

First United Methodist Church - Deming

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February 2019



Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire? - Corrie ten Boom



ROC 2019 will be held March 1-3, 2019, at Sacramento Camp and Conference Center. This is for Middle School Youth - grades 6-8. The theme for the weekend will be:

"I AM"

Exodus 3:14

Encounter God

Registration is now open. Click on the link to sign up for the experience: [ROC 2019](#).

The CCYM Spring Event will be held on March 29-31, 2019, at Sacramento Camp and Conference Center. This is for Youth in Grades 9-12 (and adult sponsors). The theme for the event is:

"Standing Strong in Faith"

Registration will begin on February 18. Click on this link to register: [CCYM Spring Event](#).

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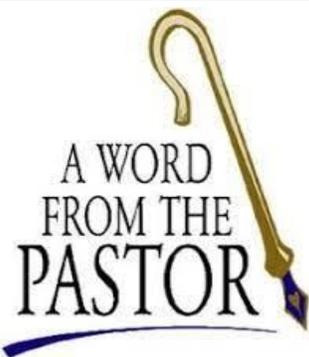
Here are some resources to learn more about baptism in the United Methodist Church

Renewing waters: How we understand Baptism

In January, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. How much do you know about the United Methodist understanding of the sacrament? This is a perfect time to reflect on the meaning of our vow and this gift of grace. Click here to [Learn More About Baptism](#). Click here to [Take the Baptism Quiz](#).

Baptism: God's Gift to Us All

"In baptism, we're walking into God's arms." A video meditation reminds us of the beauty of this sacrament. Perfect for individuals or groups to view. Click here for the [Baptism Meditation Video](#).



How do you hear God's voice? After all, God does, sometimes, hide himself from us but usually we just miss him. Years ago I read a book that I believe was entitled, "God I am listening." The author, a woman, wrote the book because of her husband's persistent question, "Where have you heard from God today?" That question and more importantly, the persistence of that question, taught that author to try to listen to God daily. In trying, she got better at hearing. She discovered that most of us only hear God when he shouts. The rest of the time, we just miss him.

My own journey toward better listening to God's voice came from the prompting of Dr. Kenneth Kinghorn. He simply instructed his students to repeat young Samuel's prayer, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:9-10) So, I spent the next year or so in the Asbury Seminary prayer chapel, every day, repeating that prayer. At first, there was nothing. Then, I began to hear Him more frequently. I learned that He spoke to me in a variety of ways, in my dreams, by changing my mood, by changing the circumstance, but usually in a nudge in my spirit that mysteriously I could put words too.

I have read, in the intervening years, several books on the subject. Some of those books were academic, some of them very light. Further, I have asked some very good God listeners for their advice. I have found that God speaks to us differently as individuals. He speaks to us differently at various times in our lives, and how he speaks may depend on what we are asking about. However, on the subject of *how* to hear Him, there is agreement; nothing substitutes for persistent intentional practice. Nothing.

So, let me encourage you as my professor encouraged me so many years ago. Get in the practice. Today.

In Christ, Brad Reeves



YOUR PRAYER NEEDED

Delegates from across the United Methodist family worldwide will be meeting February 23-26 in St. Louis to discuss and agree on A Way Forward for the United Methodist Church. This process was initiated at the 2016 General Conference and has continued in a steadfast manner since then culminating in this Special Session.

At the heart of this process was building unity. This unity building focused on the book *The Anatomy of Peace* by the Arbinger Institute. It showed how we live with either a heart at war, seeing others as obstacles to or vehicles for what we want, or a heart at peace, seeing others as people. A heart of war exaggerates our differences. A heart of peace sees what we have in common. This unity was not grounded in conceptions of the here and now, but in the affirmation of the triune God who calls us to be a grace-filled and holy people in the Wesleyan tradition. The Commission wrote a significant covenant with each other, and at the end of their first full session, they invited each member to leave the meeting with honor.

The Commission on a Way Forward has completed its work and it is now in the hands of delegates to discuss and move forward a plan for unity in the United Methodist Church. But even though we were not part of this Commission or even a delegate to the Special Session, there is still a way for us to be involved at this crucial time for our church.

The New Mexico Conference has asked that we pray in the days leading up to the Special Session. They have even suggested praying from 2:23-2:26 each afternoon, a time that corresponds to the dates of the meeting. Even if we can't pray at that specific time, we ask that you pray every day for the delegates as they steer our worldwide denomination through this complex and trying time.

