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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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

-Psalm 51:10

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Palm Sunday

Join us for our Palm Sunday service on **March 29** at **9 AM** as we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

LOVE Feast

Join us Maundy Thursday, **April 2**, at **6 PM**. The LOVE Feast is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry.

Good Friday

Join us on Friday, **April 3**, at **6 PM** for our Good Friday service of remembrance of the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Easter Morning

Come celebrate the resurrection of our Savior with us on Sunday, **April 5**, at **9 AM** in the Sanctuary. We look forward to rejoicing together on this special day!

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

The Significance of Easter in the United Methodist Church

Easter stands at the very heart of the Christian faith, and within the United Methodist Church it is the central proclamation around which all worship, mission, and discipleship revolve. More than a single Sunday celebration, Easter is the joyful affirmation that Jesus Christ is risen, that sin and death do not have the final word, and that God's redeeming love is victorious.

For United Methodists, the resurrection of Jesus is not merely a historical event to be remembered; it is a living reality that shapes the identity and calling of the Church today. The message of Easter proclaims that through Christ's victory over the grave, new life is possible for every person. This hope is expressed in the familiar Easter greeting: "Christ is risen!"—to which the congregation responds, "He is risen indeed!"

Resurrection at the Center of Faith

The theology of the United Methodist Church is deeply rooted in Scripture and in the Wesleyan tradition. The resurrection narratives in the Gospels are read not simply as inspiring stories, but as the foundation of Christian hope. Because Christ lives, believers trust that grace is stronger than sin, forgiveness is available to all, and eternal life is promised.

In Methodist understanding, salvation is not limited to a moment in time; it is a lifelong journey of transformation. Easter affirms that this transforming grace is made possible through the risen Christ. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in believers, renewing hearts, restoring relationships, and calling the Church into mission.

A Wesleyan Emphasis on Living Faith

The teachings of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, emphasize a faith that is both personal and active. Wesley preached that the resurrection is not simply something to believe intellectually; it is something to experience spiritually. Through God's prevenient, justifying, and sanctifying grace, individuals are drawn into a new life that reflects the love of Christ.

Easter, therefore, is closely connected to the Methodist emphasis on holiness of heart and life. Because Christ is risen, believers are empowered to grow in love of God and neighbor. The resurrection is not an ending, but a beginning—a call to live as "Easter people" in a world still marked by suffering and injustice.

The Liturgical Journey to Easter

In United Methodist congregations, Easter is the culmination of the Lenten season. Lent is a time of reflection, repentance, and preparation. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of mercy, members prepare their hearts to fully receive the joy of Easter morning.

Holy Week services—especially Maundy Thursday and Good Friday—highlight Christ's suffering and sacrificial love. These solemn observances deepen the meaning of Easter Sunday. When the Church gathers to sing hymns such as "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," the celebration carries the weight of the cross and the wonder of the empty tomb.

The Easter season continues for fifty days, concluding with Pentecost. This extended celebration underscores that the resurrection is not confined to one day but defines the life of the Church.

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Mission and Social Holiness

Easter also fuels the United Methodist commitment to mission and service. Because Christ is risen, the Church is sent into the world with hope. United Methodists have long understood faith to be expressed through action—feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, advocating for justice, and sharing the good news.

The resurrection assures believers that their work is not in vain. Even in the face of hardship or opposition, Easter proclaims that God is at work bringing renewal and reconciliation. This conviction inspires ministries both locally and globally, reflecting the Methodist belief in "social holiness"—that personal faith must be lived out in community.

A Message of Hope for Today

In a world often marked by uncertainty, grief, and division, Easter speaks a powerful word of hope. The United Methodist Church proclaims that despair does not have the final word. The empty tomb stands as a sign that God can bring life out of death, light out of darkness, and hope out of hopelessness.

Ultimately, Easter is about relationship—God reaching out to humanity through Christ and inviting all people into restored fellowship. For United Methodists, this is the good news that shapes worship, guides discipleship, and sustains mission.

To be an Easter people is to live with confidence in God's grace, courage in the face of trials, and joy that springs from the promise of resurrection. In this way, the celebration of Easter is not only a day on the calendar, but the very heartbeat of the Church.

