing on Tucson Families Free and Together.

Stay tuned for updates to events that week: <https://www.facebook.com/JVPTucson>



Spanish Classes

Cathy Baar will offer Spanish classes focused on conversations and vocabulary needed to communicate with our guests.

They consist of ten class meetings, of 90 minutes each, over five weeks. No classes during Hospitality Week.

Cost, \$100 plus \$20 for books and materials (one time charge for all classes). Maximum 5 people per class. **Text** Cathy to register, 520-289-1790 (no calls, please).

Dates: Monday and Wednesdays
September 30, October 2, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, November 4, 6.

Beginner Group 1 - 9:00 - 10:30am
 Beginner Group 2 - 11:00am - 12:30pm
 Beginner Group 3 - 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays
October 1, 3, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29, 31, Nov. 5, 7.
 Advanced Beginner Group 1 - 1:30 - 3:00pm.
 Beginner Group 4 - 3:30 - 5:00pm.
 Advanced Beginner Group 2 - 7:30 - 9:00 pm.

Shout Outs!

Celebrate the positive! Give Thanks. Our monthly "shout out" helps us do just that.

- ♥ To all the **courageous people who shared their talents at the talent show**, thank you for a wonderful afternoon. Also thanks to our youth, **Rose See**, who had the idea, and **Krysia González** for coordinating and being the MC for the event!



Do you know someone going above and beyond? Do you know someone doing an amazing thing? If so, let the church office know so we can celebrate them here. You can submit your shout-out anonymously or with your name.

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Disciples Women's Ministry



DWM will meet in October on our usual second Tuesday of the month, **October 8, from 11:30 to 1 pm.** (Please note that our meeting falls on the same week as FCC is hosting asylum-seekers in Fellowship Hall.) We will have a surprise program--come and check it out! Bring a sack lunch and dessert will be provided.



Cheers to 40 years!

You are invited to join the celebration of **David & Debbie Stadle's 40th wedding anniversary!**
Sunday, October 6 at 5:00pm
FCC Parlor/Patio

RSVP to lgstadle@gmail.com OR 520-471-7130

SERVE THE WORLD

"Speak up for those who cannot speak... ensure justice for those being crushed" Proverbs 31:8

Sanctuary Chair Campaign



How exciting to dream of offering our space for music, art, and meetings for our community and knowing that soon this could not only be a dream but reality!

**Have you sat in the new chair?
Try it; it's in the welcome area!**

You're encouraged to purchase a chair - a chair for you, a chair for a guest, a chair for our expected growth.... The cost of a chair is \$68. Our hope is to purchase 100 chairs by the end of September, and our goal is 200 chairs. **At the time of publication (9/23), we have contributions for 104 chairs! With one more Sunday left to give, can you help us toward our overall goal of 200 chairs?** Thank you to all who have contributed!

Week of Hospitality, October 7—12



This month, we will begin receiving guests on Monday, October 7. We give thanks to God for the many volunteers from First

Christian and our wider Tucson community who compassionately come each month to help. We appreciate any way you can help: prepare the space, donated needed snacks and other items, or accompany guests in a day or night shift of by preparing a meal.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Welcome guests upon arrival (Spanish helpful)
- Help prepare meals
- Be present with guests during the day (4 hour shift)
- Overnight (12 hour shift, flexible)
- Launder linens
- Drive guests to bus station or airport
- Pick up bus tickets from bus station
- Make peanut butter & jelly sandwiches
- Donate \$20 for a family's travel money
- Donate needed items (see below)

Please see Janis Sherick or Pastor Ailsa to sign up, or use Signup Genius (link in weekly email).

Can't volunteer, but want to help? Needed items are always welcome! (Please note we are no longer accepting clothing items, unless listed)

Urgent Items Needed:

- **Diapers**—size 2, 3
- **Travel Items:**
Travel money (\$20 bills), travel size deodorant, squeeze applesauce, and travel blankets
- **Women's Clothes:**
shirts (sm/md), jeans (2-8), leggings (sm/md), and teen jeans, Bras (sm-med, NO large)
- **Men's Clothes:**
white shirts (sm/md) and jeans size 28-32 short
- **Boy's Clothes:**
pants (s/md/lg)
- **Shoes for Travel:**
women's size 5-6, men's size 7-8, and children's size 3-12 (solid shoes for traveling)

See these and other items needed on our Amazon Wish List (link in weekly email). You can order and have items shipped directly to the church. This list is subject to change as needs change.

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Reconciliation Offering October 6 & 13

The Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering. Through it we are able to provide programs for leadership development, curriculum for dialogue and learning, and partnerships within the Church and our communities.



Recent events have reignited the conversation about human brokenness evidenced in the sin of racism and perpetuated in our institutional structures and systems. Your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry is transforming lives and strengthening Christ's witness in the world showing that we love one another, even as Christ continues to love us!

We will receive this offering for two Sundays, October 6 and 13. Our goal is to receive \$500.00.

CROP Walk
Sunday, November 3
Registration: 1:30am
Walk: 2:00pm
First United Methodist Church



How you can participate:

- ◆ **Walk in the CROP Walk** – to register online, please visit our team's page: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/tucsonaz/TucsonFCC> **OR** you may pick up a walker packet from the greeter stand.
- ◆ **Sponsor a walker** – Find a walker and give your donation in the form of cash or check made out to **CWS** or go to our CROP Hunger Walk page and click on the walker's name to make a donation online.
- ◆ **Serve water at FCC's water table in the parking lot** – volunteers will set up the a table in the parking lot with water and offer it to walkers as they pass by on the final leg of the walk.

Our goal is to have 8 walkers and raise a total of \$600.00 among those 8 walkers.



75% of donations will go to Church World Service's refugee, disaster relief, and self-help development work. 25% of donations will STAY IN TUCSON, benefitting the Community Food Bank, Casa Maria Soup Kitchen, and Interfaith Community Services

\$100 Donation to First Christian's CROP Walk Team

As a prize for winning the CROP Walk T-shirt contest, Susan Harris received \$100 toward our church's \$600 goal. Congratulations, Susan!



Sunday Schedule

9:00 am	Adult Education—Parlor*
9:00 am	Children/Youth Education—Room 107 & 110 *
9:00 am	St. Michael's ECC - Chapel
10:30 am	Morning Worship - Sanctuary *

Praying For Our Mission Co-Workers!



Please be in prayer for our mission co-workers serving through Global Ministries.

During the week of...

October 6: Tom Liddle, East Timor

October 13: Phyllis Byrd, Kenya

October 20: Martha Mensendiek, Japan

October 27: Michael Joseph, Colombia

For more information regarding our missionaries, overseas partners, or how you can make a difference, visit: www.globalministries.org



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