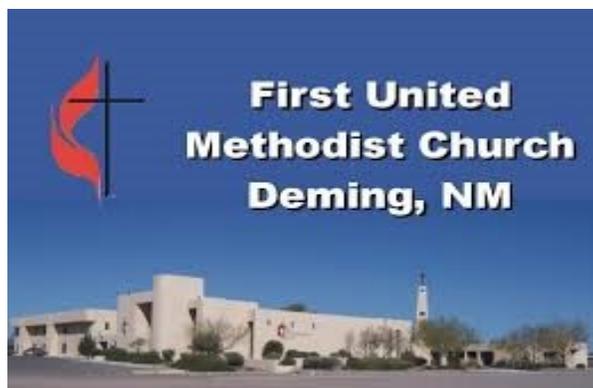


November 2018 Newsletter



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Sunday School: 9:15 AM

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Mission Deming - Community Project

Have you ever thought about what would happen if your house was on fire, and the fire department couldn't readily identify the nearest hydrant? Did you know that hydrants can corrode due to UV rays, rain and temperature extremes? Regular painting can eliminate and prevent both of these problems. As a community service project, Mission Deming has committed to painting 568+/- fire hydrants within the city limits – a project which benefits not only us but our neighbors as well.

Members of various churches will meet on three Saturdays in November (3, 10 and 17) and enjoy a light breakfast from 7 - 8 AM. On the first two Saturdays (11/3, 11/10) the breakfast will be held here at the church. On Nov. 17, it will be held at the Deming First Assembly of God just north of the intersection of Ash St. and Gold Ave. Volunteers will then receive their assignments and fan out across the city in groups of 2, armed with all the supplies and instructions they'll need for the job.

This is our opportunity to give back to our community and our neighbors. Where else can your gift of a few hours of your time and labor benefit more than just a few people? Your gift provides safety in case of an emergency and extends the life of fire hydrants, a win-win for all of us. To sign up for one or more Saturdays, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the Sanctuary and thank you for this city-wide blessing.



Holidays can be hard on families with limited income. You can help provide not only a traditional turkey meal at Thanksgiving but also filled pantry shelves for a week or more. The United Methodist Men (UMM) are sponsoring a food drive for up to 20 needy families. Rather than donating food, the men are asking for monetary donations to use for Peppers gift certificates. Please mark your donations as "Thanksgiving food drive" and place them in the collection plate or drop them by the church office. The deadline to receive donations is Sunday, November 11. Thank you for blessing families this holiday season.



Find different and unique gift items at the United Methodist Women's Annual Christmas Bazaar, being held on Saturday, November 17. The UMW will transform the Fellowship Hall in a mini shopping mall where you can find jewelry, Christmas items, hand-made craft items, and bargains at the White Elephant booth. You can even enjoy a cup of coffee while you shop between 9:00 AM and Noon. Your purchases go to support a number of ministries sponsored by our local UMW unit. These include Deming Helping Hand, Healing House, TLC (Transforming Luna County Through the Love of Christ) and a UMW missionary. Mark your calendars and come early for best selection!



“Membership has its privileges” the ad slogan goes. The point is, of course, that if you will join us, then we will take care of you. It is an idea that is very common in our society. However, in church the opposite is true.

If you attend church enough that we know who you are, give us your information, etc. We will gladly visit you in the hospital, pray for your sick, bury your dead, marry those in your clan that are in love and otherwise take care of you. Attendance, not membership, has its privileges.

Membership in the United Methodist Church has responsibilities. When you join a United Methodist Church, you promise “to uphold the United Methodist Church in five ways, by your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.” Those five items can be viewed as commodities that God has entrusted to our care – what we are a steward of. How we use them as they are in our care is what our current sermon series is about.

I invite you to prayerfully consider stewardship as more than just “giving to the church.” Rather, it is how we steward all that God has entrusted to us.

See you Sunday!

In Christ,
Brad Reeves

P.S. Someone gave us a gift of an Instant Pot recently. The word was Pastor Appreciation Month and no name was given. To whoever it was, thank you.



Thank you for participating in this wonderful opportunity to bring Christmas gifts and the Gospel story to 800 children from the loving people of Luna County, New Mexico. This year over eleven million children worldwide will receive shoebox gifts – often the first gift they have ever been given.

