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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October 2026



To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

-Ecclesiastes 3:1

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Annual Church Conference

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

Church 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.



During our initial on-boarding session, one of the questions addressed to the congregants in attendance was: "What are our deepest longings/hopes for the church?." I want you to know that I have taken your hopes and dreams to heart as I have started my ministry here at FUMC- Deming. If we want to grow our church, this begins with building relationships. Establishing relationships both in and outside of the church has been a significant priority to what I have been doing. We have revived home communion with both clergy and laity working together to show love to those who are no longer able to be with us during worship service. I have also been making home, hospital, and assisted living/rehab visits weekly. I strongly believe that the people we worship with at church become our extended family. When family is unable to visit us, we who are able should make the effort to see them.

Another hope is that we could find ways to work together with other congregations in our community. I have been participating in our community's Ministerial Alliance to work towards building bridges with other pastors. I have participated in group events like prayer with the other pastors at our schools and have become a part of the rotation of pastors that provide an opening prayer at our city council meetings. I have been sharing my desire to work together as pastors at monthly meetings. This has resulted in some of us going together to visit Luna Rehab. We are taking steps by developing these relationships and finding ways to be more visible in our community. I encourage you to participate in our upcoming community outreach at the "Trunk or Treat" on October 31st however you are able whether spending time passing out items or donating candy or praying for the event. As we work together, we can show the love of Jesus to our community.

Pastor Jacqui

Budget Summary

September

Needed Each Month to Meet Budget:	$16,733.75
Received in August:	$11,575.85
Difference from Budget for August:	-$5,157.90

Year-To-Date

Budgeted Year-to-Date:	$150,603.75
Received Year-to-Date:	$128,887.76
Difference from Budget Year-to-Date:	-$21,715.99



Dear Pastor Jacqui,

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and we didn't want the month to pass without telling you how much you mean to us.

We are so thankful that God brought you to our church and into our lives. Even though you haven't been with us very long, it already feels like you have become an important part of our church family. We appreciate your warmth, your faith, your willingness to listen, and the love and care you show to the people you serve.

Being a pastor is about so much more than what happens on Sunday morning. It is being there for people in the happy times and the difficult ones, offering a word of encouragement, sharing God's grace, praying with us, and helping us continue to grow in our faith. We see those things in you, and we want you to know that they don't go unnoticed.

One of the things we love about being United Methodists is our understanding that ministry isn't something a pastor does alone. We are a people who believe in **connection, grace, service, and growing together in Christ.** We are grateful to have you walking alongside us as we continue that journey.

Thank you for saying yes to God's call, for saying yes to us, and for bringing your gifts and your heart to our church. We look forward to the days, months, and years ahead and to all that God will do through our church family together.

Please know how much you are loved, appreciated, and prayed for. We hope you feel a little bit of the same love and encouragement you so freely give to others.

With much love and appreciation,

Your Church Family



The Men's Group will meet this month on Sunday**, October 18**, at 7:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a brief devotional followed by our business meeting.



Communion will be celebrated on **October 4**. 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 October Bread Basket offering will be taken on **October 18** and will benefit Doing His Work.

Doing His Work is the Missions arm of the church. This committee is tasked with spreading the love of Christ throughout our community and beyond through our mission outreach. While they have specific outreach recipients, such as Silver Linings, they also use their funds to help other committees of the church reach out to the community. Your generosity this month will allow Doing His Work to continue doing just that—His Work among our brothers and sisters.

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>

November—Non-Cancer Support

December—Transforming Luna County (TLC)

