

# First United Methodist Church – Deming

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Sunday Services: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Bible Studies: 9:15 AM (For all ages)

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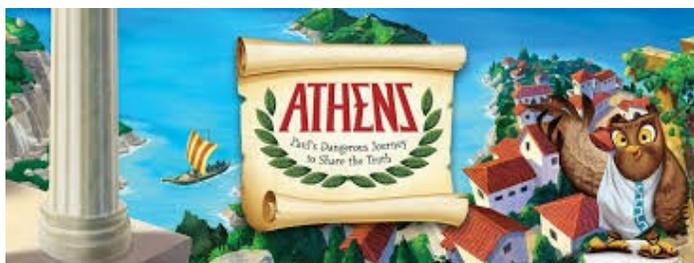
## May 2019



Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.



Vacation Bible School is coming! This year we will be heading to Athens to learn about Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth. It's scheduled for June 24-28 from 4:30 to 7 PM. VBS is open to all kids 4 years to 5th grade. (Must be 4 y.o. by June 24.) Dinner will be served nightly with a cookout and pool party planned for the 28th. Now is the time to pencil this in on your calendar so you can prayerfully make plans to help. VBS is a success because of your willingness to share Jesus' love with children in our community. If you'd like to help in any capacity (even if just planning), please contact the church office. The next organizing meeting will be on May 16 at 5:30 PM. Remember, we can't do this without you!



# Class of 2019

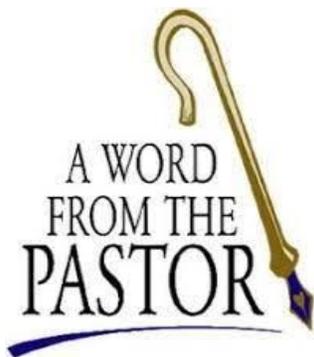
This year's graduation at Deming High School will be held on Friday, May 24. On Sunday May 26, we will be honoring our high school graduates listed below at each morning service by presenting them with a Bible. Everyone is invited to help celebrate the graduates at the Senior Breakfast in the gymnasium following the first service. If anyone would like to help make breakfast casseroles (recipe provided) or muffins, please call the church office.

Alex Gors

Henry Hernandez

Madison Jacobsen

Robert Rogers



After I put my faith in Jesus on October 21, 1973, my family expressed profound disappointment in my decision. Though not everyone chimed in, those that did said things like, "Well, just do not go overboard with it. It is a phase. It will pass. I find the philosophy of Ayn Rand much more life giving than church or the Bible." It was very disheartening for a teenager with a new faith.

In Tulia Schools at that time, Spring Break always coincided with Easter. That Spring Break our family went on a camping/fishing trip to Central Oklahoma. Wanting to celebrate Easter with my Lord, I spied a hill that looked like a good place to meet the Lord at sunrise on Easter morning. My plans were set.

Easter morning I grabbed my Bible, slipped out of the trailer and started up the hill. Almost to the top, with the sun just barely up, I heard my father's voice, "If you had waited a minute, I would have joined you so that we could greet our Lord this Easter morning." *Greet our Lord?* My father shared my faith. Privately and quietly, he had been defending my faith to other members of my family. What a relief! I was not alone after all! He later shared with me that he knew there was a Passion play in that area that he had wished we had gone to while we were in Oklahoma.

The Resurrection Power of Jesus found me that Easter morning. I have encountered Jesus' power many other times since. I pray that you have encountered that power. There is nothing quite like it. Seek His face. God will grant it.

In Christ, Brad Reeves



It's time to register for summer camp at Sacramento! There are camps for kids who have finished 1st grade all the way through 12th grade; there are horse camps and a music camp; and there is even a family camp for adults and kids of all ages. Check out info about all the different camps at [Sacramento Camp](#).

All registration is being done online this year, so click on [Camp Registration](#) to register by May 15 to receive a \$15 discount. If you don't have online access, please call Beth Simpson and we'll set up a time to do it on a church computer.

Costs vary for the different camps, but a \$25 deposit is required when you register for any of them. If you sign up for the Young Elementary Camp, the Older Elementary Camp, or Sacramento Youth Camp (SYC), please send a message to Beth right away so we can coordinate transportation for these three camps only. All other camps require your own transportation and adult supervision.

Scholarship funds are available for everyone. You may pick up a scholarship application from the church office, or you may request one from Beth Simpson. Scholarship applications are to be returned to the church office by May 15. Once scholarship money has been allocated, you will need to pay the remainder of the fee to the church one week before camp starts.

NOTE: We need adult volunteers to drive kids to camp AND to go as chaperones!!! The church will pay your entire camp fee if you volunteer! Please get in touch with Beth at the number or address below if you are interested.

