

First United Methodist Church – Deming

1020 S. Granite Street

Jacqui Lax, Pastor

(575) 546-2791

Praise Singing: 8:15 AM
 Morning Worship 9:00 AM
 Bible Studies: 10:15 AM (All Ages)
 Nursery Available

Website: www.fumcdeming.org
 Email: main@fumcdeming.org
 Check us out on [YouTube](#)

July 2026



Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion? Without all doubt, we may. Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences.

-John Wesley

IN THIS ISSUE:

From the Pastor	2
Budget Information	2
Journey Through the OT	3
Volunteers Needed	3
Men’s Group	4
Woman’s Group	4
Communion	4
Bread Basket	4
Money Counters	4
Line Dancing	4
Heater Fund	5
Safe Sanctuary	5
America: 250 Years Old	6
Fourth of July Activities	7
Historical Soc Annl Mtg	8
Community News	9
Calendar	10

Dear Beloved of First UMC Deming,

I am writing to invite you to an important On-Boarding Brunch scheduled for Saturday, **July 18**, from 9 AM to 12 PM. We will be led through a process by an experienced On-Boarding Facilitator who has been certified to lead these meetings for the UMC. We will learn about our new pastor, advise her about our church, discuss our hopes and dreams, share any concerns we have about this transition in leadership as well as what we hope from her new leadership.

Please arrive on time to fix your plate and be ready to go at 9 AM. This will be a strategic conversation critical to setting the stage for Pastor Jacqui Lax’s tenure as our new pastor. I encourage everyone to be present and participate.

While the questions are being asked by the facilitator, Pastor Jacqui will not be present, so the data will be anonymous in terms of who said what, but everything written will be the data for our new pastor to address those present after dessert. Please RSVP to Irma Milo at main@fumcdeming.org by **July 13**, 2026.

Come prepared to be honest about what’s on your heart as we live into the mission of the UMC to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Sincerely,
 Vicki Hofacket
 Leadership Board Chairperson

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.**



Change is an opportunity to evaluate what we have been doing and reimagine what could be. Stepping into the unknown and unfamiliar can also be scary. I am looking forward to getting reacquainted with the community and the congregation. I believe that God has brought us back together for such a time as this. During the recent New Mexico Annual Conference, Bishop Carlo challenged participants to look at what the why is for our congregations and examine the ways in which we can engage with our communities to fulfill our purpose. I am looking forward to conversations with each of you to learn more about what each of you see as our why and listen to ideas about ways that we can engage with members in our community. I am excited to see what God has in store for us as we embark on this journey together!!

Pastor Jacqui

Monthly Budget Information

May

Needed Each Month to Meet Budget:	\$16,733.75
Received in May	\$16,636.00
Difference from Budget for May	-\$97.75

June

Needed Each Month to Meet Budget:	\$16,733.75
Received in June	\$15,078.80
Difference from Budget for June	-\$1,654.95

Year-To-Date

Budgeted Year-to-Date	\$100,402.50
Received Year-to-Date	\$85,347.48
Difference from Budget Year-to-Date	-\$15,055.02



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

7/1—Job 3:1-26

7/3—Job 4:1-21

7/6—Job 5:1-27

7/8—Job 6:1-30

7/10—Job 7:1-21

7/20—Job 11:1-20

7/22—Job 12:1-25

7/24—Job 13:28

7/13—Job 8:1-22

7/15—Job 9:1-35

7/17—Job 10:1-22

7/27—Job 14:1-22

7/29—Job 15:1-35

7/31—Job 16:1-22

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help run the audio/visual booth on Sunday mornings as well as special services. If you would like to learn how to help, please see Mary Galbraith.

Volunteers are also needed in the Nursery on Sunday mornings. If interested, please see Ann Chrestman.

Let's Serve the Lord Together!

Sign up to be a Liturgist
Sign up to be a Communion Server

Sign up sheet in the back

Let us all contribute



The Men's Group will be meeting this month. Please join them on Sunday, **July 19**, at 7:30

AM in the Fellowship Hall.