Postage is \$9 per shoebox – it remains a bargain. Consider how much it would cost to send a filled shoebox overseas. If you would like to enclose a check to help pay postage for your shoeboxes, checks must be made out to Samaritan’s Purse and not the church. Shoeboxes are not opened in Deming or Las Cruces.

Please return filled shoeboxes to the church on November 11 so they can be returned to the First Baptist Church. After November 11, please take your shoebox directly to FBC before November 17. All shoeboxes are delivered to Las Cruces where they are loaded on semi-trucks for Denver and then sent out to children around the world in time for Christmas.

May God bless you throughout this Christmas season.

The following are some responses from the children who received shoeboxes in the past:

- * *When I received my first gift, it was in an Operation Christmas Child shoebox, and it was a real blessing for me.*
- * *I thought, Is that for me? I felt so special—so loved!*
- * *Growing up in a culture rife with bribery, my shoebox gift—given with no strings attached—showed me God’s unconditional love.*
- * *I knew that my shoebox gift was God’s answer to my prayer.*

If you would like to read stories about how these shoeboxes have changed lives forever, click [here](#).



The time changes at 2 AM on November 4. Set your clocks **BACK** one hour before bedtime Saturday night (Nov. 3). See you in church on Sunday!

What's Happening

Community Events

The November show at the Deming Art Center is the annual Recycle Show which is sponsored by "Keep Luna County Beautiful." Featured will be pieces of art made from 90% recycled materials and crafted by artists of all ages. The show runs from October 30 – November 28. An Artist Reception will be held on Sunday, Nov. 4, from 1-3 PM. The Deming Art Center is located at 100 S. Gold, Deming NM, and is open from 10 AM - 4 PM, Monday – Saturday. For more information call 575-546-3663 or see our [Facebook](#) page. *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.*

Lifeline Screenings will be here in Deming on Monday, November 5, in Room 144 of the Mimbres Valley Special Event Center. For more information or to register either call 866-229-0469, go online at [Lifeline Screenings](#), or text Circle to 797979.

There will be an Open House for the new Mimbres Valley Medical Group building on Thursday, November 8, from 5-7 PM. The office is located at 905 S. 8th St. next to Mimbres Hospital.

A Holiday Craft and Gift Show will be held at the SWNM Fairgrounds on Raymond Reed Blvd. here in Deming. The dates are Nov. 17 from 10 AM to 5 PM and Nov. 18 from 10 AM to 3 PM. For more information or questions, please call 575-544-9019.

We all struggle with something. If you want to live a life free from anger, bitterness, depression, fear, hurt, or addictions, then D1 Freedom is for you. They meet weekly at Deming First Assembly of God, 601 S. Gold Ave. If you have questions, please call 575-546-9441 or email them at demingfirstfreedom@gmail.com.

The Dia De Muertos Art Festival will be held on November 3 from 8 AM to 10 PM. There will be sugar skull building and decorating, musical instruments, petting zoo, costume, facepainting and ofrenda competitions, papel picado and marigold crafting, and a giant community altar. The festival will take place at the Historic Courthouse Park. Free entry. For more information go to www.DDMArtFest.com.



United Methodists will come together to support vital ministry projects and missionaries around the world on #GivingTuesday as they generously #GiveUMC. This takes place on Tuesday, November 27.

Giving through The Advance empowers hundreds of dedicated project leaders and missionaries to share the love of Christ in meaningful, life-saving ways. As always, 100% of all giving will support the designated Advance ministry!

Global Ministries, UMCOR and our partners come together to make a world of difference. See how you can advance hope, joy, love, healing and peace with them. Hope is knowing there are better days ahead: days of full stomachs, warm beds, safe communities and joyful opportunities.

In 2017, millions of people from 150 countries raised over \$300,000,000 on Giving Tuesday. This year, United Methodists will once again come together as a part of that movement to advance vital ministries around the world.

How will you #GiveUMC? Find a project you are passionate about and make a donation! There are hundreds of ways you can #GiveUMC.

Further support #GivingTuesday by inspiring others to #GiveUMC! Resources are available to build awareness of this day of generosity, such as social media graphics and a toolkit full of communication tips and fundraising ideas. For more information, visit the UMC Missions website for [#GivingTuesday](#).

