

First United Methodist Church – Deming

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Praise Singing: 8:15 AM

Morning Worship 9:00 AM

Bible Studies: 10:15 AM (All Ages)

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If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

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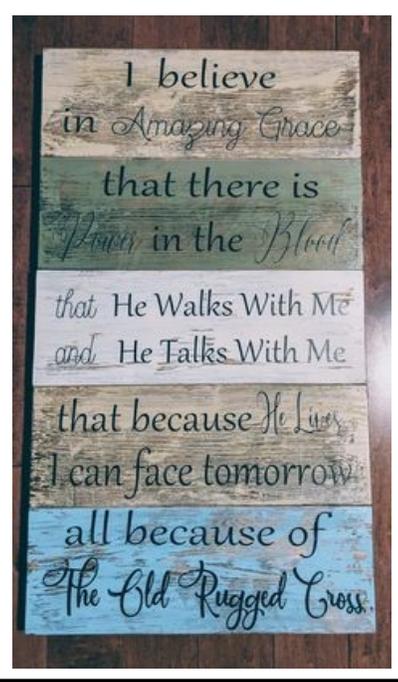
The Annual Duck Days BBQ will be held on Saturday, August 27, from 11 AM to 2 PM.

As this is the Church's largest fundraiser, the congregation's help is needed more than ever. The biggest change this year is that it will only be carryout with no in-person dining. We will also have delivery within the city.

As in the past, we will not be allowed to bring in homemade desserts. Desserts must be made on-site, in our approved commercial kitchen, or preferably purchased. We prefer you purchase the desserts and bring them to the church prior to the BBQ.

Please look into your heart and see how you may serve this year. Please contact Mary Galbraith, Juan Gonzalez, or the church office for any questions you may have.

The volunteer sign-up boards are in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop by and add your name where you can. If you would like to help sell tickets in the community, see Juan for more information,





Garrison Keillor, a Methodist in his own right, once wrote an article about the people called Methodists. It is filled with humorous anecdotes about people like us. Among them are these:

1. Methodists are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you are dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they will talk to you. And if you are hungry, they will give you tuna salad!" [That's in the north. In the south it's definitely potato salad and here it is something with green chile and/or pecans.]
2. "Methodists believe in prayer but would practically die if asked to pray out loud."
3. You know you are a Methodist if when you watch Star Wars and they say, 'May the Force be with you,' and you instinctively respond, 'And also with you.'"
4. "Methodists believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate."
5. "Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there!"
6. "You will know you are a Methodist when its 100 degrees outside with 90% humidity and you still serve coffee after the service."
7. "You know you are a Methodist when doughnuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee."
8. "You know you are a Methodist when it takes at least ten minutes to say goodbye!"

You can read more of this article here:

<http://benwitherington.blogspot.com/2007/02/garrison-keillor-on-those-people-called.html>

Keillor had his own way of spinning things to highlight the humor of things. But I also think that we can look at the items on this list and see the reality among them. In my opinion, many of these things show the depth of Christian hospitality that is in the DNA of The United Methodist Church and her people. Carl and I have definitely found that to be true upon our arrival in Deming.

One of the hardest things about being a United Methodist, for clergy and laity alike, is that we are committed to an itinerant clergy system. Pastors move – and not just when there are differences of opinion, theology, policy, or anything else among them and their congregations. Too often it seems that things are starting to click and go well, you are just really getting to know your pastor, and your pastor is just getting to really know you, when the news comes that a pastoral change is imminent and you have to start the whole process over again. It is hard on a pastor, and it is hard on a congregation. And yet, you all have showered us with love, acceptance, gifts, and more love and acceptance. Carl and I both are incredibly thankful that God put such a loving and caring congregation in our paths. It has made the transition so much easier than it could have been. We look forward to a long and fruitful ministry with all of you.

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That said, I do want to briefly address a couple of items. One from Keillor's list and another from a list I found on a blog site of a United Methodist pastor serving in the North Georgia Conference.

From Garrison Keillor: **"Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there!"**

Please, please let me know when someone goes to the hospital, a rehab facility, a nursing home, or any other place that might be isolating and even scary. I want to visit people in these situations. I want to be there to pray with you and your family at 7:00 in the morning when you have surgery or at midnight when you have an emergency (but please only call that late if it is a true emergency). I want to be there to offer a small amount of comfort as you convalesce in the hospital or need a shoulder to cry on as a loved one lies on their death bed. Yet, contrary to popular thought, God does not send me special messages telling me when someone is sick or hurting or dying. I find out just like you do – by word of mouth. If you do end up in one of these places and I don't come to visit, chances are that I didn't even know you were there.

From Rev. Dr. Jamie Jenkins (North Georgia Conference): **You might be a United Methodist if you would rather be branded with a hot iron than serve on the Nominating Committee (or SPRC, Trustees, Finance, etc.)**

Yes it is that time again. We got the schedule for Charge/Church Conference last week. Ours will be on Saturday, October 15 at 11:00 AM. That means we will be starting preparation in a couple of weeks. Please remember that I am new here. I don't even know which faces go with which names yet. I certainly don't know what peoples' gifts and graces are. So, please, when you are asked to serve on a committee, prayerfully consider it. If, after prayer, you just don't feel as if you can serve in that capacity, kindly offer the name of someone who can. Better yet, don't wait to be asked. Volunteer to serve!!! Selecting leadership for the upcoming year(s) is not an easy task. Usually it is not any fun either. But when we all cooperate and work toward a common goal, it will be accomplished smoothly. Please keep the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee and me in prayer as we begin the process of discernment for next year's church leadership.