The Women's Group will be meeting this month on Wednesday, **July 15**. The

meeting will begin at 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall



Communion will be celebrated on **July 5**. We will be taking our special **Local Mission Fund** offering.

Please mark your checks and envelopes appropriately. Local needs are great. Your generosity brings hope! For those not aware, 10% of this special offering goes to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund with the balance paid to TLC, a local faith-based organization that unites local Christian churches to provide essential social services and community outreach.



OFFERING
COUNTERS

The office has an urgent need for money counters and could truly use your help. At this time, we need several dependable volunteers to assist with this important ministry, as well as a few additional people who can serve as substitutes when someone is out of town or unavailable. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Jody in the office as soon as possible. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Our June Bread Basket offering will be taken on **July 19** and will benefit Silver Linings.

Silver Linings is a local nonprofit serving people experiencing homelessness in Deming and Luna County. Through meals, clothing, hygiene services, and community support, Silver Linings offers hope, dignity, and practical assistance to those in need. Their work reflects the power of compassion and neighbors helping neighbors.

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.

Remaining 2026 Bread Baskets

August—Alas de Amor

September—UMCOR

October—Doing His Work

November—Non-Cancer Support

December—Transforming Luna County
(TLC)

Christmas Eve—Cancer Support of Deming/
Luna County



Line Dancing is once again being offered at the church on Wednesday afternoons. Joyce Peterson will be the instructor.

Come on out and get your dance on and have some fun in the process. Classes meet in the Fellowship Hall from 4 PM to 6 PM.

Heater Fund Drive






With the arrival of Spring, all our HVAC systems are now operating except for the unit serving the East side of the sanctuary, which requires replacement. The west side unit has been compensating for this issue so far. 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 \$13,206.25, which is **over a third of the way to our goal!** We can't thank you for your generosity and support.













The 2026 Safer Sanctuaries Training schedule has been released. All sessions will cover the **Basic Safer Sanctuaries Course** and will be held on **Zoom** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. MT on **July 18** and **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.












Faith, Freedom, and 250 Years of America









This year marks a historic milestone as the United States celebrates its 250th birthday. On July 4, 1776, representatives of the thirteen colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, proclaiming that all people are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. For two and a half centuries, our nation has journeyed through triumphs and trials, striving to live up to those ideals.






As Christians, we recognize that freedom is both a precious gift and a sacred responsibility. While we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as Americans, we also remember that true freedom is found in Christ. The Apostle Paul writes, “For freedom Christ has set us free” (Galatians 5:1). Our faith calls us to use our liberty not merely for ourselves, but in service to God and our neighbors.




The 250th anniversary of our nation provides an opportunity to reflect with gratitude. We give thanks for those who have sacrificed to preserve liberty, for the blessings of democracy, and for the countless individuals who have worked to make our country more just, compassionate, and united. We also acknowledge that our nation, like all human institutions, is imperfect and continues to grow. Throughout our history, Americans have wrestled with difficult challenges and sought to expand the promises of freedom and opportunity to all people.


As followers of Jesus, we are called to be peacemakers, servants, and ambassadors of reconciliation. In a time when divisions can seem overwhelming, the Church has a unique opportunity to model love, grace, and respect for one another. Our hope is not found in political systems or earthly powers, but in the enduring presence of God, who guides us through every generation.

Psalm 33:12 reminds us, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, let us pray for our nation, our leaders, our communities, and one another. May we seek wisdom, pursue justice, extend mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Happy 250th Birthday, America! May we continue to cherish the freedoms we have been given and use them to serve God and our neighbors for generations to come.