One of the New Mexico Conference delegates shared that the prayer of Saint Francis is a powerful tool in helping her consider the path forward. Here is that prayer:

Lord make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy

O divine master grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, Amen.

We trust that the delegates will discern the proper decisions for our church. In the end, whatever happens in St. Louis, we can take comfort in the fact that God always is and still will be with us.



In collaboration with the Luna County Early Childhood Coalition and the UNM Family Development Program, there will be 4 parent trainings offered **at no cost** to the Deming area. The series will help parents, and anyone interested, explore ways to understand children's learning and development. All trainings will be presented by Dorothy Kerwin, Associate Director for the UNM Family Development Program. The first training was held on January 29. The next one will be:

Supporting Your Child's Learning

WHEN:

February 19, 2019 from 4 to 6:30 PM

WHERE:

Smith School Gym, 310 Elm Street, Deming

RSVP:

Zalenna Pinon, 575-201-8485, zalenav@lunacountynm.us

*Light refreshments and childcare will be provided.

Upcoming Trainings:

March 19:

Partnering with Your Child's Program in Support of Great Learning

April 9:

Advocating for Your Child

These will also be held at Smith School Gym from 4 to 6:30 PM



Building Foundations of Success

Program offers:

- * Active Learning Experiences
- * Free nutritional snacks and meals
- * Nurturing, qualified teachers
- * Accept childcare assistance through CYFD
 - * Reasonable Rates
- * Program available for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school age children up to 9

Payment Option:

- ⇒ \$8/hour (\$1/hour off 2 or more children)
- ⇒ Package Deals:
 - 40 Hours—\$240
 - 30 Hours—\$175
 - 20 Hours—\$120

Call today for more information or to set up a tour.

2150 E. Pine St. (Next to MVLC WNMU Branch)
575-546-9490
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Have you ever wondered if Valentine's Day is celebrated around the world? Well here are a few countries and their traditions. In Denmark, which has only celebrated Valentine's Day since the early 1990's, rather than roses, friends and sweethearts exchange pressed white flowers called snowdrops. In France, it's all about the cards. It's been said that the first Valentine's Day card originated in France when Charles, Duke of Orleans, sent love letters to his wife while imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1415. In South Korea, Valentine's Day is a popular holiday for young couples. The gift-giving starts on February 14th, when it's up to women to woo their men with chocolates, candies and flowers. The tables turn on March

14th, a holiday known as White Day, when men not only shower their sweethearts with chocolates and flowers, but up the ante with a gift. In Italy, they celebrate Valentine's Day with gift exchanges and romantic dinners. One of the most popular Valentine's Day gifts in Italy is Baci Perugina, which are small, chocolate-covered hazelnuts wrapped with a romantic quote printed in four languages. In South Africa, it is customary for women in South Africa to wear their hearts on their sleeves on February 14th; women pin the names of their love interest on their shirtsleeves, an ancient Roman tradition known as Lupercalia. In some cases, this is how South African men learn of their secret admirers.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The February 2019 show at the Deming Art Center will feature artwork from Deming Junior High and High School students which will be on display February 2-14, 2019, at the Deming Art Center. There will be a reception for the students and the public on Saturday, February 2, from 1-3 PM. On Monday February 18, 2019, the Deming Quilting club will have their quilts on display and for sale through February 27th. A reception for this event will be on Sunday, February 17, from 1-3 PM. Local country-western singer Bob Eller will provide music during the reception. The Deming Art Center is located at 100 S. Gold St., Deming, NM, and is open Monday – Saturday, 10 AM- 4 PM. For more information you can call 575-546-3663, check their website demingarts.org, or visit them on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/demingarts).

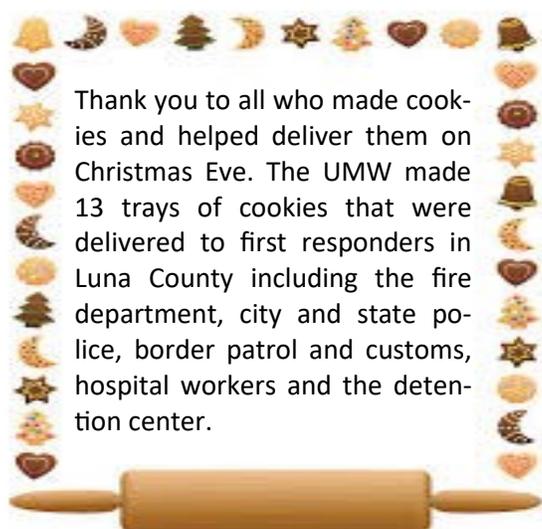
There are two Hump Day sessions scheduled for the month of February. The first one will be on Feb. 6 entitled *Facebook for Your Business*. The second will be on Feb. 20 entitled *Building a Successful Word of Mouth Campaign*. They will be held from 6 – 7 PM at WNMU-Deming.