Monthly Budget Information

January

Needed Each Month to Meet Budget:	$16,733.75
Received in January	$13,310.50
Difference from Budget for January	-$3,423.25

February

Needed Each Month to Meet Budget:	$16,733.75
Received in February	$11,732.70
Difference from Budget for February	-$5,001.05

Year-To-Date

Budgeted Year-to-Date	$33,467.50
Received Year-to-Date	$25,043.20
Difference from Budget Year-to-Date	-$8,424.30

Based on the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13), Lent can be a time for reflection. We can ask ourselves during this time questions regarding our faith so that when we come out of the "wilderness" we may have answers to the questions posed to us about our beliefs.

- What do I believe?
- Why do I believe?
- How do I believe?

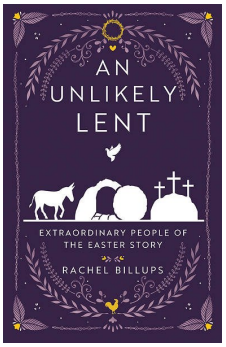
Finding answers to these questions can help to lead us through the coming months in this year.

⇒ In knowing "What" we believe, we can help judge the many choices that come our way on a daily basis asking us to do or not do. "What" we believe helps us to choose.

⇒ In knowing "Why" we believe we give ourselves a place to stand in the chaos that is reality.

⇒ In knowing "How" we believe we can be truthful to the "What" and "Why" by showing ourselves faithful and not just paying lip service to our beliefs.

"What," "Why," and "How" are critical to our faith development. This Lent let us consider these questions for the good of our souls.



Pastor Koreen will continue a Lenten Study utilizing the book *An Unlikely Event: Extraordinary People of the Easter Story* by Rachel Billups. The study is will be held every Wednesday through **April 1** at **6 PM** (dates are **3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1**). Copies of the book are available for purchase at the church office for $16. Couples are welcome to share a book if they wish.

In case you didn't know, the church continues to collect Peppers receipts. Peppers gives a percentage of the total amount back to the church as a way to support our church and say thank you for shopping at Peppers. So when you shop, drop off your receipts to us.

Join us after the service on **March 29** for some delicious food and a wonderful time of fellowship.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 29—Palm Sunday

April 2—Maundy Thursday

April 3—Good Friday

April 5—Easter Sunday

Watch for more information in the upcoming newsletters and bulletins.

8:15 AM to 8:45 AM

Sunday Mornings

In the Sanctuary

The Men's Group will be meeting this month. Please join them on Sunday**, March 15**, at 7:30 AM in the Memorial Classroom.

The Women's Group will be meeting this month on Wednesday, **March 18**. The meeting will begin at 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Due to Pastor Koreen being out of town, Communion will be held on **March 15**. However, we will be still be taking our special **Local Mission Fund** offering on **March 1**. Please mark your checks and envelopes appropriately. Local needs are great. Your generosity brings hope! For those not aware, 10% of this special offering goes to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund with the balance paid to TLC.

It's hard to believe how quickly this school year has flown by! The church office is now collecting the names of graduating seniors from our congregation, as well as graduating family members of our church families. If you have a name to submit, please share it with the office by the end of March. We look forward to recognizing and celebrating each graduate and their accomplishments throughout their years of study. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Our March Bread Basket offering will be taken on **March 15** and will benefit Play Sharity.

Play Sharity Children's Museum and Library is a local non-profit serving the communities of Southern New Mexico. Their Mission is: *Creating A Better World Cared For By Happy Children Who Share*. Through sharing-based projects, Play Sharity helps families and children experience how the charitable act of sharing resources and talents leads to a healthier community. What is "Sharity"? Children who practice charity + sharing (Sharity) will grow to be spectacular adults who lead our world to a more interactive, helpful and kind place.

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.

<u>Remaining 2026 Bread Baskets</u>

April—Non-Food Commodities

May—Cancer Support of Deming/Luna County

June—FUMC Building Fund

July—Silver Linings

August—Alas de Amor

September—UMCOR

October—Doing His Work

November—Non-Cancer Support

December—Transforming Luna County (TLC)

Christmas Eve—Cancer Support of Deming/ Luna County

Heater Fund Drive

Now that colder weather has arrived, we've managed to get all our heating systems working except for the unit serving the East side of the sanctuary, which needs replacement. The west side unit has been able to make up for this loss so far. Since the new unit will cost nearly $30,000, we're launching a capital campaign to raise money for it. We anticipate this process will take 18 to 24 months. We kindly ask you to consider donating to the fund as you're able—if you have some extra money one week, simply place it in an envelope marked “heater campaign” and drop it in the offering plate. Below, you'll find a thermometer that tracks our fundraising progress, letting you see how close we are to reaching our goal. Thank you for your support.

