

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)
 Nursery Available

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November 2025



Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

-Psalm 107:1

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NOVEMBER

EVENTS

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ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Nov. 19; Dec. 3-10-17 6 PM
 "On The Way To Bethlehem"
 Call office to order Advent Study Book

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DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

Thursday Nov. 20 from 10 am - 2 pm
 Earn discount on insurance for 3 years.
 Call 575-312-4526 as reservations are a must.

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HANGING OF THE GREENS

Sunday from 3 - 5 PM come and help
 decorate the church for Christmas. Soup,
 chili and cornbread will be provided. Bring
 your friends!

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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM In MAC Gym.
 Open to all. Don't want to cook and have friend
 friends? Bring them!

574-546-2791

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



Even in light of the announcement made in church (which I made because I felt a very strong pull from God to make and not because I was supposed to or had permission to), my ministry with First United Methodist Church of Deming and with each of you is not over. There are several things that have been talked about. It is time to stop talking and get those things implemented.

First, we are bringing back homebound communion. There are several of our members who are unable to come to church mostly due to health reasons. Many of them are intimately connected to Jesus and want to remain connected to the church. As you can imagine, staying connected to the church is hard to do when you are not able to get to the building. *The United Methodist Book of Worship* says, “Since the earliest Christian times, communion has been brought as an extension of the congregation’s worship to sick or homebound persons unable to attend congregational worship” (BOW, 51). Communion is one way to nurture the relationship with Jesus, accompany homebound members in worship, and provide a sliver of connection to the greater body of the church. There are a few cogs that need to be oiled in order to get this off the ground. The biggest one is that we need people who are willing to spend an hour or two of their time on the first Sunday of every month. You do not need to provide anything except your willing heart and your own transportation. If this is something you would be interested in, mark your calendars for **December 9th at 2:00 pm** for a short training session. The goal is to begin this ministry on January 4, 2026.

Second, we are in the process of getting a visitation team going. I know...I know. Visitation is my pastoral weakness. I need people to keep me accountable, so I am compelled to get out of my office to visit. However, with as many people as we have who would benefit from a visit, it is impossible to do by myself. We currently have a core group of four individuals who are working on getting the rough edges smoothed out and creating an organized, recognized group. I know there are several of you who visit church members on at least a semi-regular basis. We could always use more bodies in this group as we work to solidify its vision and purpose. This group has tremendous room to grow. I envision it (and I think at least one of the current members would agree) to quickly move from a visitation group to a congregational care ministry team. The next meeting for this group is on **Wednesday, November 5th at 2:00 pm**. Please come and see where you can help.

Finally, there will be a discipleship training opportunity in late January-early March 2026. I talked about this some in the September newsletter. I have titled it “Because Somebody Prayed.” This title is somewhat a misnomer as this is not a prayer workshop. Prayer does have some significance to the overall project, but like I said, it is NOT a prayer workshop. For transparency’s sake this is the final project for my Doctor of Ministry degree. However, it is not intended to be a ‘one and done’ project. It is a starting point. It is supposed to help people identify their ministerial passion and missional purpose in the church. In other words it is to help you identify your spiritual gifts and empower you to use them in serving the church and God’s kingdom while I am here and for years after, because, folks, just because we retire from a job, doesn’t mean we retire from church. There is no retirement in God’s kingdom.

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It should be noted that although the Because Somebody Prayed training has implications that would benefit everyone in the church, not everyone is a candidate for this training. As this is a scholastic endeavor, there is data involved and people outside the demographic would skew the results. That said, the target demographic is anyone who is over the age of sixty, retired, not currently involved in the ministries of the church, and struggling to identify their purpose in the church. I can't officially begin recruiting participants until January, but If this is you, let's talk!

It is my hope and prayer that everyone can find somewhere to fit in and serve in ministry. It doesn't have to be any of these. Anything you are passionate about can become a ministry. If there is something that you would like to do, let's figure out how to get it started. And let's commit to serving God and Christ's church together.

Blessings,
Pastor Koreen

MONTHLY BUDGET

October

Year-To-Date

Needed Each Month to Meet Budget.	\$18,182.00	Budgeted Year-to-Date	\$181,820.00
Received in October	\$12,821.10	Received Year-to-Date	\$160,412.39
Difference from Budget for October	-\$5,360.90	Difference from Budget Year-to-Date	-\$21,407.61



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Thanksgiving is more than a holiday—it's a holy invitation. In every season, God calls us to remember His goodness and give thanks with a grateful heart. "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name" (Psalm 100:4).



