

# First United Methodist Church – Deming

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Morning Worship 9:00 AM

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Bible Studies: 10:15 AM (All Ages)

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## June 2026



**Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences.**

**-John Wesley**

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# Thank You

As our church family prepares to say goodbye to Pastor Koreen, we do so with hearts full of gratitude for her faithful leadership, compassion, and dedication to our congregation. Through sermons, prayers, and countless acts of kindness, she has shared Christ’s love with our community in meaningful ways.

We also extend our sincere thanks to her husband, Carl, for the support, encouragement, and care he has shared alongside her ministry. Together, they have been a blessing to our church family, and we are deeply grateful for the ways they have served and connected with our congregation.

We thank God for the time we have shared together and for the many lives they have touched during their time with at FUMC-Deming. While we will miss them greatly, we pray God’s richest blessings upon them as they begin this new chapter of ministry and life together in Carlsbad.

Please join us in thanking Pastor Koreen and Carl for their service and in praying for God’s continued guidance, peace, and joy in the days ahead.

“May the Lord bless you and keep you.” — Numbers 6:24

**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.**



I can't believe that it is June already, and my time with you is coming quickly to an end. You may have noticed lately, that there has been a dearth of "From the Pastor's Desk" articles in the last several newsletters. I have been swamped with packing, house-hunting, and pastoral transition duties. In addition, I serve as the chair for both the El Paso District Finance Committee and the Conference Council on Finance and Administration. Both of these involve extra work and extra meetings as we draw close to Annual Conference time, which is June 11-13 this year. And if that is not enough, I also had to complete my Doctor of Ministry project and finish the first draft of my dissertation. Andrew Majewski graciously stepped in to take the newsletter task off my plate. Thank you so much, Andrew! I appreciate you more than you know. The next time you see him, give Andrew a big shoutout for all he does to make sure the newsletter is published each month.

I know this being my last newsletter article for FUMC, it is a perfect opportunity for me to get sappy. But instead of getting teary-eyed I am choosing to go a different route. This month I am choosing to wrap this column up with a short history lesson on one of the traditions of our church. That is on our use of paraments in the sanctuary.

I guess that probably needs to start with the definition of parament. My good friend, Wikipedia, says that paraments are the ecclesiastical, or church-related, hangings or cloths used to decorate the sanctuary, especially around the altar, pulpit, and lectern. The term is derived from the Latin *paramentum*, meaning "adornment." So, for us the paraments are the cloths that hang on the front of the altar and on the wall behind the altar (the table at the front of the sanctuary where the candles and the flowers reside), the pulpit (the lectern I preach from), and the Bible marker for the altar Bible.

These paraments change colors according to the church's seasons. "The Christian year has two cycles: the Christmas Cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and the Easter Cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost). Within each cycle are a preparatory season symbolized by the color purple and a festival season symbolized by the color white. After each cycle there is an ordinary time of growth symbolized the color green. Thus, there is a sequence of seasons using purple, white, and green in that order twice each year." (From *The United Methodist Book of Worship*).

