

# September 2018 Newsletter



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## CAMP MEETING 2018

On Sunday, September 2nd, we will have only **one** worship service at 10:00 AM, followed by a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the meat for the meal. Everyone else is asked to bring a side (veggie, fruit/salad or dessert). There will be no Sunday School that morning. In order to make sure we have enough seating, reservations are requested (your name and number attending). You can send an email or call the church office. See everyone there!



All high school youth are invited to a See You At the Pole youth rally on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the high school auditorium from 7 to 9 PM. Pyrex, a Dallas, Texas, Christian rap group, will be featured. So youth – grab a friend for a great evening of entertainment. Then meet everyone at the high school flagpole the following morning to join other youth in prayers.



Our annual Church Conference is scheduled for Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 3 PM. This is both a change from our usual format and earlier than in past years. It's something different because we will also be hosting pastors and members of the Silver City, Mimbres and Lordsburg churches. We'll gather in the Fellowship Hall, ready to celebrate what we've done in the past year and make plans to further God's work in this corner of New Mexico. We'll also celebrate Communion together. So make plans to attend and enjoy fellowship and light refreshments.

## Back To School Blessing For Children

By Wendy Claire Barrie

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers.

Today we give you thanks for these your children, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. Amen.



The Spirit makes us one in Christ with our fellow believers the moment we become a Christian. That is remarkable. I have felt that in India, here in the U.S., just about everywhere that I have been. However, we Christians are to make every effort to maintain the unity in the Spirit. (Ephesians 4:1-3)

How do we do that? The Scripture tells us. We are to be humble, gentle, patient and bearing with one another in love.

I know a supervisory member of another denomination. One day I told him, "You are such a blessing. You are so kind, and your humble attitude with which you work with Christians with whom you do not agree with is a blessing to the rest of us. Thank you."

"I have not always been that way. Indeed, I was belligerent, arrogant and rude to others who held different views than I have."

"What happened?"

"I was in a location that had few Christians, and my only friends were the Russian Orthodox Church in town. No other Christians were available."

"What did they do?"

"They were humble, gentle and patient. My Russian Orthodox friends continued to ask me to join them for meals, worship and prayer even I was such a pain to them. Further, when I saw them worship, I realized that they were worshipping the same Christ that I worship but with more sincerity. I came to realize that just because they were different than me did not mean that my Christian faith was superior to theirs. Indeed, the opposite was true."

"So that made the difference?"

"Yes, since then, I have strived to return the love they gave me to others."

What an example and blessing. May we make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit among all God's people.

In Christ, Brad Reeves



## 2018 Heritage Tour

**DATE:** Saturday, September 29 & Sunday, September 30, 2018.

**WHERE:** Starting at Trinity UMC in Clovis at 8:30am on Saturday. The tour will adjourn at 2:30 pm on Sunday.

**WHAT:** A Caravan Tour through the "High Plains" or "Little Texas" as it sometimes called. You drive your own car and we stop along the way to see different churches and fellowship with a few of the congregations to learn whatever we can. You can join or leave the tour wherever you like. The focus is on our rich history on the eastern plains. At each stop we will seek to learn from those who know the history of their church. We will also stop at the Western Heritage Museum in Hobbs to learn more about life on the eastern plains of New Mexico. We will start at Trinity UMC in Clovis and visit Kingswood and First UMC. We will go to the First UMC in Portales and have lunch. We will go to Elida and learn the story of how the church was constructed. We will make a stop in Tatum to see the church there. We will stop at First UMC in Lovington. We will visit the Western Heritage Museum in Hobbs. We will have dinner at the Pacific Rim in Hobbs. We will spend the night at the Baymont Inn & Suites. On Sunday we will join them at 10am for worship at First UMC. Then we will arrive late for services in Eunice but join them for lunch. Finally, we will arrive at First UMC in Jal in the far corner of NM before our journey is over and we head for home.

**COST:** Just your own expense for gas, food, and lodging along the way.

For more information, check out the following link: [www.nmconfum.com/event/2018-heritage-tour/](http://www.nmconfum.com/event/2018-heritage-tour/)



*It's Not Just A Clergy Thing!*

## All Christians Are Called To Serve

**Basic Course - Lay Servant Ministries**

**Advanced Course - "Lay Pastoral Care Ministry"**

**Date:** Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 (8:30am - 3:00pm)

**Place:** St. Mark's United Methodist, El Paso, TX

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person (Meal & Snacks included)

**Who May Attend:** Every Christian who desires to learn how to serve God in new ways.

**Pre-Registration IS REQUIRED!**

**Study materials and Pre-Class homework will be assigned.**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Online Registration:** [www.loveroad.org/lay-servant-school.html](http://www.loveroad.org/lay-servant-school.html)

or call St. Mark's: 915-581-4444

# SCAM ALERT

In May of this year, the hospital serving the boys and girls at Boys Town, Nebraska, was the victim of a data breach. This brought to light the vulnerability of children being the victims of identity theft. Most parents don't realize the significance of their child's identity being stolen. With just a few identifying items such as a social security number, a credit report can be opened on behalf of the child with credit obtained in the child's name. The identity thief never pays back the money accessed through the child's credit, and the child is burdened with a bad credit report that can have a harmful effect on the child when he or she applies for credit, applies for a job, applies for a scholarship or seeks to rent an apartment. Often the identity theft is not discovered until years after it first happens which makes it more difficult to remedy.

Because of recent changes in federal law that go into effect in September, parents and guardians can now freeze the credit of children under the age of 16. It is suggested that you freeze them at each of the three credit monitoring agencies. Use the following links to help you start the journey of keeping your children and family safe: [Equifax](http://Equifax), [Trans Union](http://Trans Union), and [Experian](http://Experian).

## Bread Basket Sunday

Each month we take a special offering on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday for a particular mission or ministry. This month our Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> offering is for our church's non-food commodities distribution closet. This closet stocks common cleaning and hygiene supplies to be distributed to seniors, free of charge, to help them stretch their budget. Volunteers gather on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday to assist seniors with these needs, to translate for Spanish speakers and most importantly, to pray with them for specific needs. Many now come seeking prayer first before completing their "shopping" list. Your donations will enable the Missions Committee to re-stock this closet which serves not only physical needs but brings spiritual blessings as well.



*To the First United Methodist Church,*

*Just a note to say thanks for all you did to welcome us. The Bible and basket with goodies overwhelmed us with honor and love. We appreciated the potluck, food, moving help, etc., that were done for us.*

*Pastor Brad and Sherrie Reeves*

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# What's Happening

Community Events

September 2018 at the Deming Art Center will be the debut of the first ever “Assemblage Art” show. It is an invitational and each artist will be exhibiting pieces that are made from items that have been discarded, used, found or carefully collected resulting in very unique artwork. This relatively new Art Form has been gaining momentum for the last decade or so and often becomes a social commentary for the times in which we live. The exhibit will run from September 2-28, 2018 and there will be an artist reception, Sunday, September 2, 2018 from 1-3PM. The gallery hours are from 10-4PM Monday-Saturday and the gallery is located at 100 S. Gold, Deming, NM. Please call 575-546-3663, see our website at [www.demingarts.org](http://www.demingarts.org) or visit our FB page for more information.

Become a Hospice Volunteer. Ambercare invites you to bring your warmth and presence to a patient on hospice. Hospice volunteers offer their skills in listening, empathy and companionship to patients and families during the profound period of transition that is the end of life. As a volunteer you can make a difference in simple ways: our volunteers might play chess, read aloud, take walks, or watch old movies with their patients. Please join our skilled and compassionate team of caregivers and become a part of our dynamic community of volunteers. If interested, contact Lisa Brooks, Volunteer Coordinator, at 505-546-4664, ext 17205, or email her at [lbrooks@ambercare.com](mailto:lbrooks@ambercare.com).

Deming MainStreet announces the next Farmers & Craft Market. The event will be held at the Courthouse Park on September 8th from 8-11 AM if weather permits. If you're interested in becoming a vendor, please contact the Visitor Center at 575-546-2674.

The Legal Resources for the Elderly Program (LREP) will be presenting a free legal workshop and clinic on Wednesday, September 5, at the Deming Senior Center. The legal workshop includes a presentation and a question-and-answer period. It is open to everyone of any age to attend. Family members and providers for the elderly are invited and encouraged to attend. After the workshop presentation, the LREP staff attorney will assist New Mexicans who are 55 or older with Power of Attorneys (POA) and/or Advance Health Care Directives (AHCD). Advance registration is required for the POA and/or AHCD clinic by contacting 1-800-876-6657 or 505-797-6005.

A candidate forum is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6 pm in the gym. Local and state candidates on the ballot in November will be invited. Look for more details in the weekly emails, Sunday bulletin or call the Deming-Luna County Chamber of Commerce (575-546-2674).



The Crafty Kids program has started back up for the 2018/2019 school year. This is a program for kids in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It meets after school on Mondays. Everyone is welcome.

No program on Sept. 3 due to Labor Day



A new ladies bible study, Bible Study Fellowship, will begin on Thursday, September 13, 2018, with a study on *The People of the Promised Land*. The journey will start with a welcome at 6:30 PM at the First United Methodist Church, 1020 S. Granite, Deming, NM. To pre-register, contact [jfmilbourn@comcast.net](mailto:jfmilbourn@comcast.net) or call Jeannie at 544-1860. There is no cost to participate. We are so excited to have BSF in Deming, and we are looking forward to seeing all of you who can come.



You would never know an old girl born and raised in Louisiana would be making such an impact here in Deming. Of course, I am talking about our very own church member, Dorothy Dye. Dorothy moved to Deming in 1970 and promptly joined the Methodist Church which was still in the old building at the time. Rev. Spurlin was the pastor.

For the last few years, Dorothy has been giving back to the community through her art of crocheting. She began crocheting back in the 1960's. She had to teach herself as her mother was not well versed in the practice. Nowadays, she makes hats, sweaters, and afghans for various charitable organizations. Some of the groups that have benefited from her generosity are World Vision, Catholic Charities, Albuquerque Child Life Center, The Clothes Closet, and St. Joseph Indian School.