First United Methodist Church has a longstanding commitment to addressing food insecurity within the community. Over recent years, the nature of these efforts has evolved alongside changes in the congregation's composition. The women's group has officially disaffiliated from United Women of Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) and has chosen to dedicate its mission to supporting community nutrition initiatives. The initial phase involves distributing blessing bags containing non-perishable food items, socks, and other essential goods. This outreach is designed to expand over time to include the provision of sack lunches and, eventually, monthly hot meals on Sundays for residents of Deming experiencing food insecurity. Further information regarding this ministry and opportunities for involvement will be provided in the near future.

Journey Through The BIBLE

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

3/2 – 2 Chronicles 16:1-17:19
3/4 – 2 Chronicles 18:1-34
3/6 – 2 Chronicles 19:1-20:37

3/9 – 2 Chronicles 21:1-20
3/11 – 2 Chronicles 22:1-23:21
3/13 – 2 Chronicles 24:1-27

3/16 – 2 Chronicles 25:1-28
3/18 – 2 Chronicles 26:1-23
3/20 – 2 Chronicles 27:1-28:27

3/23 – 2 Chronicles 29:1-36
3/25 – 2 Chronicles 30:1-27
3/27 – 2 Chronicles 31:1-21

3/30 – 2 Chronicles 32:1-33

Even though we haven't officially made it to Spring yet, it's never too early to be thinking about Summer Camp! Sacramento Camp and Conference Center is once again gearing up for a full summer of camping opportunities. If you are looking for gospel-oriented, discipleship-driven, camp for all ages, then you are at the right place. Once again, the church will be offering scholarships to help defray part of the cost for camp. Pick up a scholarship form in the office and return it no later than **March 31**. For more information about the camps being offered this year, you can check out the Sacramento Website, email info@sacramentocamp.org, or call 575-722-2267. Registration is online at Camp Brain Registration . See below for the list of available camps this summer. You can also pick up a pamphlet at the back of the church or by the office.

- ⇒ Young Elementary (grades 2-4) June 5-7
- ⇒ Elementary Horse Camp (grades 4-6) June 8-12
- ⇒ Sacramento Youth Camp (Grades 7-Grad) June 15-19
- ⇒ Youth Horse Camp (Grades 7-Grad) June 22-26
- ⇒ Camp Sunshine (mentally challenged ages 16+) June 22-26
- ⇒ Family Camp (families of all ages) June 28-July 3
- ⇒ Older Elementary Camp (grades 4-6) July 6-10
- ⇒ Whoz We R Camp (grades 4-6) July 13-17