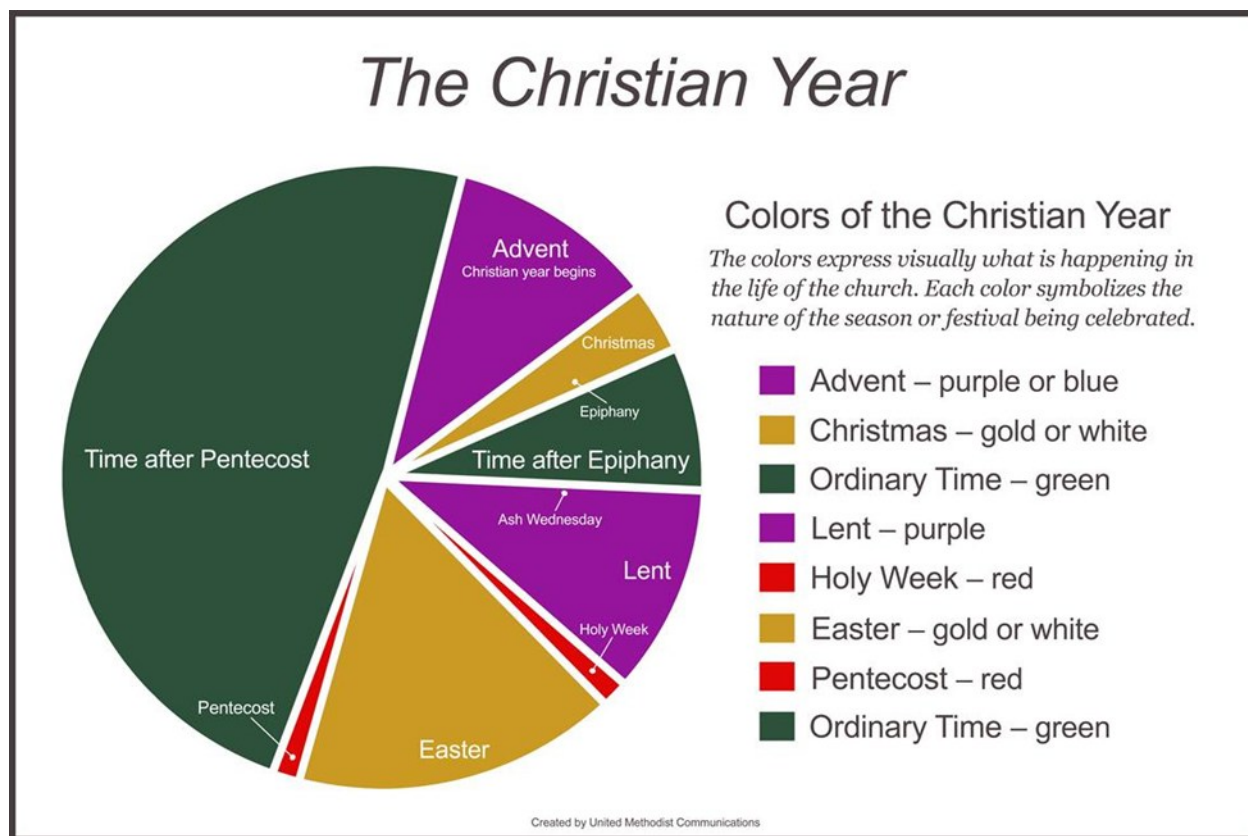
Here is what the colors mean:

- **Purple**, represents both royalty and penitence, is traditionally used during Advent and Lent. (Some churches use blue paraments, symbolizing hope, during Advent).
- **White** and **gold** are used to mark important occasions in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ or his attributes. This is why they are used throughout Christmas and Easter Seasons, as well as Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration, Trinity, All Saints, and Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sundays. (We use white paraments for these days).
- **Red** symbolizes the color of fire to represent the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost and times when the work of the Holy Spirit is emphasized. During Holy Week it represents the blood of Christ. Red is also used for ordinations, church anniversaries and civil observances such as Memorial Day and Thanksgiving.

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- **Green** represents growth and is used during Ordinary Time (the season after Epiphany and the season after Pentecost.)<sup>1</sup>



In general, this is the rotation of parament colors that we use at FUMC. One exception is that we tend to leave the red paraments up for a month or two after Pentecost rather than just using them for one or two Sundays a year.

**FUMC's** paraments represent this seasonal movement. However, there is more to the story than just matching the liturgical seasons. Our paraments began as part of the 100-year celebration of the First United Methodist Church of Deming...1882-1982. The project was organized by Vyola Kennedy, who researched the designs for the pulpit, altar, and Bible markers, for a total of six sets. Upon completion of those items, the decision was made to needlepoint lectern paraments, with Mildred Hudgens being in charge. The sets now have four pieces each: pulpit, lectern (now on the wall), altar, and Bible markers. The beautiful designs were painted on the needlepoint canvases by Sally Skelton and Linda Stevens. Needlepoint workers included: Sally Cooper, Marguerite Benedict, Kathy Jackson, Sandra Dick, Genevieve Hyatt, Jeff Symonds, Meddy Garrett, Arabel Molder, Mildred Hudgens, Alma Fiel, Dolores Eddleman, Ruth Bombera, Stewart Buisch, Elain Ham, Marjorie Lewis, Mabel Bowman, Charlotte Dupree, Beulah Greeman, and Ferne Wolf. A special storage cabinet was made by Don Wolf.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The United Methodist Church, "Why are there Different Colored Altar Cloths?" The United Methodist Church, <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-why-are-there-different-colored-altar-cloths> (accessed May 12, 2026).