All Saints Day



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church™

November 1 is All Saints Day, a sometimes-overlooked holy day in United Methodist congregations. It is not nearly as well known as the day before, All Hallows' (Saints') Eve, better known as Halloween, but is far more important in the life of the church.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day." The following year he calls it "a day that I peculiarly love."

This may sound odd. United Methodists don't believe in saints. Right?

Well, yes... and no.

Wesley cautioned against holding saints in too high regard. The Articles of Religion that he sent to the Methodists in America in 1784, include a statement against "invocation of saints" (Article XIV—Of Purgatory, Book of Discipline ¶104). Wesley did not see biblical evidence for the practice and discouraged Methodists from participating.

However, he also advised against disregarding the saints altogether.

In an All Saints Day journal entry dated Monday, November 1, 1756, Wesley writes, "How superstitious are they who scruple giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of his saints!" If your 18th century English is as rusty as mine, it might help to know that the word scruple means, "to be unwilling to do something because you think it is improper, morally wrong, etc." (Merriam-Webster.com).

All Saints Day is an opportunity to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith. It is a time to celebrate our history, what United Methodists call the tradition of the church.

From the early days of Christianity, there is a sense that the Church consists of not only all living believers, but also all who have gone before us. For example, in Hebrews 12 the author encourages Christians to remember that a "great cloud of witnesses" surrounds us encouraging us, cheering us on.

Charles Wesley, John's brother, picks up on this theme in his hymn that appears in our United Methodist Hymnal as "Come, Let Us Join our Friends Above," #709. In the first verse, he offers a wonderful image of the Church through the ages: Let saints on earth unite to sing, with those to glory gone, for all the servants of our King in earth and heaven, are one.

On All Saints Day we remember all those—famous or obscure—who are part of the "communion of saints" we confess whenever we recite The Apostles' Creed. We tell the stories of the saints "to glory gone."

-Taken from Joe Iovino, United Methodist Communications, www.umc.org

It's Never Too Early To Plan Ahead!

Couples can ease the burden on a surviving partner by discussing key financial matters today. Here are steps to get your affairs in order:

1. **Gather financial papers.** Store deeds, passports, insurance policies, estate documents and the latest statements from financial accounts in a fireproof box at home.
2. **Make a "must call" list.** Compile contact information for those who need contacted when a spouse dies.
3. **Share passwords.** Keep a master list of all usernames and passwords.
4. **Update beneficiaries.** Make sure beneficiary designations still reflect your wishes.
5. **Check credit cards.** Make sure your name is on the credit card account.
6. **Set up advance directives.** You both will need health care powers of attorney and living wills.
7. **Designate a money person.** Each person should have a financial power of attorney.
8. **Review wills and trusts.** Do this every few years or when there's a significant change in your life.
9. **Discuss funeral plans.** This can save thousands of dollars.
10. **Learn how bills are paid.** Keep a list of how bills are paid so the survivor doesn't miss a payment or overdraw an account.

For a more detailed list, click on the link: [AARP Bulletin](#)



House of Love



Greetings, Thank you all so much for your donation to the Refugee Mission Project. Your kindness will assist families on their final leg of their journey to join their sponsors here in America. Your support is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Cindy Esqueda, Treasurer
El Calvario United Methodist Mission Church

Thank you for all your support, money, love & prayers during my son's (Nicholas, Abigail & their sons Zane & Kaiden Soto) loss of home due to flood waters. With your help they are back on their feet. They also would like to thank you for all your help and prayers. I would also thank you during the time of loss of my sister, Kathy Ann Silva, for all your love, thoughts and prayers. God bless you all!

Sincerely
Deborah Jane Rowland, Joel Allen Rowland,
Nicolas, Abigail, Zane and Kaiden Soto.

God Bless you all and thank you once again.

Did You Know?

There are two eyewitness accounts of the first Thanksgiving, written by Pilgrims William Bradford and Edward Winslow – although the word “thanksgiving” does not appear in them. If you could travel back to 1621 and ask a Pilgrim to define “Thanksgiving Day,” his answer might surprise you. For the Pilgrims, “days of thanksgiving” were not marked by feasting, family, and fellowship – the happy hallmarks of the holiday we now celebrate – but by religious observance. They were called to express gratitude to God for specific beneficences such as successful harvests, propitious weather, or military victories. For the Pilgrims and other early immigrants to our shores, a “thanksgiving day” was set aside for prayer and worship.