True gratitude flows not from what we have, but from who God is. Even in times of challenge, His faithfulness remains constant, His love unchanging, His grace sufficient. When we lift our thanks to God, we draw closer to His presence and find peace that surpasses understanding.



As we gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, may our hearts overflow with praise. Let us take time to thank the Lord for His daily mercies and share His love with those around us. A thankful heart is a joyful heart—one that reflects the light of Christ to the world.



-From your family at First United Methodist Church





The Men's Group will be meeting this month. Please join them on Sunday, **November 16**, at 7:30 AM in the Memorial Classroom, for a light breakfast and devotional.



The Women's Group will be meeting this month on **November 19**, at 2 PM. They will meet in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.



Communion will be held on **November 2**. 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!



Join us on Sunday, November 2, for our All Saints Service. We will be remembering those in our congregation who have passed away since last year's All Saints Service, as well as remembering family members and friends. We will also celebrate Communion on November 2, a fitting remembrance of the communion of saints.



The time changes at 2 AM on November 2. Set your clocks **BACK** one hour before bedtime Saturday night (Nov. 1). See you in church on Sunday!



The holidays can be especially difficult for families with limited income, but together we can make a difference. The Men's Group is sponsoring a **Holiday Food Drive** to help provide not only a special Christmas dinner but also enough groceries to fill pantry shelves for a week or more. Instead of collecting food items, we're asking for **monetary donations** to purchase Peppers gift certificates, which families can use to shop for their own holiday needs. Please mark your gifts as "**Holidays Food Drive-UMM**" and place them in the offering plate or drop them by the church office. Donations will be accepted through **Sunday, December 14**. The Men's Group has already kicked off the drive with a \$500 contribution. Thank you for your generosity in blessing families this Christmas season as many continue to face financial challenges.

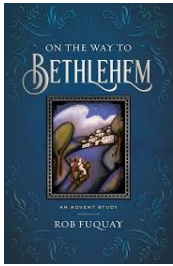


8:15 AM to 8:45 AM

Sunday Mornings

In the Sanctuary

Upcoming Holiday Events



Join Pastor Koreen as she leads the Advent Study this year. We will be studying the book, *On the Way to Bethlehem*, by Rob Fuquay. If interested, you can pick up a companion book in the office for \$12. We will meet November 19 and December 3, 10, and 17 in the church Fellowship Hall at 6 PM.



Join us for our annual *Hanging of the Greens* as we prepare the church for the Christmas season! We'll gather on **Sunday, November 23, from 3:00–5:00 PM** to decorate and bring the sanctuary to life with the spirit of the season. Everyone is welcome—there's a place for all to lend a hand, no matter your ability or experience. After decorating, stay for a **Soup and Cornbread Dinner** at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy good food, warm fellowship, and the joy of welcoming the most wonderful season of the year together!



Join us for *Carols & Choirs: A Christmas Gathering* on **Saturday, December 13 at 6 PM** at **Morgan Hall in downtown Deming**. This special evening will feature the choirs from our church, the LDS Church, and St. Anne's, joining together in joyful song. Come celebrate the birth of our Savior and support this wonderful community celebration of faith and music!



Pastor Koreen will lead a **Blue Christmas Service** on **Monday, December 22, at 6 PM**. Also known as a *Longest Night Service*, this gathering is designed for those who find the Christmas season difficult, as well as for those who wish to support them. Some may be grieving the loss of a loved one, feeling the weight of loneliness, or carrying painful memories from past Christmases. Others may simply find the season overwhelming. Whatever the reason, this service offers a sacred space to reflect in the midst of darkness and rediscover the gentle hope that Christ brings. Everyone is welcome—whether you come seeking comfort or offering it.

Even if you are not struggling this season, your presence can be a source of light: a hand to hold, a hug to share, or a reminder of the deep and abiding love of Jesus Christ for all of God's precious children.



Join us for a beautiful **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** on December 24 at 6 PM as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Together we'll share in Scripture, carols, and the warm glow of candlelight—a peaceful and joy-filled reminder of the true light of Christmas. Bring your family and friends and make this special evening part of your holiday tradition!