Jam Session – The Jammer’s will be playing for your dancing and listening pleasure every Sunday in February. The sessions take place at Morgan Hall, 109 E Pint St., from 2 – 4 PM. This is a **FREE** event. Donations are accepted. Bring your dance partner or find one there. Coffee and homemade cookies will be served.



The church would like to congratulate Oscar Briceno who has completed the first step toward becoming a Certified Lay Minister (CLM) in the United Methodist Church. In January, Oscar met with the SPRC to ask for their support as he began his journey of furthering God’s kingdom here in Deming. He received a positive recommendation from the committee and appeared before the Church Council on January 22 to formally ask for approval to attend a CLM class in Albuquerque. After a brief presentation by Oscar and an ensuing question and answer session, the

Church Council unanimously approved his request to officially start the process of becoming a CLM. When you see Oscar, please congratulate him as he expands God’s calling in his life. As always, please pray for him as he enters this course of study.



Thank you to all who made cookies and helped deliver them on Christmas Eve. The UMW made 13 trays of cookies that were delivered to first responders in Luna County including the fire department, city and state police, border patrol and customs, hospital workers and the detention center.



The UMW will be holding their annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, March 2 from 8:30 AM To Noon. Donations for the sale are greatly appreciated. You may bring in your small items all through the month of February. Large items and furniture will be accepted from Feb 25-28. Help the UMW raise money for their missions while cleaning out your closets!

Preparing for Lent

By this time next month, we will be ready to enter the Lenten season followed by Easter. When people talk Lent, they think of giving something up. Most of the time it is something like food or watching TV. But we have found an unusual list of things you can give up during the Lenten season. Here are the first twenty with the remainder coming next month. So, think about giving up...

Fear of Failure...You don't succeed without experiencing failure. Just fall forward! **Your Comfort Zone**...it's outside our comfort zones where new discoveries are made. **Feelings of Unworthiness**...Psalm 139:14. **Impatience**...God's timing is perfect. **Retirement**...if you are breathing, you have a purpose to influence others for Christ. **People Pleasing**...there is only one I need to strive to please. **Comparison**...I am unique, and there is no one else like me. **Blame**...I will take responsibility for my actions. **Guilt**...I am loved by Jesus. My sins are forgiven. **Overcommitment**...do less better and accomplish more. **Lack of Counsel**...wise decisions are rarely made in a vacuum. **Impurity**...live lives pure and without blemish. **Entitlement**...God nor the world owes me anything. Live in humility and grace. **Apathy**...life is too short not to care. **Hatred**...Romans 12:21. **Negativity**...minimize your contact with those who are negative or toxic. **The Spirit of Poverty**...believe that with God there is always more than enough and never a lack. **Going Through the Motions**...the more you invest yourself, the more you will get back. **Complaint**...instead of contributing to the problem, be the solution. **The Pursuit of Happiness**...God wants something greater and more lasting than happiness. It is called Joy.



I Hope You Can Dance

2019 Cancer Support Ball

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Come out and support this special event! This event kicks off annual fundraising for cancer patients in Deming and Luna County.

Tickets are \$35/person and includes dinner and dance.

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:00 - 8:00 PM

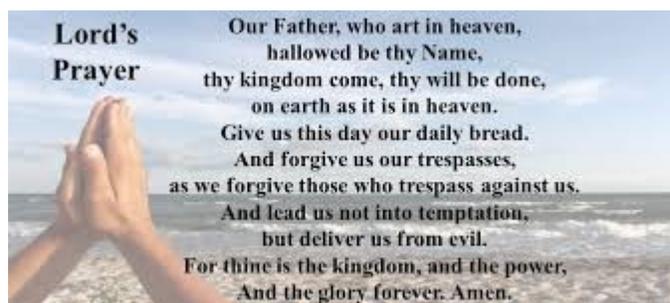
Dance 8:00 - 11:00 PM

Catered by Marie's Italian Grill

Tickets may be purchased at the Cancer Support of Deming and Luna County office located at 215 N. Country Club Rd. For more info or for tickets call 575-546-4780. See you there!