Before 2015 she did not keep track of how many stocking caps she sent for donation. However, through 2017, she had made at least 1476 caps. As you can see by the picture, she makes different styles and colors. And besides the donations, she still finds time to make various items for family and friends.

Dorothy has a message for everyone: *"God gives everyone a talent, and if we put that talent to good use and find a way to help other people, we can help to make our world a better place for all."*

The next time you see Dorothy, give her a big thank you for all she has done over the years to help groups in need!

## OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Silver Whiskers, a new thrift store and gift shop supporting the Deming Animal Guardians, has opened here in Deming. The Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting was held on Monday, August 6 at 118 Silver Avenue. When you stop by make sure to look at the vintage Bull Durham Tobacco mural, the new barnwood floors, and the newly remodeled interior. Store hours are currently 11 AM to 6 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The shop will be open on some Saturdays with a varying schedule. Come out and help support the Deming Animal Guardians in their mission to help all animals in Luna County.



A few months ago, we told you about a fundraising project at Sacramento Camp and Conference Center called Mission: Transformation. This project is to help them build a Welcome Center and Family Life Center. If you were interested in making a pledge toward those projects, they are now receiving donations and pledges of up to 3 years. For more information on how you can help them realize their goal, please click on the following link:

<http://sacramentocamp.org/mission-transformation>

## Book Sale



### Where:

The church library, the Fellowship Hall, and the end of the Sunday School Hallway

### What:

Non-fiction, fiction, cassette tapes (bible studies, The Bible), VHS tapes

### Why:

To make room for new books

### When:

Now until Fall

### How Much:

\$.50 to \$1; NOTE: Please have exact change as we won't be able to make change

Thank you! Peggy Tremper, Librarian

# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Communion</b> <b>Camp Meeting One Service Only 10A</b> <b>Potluck Following Service</b> <b>Youth Group 5P</b>	<b>Happy Labor Day</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>Praise Team 5P</b> <b>Pickleball 6P</b>	<b>Bible Study 9A</b> <b>Prayer Group 11A</b> <b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Women's Emmaus Group 4:30P</b> <b>Line Dancing 5P</b> <b>Men's Emmaus Group 5:30P</b>	<b>Handbells 4:30P</b> <b>Pickleball 6P</b> <b>Community Choir Practice 6P</b>	<b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Christ First Karate 4P</b> <b>Indoor Soccer 6P</b>	<b>Non-Food Commodity Distribution 9A</b>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>Trustees 11:45A</b> <b>Youth Group 5P</b>	<b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Crafty Kids 3:30P</b> <b>Chancel Choir 5P</b> <b>Finance Committee 5:30P</b> <b>Indoor Soccer 6P</b>	<b>Praise Team 5P</b> <b>Pickleball 6P</b>	<b>Bible Study 9A</b> <b>Prayer Group 11A</b> <b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Women's Emmaus Group 4:30P</b> <b>Line Dancing 5P</b> <b>Men's Emmaus Group 5:30P</b>	<b>Handbells 4:30P</b> <b>Pickleball 6P</b> <b>Community Choir Practice 6P</b> <b>Bible Study Fellowship 6P</b>	<b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Christ First Karate 4P</b> <b>Indoor Soccer 6P</b>	<b>UMW Tea 11A</b>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>Bread Basket Sunday</b> <b>United Methodist Men 7A</b> <b>Youth Group 5P</b>	<b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Crafty Kids 3:30P</b> <b>Chancel Choir 5P</b> <b>Indoor Soccer 6P</b>	<b>Praise Team 5P</b> <b>Pickleball 6P</b>	<b>Bible Study 9A</b> <b>Prayer Group 11A</b> <b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Women's Emmaus Group 4:30P</b> <b>Line Dancing 5P</b> <b>Men's Emmaus Group 5:30P</b>	<b>Handbells 4:30P</b> <b>Mission Committee 5:30P</b> <b>Pickleball 6P</b> <b>Community Choir Practice 6P</b> <b>Bible Study Fellowship 6P</b>	<b>Jamboree Setup 2P</b> <b>Christ First Karate 4P</b>	<b>Zia Zinger Line Dancing Jamboree</b>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<b>Church Conference 3P</b> <b>Youth Group 5P</b>	<b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Crafty Kids 3:30P</b> <b>Chancel Choir 5P</b> <b>Indoor Soccer 6P</b>	<b>Praise Team 5P</b> <b>Church Council 5:30P</b> <b>Pickleball 6P</b>	<b>Bible Study 9A</b> <b>Prayer Group 11A</b> <b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Women's Emmaus Group 4:30P</b> <b>Line Dancing 5P</b> <b>Men's Emmaus Group 5:30P</b>	<b>Handbells 4:30P</b> <b>Candidate Forum 5P</b> <b>Community Choir Practice 6P</b> <b>Bible Study Fellowship 6P</b>	<b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Christ First Karate 4P</b> <b>Indoor Soccer 6P</b>	
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<b>Youth Group 5P</b>						