Taken from *Thanksgiving: The Holiday at the Heart of the American Experience* by Melanie Kirkpatrick.

Dear Friends,

We have a group of our volunteers who meet every Tuesday evening at 5:30 PM to pray for Casa de Amor, Alas de Amor, for the pastors and churches in Palomas, and for you, our faithful sponsors. We invite you to make Tuesdays your day of prayer for this ministry along with us!

God continues to speak to us and show us new ways to improve the effectiveness of reaching Palomas and the Youth of Palomas with the **GOOD NEWS** and with education so that the young can make a difference in Palomas and in our world. It is true that God has created each of us uniquely to have a positive impact on our world. He has given us different personalities, different gifts and talents, different opportunities, all so that we can participate in restoring God's world to a place filled with Love, Joy, and Peace.

(Deming FUMC supports the orphanage and sponsors children for school.)



Each year TLC (Transforming Luna County Through the Love of Christ) and area churches partner to prepare and serve a traditional turkey dinner for those who either have no one to share a meal with, or who otherwise are unable to have/prepare a Thanksgiving dinner. The meal is served on Thanksgiving Day in our gym, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM (dine-in only). It is open to everyone in the community – all are welcome. To volunteer to help with the meal, please contact TLC by November 12. The best way to contact them is main@tlcnm.org. You can also call them at 575-544-2400. Someone will get back with you.

Beware! Medicare Scam Alert

Scammers follow the news – and the money. A few months ago, it was announced that Medicare is sending new cards to everyone who gets Medicare benefits, replacing your Social Security number with another number. As expected, scammers have been trying to cash in on this change.

These scammers typically reach out by phone and have tried a few different tactics. Sometimes, they claim to be a Medicare representative and ask to verify (steal) your information. Or they claim that there's a fee for your new card (there isn't). Others claim that your Medicare card was compromised, and you need to move your money from your bank into "safer accounts" (it wasn't, you don't, and following their advice means putting your money in their pockets). We've even heard of some scammers offering plastic versions of the card for a fee – even though the real Medicare cards are paper and there are no legitimate plastic cards.

How can you avoid these scams? Remember these tips:

- Don't give personal information to get your new Medicare card. If someone calls claiming to be from Medicare, asking for your Social Security number, bank information, or other information to get your new card, that's a scam. Hang up. Medicare will never ask you to give personal information to get your new Medicare number and card.
- Don't pay for your new card. It's yours for free. If anyone calls and says you need to pay for it, that's a scam. Hang up.
- If you've already given out your bank account information over the phone, talk to your bank immediately. You'll want to deal with any unauthorized activity on your account as soon as possible.

For more information about the new Medicare cards, go to [Medicare Online](#). And if you're a victim of a scam, click this link to [report it to the FTC](#).



Wreaths Across America places Christmas wreaths at the graves of veterans buried in our National Cemeteries. Ft. Bayard has scheduled their Service of Remembrance on Saturday, December 15 at 10 AM. This will include a color guard, music, and remembrance of all branches of the military.

Placement of wreaths (for which volunteers are always needed) will be Friday, December 14, beginning at 9 AM for specific requests and 10 AM for general placement. To order wreaths for Ft. Bayard, pick up an order form in the red folder on the office bulletin board. The deadline to mail those requests is November 26. You can learn more at [Wreaths Across America](#) including making general wreath donations in memory or honor of someone. The online deadline is December 3.



Calling all youth in grades 6-12. There will be a CCYM Service Camp being held at Sacramento Camp and Conference Center November 16-18. The camp is entitled "Giving Back for Our Future." Some activities at the camp will be painting, forest/camp cleanup and more. So if you are looking for an energizing time of Fellowship, Service, Worship, and Giving Back, think about attending! Cost for the weekend is \$60 which includes meals. Adults are also welcome to go. Beth Simpson will be taking a group from the church. For more information, you can call Beth at 575-545-8873 or go to the registration page at [Sacramento Camp](#).



Join us on Sunday, November 4, 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 4, a fitting remembrance of the communion of saints.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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