Christmas Eve—Cancer Support of Deming/ Luna County



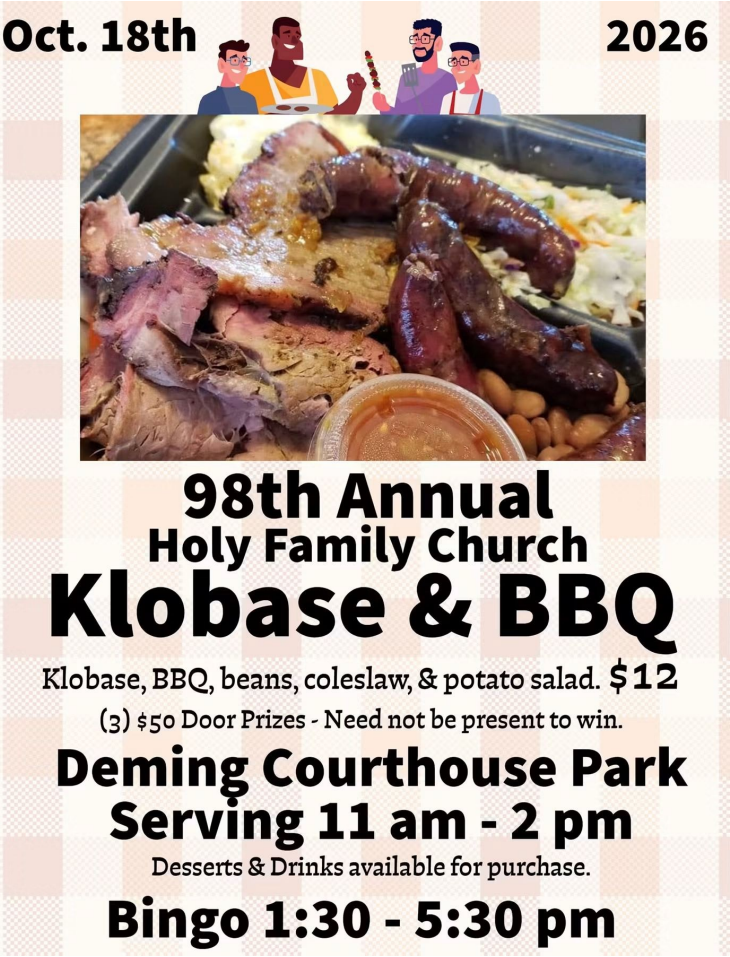
8:15 AM to 8:45 AM

Sunday Mornings

In the Sanctuary



The church will once again be participating in the Downtown Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, **October 31**, from **6 to 8 PM**. We will be setting up a table in front of C & T Accounting (Tamara Hurt's office). Throughout the month of October, we will be taking donations of prewrapped candy. The more candy we have, the more joy we can bring to the event. Drop off your donations in the church office.





For nearly four decades now, the country has recognized October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is a time annually devoted to educating everyone about breast cancer – including metastatic breast cancer (MBC) – and the importance of early detection and access to timely, high-quality care. Many of us have been touched personally either by having breast cancer or knowing a close friend or relative with it. In honor of those individuals, let us spread the word. For more information, click on the following link. Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Month





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!



Join us for our new Ecumenical Game Day, a monthly gathering held on a selected Tuesday. We'll 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. Our first gathering will be **October 20** at **12 PM** in the FUMC Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome, so bring a friend and enjoy food, games, and good company. We hope to see you there!



On Friday, **October 2** at **6 PM**, the fifth annual Southwest Chamber Music Festival will perform a free public concert at the Deming Railroad Depot (300 N Country Club Road). The concert will showcase a unique low-register string quintet configuration. The performance features two violins, a viola, and two cellos, moving classical masterworks out of massive metropolitan spaces and into rural communities. Returning festival foundations James Keene (violin), Stephen Fine (viola), and Charlie Akert (cello) will perform alongside guest artists Noah Baum (violin) and James Jaffe (cello). The performance is completely free to the public. There is a voluntary $25 suggested donation at the door to keep the community arts outreach accessible across rural New Mexico.





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

10/2—Psalm 3:1-4:8

10/5—Psalm 5
10/7—Psalm 6
10/9—Psalm 7
10/12—Psalm 8
10/14—Psalm 9
10/16—Psalm 10

10/19—Psalm 11
10/21—Psalm 12
10/23—Psalm 13:1-14:7
10/26—Psalm 15:1-16:11
10/28—Psalm 17
10/30—Psalm 18

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. Below, you'll find a fundraising thermometer that shows how close we are to our goal. So far, we have raised $15,187.25, which is **48% of the way to our goal**! We can't thank you enough 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

October 2026 at the Deming Art Center will feature the annual DAC Membership exhibit. There will be a diverse body of work from multiple disciplines. The exhibit will be up from October 2 – 30. There will be a time to meet the artists on Sunday, **October 4**, 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 Walmart will be having a grand re-opening on Friday, **October 2**, from **8 AM to Noon**. They are excited to celebrate and would love for the deming community to be a part of it. They are inviting vendors, food vendors, small businesses, and anyone who would like to set up a stand to showcase and sell their products or services. Set up starts at 7 AM.

