

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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Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

-Matthew 11:28

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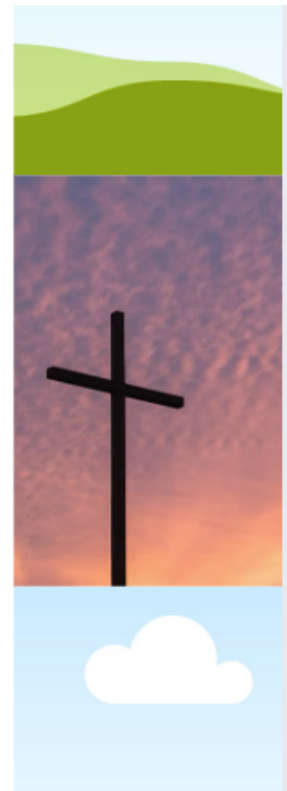
"Great, our first cruise and it rains for 40 days and nights."

Food for Fellowship

FOOD FOR FELLOWSHIP

BRING A DISH

We warmly invite all church members without a designated Sunday School Group to **bring a dish** to our upcoming 4th Sunday fellowship and 4th Sundays after that! This is a wonderful opportunity to share your favorite recipes and enjoy great food with our church family. Fellowship meal contributions will help create a welcoming atmosphere. Let's come together and please share one of your delicious dishes.



Starts September 28

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



As many of you know I am in the middle of graduate school where I am pursuing a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree. It has been a busy and mentally taxing year and half of work to get to where I am now. Just in the last few weeks I have begun to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Somedays it may seem like a pinprick of life at the end of a very long tunnel. Nonetheless, it is there. I can start to imagine the end.

The fun part about this entire process will be coming after the beginning of the new year. I know that seems like it is still a long way off, but did you know that I have already planned, selected, and ordered our Advent study materials and Sarah has already been contemplating Christmas music? Christmas is just four months away. That means the new year is just four months and one week from now. Both will be here before we know it.

The fun part of this DMin journey is the project that I get to design and implement in this church. No, I do not have all the nuts and bolts figured out, but the project design is beginning to come together. I am looking forward to it for a few reasons.

1. The project is something that has been near and dear to my heart for several years.
2. I think it is something that is sorely needed at FUMC-Deming and at many other churches across the United Methodist connection and beyond.
3. I think it will be of benefit to our church family, both as individuals and as a corporate body.
4. It means the end of the DMin journey is imminent!

However, I cannot do this project without people participating in it. That is where you all come in. I need study participants. I cannot actively begin recruiting people yet. I still have to meet all the academic review board requirements before I can do that. Yet, what I can do is to put a bug in your ears to get you started thinking about it.

You might be asking what this project is all about? That is a very good question. When I first started exploring my call to ministry many years ago, I became involved in a group called Stephen Ministry. One lady I worked with in that process always told me, "I don't now why Jesus keeps me here. I can't do anything." I have heard similar words from seniors at every church I have served, including FUMC-Deming. Ever since I first heard those words from this dear lady, the health of the spiritual lives of senior citizens has been a deep concern of mine. That is the impetus behind my project.

My project will be geared toward senior citizens who are retired from the workplace or who have never worked outside of the home and who are not involved in ministry within the church. As our church currently has very few ministry opportunities, that should include almost everyone in our congregation who is over the age of 65. Like it or not, that is somewhere around 80% of our people.

I cannot yet reveal project details, but it will run for a six-week period in January and February. It will involve listening to and discussing a series of four sermons, some simple surveys, group discussions, some guided journaling (Yes, there will be homework. I will provide a list of questions to prompt your thoughts), possibly some follow-up interviews, and a discussion of the next steps/where do we go from here. While it does involve some work, I am doing my best to make it simple and enjoyable.

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As the details come together, I am getting excited to work together with the FUMC family to bring this project to fruition and learn about our spiritual lives together. There will be more information to come as the date draws nearer. Until then, it is my hope that you prayerfully consider joining me on this journey in January and February. If you don't want to participate in the actual project then please pray for the project and all of us who will be involved. Your prayers are coveted because we not only want a good, effective project but also to glorify God in all that we say and do.

Blessings to each one of you!