For more details about camp, please call or text Beth Simpson at 545-8873 or email her at [bethcolesimpson@hotmail.com](mailto:bethcolesimpson@hotmail.com) or pick up a brochure at the back of the sanctuary or in the church office.



## Congratulations Graduates

From your family at First United  
Methodist Church-Deming.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2, 2019

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU JOHN 13:34

Come join some members of the church as the community celebrates the National Day of Prayer on May 2, at 6:30 PM, at the Courthouse Park. The theme for this year is *Love One Another. Just As I Have Loved You. (John 13:34)* Come on out and join in praying for America.

## Celebration of Life Walk

On Saturday, May 4, from 8 AM to Noon, is the 14th Annual Celebration of Life Walk at Voier's Park (Pit Park.) You can walk "In Honor" or "In Memory" of a cancer warrior. The church will be sporting a team. A reminder to the walkers to wear their crosses and look for the church banner. This is an opportunity to come out and honor a warrior.



The Missions Committee is busy helping those in need inside and outside of our church. Our Non-Food Commodities distribution is on the Second Saturday of each month. Individuals 65 and older or those who are disabled can come in and get help with cleaning supplies or personal hygiene items. We serve about 30-45 people each month. We also have prayer warriors available to pray individually for them if they request it. We are still in need of volunteers who can speak Spanish and are willing to help translate or pray. A Big thank you to all who came and supported the missions fund by eating pancakes and sausage. Your donations were greatly appreciated. The church received 12 thank you letters from the girls at the Palomas orphanage. They were very thankful for the presents and funds that we sent at Christmas. Missions has decided to purchase Operation Christmas Child boxes so we can continue to participate in that wonderful mission project at Christmas. As you may remember, the Deming coordinator for Operation Christmas Child has retired. We felt it was important to continue the work.

-Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Adams, Missions Co-Chair

**"THE GIFTS OF THE MASTER ARE THESE: FREEDOM, LIFE, HOPE, NEW DIRECTION, TRANSFORMATION, AND INTIMACY WITH GOD. IF THE CROSS WAS THE END OF THE STORY, WE WOULD HAVE NO HOPE. BUT THE CROSS ISN'T THE END. JESUS DIDN'T ESCAPE FROM DEATH; HE CONQUERED IT AND OPENED THE WAY TO HEAVEN FOR ALL WHO WILL DARE TO BELIEVE. THE TRUTH OF THIS MOMENT, IF WE LET IT SWEEP OVER US, IS STUNNING. IT MEANS JESUS REALLY IS WHO HE CLAIMED TO BE, WE ARE REALLY AS LOST AS HE SAID WE ARE, AND HE REALLY IS THE ONLY WAY FOR US TO INTIMATELY AND SPIRITUALLY CONNECT WITH GOD AGAIN."**

— STEVEN JAMES

# COMMUNITY NEWS

The May 2018 exhibit at the Deming Art Center will feature the annual Luna County Fine Arts and Fine Arts & Crafts Show. It showcases local artists and crafters in many different mediums including painting, sculpture, fiber arts, jewelry and more. The show will be judged and prizes awarded. There will be an artist reception on Sunday, May 5, 2019 from 1-3PM. The exhibit will be up from May 2-29. The gallery is located at 100 S. Gold and regular hours are Mon-Sat 10AM-4PM. Please call 575-546-3663, check our website at [www.demingarts.org](http://www.demingarts.org) or our [Facebook](#) page for more information.

The Steve Bean Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 18, at 9 AM. The tournament will be held at the Rio Mimbres Country Club. The cost is \$50 per person and includes lunch, range balls, and a cart. Proceeds will help local emergency medical technicians and health care students. To register call the Rio Mimbres Pro Shop at 575-546-9481. Remember: It's all about the students!

Mark your calendar for it is time for a celebration. This year marks the 106<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Old Timer's Association of Luna County. The reunion will take place during the first weekend in May. The events include a coffee get together Saturday morning, a banquet Saturday evening, and breakfast on Sunday. For more information, check out their [Facebook Page](#).



## Deming Helping Hand

**PLEASE DONATE**

Deming Helping Hand is our local food bank. They operate a thrift store staffed by two part-time employees and over 30 volunteers. The store accepts donations of used clothing (in good condition), appliances, furniture, and household goods. Income from the store helps fund emergency food boxes, supplements food for their monthly commodities distribution, and covers general operating expenses. In 2016 the store brought in over \$190,000 which was immediately returned to families in need here in Luna County.

Each month they collect non-perishable food items to help supplement their food bank. Here's how your donations can bring the most benefit to those in need.