We will be celebrating New Year's Eve with a Watch Night Party in the Fellowship Hall incorporating a game night. Join us for some food, fun, and fellowship as we ring in 2026 on December 31 at 6 PM.



The Community Thanksgiving Dinner is being planned for Thanksgiving Day here at the church. Serving time is 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. This is a cooperative effort among The Well and the Christian Alliance of Deming to bring the love of Christ to those who might need a meal this Thanksgiving. There are many volunteers needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Deming First Assembly of God at 575-546-9441. If no one answers, leave a message and they will get back to you. If you are volunteering, there will be a food handlers classes on November 11 and 20 at 6 PM here at the church. If you can't attend, one final training will take place on Nov 26 during setup. You must attend the training to handle food. If you cannot attend training, many other volunteers are needed to handle non-food related tasks.



The Gym will be closed from November 21-30 to accommodate the DAC Art Fair as well as the events of Thanksgiving Week. Please plan accordingly.

The office will be closed on Thursday, November 27, in observance of Thanksgiving. It will reopen on Monday, December 1.



Don't forget to Vote. Election day is Tuesday, November 4.



Join us on a Journey Through the Old Testament and rediscover our roots. Let's finish in the book of 2 Kings and start 1 Chronicles!

11/3 – 2 Kings 23:21-37

11/5 – 2 Kings 4:1-20

11/7 – 2 Kings 25:1-30

11/10 – 1 Chronicles 1:1-24

11/12 – 1 Chronicles 1:25-54

11/14 – 1 Chronicles 2:1-24

11/17 – 1 Chronicles 2:25-55

11/19 – 1 Chronicles 3:1-24

11/21 – 1 Chronicles 4:1-23

11/24 – 1 Chronicles 4:24-43

11/26 – 1 Chronicles 5:1-26

11/28 – 1 Chronicles 6:1-30



Our November Bread Basket offering will be taken on **November 16** and will benefit Non Cancer Support.

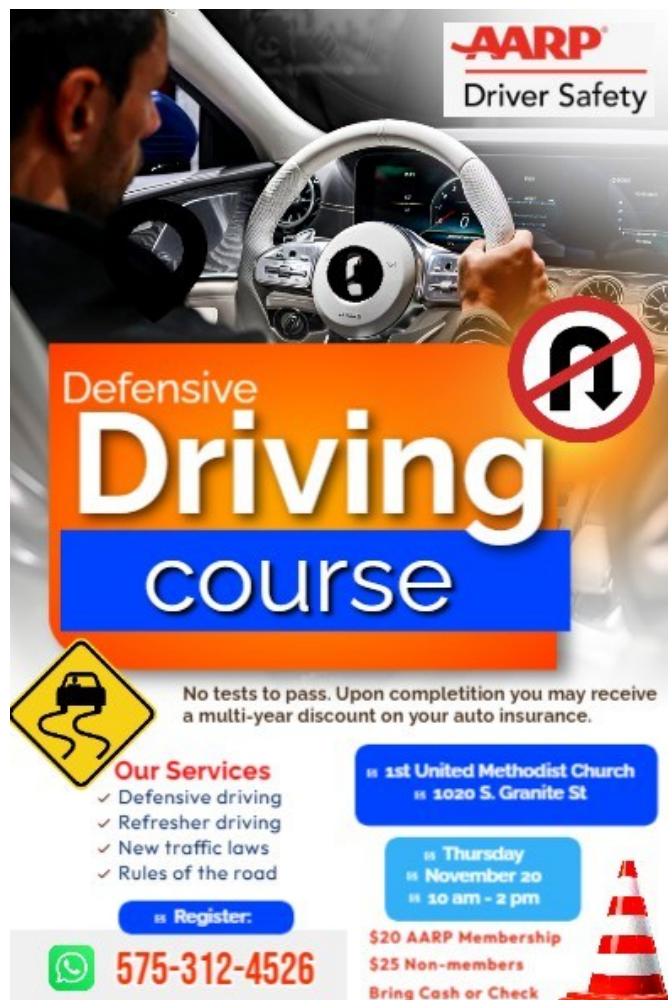
This fund, here at FUMC, is used to help people with transportation costs to and from medical appointments for non-cancer treatments. The church sees this as a big need in the community especially since there is large organizational support for cancer patients. This fund enables others needing support to find the help they so desperately are looking for.