Pastor Koreen

Monthly Budget Numbers

July

Needed Each Month to Meet Budget.	\$18,182.00
Received in June	\$28,914.04
Difference from Budget for June	\$10,732.04

August

Needed Each Month to Meet Budget.	\$18,182.00
Received in June	\$13,618.50
Difference from Budget for June	-\$4,563.50

Year-To-Date

Budgeted Year-to-Date	\$145,456.00
Received Year-to-Date	\$135,041.69
Difference from Budget Year-to-Date	-\$10,414.31



Operation Christmas Child is just around the corner. As you are out shopping, please keep the following items in mind if you are going to fill a box. Something to love (soft toy.) Something to play with (ball, toy car, doll, etc.) Something to care for self with (comb, toothbrush, hair ties, etc.) Something to create with (pencils, crayons, notepads, drawing pads, etc.)

Something to wear (socks, t-shirt, hat, etc.) NO candy or toothpaste is allowed. Most of the children receiving these gifts cannot believe that someone in another country cares for them and would send this gift. A photo and short note shows these children that you are a real person who wants them to know Christ, as the greatest gift! Boxes will be due back by **November 16**.



The Men's Group will be meeting this month. Please join them on Sunday, **September 21**, at 7:30 AM in the Memorial Classroom, for a light breakfast and devotional.



The Women's Group will be meeting this month on **September 17**. They will meet in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.



Communion will be held on **September 7**. 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!

Happy Labor Day

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58



Our Church Conference has been set for 10:00 AM on Sunday, **October 5**. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Pamela Rowley, will be here to conduct the meeting, so mark your calendar and join us right after morning worship as we conduct the business of the church.



8:15 AM to 8:45 AM

Sunday Mornings

In the Sanctuary



Join us on a Journey Through the Old Testament and rediscover our roots. Let's start the book of 2 Kings!

09/01 – 2 Kings 1:1-18

09/03– 2 Kings 2:1-25

09/05– 2 Kings 3:1-27

09/08– 2 Kings 4:1-25

09/10– 2 Kings 4:26-44

09/12– 2 Kings 5:1-27

09/15– 2 Kings 6:1-33

09/17– 2 Kings 7:1-20

09/19– 2 Kings 8:1-29

09/22– 2 Kings 9:1-37

09/24– 2 Kings 10:1-36

09/26– 2 Kings 11:1-21

09/29– 2 Kings 12:1-21



Our September Bread Basket offering will be taken on **September 21** and will benefit UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief.)

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response and long-term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development. Most recently, they were helping with the flooding in Ruidoso.

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

October—Doing His Work

November—Non Cancer Support

December—TLC

Christmas Eve—Cancer Support of Deming/Luna County

WHITLEE CASEY

"Red Bird"

FALL TOUR



Saturday, September 13 at 7:00 PM

FUMC Church Sanctuary

Free Will Offering will be taken

**Whitlee will also join us on Sunday, September 14, for our praise singing
at 8:15 AM**

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Fiber Arts show is the theme for the **September 2025** exhibit at the Deming Art Center. This exhibit will include paper, wood, leather, fiber clay, and small fabric items. There will be a time to meet the artists on Sunday, **September 7, 2025**, from 1-2:30 PM. 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. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 575-546-8823. You are not alone—support is here for you.

The 2025 Southwestern NM State Fair will be taking place from **October 1-5** at the fairgrounds in Deming. Watch for more information in the community. Come out and support all those who have entered 4-H projects.

Cancer Support of Deming and Luna County is needing volunteers to drive patients to and from appointments. If you think you might be able to help, please call 575-546-4780 or stop by the office at 217 N. Country Club Rd.

The Guatemalan Mercado is back. Shop for beautiful, colorful handmade clothing, items for the home, purses, jewelry, gifts, decorations and more. Friday **September 19** from 10 AM to 4 PM and again on Saturday **September 20** from 9 AM to 3 PM. Located at the Deming Art Center. 100 S Gold Ave. For more information call 575-546-3663.

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



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September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	1	2	3	4	5	6
		7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 1P Grief Support Group @ Senior Center	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball		9A Pickleball
7	8	9	11	11	12	13
Communion 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 1P Meet the Artists DAC 13th Sunday after Pentecost	12P Leadership Board 5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball	10A Prayer Group 10A Luna County Commissioners 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball		9A Pickleball 7P Whitlee Casey Concert
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:15A Praise Singing with Whitlee Casey 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 14th Sunday after Pentecost	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 5:30P Deming City Council	10A Prayer Group 2P Women's Group 3P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball	10A Guatemalan Mercado @ DAC	9A Pickleball 9A Guatemalan Mercado @ DAC
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Bread Basket 7:30A Men's Group 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 15th Sunday after Pentecost	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball		9A Pickleball
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 16th Sunday after Pentecost 	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball				