First United Methodist Church - Deming

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Praise Singing	8:15 AM
Morning Worship	9:00 AM
Sunday School	10:15 AM

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Nursery Available



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
-1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is more than a holiday—it's a holy invitation. In every season, God calls us to remember His goodness and give thanks with a grateful heart. "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name" (Psalm 100:4).

True gratitude flows not from what we have, but from who God is. Even in times of challenge, His faithfulness remains constant, His love unchanging, His grace sufficient. When we lift our thanks to God, we draw closer to His presence and find peace that surpasses understanding.

As we gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, may our hearts overflow with praise. Let us take time to thank the Lord for His daily mercies and share His love with those around us. A thankful heart is a joyful heart—one that eflects the light of Christ to the world.

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 wordwide connections.



As I was looking back at the questions from our On-Boarding session with Rev. Amy Wilson-Feltz, I was reminded of the four points of emphasis to question four, "What do we want most from the leadership of our new pastor?" I would like to address each of these points in this month's newsletter.

The first point was VISITATION. I feel strongly that as the body of Christ we need to be there to support our brothers and sisters. Tuesdays are my day for home/nursing home visitation. I have tried to have a rotating schedule that allows me to visit individuals who are either homebound or in assisted living at least twice each month. I have also tried to make hospital visits when I am aware that we have congregants that have been admitted. In addition, I try to make phone calls when individuals are absent for more than two consecutive weeks.

The next point was Bible based, relatable, teaching sermons. I find using the lectionary as a resource a valuable tool in sermon development. The lectionary system is designed to give a well-rounded study of scripture over a three-year time period. Each week there are two Old Testament and two New Testament passages as options. Before I read these passages, I ask the Holy Spirit to guide me about which passage I should select. I also meet weekly with our Music Director to discuss sermon ideas and to coordinate musical selections that complement the themes of our message. Throughout the week I spend time meditating on the passage and listening for guidance as part of my sermon development process.

Administration of the business of the church was also addressed during our meeting. I am working to learn more about the norms of how our leadership team and various committees function. Each church I have served has its own unique personality and style. When issues have risen that need to be addressed, I believe that communication is a key factor in finding solutions. I appreciate the support that I have received and the historical context that many have shared with me. We will continue to work together to strengthen processes and procedures.

The final item discussed was accessibility of the pastor. I have freely shared my contact information. I grew up in an era where both doctors and pastors made house calls. I do my best to answers calls regardless of the time of day or night. I will also answer text messages or voicemails as promptly as possible. I appreciate the many invitations I have received to be a part of your activities outside of the church whether to attend sporting events or join in a meal or attend family celebration. These types of authentic interactions help to foster genuine trusting relationships.

I am open to suggestions whether they are about things I could do or ministries we could consider engaging in together. Please continue to keep me your prayers that God will continue to lead and guide in this new season of ministry.

Pastor Jacqui

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet this month on Sunday, **November 15, at 7:20 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a brief devotional followed by our business meeting.

Communion will be celebrated on **November 1**. 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.


OFFERING COUNTERS

Our November Bread Basket offering will be taken on **November 15** and will support Non-Cancer Support.

This fund, here at FUMC, is used to help people with transportation costs to and from medical appointments for non-cancer treatments. The church sees this as a big need in the community especially since there is large organizational support for cancer patients. This fund enables others needing support to find the help they so desperately are looking for.



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>

December—Transforming Luna County (TLC)

Christmas Eve—Cancer Support of Deming/Luna County

Holiday Happenings



Help prepare the church for Christmas at our annual Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, **November 22, at 3 PM**. Together, we'll decorate the sanctuary for the season. Everyone is welcome to help, regardless of ability or experience. Afterward, join us for a soup and cornbread dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy good food and warm fellowship as we welcome this wonderful season together.



Join Pastor Jacqui for this year's Advent Study of Season's Greetings: Christmas Letters from Those Who Were There by Ruth Boling. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM on Tuesdays, **December 1, 8, 15, and 22**. To participate, sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary by **November 15**. Please indicate whether you'd like to purchase a $13 companion book from the office.