<sup>2</sup> From the Archives of FUMC-Deming

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**There** are six sets of paraments in our collection: one red, one green, and two each of purple (one for Advent and one for Lent) and white (one for Christmas and one for Easter). If you haven't taken a close look at the paraments, please do so when you get a chance. Each piece is completely covered with needlepoint stitching. They are not stitched designs on colored canvas. The canvas is colored by the stitching. These dedicated people had to have collectively spent hundreds of hours lovingly making each stitch on the twenty-four pieces. Sadly, most of these people are not here anymore, but they deserve recognition again. What an undertaking! Thanks to all of them for adding to the beauty of our sanctuary.

**Our** paraments are nearly forty-five years old. They are well-loved and they are irreplaceable. They have served their time well as they tell the story of the life of the church from Advent to Easter to the birth of the church on Pentecost. May they continue to tell the church's story for many, many more years to come. May they continue to remind us that each generation has much to pass on to the next and that we are all a part of the Christian story!

**And** now, indulge me for just a few seconds as I do get maybe a little sappy. I love you all. I have been so honored and blessed to be your pastor for the last four years. I will miss the community of Deming. I will miss the friends I have made here. Mostly, I will miss being in ministry with all of you. I pray that our time together has made us all better people and has strengthened the church in some way that will serve her and her people well moving into the next season. Please welcome Jacqui with all the love and grace that you have extended to me during my time with you.

**May** Jesus Christ richly bless you and your ministry, now and forever. Vaya Con Dios!



Join us on a Journey Through the Old Testament and rediscover our roots. Let's finish the book of Ezra, do the Book of Esther, and start the book of Job.

6/1 – Nehemiah 12:27-47

6/8– Esther 2:1-23

6/3 – Nehemiah 13:1-30

6/10– Esther 3:1-15

6/5 – Esther 1:1-22

6/12– Esther 4:1-17

6/15– Esther 5:1-14

6/22– Esther 8:1-17

6/17– Esther 6:1-13

6/24– Esther 9:1-10:3

6/19– Esther 7:1-10

6/26– Job 1:1-22

6/29 – Job 2:1-13

# Welcome Pastor Jackie



Originally from southcentral Kansas, I have lived in and around El Paso, Texas for the last 35 years. I have two children. A son, Tramaine Lax, who is 36, and a daughter, Kaitlyn Vandine, who is 26. I have earned a B.S. in Human Resource Management from Park University and an M. Ed in Educational Administration from New Mexico State University. I retired on Dec. 17, 2021 as an educator and finance administrator with the El Paso Independent School District after 25 years. In my spare time, I love to garden. I also collect all things Holstein (black and white) cow print.

More importantly, I accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior at the age of seven. I was raised in the Assemblies of God. I have been involved in various aspects of ministry since the age of 16. I have been both a Sunday School and Bible Study teacher, a member of the church choir, Coordinator of Children's Ministries, and involved in other outreach programs. I was confirmed as Licensed Local Pastor during the Annual United Methodist New Mexico Conference Meeting in June of 2023. I will graduate on May 26, 2026 with my MDiv degree from Southern Methodist University. I am working toward ordination as an Elder in the United Methodist Church.

I served as pastor at Bond Memorial UMC in Clint, Texas for 3 years. This past year I have been serving as an Associate Pastor at Western Hills UMC in El Paso. I look forward to what the Lord has for us as we grow in the Lord and serve together.

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help run the audio/visual booth on Sunday mornings as well as special services. If you would like to learn how to help, please see Mary Galbraith.

Volunteers are also needed in the Nursery on Sunday mornings. If interested, please see Ann Chrestman.





The Men's Group will be meeting this month. Please join them on Sunday, **June 21**, at 7:30

AM in the Memorial Classroom.



The Women's Group will be meeting this month on Wednesday, **June 17**. The

meeting will begin at 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall



Communion will be celebrated on **June 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! For those not aware, 10% of this special offering goes to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund with the balance paid to TLC.



