

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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We have all things and abound; not because I have a good store of money in the bank, not because I have skill and wit with which to win my bread, but because the Lord is my shepherd.

-Charles Spurgeon

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School Opened

July 27

Watch out for busses and students walking to school. Let's have a safe school year!

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.



Recently we hosted an On-Boarding meeting for the congregation to get to know more about me and for me to get to know more about the congregation. It was well attended, but there were individuals out of town and others who were unable to attend because of prior commitments. I will be using my column in our newsletter during the next few months to address one of the five areas that were discussed during our meeting. This month, I am going to focus on questions asked about me.

I was born in Hutchinson, Kansas. At the age of two my family moved to take over my grandparents' farm twenty miles from Medicine Lodge, KS. We raised wheat and cattle. At the age of twelve we moved into the town of Medicine Lodge which has a population of approximately two thousand people.

I started out at sixteen teaching a Sunday School class for two- and three-year-olds. As an adult, I taught Sunday School and Bible Studies. I served on committees for Finance, Hospitality and Vacation Bible School. I also sang in the choir and worked in both Children's and Youth ministries. I began feeling the call to ministry in October of 2018. I started Basic Lay Servant courses and enrolled in the Certified Lay Minister classes in 2019. I was nearing my retirement with the El Paso Independent School District and thought I would like to work in Children's ministries. During a conversation with the El Paso District Superintendent, I was encouraged to discern if God might have a different role in ministry for me. After praying, I accepted an assignment to serve at Anthony UMC. I served there and helped at FUMC Deming during half of my first year. Since then, I was appointed as a Licensed Local Pastor at Bond Memorial UMC in Clint, Texas for 3 years. During this time, I discerned a call to become an ordained Elder. I recently graduated from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University with a Master of Divinity. I am currently working toward becoming an ordained Elder in the New Mexico Annual Conference.

When I am not working, I love to garden, spend time with my two adult children Trae, thirty-six and Kaitlyn, twenty-six, and travel to learn about other cultures. I have been to forty-five of our fifty states in our United States. I have also traveled abroad to twenty-five countries on five different continents. I have learned to appreciate the unique beauty that diverse cultures bring to our world. My travels overseas have humbled me by seeing how those with little monetary resources come together to support others in their communities. It reminds me of how the early church came together and had all things in common. They were united by the love of Christ working in their lives. It reminds me that Christ's love compels us to work together for the good of our world.

Pastor Jacqui

Onboarding

On Saturday, July 18, members of our church gathered in the Fellowship Hall for an Onboarding session. The morning began with breakfast provided by the Leadership Board, followed promptly at 9:00 a.m. by an introduction from Rev. Amy Wilson Feltz, Lead Pastor at Morningstar United Methodist Church in Las Cruces and a certified Onboarding facilitator. She briefly explained the process before the group began its work. Onboarding is a structured transition process that helps a newly appointed United Methodist pastor become part of the life and ministry of a congregation while helping both the pastor and church adjust to their new relationship. The discussion centered on five questions: 1) What do we want to know about our new pastor? 2) What is the current culture, or DNA, of our local church? 3) What are our dreams and hopes for our congregation? 4) What are the four main areas we believe our new pastor should focus on? and 5) How will we support Jacqui going forward? During the first half of the morning, Pastor Jacqui remained in her office so attendees could speak openly. In the second half, she joined the group to answer questions and ask for clarification about some responses. When asked for his thoughts, Elmer Veeder said, “This process was a good start. Those attending were straightforward in their responses. I feel the last question was the most pertinent as it will identify who we are as a congregation moving forward.” Another attendee, Ann Chrestman, had this to say, “I feel the process was very good. It came at a very appropriate time. I was pleased by the attendance as well as our freedom to express our feelings. The process gave both the attendees and Jacqui time to speak openly. And now we have a guide moving forward on how we need to change as a congregation to support the ministry of the church.”



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

7/3—Job 17:1-16

7/10—Job 20:1-29

7/5—Job 18:1-21

7/12—Job 21:1-34

7/7—Job 19:1-29

7/14—Job 22:1-30

7/17—Job 23:1-17

7/24—Job 27:1-23

7/19—Job 24:1-25

7/26—Job 28:1-28

7/21—Job 25:1-26:14

7/28—Job 29:1-25

8/31—Job 30:1-31



The Men's Group will meet this month on Sunday, **August 16**, at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a brief devotional followed by our business meeting.



The Women's Group will be meeting this month on Wednesday, **August 19**. The meeting will begin at 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall



Communion will be celebrated on **August 2**. We will also receive our special **Local Mission Fund** offering. Please mark your checks and envelopes accordingly. Local needs are great, and your generosity brings hope. For those who may not know, 10% of this offering goes to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, with the remaining balance given to TLC, a local faith-based organization that brings Christian churches together to provide essential social services and community outreach.



The office urgently needs dependable volunteers to serve as money counters, along with **OFFERING COUNTERS** a few substitutes who can help when regular counters are out of town or unavailable. If you are willing and able to assist with this important ministry, please contact Jody in the office as soon as possible. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Our August Bread Basket offering will be taken on **August 16** and will benefit Alas de Amor.

Alas de Amor is a multi-faceted program meant to help children with their school costs and empower families in the town of Palomas think proactively about their children's academic future. They typically sponsor over 130 children, mostly Jr. High and High School kids, so that they can attend school. As a part of that sponsorship, they assure that they are doing well in school and actively involved in their church.