There will be a Christmas Concert on Sunday, **December 13 at 3 PM** at Morgan Hall in downtown Deming. This special afternoon will feature music from our chancel choir, St. Ann's Catholic Church, and other groups joining together in joyful music. Come celebrate the birth of our Savior and support this wonderful community celebration of faith and music! The name of the program is Carols, Keys & Christmas Joy.



Our Chancel Choir will present the Christmas cantata *Come, Let Us Adore* during morning worship on Sunday, **December 20**. We invite you to join us for this special musical celebration as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. We pray the music and message will bless you and deepen your appreciation for the true meaning of the season.



Join Pastor Jacqui for a Blue Christmas Service on Monday, **December 21, at 6 PM**. Also called a Longest Night Service, this gathering welcomes anyone who finds Christmas difficult and those who wish to support them. Whether you are grieving a loved one, experiencing loneliness, recalling painful Christmas memories, or feeling overwhelmed by the season, the service offers a sacred space for reflection amid darkness and renewed hope in Christ. All are welcome, whether seeking comfort or offering it. Even if this season is not difficult for you, your presence can bring light through a hand to hold, a shared hug, or a reminder of Jesus Christ's deep, enduring love for all of God's precious children.

Celebrate the birth of our savior at our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on **December 24 at 6 PM**. Scripture, carols, and the warm glow of candlelight will offer a peaceful, joyful reminder of the true light of Christmas. Invite family and friends and make this special evening a holiday tradition.





Celebrate New Year's Eve on **December 31** with a Watch Night Party and game night in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy food, fun, and fellowship as we ring in 2027. Time to be announced.

Join us for this month's Ecumenical Game Day on Tuesday, **November 24, from Noon to 5 PM**. We will begin with a potluck at Noon followed by an afternoon of games and fellowship. Because this is not a church-sponsored event, each participant will pay a $2 fee. Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend and enjoy food, games, and good company. We hope to see you there!





Congratulations to our former pastor, Rev. Dr. Koreen Guillermo, who received her Doctor of Ministry degree on Friday, October 16. That afternoon, she defended her dissertation before a group of peers. Titled *Because Somebody Prayed: The Church's Journey to Facilitate Missional Purpose for Senior Members*, it was completed during her final months here. Congratulations again, Koreen!

Budget Summary

October

Needed each month to Meet Budget	$16,733.75
Received in October	$12,553.75
Difference from Budget for October	-$4,180.00

Year-To-Date

Budgeted Year-to-Date	$167,337.50
Received Year-to-Date	$141,441.51
Difference from Budget Year-to-Date	-$25,895.99



8:15 to 8:45
Sunday Mornings
In the Sanctuary

Line Dancing

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 to 6 PM. Come on out and get your dance on!



Join us on Sunday, **November 1**, for our All Saints Service. We will be remembering those in our congregation who have passed away since last year's All Saints Service, as well as remembering family members and friends. We will also celebrate Communion on November 1, a fitting remembrance of the communion of saints.



The time changes at **2 AM on November 1**. Set your clocks BACK one hour before bedtime Saturday night (Oct. 31). See you in church on Sunday!



Don't forget to Vote. Election day is Tuesday, **November 3**.

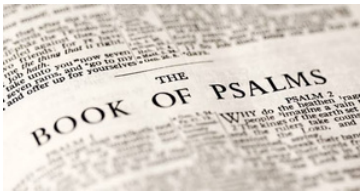


The office will be closed on Thursday, **November 26**, in observance of Thanksgiving. It will reopen on Monday, **November 30**.



The Community Thanksgiving Dinner is being planned for Thanksgiving Day here at the church. Serving time is **11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**. This is a cooperative effort among the churches in Deming to bring the love of Christ to those who might need a meal this Thanksgiving. There are many volunteers needed. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact 575-544-2400. You can also email main@tlcnm.org. If you are volunteering for food related tasks, there will be food handlers classes on **October 27 and November 17 at 6 PM** in the fellowship hall of Deming First Assembly of God. If you can't attend, one final training will take place on **Nov 25** during setup. You must attend the training to handle food. If you cannot attend training, many other volunteers are needed to handle non-food related tasks.

