

# First United Methodist Church – Deming

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Sunday Service:      9:00 AM      Website: [www.fumcdeming.org](http://www.fumcdeming.org)  
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April 2022

**Every morning is Easter morning from now on / Every day's resurrection day the past is over and gone / Goodbye guilt goodbye fear good riddance / hello Lord hello Son / I am one of the Easter people / My new life has begun**

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## Holy Week Schedule

### Good Friday April 15

3:30-6 PM: We will have a prayer labyrinth set up in the north parking lot. Feel free to come and go and experience a period of meditation and prayer at your leisure. The sanctuary will also be open for prayer and meditation. Cari will be available to pray with anyone requesting prayer.

6 PM: Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

### Easter Sunday April 17

9 AM: Easter Morning Service in the sanctuary. The Choir will be presenting their Easter cantata, "Once and For All." We will also be celebrating Holy Communion. Come join us as we celebrate the risen Savior.

10 AM: Baptismal Service. All are welcome to attend.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S

## DESK

I would like to discuss the “Pitcher Principle” with you. II Kings 4:2-6 tells the story of a widow who had nothing but a pitcher of oil. Creditors were coming to collect debts that had been owed by her husband. If she didn’t pay, they would take her sons as slaves to satisfy the debt. She asked Elisha, the prophet, what she should do. He told her to collect as many empty pitchers as she could from wherever she could find them. He then instructed her to begin pouring oil from the one and only pitcher she had in the beginning. Miraculously, oil did not stop flowing from this pitcher until every last pitcher she had collected from friends and neighbors was full. Elisha then instructed her to go sell the oil and pay her debts and there would be enough money left for her family to live on.

In scripture, we as Christians are described as vessels. God pours His blessings into us, but what happens when we are full? A vessel can only contain a limited amount. Once it is full, something needs to be poured out so that it can hold more. We should be seeking ways that God would have us pour into the lives of others. It is through this act of selfless giving that He is able to continue to pour into us. My challenge to us is ask God to show us ways that we can pour into the lives of others and when He shows us to “Just Do It”. May we all apply the “Pitcher Principle” in the way we live daily.

Jacqui Lax, CLM



Jacqui wants everyone to know that she is not a 9-5 minister. If a pastoral need arises, she has no problem with getting an email or phone call. Her email address is [jacquilax@hotmail.com](mailto:jacquilax@hotmail.com) and her phone number is 915-490-2683. It is ok to call, text, or email her if she is needed or if there is a prayer request.



Rev. Beverly Bonnell is a certified counselor. She is providing Professional Counseling as a Ministry of FUMC Deming. Appointments are available. Please call 330-205-5675.



Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is up and running. Spread the word. If you or someone you know is interested in a Christ-based recovery program, then this is for you. No pre-registration is necessary...just show up. The meeting takes place on Tuesday’s in the Chapel at FUMC Deming with doors opening at 6:30 PM with a light meal and the meeting starting at 7 PM. Enter through the north door. For more information, email Andrew Chandler at

[celebraterecovery@fumcdeming.org](mailto:celebraterecovery@fumcdeming.org).



Our April Bread Basket offering will be taken on April 17 and will benefit UMCOR-Ukraine.

We are very familiar with the work UMCOR does both here in the United States and around the world. With the crisis unfolding in Ukraine, UMCOR has created a way to donate directly to those who need it the most.

UMCOR's work in Ukraine is being funded with gifts to Advance #982450, International Disaster Response and Recovery. Grants for immediate relief have been given to United Methodist partners in Ukraine as well as neighboring nations—Poland, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia—to support those who remain in Ukraine as well as those who have fled the violence. In addition, grants are being awarded to partners like ACT Alliance, a global faith-based coalition working in 120 countries around the world. These grants are providing humanitarian assistance in the form of food, water, clothing, shelter and other necessary supplies.

The denomination is in continuous dialogue with UMC entities and other partners throughout Europe to identify additional ways UMCOR might assist. The situation in Eastern Europe is evolving and Global Ministries and UMCOR will continue to respond in the months and years ahead.

