

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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Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

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The annual Church Conference will be held on Sunday, **October 5**, in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following the morning service. El Paso District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Pamela Rowley, will be present to conduct the meeting on behalf of the conference. Please plan to stay, and help us guide our congregation into 2026.



Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



I have been thinking a lot about *imago dei* lately. Many of you probably know what that is, at least in concept. Many of you may have never heard the term. However, I am almost positive you have heard the English translation of the phrase. It means “image of God.” As in we were created in the image of God. The concept of *imago dei* comes from the very beginning of God’s story in the very first chapter of the book of Genesis:

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female, he created them. God saw everything that he had made and indeed, it was very good. (Genesis 1:26-27, 31a)

You and I and all of our brothers and sisters in the human race were created in the image of God.

This is sometimes a hard concept to grasp. I admit that I don’t know all the answers. I know for me it is easy to look at someone else (at least the people I like) and see them as God’s precious, beautiful, and beloved creation. But when I look at myself, well that’s a different story.

When I look at myself, too often all I see is the flaws. I see all the pounds I have gained in the last couple of years. I see the gray in my hair and the wrinkles beginning to set in around my eyes and lips. I see the scars that profess to surgeries and babies and living life. I see the eye that has always drooped slightly, the chronic medical conditions that are mine for the rest of my life, and moles and freckles where I don’t want them to be. I suspect I am not alone in this.

Brothers and sisters, we need to stop! I know that is easier said than done. I preach on *imago dei* on a semi-regular basis. I know in my head that the Psalmist says, “*I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well*” (Psalm 139:14). Yet, that head knowledge somehow never connects to the heart and soul. I am the first one to think of myself as anything but “fearfully and wonderfully made.”

I think there are two things (ok really there are at least dozens, but I am focusing on two today) that happen when we start acting like this. First, is that we cannot love ourselves the way God intended if we are belittling ourselves and constantly reminding ourselves of the many ways that we are less than. And if we cannot love ourselves, then how can we even begin to keep the greatest commandment, which Jesus tells us is to “*love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind,*” and to “*love your neighbor as yourself*” (Matthew 22:37-39). Folks, it is a poor representation of love that I extend to my neighbors when I am not in a good spot with myself. Which brings me to the next thing.

We profess to believe in a God who is nothing but good. Side Note-I had a preacher once who would not sing Amazing Grace in church without changing the lyrics because he hated the word “wretch.” He said, “How can I sing ‘a wretch like me’ when I believe that God doesn’t create junk.” Anyway, back to what I was saying, when we are looking at our flaws and tearing ourselves down, aren’t we in effect telling God that God made junk? That we are not good enough.

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That *imago dei* cannot be a part of us because we are not even good enough to like what we see when we look in the mirror or step on the scale? How sad is that!

Look back at the scripture from Genesis. Nowhere does it say that we are created in God's image only when we are good enough or only when we measure up to some arbitrary set of human standards. Nowhere does it say that God is in us only when our BMI is at 20, our blood pressure is less than 120/80, and our cholesterol and A1C are in the medically normal range. Scripture does not say that *imago dei* leaves us when we retire or get sick or start forgetting more than we remember. No! All it says is, *So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female, he created them. God saw everything that he had made and indeed, it was very good.* That means *imago dei* is forever—from the womb to the tomb.

God looked at you and me the moment we were conceived and called us “very good.” Who am I to say anything differently about anybody...myself included. Friends, let's do better. We have to do better. We have to begin today. We have to start looking in the mirror to see the *imago dei*, God's very own image that has been crafted into our DNA. We have to start with grace for ourselves and for each other. Will you join me?

Pastor Koreen

Monthly Budget Numbers

September

Needed Each Month to Meet Budget.	\$18,182.00
Received in September	\$12,549.60
Difference from Budget for June	-\$5,632.40

Year-To-Date

Budgeted Year-to-Date	\$163,638.00
Received Year-to-Date	\$147,591.29
Difference from Budget Year-to-Date	-\$16,046.91



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, **October 19**, at 7:30 AM in the Memorial Classroom, for a light breakfast and devotional.



The Women's Group will be meeting this month on **October 15**, at 2 PM They will meet in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.



Communion will be held on **October 5**. 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



Thank you,
Koreen

Since the establishment of Pastor Appreciation Month in 1992, October gives churches across the country time to celebrate and thank their pastors. Pastor Appreciation Month is more than just a date on the calendar—it's an opportunity to pause and recognize the countless ways our pastors pour into the life of the church.

Our pastors pray with us, guide us through Scripture, celebrate milestones, and walk alongside us in seasons of both joy and challenge. Much of what they do happens quietly, behind the scenes, yet their faithfulness makes a lasting impact on our spiritual lives and on our community.

This month let's take intentional steps to show our gratitude. A handwritten note, a kind word, a prayer lifted on her behalf, or even a small act of kindness can go a long way in encouraging those who serve so faithfully.

As we move through October, let's remember to lift up Koreen with love, encouragement, and appreciation. Her ministry is a gift to us all, and this is a wonderful time to say, from the heart, *thank you*.