Journey Through the BIBLE



11/2 - Psalm 19
11/4 - Psalm 20
11/6 - Psalm 21
11/9 - Psalm 22
11/11 - Psalm 23-24
11/13 - Psalm 25

11/16 - Psalm 26-27
11/18 - Psalm 28-28
11/20 - Psalm 30
11/23 - Psalm 31
11/25 - Psalm 32-33
11/27 - Psalm 34

11/30 - Psalm 35



We need a few volunteers to help decorate a Christmas tree on **November 19, between noon and 6 PM**, for the Festival of Trees supporting the Deming-Luna County Humane Society. Please share any theme ideas with the office! See the information on page 10

Heater Fund Drive

With the arrival of Fall, all our HVAC systems served us throughout the summer except for the unit serving the East side of the sanctuary, which requires replacement. The west side unit compensated for this issue this summer and will continue to do so into the colder months. 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. **So far, we have raised $17,812.25, which is 59% of the way to our goal in only the first 10 months!** We can't thank you enough for your generosity and support.

5th Sunday POTLUCK FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Join us on Sunday, **November 29**, for our Fifth Sunday Potluck! We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the morning worship service. Bring a favorite dish to pass, enjoy a delicious meal, and stay for the fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity to share good food, good company, and the joy of being together. We look forward to seeing you there!

2027 Leadership Board

Pastor	Lacqui Lax
Leadership Chair	Vicki Hofacket
Leadership Vice CHair	Carol Krum
Treasurer	Harold Morrow
Lay Leader/Lay Delegate to AC	Juan Gonzales

Class of 2027	**CLass of 2028**	**Class of 2029**
Jane Spruiell	Marcille Crumley	Joyce Peterson
Adam Silva	Carol Schultz	Carol Krum
Janet Menter	Mary Frosch	

*Finance Chair	Carol Schultz
**SPRC Chair	Janet Menter
***Trustees Chair	Mary Frosch
****Secretary	Jane Spruiell



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Deming Art Center is excited to present the annual Recycle Show which is sponsored by Luna County and "Keep Luna County Beautiful." Featured will be pieces of art made from at least 90% recycled materials and crafted by artists of all ages. Intake will be Monday, **November 2 from 9 AM to Noon**. Show will be judged, and prizes awarded. Sunday, **November 8**, the public is invited to the official show opening and a time to meet the artists from 1-2:30PM. The show runs from November 3 – 28. Closed on Thanksgiving. Also, on **November 21**, from 8AM – 2PM, there will be the fourth annual "Art Fest". This is a one-day event featuring local artists and will be held at the Methodist Church (1020 S. Granite), in the Gym. Come out and see these multi talented artists and their creations- lots of gift ideas will be on display! 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. *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.

Luna County invites all veterans for a Breakfast Celebration on Veteran's Day, **November 11,** 2026, at the Mimbres Valley Event Center. This breakfast for Veterans is to honor our friends, family and community members who served. Breakfast will be served from 9 AM to 11:30 AM. See flyer on page 9 for more information.

Play Sharity will be having a Dia de la Muertas Art Show on **November 6** from 4 to 8 PM at Pit Park. See the flyer on page 9 for more information.

The Salsa Festival will be making its return on **November 7** at Courthouse Park. Festivities will run all day. See the flyer on page 9 for more information.

The Deming-Luna-Mimbres Museum has launched a new service for visitors to the museum. You can now scan QR codes at selected exhibits to delve deeper into the subject matter. See the flyer on page 9 for further details. The museum is located at 301 S. Silver here in Deming.


Play Sharity's
DÍA DE MUERTOS
ART FESTIVAL
2026
NOV 6th 2026 | 4pm-8pm
Voiers Pit Park (Trees Lake) Amphitheater
• Family Friendly
• Free Entry
• Costume Competition
• Free Arts & Crafts Activities
• Performances
• Food and Craft Vendors
• 5k (Saturday, November 7th)
Play Sharity
Children's Museum & Library
Scan me


SALSA FESTIVAL
NOVEMBER 7, 2026
LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY
VENDORS, GAMES, FOOD,
CORNHOLE, FAMILY FUN AND
MORE
LUNA COUNTY COURTHOUSE PARK, DEMING, NM
Capital Power
G P & A


NOVEMBER, 11 2026
VETERANS DAY
LUNA COUNTY INVITES ALL VETERANS FOR A
BREAKFAST CELEBRATION!
9:00AM - 11:30AM
@ SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER
2300 E PINE ST, DEMING, NM
To honor our friends, family and community members who served.