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

September—UMCOR

October—Doing His Work

November—Non-Cancer Support

December—Transforming Luna County (TLC)

Christmas Eve—Cancer Support of Deming/ Luna County



Dust off your dancing shoes—Line Dancing is back at the church on Wednesday afternoons! Joyce Peterson will lead the fun, so come enjoy some music, movement, laughter, and fellowship. Classes meet in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Come on out and get your dance on!



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Residents will have an opportunity to meet local law enforcement officers and first responders when National Night Out returns to Deming on Tuesday, August 4. The community event will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Luna County Courthouse Park. The event is being hosted by the Deming Luna County MainStreet Program. There will be music and opportunities for residents to connect with local, county, state and federal public-safety agencies including the Deming Police Department, Luna County Sheriff's Office, area fire departments, New Mexico State Police and the U.S. Border Patrol. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign designed to strengthen

relationships between law enforcement agencies and the people they serve. Events also promote neighborhood cooperation, crime-prevention awareness and positive interaction between residents and first responders. Deming will be one of several New Mexico communities participating on August 4. The nationwide observance is traditionally held on the first Tuesday in August. What began as an effort encouraging neighbors to turn on their porch lights and spend time together has grown into a national movement involving law enforcement agencies and millions of residents working to create safer and more connected communities.



Sunday, August 30



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 \$13,206.25, which is **over a third of the way to our goal!** We can't thank you for your generosity and support. (We were unable to update this total since Jody was out of the office at time of publication. We will have a new total for the September newsletter.)



The 2026 Safer Sanctuaries Training schedule has been released. All sessions will cover the **Basic Safer Sanctuaries Course**. The last class of the year will be held on **Zoom** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. MT on **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. **It is a necessity for anyone who will be working with kids to attend this training at least once per year.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

August at the Deming Art Center will feature three local artists – Jeff Cooper (Pottery and Clay Flutes), May Jo Stenson (Water themed painting), and Jesse Kriegel (A surprise of his always interesting creations). There will be a time to meet the artists at the exhibit opening on Sunday, **August 2**, 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 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. (**Aug 29 and 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. Vendors are welcome. Food and beverages will be available on-site. For more information or to become a vendor, please call 575-343-6744.

The All-American Duck Races are coming soon, and now is the time for vendors to reserve their spot. Join this 47-year New Mexico tradition, returning to Deming **August 20–23**, and connect with more than 20,000 visitors throughout the weekend. Showcase your products, food, or services to a crowd ready to shop, eat, and enjoy the event. Vendor spaces are limited, and the registration deadline is **August 1**.

Glitz School of Cosmetology will offer free back-to-school haircuts for children and teens ages 3–17 on **August 6** from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. The event will be held only at the Deming location, 2300 E. Pine St. at the Mimbres Learning Center.

Food Truck Fiesta will be held Friday, **August 7**, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Courthouse Park. Come out, enjoy a bite to eat, and support this fun community event.



DEMING ELKS



RIB COOK OFF

#2750

★★★ DEMING ELKS LODGE #2750 IS HOSTING A ★★★

RIB COOK OFF

★ SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026 ★

★ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ★

7:30 AM	GRILL AREA & RIB PREPARATION
8:30 AM	CONTESTANTS' MEETING
9:00 AM	BEGIN COOK-OFF
1:00 PM	JUDGES MEETING
3:00 - 3:30 PM	RIB TURN IN
4:30 PM	AWARDS CEREMONY

**WOOD OR
CHARCOAL
FIRES ONLY**

★★★
**ELECTRIC AND
GAS GRILLS
PROHIBITED!**



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★ FOR INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CONTACT JAVIER AT (575) 543-8559. ★



SAVE THE DATE

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AUGUST

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**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR AND GET
READY FOR DEMING'S
BIGGEST FESTIVAL!**

 **MORE INFO: DEMINGDUCKRACE.COM**

We Can Use Some Humor

In Today's Uncertain World



Read a Good Book Today!

War and Priest

Of Mice and Amen

A Room With a Pew

Huckleberry Sin

James and the Giant Preach

Chalice in Wonderland

Priest of Eden

Church Bulletin Bloopers

- ♦ The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- ♦ For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- ♦ Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
- ♦ The peace-making meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.



AS SEEN ON CHURCH SIGNS:



Tweet others as you want to be tweeted.

Honk if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet him.

Need a lifeguard? Ours walks on water.

Prayer—The original wireless connection.

God gave us mouths that close and ears that don't. That may tell us something.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Communion 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10A Fellowship Time 10:15A Sunday School 1P Meet the Artists 10th Sunday After Pentecost	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 1P Grief Support Group @ Senior Center 5:30P National Night Out	10A Prayer Group 4P Line Dancing	9A Pickleball 5P Free Back-to-School Haircuts @ Glitz Cosmetology	6P Food Truck Fiesta @ Courthouse Park	9A Pickleball
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Bread Basket 7:30A Men's Group 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10A Fellowship Time 10:15 Sunday School 12th Sunday after Pentecost	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 5:30P Deming City Council	10A Prayer Group 2P Women's Group 4P Line Dancing	9A Pickleball 4P Luna County Historical Society Annual Meeting		9A Pickleball
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