

First United Methodist Church – Deming

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Praise Singing: 8:15 AM

Website: www.fumcdeming.org

Morning Worship 9:00 AM

Email: main@fumcdeming.org

Bible Studies: 10:15 AM (All Ages)

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Nursery Available

April 2026

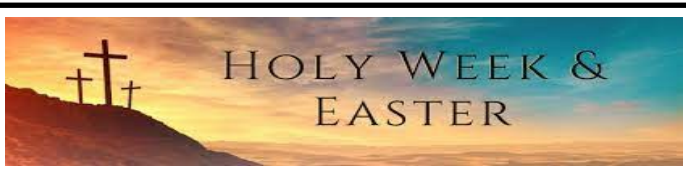


Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.’

-John 11:25

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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! Ladies wear your favorite hat

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.**

Celebrating Holy Humor Sunday: Joy as a Resurrection Response

On the Sunday following Easter, many churches observe a lesser-known but deeply meaningful tradition: Holy Humor Sunday. Rooted in early Christian practices, this day invites congregations to celebrate the joy, surprise, and even playful mischief of the Resurrection. It is a time to embrace laughter as an expression of faith—recognizing that Easter itself carries a divine punchline: life triumphs over death, hope over despair.

Historically, Holy Humor Sunday is connected to the ancient idea of *risus paschalis*, or the “Easter laugh.” Early theologians suggested that God played the ultimate joke on evil through the Resurrection. Death, which seemed to have the final word on Good Friday, was decisively overturned on Easter morning. In this sense, the Resurrection is not only sacred—it is subversively joyful.

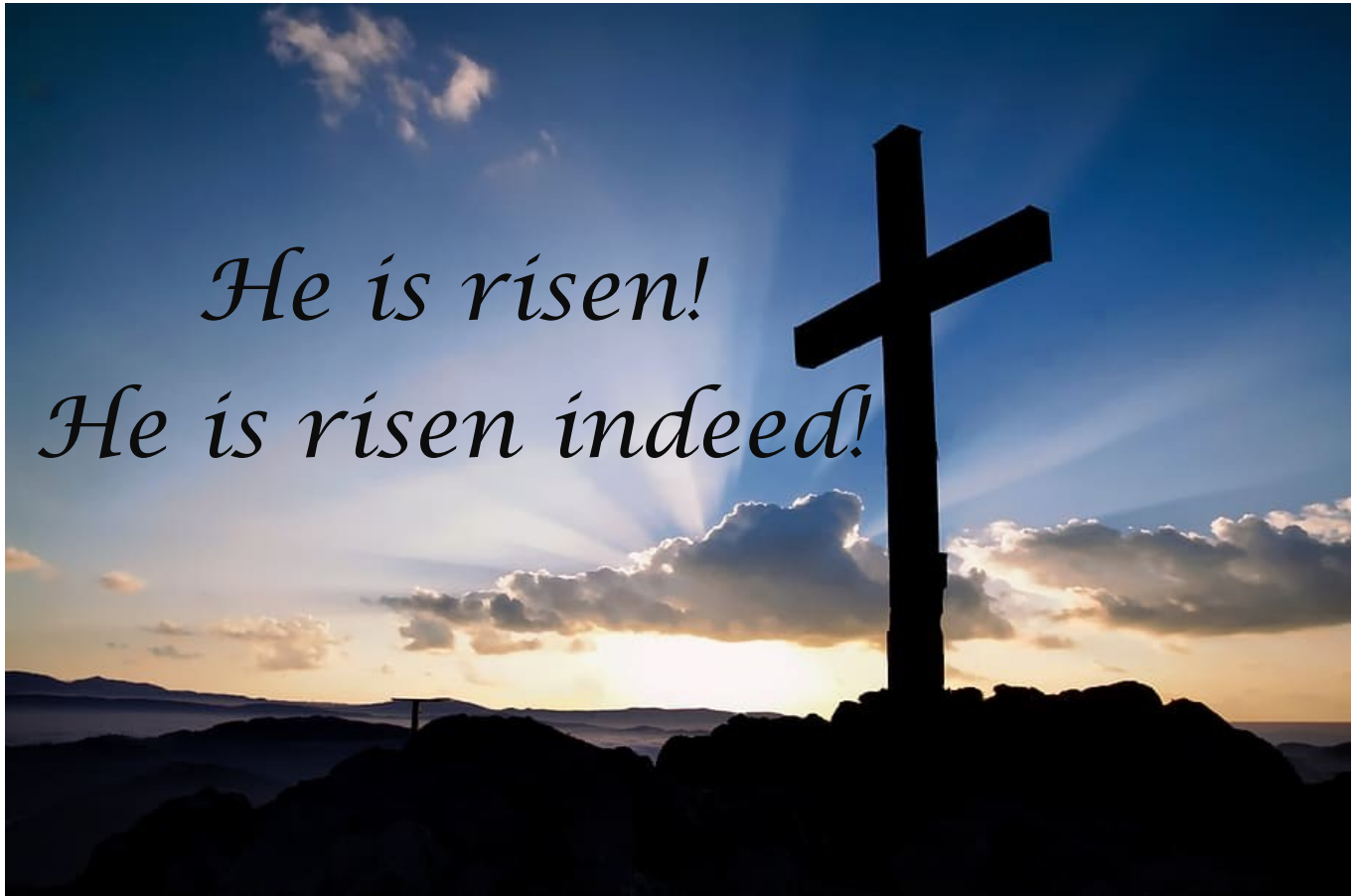
In today’s context, Holy Humor Sunday offers a refreshing opportunity to experience worship in a lighter, more playful way. Services may include humorous reflections, lighthearted music, or even clergy sharing appropriate jokes from the pulpit. Some congregations incorporate skits or invite members to recall funny moments that reveal deeper truths about life and faith. While the tone may be more relaxed, the message remains profound: joy is central to the Christian story.