Save the Date

4TH ★
OF
JULY ★

INDEPENDENCE DAY
Annual Fireworks

★ *Display*
at Trees Lake on

July 4, 2026 ★
Music and Vendors

6:00 PM



**LUNA
COUNTY**
Historical Society

ANNUAL MEMBERS 2026 MEETING

- Review of the Luna County Historical Society for the past 12 months.
- Updates to the By-Laws.
- Vote for Board Members
- Must have current membership. Must renew yearly membership by June 30, 2026.
- Yearly: \$10; Lifetime: \$150. Corporate is available, but please contact the Museum.



Date: July 16



Time: 4 PM

Transportation Room

More Information:

575-546-2382

main@demingmuseum.com



COMMUNITY NEWS

The Deming Art Center is pleased to present The Potters' Guild of Las Cruces with their "Fire and Fiber 2026" for the July exhibit. This is a biennial exhibition (offered every 2 years since 2000) showing collaborative works of art by ceramic and fiber artists. Individual Potters Guild members who work in ceramics and fiber will also show work. For the first time participating artists, both ceramic and fiber will have small works available for sale. This exhibit is available to view through June 28 at Gallery 925 in Las Cruces, after which it will come to Deming. The exhibit will be on display at the Deming Art Center from **July 2-30**. There will be a time to meet the artists on Sunday, **July 5**, from 1 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 Luna Senior Center and Ambercare Hospice invite you to a Grief and Loss Support Group, offering a safe space for comfort and healing. It meets the First Tuesday of every month at 1:00 PM, in the Adult Day Room at the Deming Luna Senior Center, 800 S Granite St. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 575-546-8823. You are not alone—support is here for you.

Cancer Support of Deming and Luna County is needing volunteers to drive patients to and from appointments. If you think you might be able to help, please call 575-546-4780 or stop by the office at 217 N. Country Club Rd.

Lescombes Winery will host Freedom Fest, a free event, on **July 3** from 6 PM to 10 PM. The evening will include food vendors, music by Horizon Band, and a fireworks display at 9 PM. Seating is limited, so bring a lawn chair and enjoy the celebration.

The Farmer's Market is back. The last Saturday of the month, May through September, there will be a local Farmer's Market. (**July 25, Aug 29, Sep 26**) It will start at 8:30 AM and finish at 12:30 PM. It will be located at Homegrown Market at 1230 San Joaquin Rd SE here in Deming. Vendors are welcome. Food and beverages will be available on-site. For more information or to become a vendor, please call 575-343-6744.

The All-American Duck Races are coming soon, and now is the time for vendors to reserve their spot. Join this 47-year New Mexico tradition, returning to Deming **August 20–23**, and connect with more than 20,000 visitors throughout the weekend. Showcase your products, food, or services to a crowd ready to shop, eat, and enjoy the event. Vendor spaces are limited, and the registration deadline is **August 1**.

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft 4P Line Dancing	9A Pickleball	6P Freedom Fest @ Lescombes	9A Pickleball 6P City of Deming Fourth of July Activities
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 1P Meet the Artists 6th Sunday after Pentecost	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 1P Grief Support Group @ Senior Center	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft 4P Line Dancing	9A Pickleball		9A Pickleball
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 7th Sunday after Pentecost	5:30P Chancel Choir RSVP For Onboarding Brunch	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball	10A Prayer Group 2P Women's Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft 4P Line Dancing	9A Pickleball 10A Luna County Commissioners Mtg 4P Luna County Historical Society Annual Meeting		9A Pickleball 9A Onboarding Brunch 9A Safe Sanctuary Zoom Training
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Bread Basket 7:30A Men's Group 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10A Fellowship Time 10:15 Sunday School 8th Sunday after Pentecost	5:30P Chancel Choir 10A Leadership Board	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball 5:30P Deming City Council	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft 4P Line Dancing	9A Pickleball		8:30 Farmer's Market @ Homegrown Market 9A Pickleball
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10A Fellowship Time 10:15A Sunday School 9th Sunday after Pentecost	5:30P Chancel Choir	7A Bible Study at Peppers 9A Pickleball	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft 4P Line Dancing	9A Pickleball		