Come to the Deming Museum and enjoy the addition of audio history.
Tuesday - Saturday: 9 am - 4 pm.
FREE ADMISSION
SCAN Here
www.demingmuseum.com
575-546-2382
301 S. Silver Ave.
Deming, NM 88030


Happy Thanksgiving

SECOND ANNUAL

Festival of the Trees

TREES
AUCTIONS
RAFFLES
TREATS
AND MORE!

NOVEMBER 19–21, 2026

AT THE LEARNING CENTER

Join us for the **Second Annual Festival of the Trees,** a holiday fundraiser benefiting the dogs and cats in our care!

SILENT AUCTIONS | **RAFFLES** | **HOLIDAY TREATS** | **AND MORE!**

This event is **FREE** and open to the public!

HOW IT WORKS

We have 50 five-foot Christmas trees available for sponsorship by local businesses, community groups, and individuals. Sponsors are invited to decorate their trees with unique themes and creative designs.

The decorated trees will be displayed and available for bidding through our silent auction. At the conclusion of the festival, each tree will be carefully wrapped and delivered to its winning bidder, making it a perfect addition to the holiday season!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 19	8am–Noon	Move In – Tree Setup (Staff)
November 19	Noon–6pm	Designers Decorate
November 20	8am–3pm	Designers Decorate/ Vendor Booth Setup
November 20	5pm–8pm	**Festival of the Trees (Open to Public)**
November 21	10am–4pm	**Festival of the Trees (Open to Public)**

TREE SPONSOR AWARDS

- **HIGHEST TREE BID**
- **PEOPLE'S CHOICE**
- **BEST THEME**

FOOD & DRINK VENDORS

Limited space available for food and drink vendors!

If you are interested in being a vendor or would like more information, please contact **Sande Foster** at **575-546-1566.**

SPONSOR A TREE!

Help make our Second Annual Festival of the Trees a success! Sponsoring a tree is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your creativity, promote your business or organization, and support the animals in our community.

To sponsor a tree, become a vendor, or learn more, please contact **Sande Foster** at **575-546-1566.**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO DIRECTLY TOWARD PROVIDING CARE FOR THE DOGS AND CATS AT OUR SHELTER.

NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
All Saint's Sunday Communion 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10A Fellowship Time 10:15A Sunday School	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study @ Peppers 9A Pickleball 1P Grief Support Group @ Senior Center ELECTION DAY	10A Prayer Group 4P Line Dancing	9A Pickleball 6P Adult Arts and Crafts	11A Golden Art Class 4P Dia de la Muertas Art Show	8A Salsa Festival 9A Pickleball
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10A Fellowship Time 10:15A Sunday School 1P Meet the Artists	9:30A Leadership Board 5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study @ Peppers 9A Pickleball	9A Free Veterans Breakfast 10A Prayer Group 4P Line Dancing	9A Pickleball 2P Luna County Commissioners 6P Adult Arts and Crafts	11A Golden Art Class	9A Pickleball
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Bread Basket 7:20A Men's Group 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10A Fellowship Time 10:15A Sunday School	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study @ Peppers 9A Pickleball 5:30P Deming City Council 6P Food Handler Training @ D1	10A Prayer Group 4P Line Dancing	9A Pickleball 12P Festival of Trees Decorating 6P Adult Arts and Crafts	11A Golden Art Class 5P Festival of Trees	9A Pickleball 10A Festival of Trees
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30					
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December Dates to Remember:

Advent Study	1, 8, 15, 22	Carols, Keys & Christmas Joy	13
Christmas Cantata	20	Blue Christmas Service	21
Christmas Eve Service	24	Game Night	31