Laughter, after all, is a powerful form of connection. It breaks down barriers, eases burdens, and reminds us not to take ourselves too seriously. In a world often marked by stress and uncertainty, choosing joy can be a radical act of faith. Holy Humor Sunday reminds us that faith is not only about reverence and reflection—it is also about delight.

Importantly, this celebration does not diminish the solemnity of Holy Week. Instead, it completes it. After walking through the sorrow of Good Friday and the awe of Easter morning, Holy Humor Sunday allows us to fully inhabit the joy of resurrection life. It is a reminder that God’s grace includes moments of levity and lightness.

As congregations gather on this special Sunday, they are invited to rediscover the sacred gift of laughter. Whether through a shared smile, a gentle joke, or a moment of unexpected joy, Holy Humor Sunday encourages believers to celebrate a God who brings life, renewal, and yes—even humor—into the world.

In the end, Holy Humor Sunday is more than just a tradition; it is an invitation. An invitation to live as Easter people—grounded in hope, filled with joy, and unafraid to laugh along the way.



Monthly Budget Information

March

Needed Each Month to Meet Budget:	\$16,733.75
Received in March	\$13,789.21
Difference from Budget for March	-\$2,994.79

Year-To-Date

Budgeted Year-to-Date	\$50,202.00
Received Year-to-Date	\$38,832.41
Difference from Budget Year-to-Date	-\$11,369.59

SENIORS

CLASS OF 2026

April is here which means May and our Graduate Breakfast is not too far behind. This year, we will honor our high school graduating seniors during worship on Sunday, May 17. We will also celebrate them at a breakfast following worship. As their faith family, we can all support them. Here are some ways to help:

- Make a breakfast casserole (recipe will be provided), 10 each
- Bake or buy breakfast muffins, 10 dozen
- Make or buy mixed fruit, enough for 75 people is needed
- Help serve the breakfast as we do not have very many of the younger kids who can assist.

For more information, or if you can help, please contact:

Lani Hofacket 575-545-1086

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Blessed be the God and
 Father of our Lord
 Jesus Christ! By his
 great mercy he has
 given us a new birth into
 a living hope through the
 resurrection of
 Jesus Christ from the
 dead...

-1 Peter 1:3 (NRSV)

Easter stewardship: Resurrection reset

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. -

Romans 6:3-4

Christ is Risen! Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

The triumphant words we cherish every Easter signal more than just Jesus' victory over the grave. They announce for us the end of deadness and the start of a new life, a fresh beginning, in our earthly pilgrimage. Jesus was raised from the dead so that we, too, might walk in newness of life.

From Jesus' resurrection, our lives take on a new trajectory, a turn away from the values and precepts of the world and toward the kingdom of God. As we journey, our lives progressively align with the purposes and mission of God.