As Pastor Koreen's time with us comes to a close, we would like to share a few important dates. Her last day in the office will be **June 18**, and her final Sunday with us will be **June 21**. We wish her and Carl all the best as they begin this new chapter at

Carlsbad United Methodist Church. Please join us for an ice cream social following the service on June 21 as we honor and celebrate Koreen and Carl. We are also excited to welcome our new pastor, Jacqui Lax, back to Deming. She will begin office hours on Wednesday, **July 1**, and her first Sunday in the pulpit will be **June 28**. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and make her feel at home. We will officially welcome Jacqui with a potluck following the service on **June 28**.



Our June Bread Basket offering will be taken on **June 21** and will benefit the FUMC Building Fund.

The FUMC Building Fund is just as it sounds. It is a fund where people can donate money to help offset the operational expenses of the church building. With many activities set for the summer months, this would be a good way to help toward the expense of running the air conditioning systems as well as utilities and day to day costs to maintain the building.

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

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

# Thank You!

The church would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped make the Senior Breakfast a success. We especially appreciate everyone who brought food for the breakfast and helped set up and tear down. A special thank you to Lani Hofacket and Holly Schultz who spearheaded the event. We wish Sam Hofacket and Gabriel D'Amassa the best as they pursue their future endeavors.



and mission in the world. Please also pray that the gathering will be a time of wisdom, encouragement, and faithful discernment for all who attend.



Come one, come all! Pastor Koreen and Carl need your help loading their U-Haul as they prepare for the move to Carlsbad. Please join us at the parsonage on Monday, June 22, at 9 AM. Many hands make quick work. The parsonage is located at 1408 S. Socorro St.

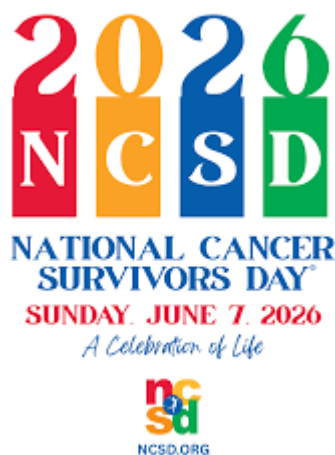


The office has an urgent need for money counters and could truly use your help. At this OFFERING time, we need several COUNTERS dependable volunteers to assist with this important ministry, as well as a few additional people who can serve as substitutes when someone is out of town or unavailable. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Jody in the office as soon as possible. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The New Mexico Conference of the United Methodist Church Annual Conference will be held June 11–13 at Western Hills United Methodist Church in El Paso. This important gathering brings together clergy and lay members from across the conference for worship, fellowship, learning, and the work of the church. The theme for the next three years of Annual Conference gatherings is *A Season of Growth: Rooted in Christ – Growing for the World*, with this year's focus being *Pruning for Clarity*. Representing our church as voting members this year will be Pastor Koreen and Juan Gonzales, our Lay Leader. We ask for your prayers as they participate in the conference, worship with fellow believers, and help further God's work



Father's Day began in the United States in the early 1900s as a way to honor fathers and recognize the important role they play in family life. One of the earliest events connected to the observance took place in Fairmont, West Virginia, in 1908, when a memorial service for fathers was held after a mining accident claimed the lives of many men. In 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd proposed setting aside a special day to honor fathers, inspired both by Mother's Day and by her own father, who raised his children as a single parent. The first official Father's Day celebration was held on June 19, 1910, at the YMCA in Spokane, Washington, and it marked the beginning of a growing national movement. Dodd continued to promote the observance throughout the 1920s, with support from Presidents Woodrow Wilson and Calvin Coolidge. Later, in 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued a proclamation recognizing Father's Day, and in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed legislation making it a permanent national holiday to be observed each year on the third Sunday in June.



National Cancer Survivors Day is a poignant, inspiring annual Celebration of Life led by the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation. It is also a call to action for further research, more resources, and increased public awareness to improve the lives of cancer survivors. This day provides an opportunity for all people living with a history of cancer – including America's more than 18 million cancer survivors – to connect with each other, celebrate milestones, and recognize those who have supported them along the way.