The Luna County Candidate Forum will be held on Tuesday, **October 6**, at **5:30 PM** at the Mimbres Valley Learning Center. Come hear from the candidates for Magistrate Judge, Commission District 1, Commissioner District 2, Sheriff, and Probate Judge.

The Deming Bataan Post 4 of the American Legion will be having a patio sale **October 2-3** from **9 AM to 4 PM**. There will be lots of jewelry, tools, furniture, household items, clothing, and much more. Help support our local veterans. Sale will be at 619 W. Spruce St in Deming. Call 575-546-8385 for more information.




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THURSDAY
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LIVESTOCK
SHOWS
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
OCTOBER 7-8
BOXING
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 10
PARADE
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 10
LIVE BANDS
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TO PARTICIPATE PLEASE FILL OUT A
REGISTRATION FORM ONLINE OR CONTACT US.
www.demingms.org
(575) 546-2674

Election Day Voting Convenience Centers for Luna County

Mimbres Valley Learning Center Village Library 2300 E. Pine Deming, NM 88030	Holy Family Parish Hall 615 S. Copper St. Deming, NM 88030	Columbus 12 W. Broadway Columbus, NM 88030

SAME DAY REGISTRATION AVAILABLE DURING EARLY VOTING AND ON ELECTION DAY
SECURED DROPBOXES AVAILABLE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN

2026 General Election Timeline

BARBARA DELANEY, LUNA COUNTY CLERK

700 S. Silver Avenue, Deming, NM 88030
PH: 575-546-0491

Tuesday, October 6th, 2026
- ***Mail & Online voter registration ends***
- ***Absentee Voting begins***
- ***Early Voting begins at the Clerk's Office***
  700 S. Silver Ave.
  Monday - Friday 8am-5:30pm

Saturday, October 17th, 2026
- ***Early Voting begins at Mimbres Valley Learning Center***
  2300 E. Pine St.
  Tuesday-Friday 11am-7pm
  And Saturday's 9am-5pm

Tuesday, October 20th, 2026
- ***Last Day you may request a mailed ballot.***

Saturday, October 31st, 2026
Clerk's Office opens from 10am-6pm
Mimbres Learning Center opens from 9am-5pm
- ***Last day to vote early***

Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026
ELECTION DAY
POLLS OPEN 7AM-7PM
- ***All Absentee Ballots must be received by 7pm***

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October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
				9A Pickleball 6P Adult Arts and Crafts	8A Walmart Grand Re-Opening 9A Patio Sale @ American Legion 11A Golden Art Class 6P Southwest Chamber Music Festival	8A Country Club Estates Garage Sales 9A Pickleball 9A Patio Sale @ American Legion
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Communion 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10A Fellowship Time 10:15A Sunday School 1P Meet the Artists 19th Sunday after Pentecost	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 8A Early Voting Begins @ Clerks Office 9A Pickleball 1P Grief Support Group @ Senior Center 5:30 Candidate Forum	10A Prayer Group 4P Line Dancing SWNM State Fair	9A Pickleball 2P Luna County Commissioners Mtg 6P Adult Arts and Crafts	11A Golden Art Class	9A Pickleball
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
7:30A Men's Group 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10A Fellowship Time 10:15 Sunday School 11A Klobase Festival 3:30P Church Conference 21st Sunday after Pentecost	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 12P Ecumenical Game Day	10A Prayer Group 4P Line Dancing	9A Pickleball 6P Adult Arts and Crafts	11A Golden Art Class	9A Pickleball 9A Safer Sanctuary Class via Zoom
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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