For a steward-disciple of our Lord, the implications are many. As we walk in newness of life, we might find ourselves

- ◆ Re-examining our relationship to “stuff” – our money, our possessions, the things that might have given us a sense of security or worth. Jesus is our security and our worth.
- ◆ Drawing closer to family and friends. True wealth is measured by the love we give and receive. Our lives effervesce with the love we receive from God.
- ◆ Contributing more to church and charity. Jesus frees us from the grip that possessions have upon us. We can more freely give.
- ◆ Gathering into our lives what Paul calls the fruits of the spirit: “Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23).

May your lives as steward-disciples take a resurrection reset. Christ is risen! Risen indeed! Alleluia!

--Rob Blezard



As we prepare ourselves for Good Friday's solemn observance, our Chancel Choir is privileged to share four pieces at this year's service. This special music aims to offer a moving reflection on Christ's passion, helping us connect more deeply with His sacrifice and love.

We warmly invite you to join us on Friday, April 3, at 6 PM for an evening filled with Scripture, song, and contemplation. Whether you are a long-time attendee or joining us for the first time, we hope this worship experience brings blessings to everyone. May it enrich our understanding of Christ's sacrifice and prepare our hearts for the celebration of His resurrection.

Experience the uplifting ministry of the Chancel Choir as we come together in faith through this meaningful occasion. We eagerly anticipate worshipping alongside you.



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.



The office needs a money counter for the second Monday of each month. If you are available to assist, kindly contact Jody in the office. Thank you.



National Donate Life Month (NDLM) was established by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003. Observed in April each year, National Donate Life Month helps to encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to honor those that have saved lives through the gift of donation.

Donate Life America was inspired by the springtime scene of a garden. A garden and the insects within it serve as symbols of hope, courage and transformed life — themes repeatedly found within the donation and transplantation journey.

The Donate Life garden depicts an ecosystem of plants, insects, and other components working together to form an interconnected living system. Similarly, we each have the potential to nurture and enrich our communities through organ, eye and tissue donation. This National Donate Life Month, we ask you to be a part of this lifesaving and healing garden by registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor; becoming educated about living donation; and championing the Donate Life cause.

We wish you a Happy National Donate Life Month. Thank you for your efforts in promoting organ, eye and tissue donation and the importance of registering your decision. For more information at the national level, go to www.donatelife.net/ndlm/. For more information at the state level, go to www.donatelifem.org.



The Men's Group will be meeting this month. Please join them on Sunday, **April 19**, at 7:30 AM in the Memorial Classroom.



The Women's Group will be meeting this month on Wednesday, **April 15**.

The meeting will begin at 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall



Communion will be celebrated on Easter Morning **April 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! 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 fast this school year has gone! The office is gathering names of graduating seniors from our congregation or graduating family members of our congregants, If you have a name to submit, please contact the office as soon as possible. We want to recognize all the graduates for their accomplishments throughout their time in school.



Our April Bread Basket offering will be taken on **April 19** and will benefit Non-Food Commodities.

Our mission committee has partnered with The Well, a local food bank, to provide toiletries for the clients that rely on them. Each quarter we are supplying enough toiletries to reach 100 individuals. This costs about \$400 each quarter. We are able to supply them with shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, washcloths, hand sanitizer, and deodorant just to name a few of the items. Your generosity will go a long way in helping those with much needed hygiene items.

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 2026 Bread Baskets

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)

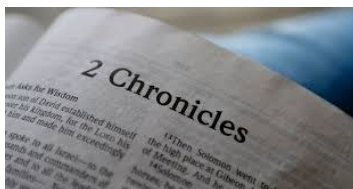
Christmas Eve—Cancer Support of Deming/Luna County

Heater Fund Drive

With the arrival of Spring, all our HVAC systems are now operating except for the unit serving the East side of the sanctuary, which requires replacement. The west side unit has been compensating for this issue so far. Since replacing the unit will cost almost \$30,000, we have started a capital campaign to fundraise for it. We expect this effort to take between 18 and 24 months. If you are able, we invite you to contribute—any extra funds can be placed in an envelope labeled "heater campaign" and added to the offering plate. Below, you'll find a fundraising thermometer that shows how close we are to our goal. So far, we have raised \$4,000. Thank you for your generosity and support.



The 2026 Safer Sanctuaries Training schedule has been released. All sessions will cover the **Basic Safer Sanctuaries Course** and will be held on **Zoom** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. MT on **May 23, July 18, and October 24**. Kathy Jewell and Deb Humiston will serve as facilitators. To register, go to the [Conference Calendar](#) and look for the class you'd like to register for there.