**When is NCSDF?** National Cancer Survivors Day is celebrated each year on the first Sunday in June. In 2026, NCSDF will take place on June 7. **Who is a cancer survivor?** Anyone living with a history of cancer – from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life – is a *cancer survivor*, as defined by the National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation. **Do I have to be a cancer survivor to celebrate National Cancer Survivors Day?** No. NCSDF is a day for everyone – whether you're a cancer survivor, caregiver, healthcare professional, family member, or friend – to join in solidarity with cancer survivors around the world. Anyone can host or attend a National Cancer Survivors Day Celebration of Life. **Is National Cancer Survivors Day only celebrated in the U.S.?** No. NCSDF started in the U.S. and is celebrated annually in hundreds of communities nationwide and now is celebrated around the world. Official National Cancer Survivors Day events have been held in at least 16 countries across 5 continents. International Survivors Day events have taken place in the Bahamas, Canada, Guyana, India, Kenya, the Netherlands, Malawi, Rwanda, South Africa, St. Lucia, Tanzania, Thailand, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and Zambia, among other nations.

# 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 \$11,441.25, which is over a third of the way to our goal! We can't 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.

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**THE LEGEND OF CATHAY WILLIAMS: HISTORY OR HYPE?**

Discover the real person behind the myth

Join us as we follow in the footsteps of the woman known as the Only Female Buffalo Soldier

Saturday June 13th, 2026  
2:00 p.m. (doors open at 1:30)  
301 S. Silver St., Deming, NM  
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Presented by Pam Reynolds, Researcher and Author

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*Time Across the Decades*

*Save The Date*

SATURDAY, July 25, 2026  
5:30 PM

Where: Deming Learning Center  
Catered by: D. H. Lescombes-Las Cruces  
Tickets: \$125.00/couple

Antique Auction  
Live and Silent  
Door Prizes  
Music

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

The June 2026 exhibit at the Deming Art Center will feature the Art Class of Dorothy Waddell. She has been meeting with and teaching her class, which consists of beginners to advanced levels, since the year 2000. It is the kind of class where everyone brings their own project in and Dorothy provides guidance, advice, lessons, perhaps some supplies and just a fun time to meet with others who enjoy painting and drawing. She teaches watercolor, oil, acrylic and pastels for painting and charcoal and pencil for drawing. The class meets weekly, on Monday, from 1-3PM, at the 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church Hall on Maple Street. This exhibit is a first for most of the students and they are excited to be recognized and, also a bit nervous about showing their art. We hope you will come and enjoy the work of our newest group of exhibitors. The exhibit will be shown from **June 2-29**. There will be a time to meet the artists on Sunday, **June 7**, from 1 PM—2:30 PM. The Deming Art Center is located at 100 S. Gold and regular hours are Mon-Fri 10 AM—4 PM and Saturday from 10 AM – 1 PM. Please call 575-546-3663, check our website at [www.demingarts.org](http://www.demingarts.org) or our FB page for more information. *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 Farmer's Market is back. The last Saturday of the month, May through September, there will be a local Farmer's Market. (**June 27, July 25, Aug 29, Sep 26**) It will start at 8:30 AM and finish at 12:30 PM. It will be located at Homegrown Market at 1230 San Joaquin Rd SE here in Deming. Venders are welcome. Food and beverages will be available on-site. For more information or to become a vendor, please call 575-343-6744.

The Deming Arts Council annual membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, **June 3**, at 5 PM. During the meeting, members will elect Board members and choose officers. Any member who wants to serve on the Board must submit a written request at least one week before the meeting. This meeting is open to members only. Members who want another member to vote on their behalf may pick up a Vote by Proxy form at the DAC front desk.

# June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 1P Grief Support Group @ Senior Center  Election Day	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball		9A Pickleball
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Communion 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 1P Meet the Artists  <small>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</small>	10A Leadership Board 5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball	Annual Conference—El Paso	
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School  <small>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</small>	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 5:30P Deming City Council	10A Prayer Group 2P Women's Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball 10A Luna County Commissioners Mtg		9A Pickleball
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
Bread Basket 7:30A Men's Group 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Ice Cream Social Koreen's Last Sunday  <small>4th Sunday after Pentecost</small>	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	9A Pickleball		8:30 Farmer's Market @ Homegrown Market 9A Pickleball
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
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