If you were thinking it looked a little brighter around the church, then you just might be on to something. The church would like to thank local contractor Tim Seybert who donated 12 LED lighting fixtures to the church. A big thanks also goes out to Wendell Hutchinson who took the time to install them. If you would like to see the new lights, you can find them in the Memorial Classroom, Pastor Brad's office, and the main church office. Thanks again for donation and installation!



Join us throughout February as
Pastor Brad continues his sermon
series on the Lord's Prayer.



**Help Protect Your Vulnerable
Loved Ones.**

Social Security Scam

In the Past, we told you about a growing scam: people pretend to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) and try to get your Social Security number or your money. That scam is now growing exponentially. To compare: in 2017, 3,200 people reported SSA imposter scams, and those people reported losing nearly \$210,000. By December 2018: more than **35,000 people have reported the scam, and they've lost \$10 million.**

Scammers are saying your Social Security number (SSN) has been suspended because of suspicious activity, or because it's been involved in a crime. Sometimes, the scammer wants you to confirm your SSN to reactivate it. Sometimes, he'll say your bank account is about to be seized – but he'll tell you what to do to keep it safe. (Often, that involves putting your money on gift cards and giving him the codes – which, of course, means that your money is gone.)

Oh, and your caller ID often shows the real SSA phone number (1-800-772-1213) when these scammers call – but they're faking that number. It's not the real SSA calling.

Here's what to know:

- Your Social Security number is not about to be suspended. You don't have to verify your number to anyone who calls out of the blue. And your bank accounts are not about to be seized.
- SSA will never call to threaten your benefits or tell you to wire money, send cash, or put money on gift cards. Anyone who tells you to do those things is a scammer. Every time.
- The real SSA number is 1-800-772-1213, but scammers are putting that number in the caller ID. If you're worried about what the caller says, hang up and call 1-800-772-1213 to speak to the real SSA. Even if the wait time is long, confirm with the real SSA before responding to one of these calls.
- Never give any part of your Social Security number to anyone who contacts you. Or your bank account or credit card number.

If you get one of these calls, tell the Federal Trade Commission at [FTC Complaint](#).

Minimum Wage/COLA Scam

With the new year often comes the effective date for many new laws and among the new laws are laws that increase the minimum wage in twenty states. Scammers are taking advantage of this to send emails or text messages to people indicating that they need to affirmatively opt-in to get the increased pay and that they can do so by merely clicking on a link in the email or text message. Don't do it. It is not necessary to opt-in to receive any increases in minimum wage and if you do click on the link, you will unwittingly download malware on to your computer or phone that can result in your becoming a victim of identity theft or ransomware.

TIPS...While it is important to remember that you do not need to opt-in to receive the benefit of a change in the minimum wage law or the cost of living adjustment (COLA) that goes into effect for Social Security recipients this month, it is also important to remember that you should never click on any link in an email or text message unless you have absolutely confirmed that the link is legitimate. The risk of downloading malware is too great even if you have the most up to date security software on your phone and computer because often cybercriminals use malware constructed of zero-day defects for which there are no known defenses. Once these new strains of malware become known, the security software companies develop security patches to update your security software, but that process can take a month or more from the time that the new malware is first discovered. You can't trust everyone.

Do Not Call List Scam

The Federal Trade Commission is reporting that people are now receiving emails informing them that their registration in the Do Not Call list is expiring and that they have to register their phone numbers again. They are then directed to a phony website that gathers information that can be used for purposes of identity theft. The important thing to know is that you never have to reregister your phone number with the Do Not Call list. Once you have registered a number it is permanently on the Do Not Call list until the number is disconnected or you ask for your number to be removed. Registering for the do not call list is easy and free. Merely go to [donotcall.gov](#) to register your phone number, however, you will not be able to register your phone until the present government shutdown ends.

February 2019

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| Communion Youth Group 5P 4th Sunday after Epiphany | Pickleball 1P Chancel Choir 5P Finance Committee 5:30P Indoor Soccer or Basketball 6P | Praise Team 5P Pickleball 6P | Bible Study 9A Prayer Group 11A Pickleball 1P Women's Emmaus Group 4:30P Line Dancing 5P Men's Emmaus Group 5:30P Bible Study 6:30P | Handbells 4:30P Pickleball 6P Bible Study Fellowship 6:30P Community Choir 6:30P | Pickleball 1P Christ First Karate 5P Indoor Soccer or Basketball 6P | Non-Food Commodity Distribution 9A |
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