- Donate current non-perishable food items.
- **Do not** donate opened items. Those cannot be given away to anyone.
- **Do not** donate out of date foodstuffs as the food bank will **not** use them.
- **Do not** donate specialty or gourmet items. Families need common food items such as canned vegetables, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, pasta, rice, dried beans, etc.

Additionally, people have been bringing travel sized toiletries to the church. These should be taken to the Healing House as we are not collecting them at this time. Again...do not donate out of date items, opened or partially used items as they will be immediately thrown away.

A good rule of thumb to use when you are considering clothing or other items for donation – would you use it again if it were offered to you by someone (whether or not you know them)? Would you wear it again if it fit, were back in style, etc.? if not, then please don't donate. Everyone is worthy of respect, descent food, clothing, and household items, regardless of their circumstances or situations.

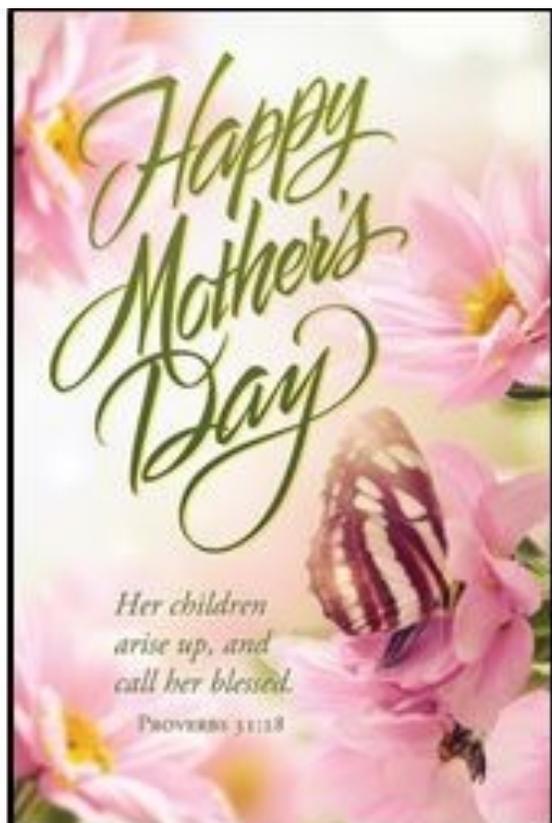
Thank you all for the faithful blessings you bestow.



Deming Animal Guardians (DAG) is a local charity with the mission of alleviating animal cruelty and suffering in Luna County. Since beginning in 1991, their focus has primarily been on trying to make the cost of spay/neuter surgery for companion animals more affordable to low income pet owners in Luna County. While this remains their primary focus, with more than 13,500 surgeries sponsored over the years (680 in 2018), DAG has expanded its focus to provide pet food through an emergency pet food bank and rescue animals. Three years ago, they officially opened two small rescue facilities, DAGSHIP and CAR (Columbus Animal Rescue). The numbers of rescues have steadily grown with 347 dogs and cats rescued in their third year of operation. DAG has only one employee and largely operates through their volunteers who contributed over 15,000 hours last year, the approximate equivalent of eight full time employees.

DAG tries to make sure that every dollar donated goes toward the animals. Their animal rescues receive no city or county funding. Dr. Cole Wenzel of Southwest Veterinary Clinic donates many hours to work with DAG to ensure that there is a high standard of animal care at these rescues.

If you would like to support DAG or their no-kill shelters, donations of cleaning materials, pet food, cash or volunteer time are always appreciated. Just stop by their thrift store, Silver Whiskers, weekdays (except Wednesday) during business hours and let them know how you'd like to help. They are located at 118 S. Silver Ave.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If an Annual Conference runs smoothly, it is in large part due to all the hard work that went into planning and the anticipation of what will be required during the event. Every year, we know that a cadre of hearty volunteers to act as pages, tellers, greeters and registration desk folks will be a must for a successful conference. Volunteers help to keep the business sessions moving and to set a friendly, welcoming tone.

If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Roselie Johnston at [rjohnston@nmconfum.com](mailto:rjohnston@nmconfum.com).

## Deming Community Choir Free Spring Concert

The Spring concert of the community choir will be held on Saturday, May 4, at 3 PM in the Deming High School Auditorium.

# A Lesson in History

## MEMORIAL DAY

Since the earliest ceremonies in small American towns following the Civil War, we have gathered on Memorial Day to honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. As in those early days of laying wreaths and placing flags, our national day of remembrance is often felt most deeply among the families and communities who have personally lost friends and loved ones.