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

4/6 – 2 Chronicles 33:1-25
 4/8 – 2 Chronicles 34:1-33
 4/10 – 2 Chronicles 35:1-27

4/13 – 2 Chronicles 36:1-23
 4/15 – Ezra 1:1-2:35
 4/17 – Ezra 2:36-3:13

4/20 - Ezra 4:1-24
 4/22 – Ezra 5:1-17
 4/24 – Ezra 6:1-22

4/27 – Ezra 7:1-28
 4/29 – Ezra 8:1-36



Now that Spring has arrived, 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. 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

HELP NM and Casa invite you to celebrate

Day of the Young Child

& CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

Children's March- 9am
Veterans Park- 301 S Silver St
(next to museum)

Community Celebration-
after March at Luna County
Courthouse Park- 700 S. Silver Ave

Event is **FREE** and open
to the public

- Food
- Games
- Activities
- Bike Raffles & More
- Music

Featuring the
Dream Merchants

FREE!

April 24, 2026
9am-1pm

Celebrating our Youngest Learners

Call for more information
HELP NM
Call: (575)323-0128

HE IS RISEN
Forgiven
For God so Loved the World
LAMB of God
love
He is Risen Indeed
CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY
HALLELUJAH
Eternal Life
Redeemer
my savior

Let's Serve the Lord Together!

Sign up to be a Liturgist
Sign up to be a Communion Server

Sign up sheet in the back

Let us all contribute

WATCH OUT!

Data breaches have become an unfortunate fact of life for us all. In 2025 there were 12,195 confirmed data breaches that put millions of us in danger of identity theft. Taking advantage of public awareness of data breaches and the dangers they pose, scammers are sending out emails and text messages posing as companies with which we do business containing phony notices of data breaches with links or QR codes that take you to sites where you are prompted to provide personal information that would lead to your becoming a victim of identity theft. For more information, use this [link](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS

April 2026 at the Deming Art Center will feature the wonderful designs and innovative creations of the Deming High School art students. It is always exciting to see what they have created, and we invite the community to support these young artists by stopping by to see for yourselves. The exhibit will be up from April 2-29. There will be a time to meet these talented student artists on Sunday, **April 5**, 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.

Are you interested in learning traditional West African rhythms? Starting in April Grow Your Tree Yoga will be offering lessons. Just bring your own Djembe to their studio at 117 E Spruce. The cost is \$10. For more information, please call 575-999-1484.

The Steve Bean Memorial Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, May 16, beginning at 9:00 AM at the Rio Mimbres Country Club. Teams will consist of four participants, with a registration fee of \$60 per person, which covers range balls, a fajita lunch, and one drink ticket. All proceeds support local health care scholarship programs. For registration, please call 575-546-9481.

Lescombes Winery is hosting a Glow-In-The-Dark Adult Easter Egg Hunt on April 4, from 6 to 10 PM. The entry fee is \$40 per participant, which includes a glass of wine. Only the first 50 people to register can join, so spots are limited. Prizes include a vineyard and winery tour for two, a three-month wine club membership, and other rewards. Both guests and spectators are welcome; however, everyone must be at least 21 years old. To reserve your place, call 575-546-1179.

Cancer Support of Deming and Luna County will be having A Celebration of Life honoring all those we have lost. It will be held on May 2, from 8 AM to Noon at Voier's "Pit" Park. There will also be food, a car show, entertainment, as well as vendors. For more information, please call 575-546-4780 or visit their website at www.demingcancersupport.com.

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft 6P Lenten Study	9A Pickleball 6P Love Feast	6P Good Friday Service	9A Pickleball 6P Adult Easter Egg Hunt @ Lescombes
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
HAPPY EASTER Communion 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School Easter Sunday	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 1P Grief Support Group @ Senior Center	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball 10A Luna County Commissioners Mtg		9A Pickleball
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 1P Meet the Artists 2nd Sunday of Easter	10A Leadership Board 5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball	10A Prayer Group 2P Women's Group 2P Congregational Care Committee 3P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball		9A Pickleball
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Bread Basket 7:30A Men's Group 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 3rd Sunday of Easter	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 12:15P Worship Committee 5:30P Deming City Council	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball		9A Pickleball
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
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Happy Easter
From your family at
First United Methodist Church