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

10/1 – 2 Kings 13:1-24

10/3 – 2 Kings 14:1-29

10/6 – 2 Kings 15:1-16

10/13 – 2 Kings 17:1-23

10/8 – 2 Kings 15:17-38

10/15 – 2 Kings 17:24-41

10/10 – 2 Kings 16:1-20

10/17 – 2 Kings 18:1-18

10/20 – 2 Kings 18:19-37

10/27 – 2 Kings 21:1-26

10/22 – 2 Kings 19:1-37

10/29 – 2 Kings 22:1-20

10/24 – 2 Kings 20:1-21

10/31 – 2 Kings 23:1-20



Our October Bread Basket offering will be taken on **October 19** and will benefit Doing His Work, the Mission Committee here at FUMC-Deming.

Doing His Work is the Missions arm of the church. This committee is tasked with spreading the love of Christ throughout our community and beyond through our mission outreach. While they have specific outreach recipients, such as Silver Linings, they also use their funds to help other committees of the church reach out to the community. Your generosity this month will allow Doing His Work to continue doing just that—His Work among our brothers and sisters.

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

November—Non Cancer Support

December—TLC

Christmas Eve—Cancer Support of Deming/Luna County



Vote ✓

CANDIDATE FORUM

Get informed.
Ask questions.
Know your candidates.

Tuesday, October 7th, 2025
at the Train Depot
217 N Country Club Rd
5:30 pm

DEMING LUNA COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ESTABLISHED 1910



BRING ME HOME FUND RAISER

301 S. Silver
575-546-2382
9 am - 4 pm
The biggest little museum in the Southwest

www.lunacountyhistoricalsociety.com

WHITE HOUSE CAFE

This 16' x 8' neon sign is in Minnesota and the owner is offering it to the Luna County Historical Society. It is porcelain, 2-sided with neon lights. We need funding for repairs and to bring this sign back to its original home!

Donate Now to the Museum website or visit us. Help us preserve the history of Deming.

HELP US BRING THIS ICONIC SIGN HOME

Currently located in Minnesota

Donations can be made directly to the museum at 301 S. Silver Ave. Deming, NM 88030 or click the donate tab. Use your donation as a tax write off!



Rides•Games•Food•Fun

SWNM STATE FAIR

OCTOBER 1-5, 2025

Southwestern New Mexico State Fairgrounds
4300 Raymond Reed Blvd.

Advance Presale Available At:
Circle S * Mimbres Valley Feed
* Peppers Supermarket

Midway By Midway
WAST AMUSEMENTS

Deming Luna Mimbres Museum has a full list of events from now through the end of the year. Jot these down and stop by to partake in any or all of them.

- ⇒ **Oct. 10** – Old Timer's Breakfast,
10 AM to 12 PM
- ⇒ **Nov. 10** – Holiday Decorating,
10 AM to 4 PM
- ⇒ **Nov. 15** – Holiday Basket Raffle starts
- ⇒ **Nov. 19** – Wreaths On Main Street,
10 AM to 4 PM
- ⇒ **Dec. 14** – Holiday Cheer and Santa
Photos, 1 to 4 PM

For more information on these events, visit their community calendar at www.lunacountyhistoricalsociety.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

October is the Membership Art exhibit at the Deming Art Center. Stop by to see everything from paintings, sculptures, fabric art, assemblage, photography, and artistic creations galore. There will be a time to meet these talented artists on Sunday, **October 5**, 2023, from 1 PM– 2:30 PM. The exhibit will be on display **October 2-30**. 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.

Lescombes Winery “Uncork the Experience Vineyard and Winery Tour.” Spend the day in luxury on this epic wine adventure! Tours depart from Las Cruces at 8:30 AM and return at 5:30 PM; or depart from Deming at 10 AM and end at 4:30 PM. The price for the Signature Wine Tour is \$125 plus 20% gratuity. The Price for the Harvest Season Tour is \$150 plus 20% gratuity. Tickets and details can be found at www.lescombeswinery.com/tour.

Luna County has announced that the Rio Mimbres golf course bar and restaurant are now open. Please be advised that only cash payments will be accepted until they finalize their point of sale system.



For nearly four decades now, the country has recognized October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is a time annually devoted to educating everyone about breast cancer – including metastatic breast cancer (MBC) – and the importance of early detection and access to timely, high-quality care. Many of us have been touched personally either by having breast cancer or knowing a close friend or relative with it. In honor of those individuals, let us spread the word. For more information, click on the following link. [Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Month](#)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball		9A Pickleball
← SWNM State Fair →						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Church Conference 1P Meet the Artists DAC 17th Sunday after Pentecost	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 12:10P Worship Committee 1P Grief Support Group @ Senior Center 5:30P Candidate Forum	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball		9A Pickleball
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 18th Sunday after Pentecost	12P Leadership Board 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 6P Luna County Commissioners Mtg	10A Old Timer's Breakfast @ DLM Museum	9A Pickleball
Clergy Retreat						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Bread Basket 7:30A Men's Group 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 19th 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
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