

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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May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;
 establish the work of our hands for us— yes,
 establish the work of our hands.

-Psalm 90:17

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The Office will be closed on
 Sept 7.

Annual Charge Conference

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held on **Sunday, October 18, at 3:30 p.m. at the church.**

Charge Conference is an important part of the life and ministry of our United Methodist congregation. It is a time when we gather together to celebrate what God has done among us, prayerfully consider the ministry before us, and attend to the business necessary to carry out the mission and work of our church.

Your presence matters. As members and friends of our church family, we each have a part to play in the ministry God has entrusted to us. Your participation, prayers, encouragement, and support help strengthen our congregation and prepare us for the year ahead.

We encourage everyone who is able to attend to make plans now to be present. Let us come together in the spirit of Christian fellowship, prayer, and service as we seek God's guidance for the future of our church.

We hope to see you there! Together, let us continue to *make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world* and faithfully carry out the work God has called us to do.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

During our initial on-boarding session, one of the questions addressed to the congregants in attendance was. “What is the DNA/culture of our church?” After being here for almost two months, I can affirm many wonderful things mentioned during this session are true.

FUMC – Deming has a heart to share the resources that we have been blessed to have. We have amazing facilities that we are willing to share. We have great musical talent that we invite our community to participate in a variety of ways. We have great cooks that share their gifts with us during our time of fellowship. We give our time to support many non-profit organizations in the community that benefit people as well as animals. These are all things to celebrate.

Like any group with more than two people we still have areas that we can work to grow in. The good news is that I have observed growth in at least one particular area: hospitality. In our personal lives as well as our church lives, we get comfortable with groups of friends and routines and habits. Often times, I do not think that we intentionally mean to exclude others. We are just used to doing things with the same group of friends. In recent weeks, I have observed more openness to include others both in greeting others in our worship services and during our fellowship time. Change is not easy. I commend each of you for making this effort. I also appreciate the support I have received for reviving “kiddo kits” for the younger members of our congregation. I have received positive feedback from parents. This is yet another way that we can demonstrate hospitality to families who join us during worship services. Let’s continue to work together to show the love of Christ to the people God places in our pathway!

Pastor Jacqui

Budget Summary

July

Needed Each Month to Meet Budget:	\$16,733.75
Received in July	\$15,531.25
Difference from Budget for July	-\$1,202.50

August

Needed Each Month to Meet Budget:	\$16,733.75
Received in August	\$16,433.18
Difference from Budget for August	-\$300.57

Year-To-Date

Budgeted Year-to-Date	\$133,870.00
Received Year-to-Date	\$117,311.91
Difference from Budget Year-to-Date	-\$16,558.09



The Men's Group will meet this month on Sunday, **September 20**, at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a brief devotional followed by our business meeting.



Communion will be celebrated on **September 6**. 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.



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. So far in 2026, Peppers has donated \$23.82 to the church.



The office urgently needs dependable volunteers to serve as money counters, along with 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 September Bread Basket offering will be taken on **September 20** and will benefit UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response and long-term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

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

October—Doing His Work

November—Non-Cancer Support

December—Transforming Luna County (TLC)

Christmas Eve—Cancer Support of Deming/Luna County



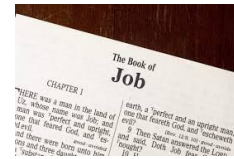
Dust off your dancing shoes—
Line Dancing is back at the church on Wednesday afternoons! Joyce Peterson will lead the fun, so come enjoy some music, movement, laughter, and fellowship. Classes meet in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Come on out and get your dance on!