At this time, all gifts to UMCOR's International Disaster Response and Recovery Advance will be used to assist those who remain in Ukraine and those who have fled the violence to neighboring nations. Gifts can be made in the following ways:

- Bread Basket offering at church
- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone call: 1-888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with “Advance #982450-Ukraine” written on the memo line and mailed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with “Advance #982450-Ukraine” written on the memo line and given to any United Methodist church



Communion will be held on April 3. We have resumed normal communion practices with fresh elements at the communion rail. If you wish, you may bring your own or we will have some individual prepackaged ones available. 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!

We will also will be celebrating communion on Easter Sunday.

# Seniors 2022

April is here which means May and our Graduate Breakfast is not too far behind. This year, we will honor our high school graduating seniors during worship on Sunday, May 22nd. We will also celebrate them at a breakfast following worship. As their faith family, we can all support them. Here are some ways to help:

- Make a breakfast casserole (recipe will be provided), 10 each
- Bake or buy breakfast muffins, 10 dozen
- Make or buy mixed fruit, enough for 75 people is needed
- Help set up tables and chairs on Saturday, May 21, decorate too
- Help serve the breakfast as we do not have very many of the younger kids who can assist.

If you can help, please email, text or call me.

I really appreciate your help and support for these awesome young adults!

Blessings,

Claire Phillips

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The United Methodist Men are once again preparing to deliver Easter Certificates from Peppers to those in need in the community. They hope to help as many people this year as possible. Even though we are attempting to get back to normal after a couple of trying years, there are still those in our community who can use our help. This year, in addition to what they normally distribute, they are setting aside 30 certificates for the Deming Public Schools to help families the schools know can use a little boost this Easter season. If you would like to help bring the joy of the risen Lord to those less fortunate, you can contribute to the UMM Easter Project. You can leave a check in the offering plate (put UMM Easter on the memo line), cash in an envelope marked UMM, or drop off your donation to the office. They will be taking donations through April 6. We thank you in advance for helping them shine the light of Christ in our community.

The UMM have also been busy helping members of our church family. In March we helped a member move from their house into KOTS. We also had the first person who needed a minor repair job done at their home. Any men in the church who would like to help with these kinds of projects, please let the office know. Have a blessed day!



The United Methodist Women meet the third Wednesday of each month. This month they will meet April 20 at 2PM in the Parlor. For more information, please contact Imelda Veeder or Phyllis Mudd.



Jacqui is leading a Tuesday night Zoom Bible Study called Devotions and Desserts. This is a combo study which means you can

join it from your home, or you can come to the church and join in person from the Fellowship Hall. This is a joint Bible Study with Anthony UMC. What a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with fellow saints from another district church. To join in you can find the link on the Church Facebook page or [here](#).



National Donate Life Month (NDLM) was established by [Donate Life America](#) and its partnering organizations in 2003. Observed in April each year, National Donate Life Month helps raise awareness about donation, encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to honor those that have saved lives through the gift of donation. Click [this link](#) to find out more about organ, eye, and tissue donation.



Our Facebook Devotional, *Journey Through the New Testament*, will proceed in April by continuing the book of Galatians. Jacqui is posting on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays on the [Journey Through the New Testament Facebook Page](#). See below for the schedule of readings.

#### Week 1

Monday	4/4	3:1-9
Wednesday	4/6	3:10-14
Friday	4/8	3:15-20

#### Week 3

Monday	4/18	4:12-18
Wednesday	4/20	4:19-31
Friday	4/22	5:1-6

#### Week 2

Monday	4/11	3:21-29
Wednesday	4/13	4:1-6
Friday	4/15	4:7-11

#### Week 4

Monday	4/25	5:7-12
Wednesday	4/27	5:13-18
Friday	4/29	5:19-26



## A Letter to United Methodists of the New Mexico Annual Conference from Bishop Schnase

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yesterday, the Commission on General Conference, a diverse group of clergy and laity in the United Methodist Church, announced that General Conference will be postponed until 2024. Statement Any significant announcement such as this evokes many emotions. The commission stated that global vaccination issues and visa backlogs for delegates from Africa, Europe, and the Philippines as their primary reasoning for this decision. Other obstacles, such as translation challenges and limited internet capabilities in some areas, make it impossible to hold General Conference virtually. Our world changes so quickly and it causes the church to pivot and adapt, and I know this can be frustrating for everyone.