This national holiday may also be the unofficial start of the summer season, but all Americans must take a moment to remember the sacrifice of our valiant military service members, first responders and their families. Memorial Day is a day of both celebration and grief, accounting for the honor of our heroes and reflecting on their tragic loss.

Civil War soldiers had been mustered from towns and villages across the land. Like today, the loss of each soldier was a profound tragedy for both family and community.

Today, we honor service members from all of America's past wars. But there is immediacy in our sorrow; the wounds of war are new again. As we struggle for ways to heal, Abraham Lincoln's message of almost 150 years ago can still inspire us.

This, then, is the mission of Memorial Day: to reach out in support of all the soldiers and their families who have sacrificed so much for us.

Throughout America's history, hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens have died bravely serving our country. The number of battle deaths speak to the sacrifices our soldiers and their families have made.



## MOTHER'S DAY

In a resolution passed May 8, 1914, the U.S. Congress established the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. Congress specified that on that day American flags should be flown outside homes and government buildings "as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." But what does patriotism have to do with Mother's Day?

The founder of Mother's Day, Anna Jarvis, saw the connection. Born in Grafton, West Virginia, in 1864, she witnessed the aftermath of the Civil War. Her mother, Anna Maria Reeves Jarvis, had spent the war organizing women to nurse wounded soldiers from North and South and generally attempting to hold her border state community together. After the war, Anna Maria started "Mothers' Friendship Days" to reconcile families divided by the conflict.

Throughout her life, Anna Maria modeled ideal Victorian motherhood. She gave up her dreams of college to tend to an older husband and four children. She bore the loss of seven other children with grace. She taught Sunday school in the local Methodist church for 20 years and stayed active in benevolent work.

Anna Maria's death in 1905 devastated her daughter. Two years later, Anna got the idea to found a holiday to remember her mother and all mothers, whom she felt could never be thanked enough. It was also Anna's idea to place Mother's Day near Memorial Day (which had been proclaimed in 1868) in recognition of women's contributions in wartime: sending sons and husbands to fight, tending the wounded, maintaining households alone, and encouraging peace and reconciliation. Memorial Day honored the sacrifices of men; Mother's Day would honor the sacrifices of women.

*A Mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one can take.*

# May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			<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>Bible Study 6:30P</b>	<b>Handbells 4:30P</b> <b>Pickleball 6P</b> <b>Bible Study Fellowship 6:30P</b> <b>Community Choir 6:30P</b>  National Day of Prayer	<b>Christ First Karate 5P</b>	<b>Old Timers Breakfast 7A</b> <b>Celebration of Life-Fit Park 8A</b> <b>Community Choir Concert-DHS 3P</b>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>Communion Youth Group 5P</b>  3rd Sunday of Easter	<b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Chancel Choir 5P</b> <b>Indoor Soccer or Basketball 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>Bible Study 6:30P</b>	<b>Handbells 4:30P</b> <b>Pickleball 6P</b> <b>Bible Study Fellowship 6:30P</b>	<b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Christ First Karate 5P</b> <b>Indoor Soccer or Basketball 6P</b>	<b>Non-Food Commodity Distribution 9A</b> <b>Evening Getaway 6P</b>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>Bread Basket Sunday Trustees 11:45A Youth Group 5P</b>  MOTHER'S DAY 4th Sunday of Easter	<b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Chancel Choir 5P</b> <b>Finance Committee 5:30P</b> <b>Indoor Soccer or Basketball 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>Bible Study 6:30P</b>	<b>Handbells 4:30P</b> <b>VBS Planning Meeting 5:30P</b> <b>Pickleball 6P</b> <b>Bible Study Fellowship 6:30P</b>	<b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Christ First Karate 5P</b> <b>Indoor Soccer or Basketball 6P</b>	<b>MAT Meeting 1P</b> <b>UMW Meeting 2P</b>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>United Methodist Men 7A Youth Group 5P</b>  5th Sunday of Easter	<b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Chancel Choir 5P</b> <b>Indoor Soccer or Basketball 6P</b>	<b>Praise Team 5P</b> <b>CCR Team 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>Bible Study 6:30P</b>	<b>Handbells 4:30P</b> <b>Pickleball 6P</b> <b>Bible Study Fellowship 6:30P</b>	<b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Christ First Karate 5P</b> <b>Indoor Soccer or Basketball 6P</b>  High School Graduation	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
<b>HS Graduates Breakfast 9A Youth Group 5P</b>  6th Sunday of Easter	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Indoor Soccer or Basketball 6P</b>  MEMORIAL DAY	<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>Bible Study 6:30P</b>	<b>Pickleball 6P</b>	<b>Pickleball 1P</b> <b>Christ First Karate 5P</b> <b>Indoor Soccer or Basketball 6P</b>	