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

December—TLC

Christmas Eve—Cancer Support of Deming/Luna County



AARP
Driver Safety

Defensive
Driving
course

No tests to pass. Upon completion you may receive a multi-year discount on your auto insurance.

Our Services

- ✓ Defensive driving
- ✓ Refresher driving
- ✓ New traffic laws
- ✓ Rules of the road

Register:

575-312-4526

1st United Methodist Church
1020 S. Granite St

Thursday
November 20
10 am - 2 pm

\$20 AARP Membership
\$25 Non-members
Bring Cash or Check

Peppers Receipts

Just a reminder that you can turn in your Peppers receipts to the church, and they will pay us a percentage of the totals as a donation to the church. Just drop them off in the container by the hot water pot in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks!



DEMING ART FEST

One Day Only
Saturday, November 22, 2025
From 9 am to 2 pm
**United Methodist Church
Gymnasium
1020 S. Granite. Deming, NM**

**Come and Shop for
Original Art and Fine Handcrafts
Public Welcome**



National Donor Sabbath is observed each year two weekends before

Thanksgiving, spanning **Friday through Sunday, November 14–16**. This three-day observance includes the primary days of worship for many major faith traditions in the United States. During National Donor Sabbath, faith leaders, donor families, transplant recipients, and donation professionals come together to raise awareness about the lifesaving and healing gifts made possible through organ, eye, and tissue donation. This is a time to honor the generosity of donors and their families, celebrate the lives saved, and encourage others to make the decision to give the gift of life. To learn more about National Donor Sabbath or to register as an organ donor, please visit [this link](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Deming Art Center is excited to present the annual Recycle Show which is sponsored by Luna County and “Keep Luna County Beautiful.” Featured will be pieces of art made from at least 90% recycled materials and crafted by artists of all ages. Intake will be Saturday, November 1. Show will be judged, and prizes awarded. Sunday, November 2, the public is invited to the official show opening and a time to meet the artists from 1-2:30PM. The show runs from November 3 – 28. Closed on Thanksgiving. 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.

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 First Christian Church will be having their Largest Yard Sale of the Year! They will have home furnishings, kitchen goods, books, furniture, small appliances, and a fine selection of Baked Goods. This will take place on Friday November 7 and Saturday November 8. Both days will run from 8 AM to 2 PM.



Wreaths Across America honors our nation's heroes by placing Christmas wreaths on the graves of veterans in National Cemeteries across the country. At Fort Bayard National Cemetery, the Service of Remembrance will be held on **Saturday, December 13, at 10:30 AM**, featuring a color guard, music, and tributes to all branches of the military. Volunteers are needed to help place wreaths that morning—beginning at **9 AM** for specific requests and **9:30 AM** for general placement. To order wreaths for Fort Bayard, call 877-385-0594 or visit the [Wreaths Across America](#) website. The mail-in deadline is **November 19**, and online orders can be placed until **November 28**. You can also visit their website to learn more or make a general wreath donation in memory or honor of someone special.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
All Saints Sunday Communion 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 1P Meet the Artists DAC 21st Sunday after Pentecost	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 12:10P Worship Committee 1P Grief Support Group @ Senior Center Election Day	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft 2P Visitation Committee	9A Pickleball	8A First Christian Church Yard Sale 9A Pickleball	8A First Christian Church Yard Sale 9A Pickleball
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 11A American Legion Veteran's Day Program @ Veteran's Park 5:30P Deming City Council 6P Food Handler Training	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball 6P Luna County Commissioners Mtg		9A Pickleball
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Bread Basket 7:30A Men's Group 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	12P Leadership Board 5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 12:10P Worship Committee	10A Prayer Group 12P Mission Committee 2P Women's Group 3P Coffee, Chat, and Craft 6P Advent Bible Study	9A Pickleball 10A Defensive Driving Class 6P Food Handler Training	Gym Will Be Closed Through November 30	9A Deming Art Fest
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 3P Hanging of the Greens 5P Soup and Cornbread Dinner Christ the King Sunday	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft 5:30P Thanksgiving Dinner Setup and Food Handler Training	11:30A Community Thanksgiving Dinner  OFFICE CLOSED		
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 1st Sunday in Advent						