This past fall I participated in a Council of Bishops meeting where we pledged to help navigate a path forward in the United Methodist Church. Part of that document states, “we must be one people, rooted in scripture, centered in Christ, serving in love and united in the essentials.” Council of Bishops document

Over the past several months, I’ve spent much time visiting with clergy, laity, and congregations in the New Mexico Conference. I’ve appreciated many conversations that have run deep as people shared their hearts about their love of the church and their anxieties about the future. I also have shared my heart on General Conference related issues during in-person visits, Zoom conversations, and through videos. I made a commitment to walk with pastors and congregations with the highest level of integrity and care and mutual respect during these months to come. I expect the same from our own conference leadership, cabinet, and pastors. I acknowledge the disappointment for many with the news of another postponement, but it is my hope that together we might offer our best to one another as we seek to follow Christ.

As we have seen in these past few weeks, people across the globe need the love of Christ. We have great opportunities to show this love around the corner and around the world. Let us remain focused on our primary mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Join me in praying that together, we seek to find ways to move forward with love and grace.

Bishop Robert Schnase

The New Mexico Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

# COMMUNITY NEWS

The April 2022 exhibit at the Deming Art Center is titled “Untethered Times.” This exhibit is by Brian Pottorff and Mimi Garten. These skilled artists are multi-talented, and you can expect a visual adventure you will love. The show runs from April 2-28. The Gallery is located at 100 S. Gold in Deming, NM, and the hours are 10 AM – 4 PM Monday thru Friday and 10 AM – 12 PM on Saturdays. For more information please call 575-546-3663, check their [website](#) or see them on [Facebook](#). *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.*

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.

Free Covid Home Test Kits are now available from Luna County at no cost to you. You can pick them up at the security desk at the Luna County Courthouse during regular hours. They are located at 700 S. Silver St. For more information you can call 575-694-0383.

On April 9, the Windmill Cowboy Church will be hosting the First Ever Spring Round Up for kids in grades 5-12. It will take place from 10 AM to 3 PM and include live animals, arena fun, and lunch. The event is free. The church is located at 3655 La Bonita Dr SE here in Deming. For more information, contact Kip at 505-697-7288.

The Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday April 16 at Courthouse Park from 10 AM to 1 PM. There will be thousands of eggs, free food, games, and pictures with the Easter bunny. Sponsored by Deming First Assembly. (If you would like to help fill eggs, you can join them at the church every Wednesday until they are filled!)

The Spring Into Wellness Community Health Fair will be held Saturday April 2 from 9 AM to 2 PM at the Mimbres Valley Learning Center. Activities include health and safety information, refreshments, fitness presentations, door prizes, Covid-19 vaccines, and much more. The event is free and open to the public.

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Smok’n Oldies Show and Shine Car Show will be held Saturday April 2 at Courthouse Park. Registration is from 8 AM to 10 AM and the show runs from 10 AM to 3 PM.

