

First United Methodist Church – Deming

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Praise Singing: 8:15 AM
 Morning Worship 9:00 AM
 Bible Studies: 10:15 AM (All Ages)
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He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

-Luke 10:27

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Did you know that the Purple Heart was created on August 7, 1782?



The Breakthrough Prayer Training scheduled for Saturday August 2 has been postponed due to the presenter having a family emergency. This will be rescheduled for some time this fall. Stay tuned for the new date and time.

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



So much has been happening at church and in my personal life over the summer. Some of it was really good and some of it not so good. Yet, there is beauty in all of it. Most of all, there is God in all of it. It is what a friend of mine would call horrifically beautiful.

My friend, who also happens to be a United Methodist pastor, coined this term when she went home to the family farm to spend time with her mother who was battling cancer. She described it something like this, “spending time in the most horrific of circumstances and knowing that God is there and making it beautiful.” When I first heard it, it made me stop and take stock of everything. When I did, I realized how truly accurate those words are.

I am not going to go into much detail as to what all has happened in my life lately. Just suffice it to say, there is a lot of the horrifically beautiful as of late. I am the first to admit that it is often hard to find God in the middle of it all. But when I stop – even just briefly – to reflect, I can see the hands of God all over things that are otherwise horrific. Never once in all of this has God failed me. Now don’t get me wrong. My life is not utopic. Far from it. My husband and I and our kids have seen our fair share of trials and tribulations. I am just saying that if I really take time to step back from myself and my problems, I realize that God is there.

Even now as I type this, there are horrific things happening in the family. Those things may not turn out the way I want them to. In the end and to our human eyes and hearts, the horrific may seem to win out. But you know what? Even when the horrific seems victorious, there is beauty. There is beauty when I am so stressed out from work that I can’t even think straight anymore. That is when I hear Jesus telling me to slow down and rest when he says, “*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*” (Matthew 11:28) There is beauty when personal and church finances are tight and I flip to Philippians 4:19 to read “*And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus*” and realize that is exactly what is happening (mind you, we don’t get everything we want, but my needs and the church’s needs seem to always be taken care of). There is even beauty in the horrific news that a loved one has succumbed to cancer because I know that his horrific is now unimaginably beautiful. The result wasn’t what I wanted in my selfishness. But even there the fingerprints of God are all over the situation, and because they are, there is hope, comfort, and peace.

I don’t know that I have made the point I wanted to with this or not. It is often so hard to put the things of God into human words. Even so, I am putting this out there for you all. Perhaps in doing so, you will take a few moments to stop for a minute or two and step back from the horrific that is happening in your life to ask yourself where the beauty is in this time and place. When you do – when you really stop and look and place your faith and trust in God – then you, too, will see that God is always there and making your world horrifically beautiful just like God has done in mine. May you always find that it is so!

God Bless

Pastor Koreen



The Men's Group will be meeting this month. Please join them on Sunday, **August 24**, at 7:30 AM in the Memorial Classroom, for a light breakfast and devotional.



The Women's Group will not be meeting during the summer months. They will start back up in the fall. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for further detail.



Communion will be held on **August 3**. We will be taking our special **Local Mission Fund** offering. Please mark your checks and envelopes appropriately. Local needs are great. Your generosity brings hope!



8:15 AM to 8:45 AM
Sunday Mornings
In the Sanctuary



August 31



There was not room for August 31 on the calendar on page 7. Here is the rundown for that day:

8:15 AM Praise Singing
9:00 AM Morning Worship
10:00 AM 5th Sunday Potluck
12th Sunday After Pentecost



Join us on a Journey Through the Old Testament and rediscover our roots. Let's finish the book of 1 Kings!

08/01 – 1 Kings 11:1-25

08/04– 1 Kings 11:26-43

08/06 – 1 Kings 12:1-33

08/08 – 1 Kings 13:1-34

08/11– 1 Kings 14:1-31

08/13– 1 Kings 15:1-34

08/15– 1 Kings 16:1-34

08/18– 1 Kings 17:1-24

08/20– 1 Kings 18:1-46

08/22– 1 Kings 19:1-21

08/25– 1 Kings 20:1-43

08/27– 1 Kings 21:1-29

08/29 – 1 Kings 22:1-53



Our August Bread Basket offering will be taken on **August 17** and will benefit Alas de Amor scholarships.

Alas de Amor is a multi-faceted program meant to help children with their school costs and empower families in the town of Palomas think proactively about their children's academic future. They typically sponsor over 130 children, mostly Jr. High and High School kids, so that they can attend school. As a part of that sponsorship, they assure that they are doing well in school and actively involved in their church.

If you would like to make a donation, please mark the memo line on your check accordingly, or place cash in an envelope and drop in the basket during the final hymn Sunday morning.

Remaining 2025 Bread Baskets

September—UMCOR

October—Doing His Work

November—Non Cancer Support

December—2 in 1 Offering

Christmas Eve—TLC



School Opened

July 28

Watch out for busses and students walking to school. Let's have a safe school year!



COMMUNITY NEWS

“Flowers, Flowers, Flowers,” is the theme for the August 2025 exhibit at the Deming Art Center. This will be a “scentsational,” bright and beautiful display of the exquisite nature of flowers. There will be a time to meet the artists on Sunday, August 3, 2025, from 1-2:30 PM. The exhibit will be up from August 2-29, 2025. The Gallery is located at 100 S. Gold in Deming, NM, and the hours are 10 AM – 4 PM, Monday thru Friday and 10 AM – 1 PM on Saturdays. For more information please call 575-546-3663, check their [website](#) or see them on [Facebook](#). *This project is supported in part by New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, and by the National Endowment for the Arts.*

The Deming Luna Senior Center and Ambercare Hospice invite you to a Grief and Loss Support Group, offering a safe space for comfort and healing. It meets the First Tuesday of every month at 1:00 PM, in the Adult Day Room at the Deming Luna Senior Center, 800 S Granite St. Facilitated by Rev. David Bonnell, Ambercare Hospice Chaplain. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 575-546-8823 or Rev. Bonnell at 575-694-0238. You are not alone—support is here for you.

It’s that time of year for the Great American Duck Races. Check out this [LINK](#) for more information about all the activities for the weekend of August 21-24.





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FRIDAY AUG. 1, 2025 2pm-6pm
SATURDAY AUG. 2, 2025 9am-4pm
THE HEARTH CENTER
1915 N. Swan St.
Silver City, NM 88061

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and
DEMING ANIMAL GUARDIANS**

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August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
						9A Pickleball
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Communion 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 1P Meet the Artists DAC 8th Sunday after Pentecost	5P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 12P Worship Committee 6P National Night Out	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball		9A Pickleball
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 9th Sunday after Pentecost	12P Leadership Board 5P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 5:30P Deming City Council	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball 6P Luna County Commissioners Meeting		9A Pickleball
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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