8:15 AM to 8:45 AM

Sunday Mornings

In the Sanctuary



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

9/2—Job 31:1-40

9/7—Job 33:1-33

9/4—Job 32:1-33

9/9—Job 34:1-37

9/11—Job 35:1-16

9/14—Job 36:1-33

9/21—Job 39:1-30

9/16—Job 37:1-24

9/23—Job 40:1-24

9/18—Job 38:1-41

9/25—Job 41:1-34

9/28—Job 42:1-17

9/30—Psalms 1:1-6—2:1-12

Labor Day: Honoring the Dignity of Work

Every year on the first Monday of September, Americans celebrate **Labor Day**, a holiday that often marks the unofficial end of summer. For many, it means a long weekend, family gatherings, and cookouts. But Labor Day has a much deeper meaning. It is a day set aside to recognize and honor the contributions of working people who have helped build our communities and our nation.

Labor Day grew out of the American labor movement of the late 19th century. During the Industrial Revolution, millions of men, women, and children worked in factories, mines, mills, and other demanding jobs. Working conditions could be difficult and dangerous, and many employees worked long hours for relatively low wages. Workers began organizing and advocating for better conditions, reasonable working hours, safer workplaces, and fair treatment.

The first known Labor Day celebration took place in **New York City on September 5, 1882**, when thousands of workers gathered for a parade and picnic. Similar celebrations soon spread to other communities. In **1894, President Grover Cleveland signed legislation making Labor Day a federal holiday**, to be observed on the first Monday of September. The holiday reminds us that many workplace protections we enjoy today came about because ordinary people were willing to stand together and work for positive change.

For Christians, Labor Day is also an opportunity to reflect upon the **dignity and value of work**. Scripture repeatedly speaks about the importance of honest labor and reminds us that our work can be an expression of service to God and others. In Colossians 3:23, Paul writes, *“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.”*

Work takes many forms. We honor those who labor in businesses, farms, construction sites, offices, schools, hospitals, and homes, as well as caregivers, first responders, volunteers, and all those whose work strengthens our families and communities. We should also remember those who struggle to find meaningful employment or who work hard yet struggle to make ends meet. As followers of Christ, we are called to treat every person with dignity, fairness, compassion, and respect.

So, as we enjoy this Labor Day weekend, let us give thanks for those whose hands and hearts have helped build our communities. May we remember the history behind this holiday, appreciate the blessings that workers have helped create, and pray for a future in which every person has the opportunity to work in conditions that are safe, fair, and dignified.

This Labor Day, let us celebrate not simply a day off from work, but the people whose work makes a difference.

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 \$13,911.25, 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**. 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

“Things That Fly” is the theme for the September 2026, Exhibit at the Deming Art Center. We hope you will stop by and take a look at the creative imaginings of local artists- you may be surprised at what flies!! The exhibit will be up from September 2 – 29. There will be a time to meet the artists on Sunday, September 6, from 1:00 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. (**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.

Get ready for fun and exciting days and nights ahead! The Southwestern New Mexico State Fair opens in October with an 80s theme, and organizers are pleased to announce that admission will be free throughout the event. Watch for more details in October’s newsletter.

The Deming Luna County Humane Society will host its “Save Em September” Adoption Event on Saturday, September 12, from 10 AM to 1 PM at Mimbres Valley Feed on Columbus Rd. in Deming. The event will include a raffle, spay/neuter coupons, and pups looking for people.

Mariachi Fiel and Luna Star Fine Arts will be hosting a Bowling Fundraiser on September 19 at 9 AM at Starmax in Deming at 333 N Country Club Rd. There will be 9 Pin No Tap for men and 8 Pin No Tap for women. For more information, contact Jessica at 575-545-3014 or Derek at 575-545-3691.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 1P Grief Support Group @ Senior Center	10A Prayer Group 4P Line Dancing	9A Pickleball		9A Pickleball
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10A Fellowship Time 10:15A Sunday School 1P Meet the Artists 15th Sunday after Pentecost	OFFICE CLOSED 	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball	10A Prayer Group 4P Line Dancing	9A Pickleball 2P Luna County Commissioners Mtg		9A Pickleball 10A Humane Society Save 'Em Adoption Event
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10A Fellowship Time 10:15A Sunday School 16th Sunday after Pentecost	10A Leadership Board 5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 5:30P Deming City Council	10A Prayer Group 4P Line Dancing	9A Pickleball		9A Pickleball
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