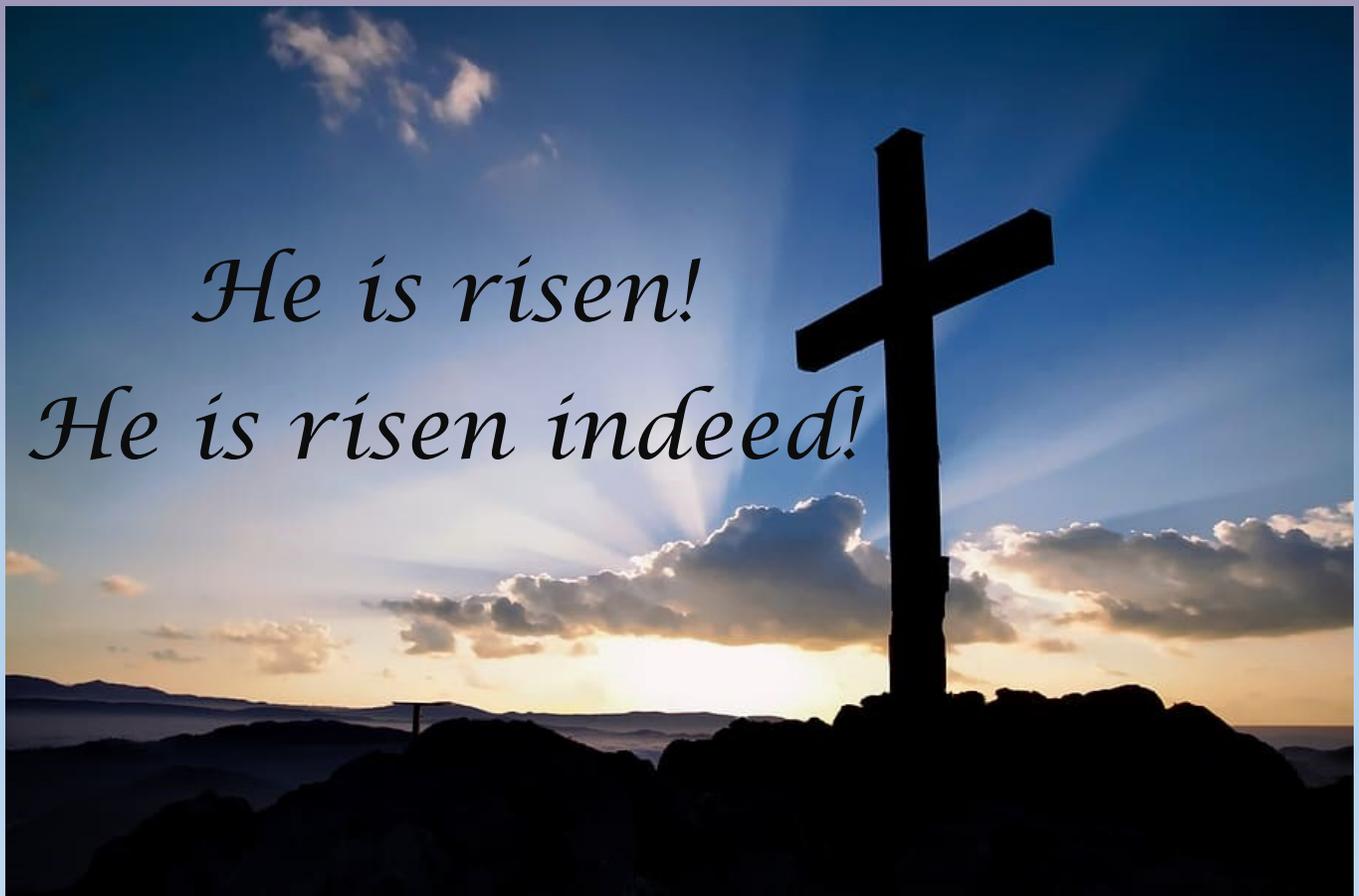
Country Club Estates Homeowners Association will be holding their Spring Community Garage Sale on Saturday, April 2, from 8 AM to Noon. You are invited to drive through the neighborhood and visit participating homes. Located on the corner of Country Club and Dona Ana.

There will be a community yard sale on Saturday, April 9, from 8 AM to Noon at courthouse park. Spaces are free. To reserve a space call 575-694-5257. Sponsored by Keep Luna County Beautiful.

# *Happy Easter*

*From your family at*

*First United Methodist Church*



*He is risen!*  
*He is risen indeed!*