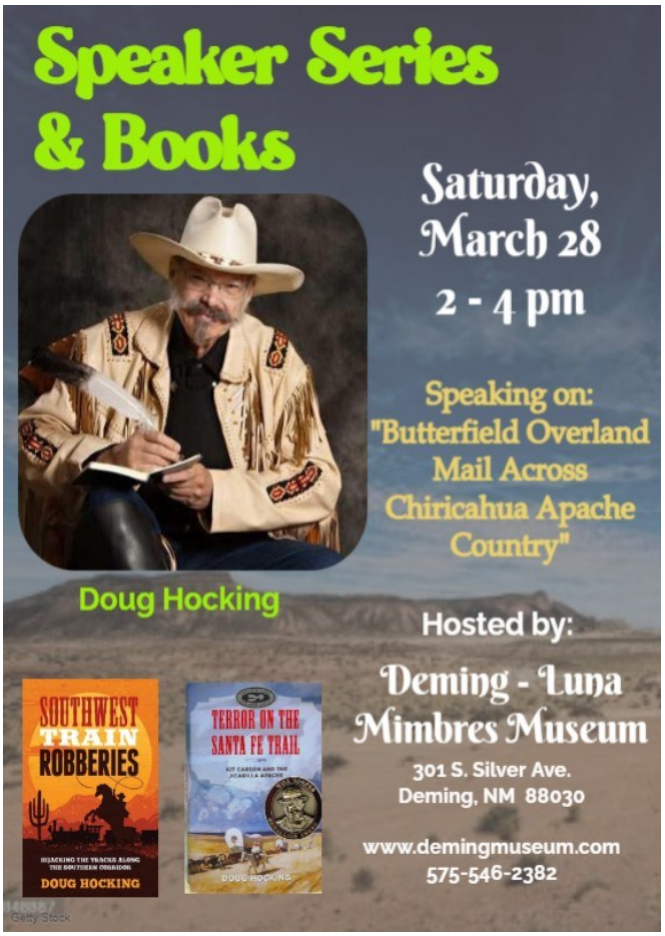
COMMUNITY NEWS

March 2026, at the Deming Art Center, Come on out and see a great variety and color at the Quilt Show this year. For the first time the exhibit is open to the public to submit entries. Visit the DAC and view the many gorgeous quilts and fiber creations. The exhibit will be on display from March 3-30. There will be a time to meet the artist on Sunday, **March 8**, from **1-2:30PM**. 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 Deming-Luna County Humane Society will once again be hosting their $10,000 Cash Party on Saturday, **March 28**. The theme this year is Canine Quinceanera. It will be held at the Special Events Center starting at **5:30 PM**. No one under 21 will be admitted. Food will be provided by La Fonda Restaurant, beverages provided by Lazy Lizard Lounge, and music by the Yarbrough Band. Bring pet food and laundry supplies to be entered into a special drawing. Tickets are $125/couple and can be found at various locations in the community. For more information, call 575-546-2024 or 575-546-1566.

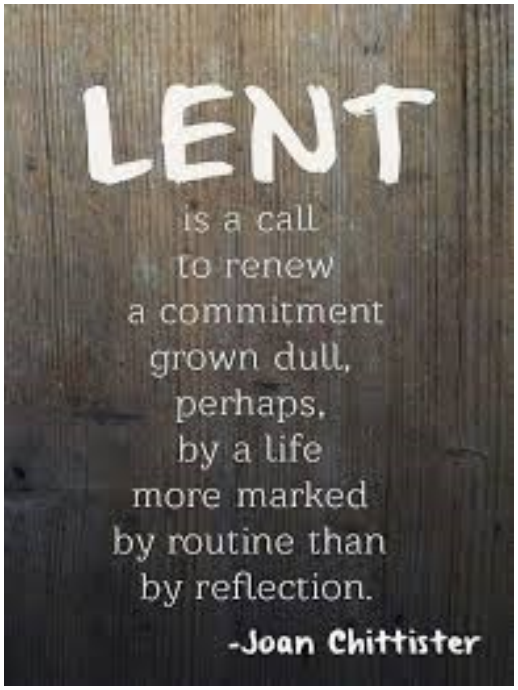


Lenten Fish Fry

Every Friday in March

4 PM

Holy Family Catholic Church



March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 2nd Sunday in Lent	**2** 5:30P Chancel Choir	**3** 7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 1P Grief Support Group @ Senior Center Office Closed	**4** 10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft 6P Lenten Study	**5** 9A Pickleball	**6** 4P Lenten Fish Fry @ Holy Family Catholic Church	**7** 9A Pickleball
8 2A Spring Forward 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 1P Meet the Artists 3rd Sunday in Lent	**9** 5:30P Chancel Choir	**10** 7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball	**11** 10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft 6P Lenten Study	**12** 9A Pickleball 2P Luna County Commissioners Mtg	**13** 4P Lenten Fish Fry @ Holy Family Catholic Church	**14** 9A Pickleball
15 Communion Bread Basket 7:30A Men's Group 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School Rockhound Roundup 4th Sunday in Lent	**16** 10A Leadership Board 5:30P Chancel Choir	**17** 7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 5:30P Deming City Council	**18** 10A Prayer Group 2P Women's Group 3P Coffee, Chat, and Craft 6P Lenten Study	**19** 9A Pickleball	**20** 4P Lenten Fish Fry @ Holy Family Catholic Church	**21** 9A Pickleball
22 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 5th Sunday in Lent	**23** 5:30P Chancel Choir	**24** 7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball	**25** 10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft 6P Lenten Study	**26** 9A Pickleball	**27** 4P Lenten Fish Fry @ Holy Family Catholic Church	**28** 9A Pickleball 2P Doug Hocking Speaker Series @ Deming-Luna-Mimbres Museum 5:30P Humane Society *Canine Quinceanera*
29 Palm Sunday 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:00 Fifth Sunday Potluck Palm Sunday	**30** 5:30P Chancel Choir	**31** 7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball	1	2	3	4

Don't forget to turn in Camp Scholarship forms by the 31st.

Remember to turn in names of graduating seniors to the office by the end of the month.