¹Dr. Jamie Jenkins, "You Might Be a United Methodist If...," https://day1.org/articles/5d9b820ef71918cdf2003014/dr_jamie_jenkins_you_might_be_a_united_methodist_if (accessed July 20, 2022).



Our July Bread Basket offering will be taken on August 21 and will be supporting Alas de Amor Scholarships.

Alas de Amor is a multi-faceted program meant to help children with their school costs and empower families in the town of Palomas think proactively about their children's academic future. They typically sponsor over 130 children, mostly Jr. High and High School kids, so that they can attend school. As a part of that sponsorship, we assure that they are doing well in school and actively involved in their church.

If you would like to make a donation, please mark the memo line on your check accordingly or place cash in the baskets in front of the church during the last hymn.



The United Methodist Men will be meeting on Sunday, August 21, at 7:30 AM in the Memorial Classroom. All men are welcome to join us for a light breakfast and fellowship followed by our meeting.



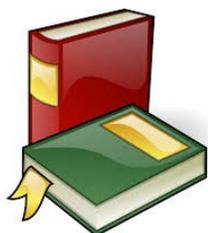
Communion will be held on August 7. We have resumed normal communion practices with fresh elements at the communion rail. If you wish,

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!



The United Methodist Women meet the third Wednesday of each month. This month they will meet August 17 at 2 PM in the Parlor. For more information, please contact Imelda Veeder or Phyllis Mudd.

Check out one of these best sellers today!



War and Priest
Of Mice and Amen
A Room With a Pew
Huckleberry Sin

James and the Giant Preach
Chalice in Wonderland
Priest of Eden
Frankincense and Sensibility

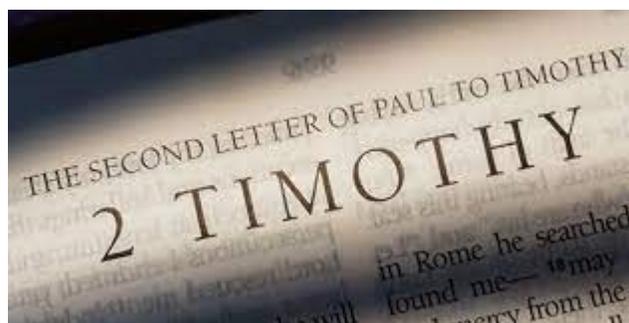


The Shrining



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.



Our Facebook Devotional, *Journey Through the New Testament*, will proceed in August by continuing the book of Hebrews. Pastor Koreen 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	8/1	3:1-6
Wednesday	8/3	3:7-19
Friday	8/5	4:1-13

Week 2

Monday	8/8	4:14-5:10
Wednesday	8/10	5:11-14
Friday	8/12	6:1-2

Week 3

Monday	8/15	6:13-20
Wednesday	8/17	7:1-10
Friday	8/19	7:11-19

Week 4

Monday	8/22	7:20-28
Wednesday	8/24	8:1-13
Friday	8/26	9:1-10

Week 5

Monday	8/29	9:11-22
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Wednesday	8/31	9:23-28
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**\$10/
PLATE**

42nd Annual Duck Day

BBQ

TOP SIRLOIN | BEANS | COLESLAW | DESSERT

**SATURDAY,
August 27th**

11am - 2pm

To Go or City Delivery

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CALL 575-546-2791

1020 S. Granite St.

Reserve your plate by
Aug. 25th.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The August exhibit at DAC will feature Mary Lou La Casse and Linda Reeder Sanchez. Show duration is August 1—September 2, 2022. 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 – 1 PM on Saturdays. For more information please call 575-546-3663, check their [website](#) or see them on [Facebook](#).

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.

Do you want to make a difference in a child's life? Become a CASA. Court appointed special advocates, or CASAs, are volunteers who play an integral role in protecting children who have been abused and neglected in our communities. Training class via Zoom starting August 29, 2022. Sign up today by emailing casa@lunacountynm.us or by phone at 575-567-1186.

The Great American Duck Race Tournament of Duck Parade will be held on Saturday August 27, at 10 AM. Make sure to come downtown and cheer on all the entries in the parade.

Do you have federal student loans? Have you worked in public service (for a government agency, the military, or a non-profit organization)? If so, find out whether you're eligible for the [Public Service Loan Forgiveness \(PSLF\) Limited Waiver](#), which expires **on October 31, 2022**. Thousands of federal student loan borrowers have used the waiver to get closer to total loan forgiveness. And be careful about scams that are out there trying to get your personal information posing as loan companies.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

LUNA COUNTY COURTHOUSE PARK | 6 - 8PM



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- FAMILY EVENT -

COMMUNITY • LAW ENFORCEMENT • CONNECTIONS



MUSIC - DANCING - GAMES
and more!

FREE HAMBURGERS AND HOTDOGS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DEMING MAINSTREET (575) 546 2674



Child Identity Theft on the Rise

According to a study by Javelin Strategy & Research more than 1.25 million children became victims of identity theft last year and the true number is probably much greater because in many instances child identity theft is not discovered until the child reaches age 18.

Parents, did you know you can limit the sharing of personal information between the school and third party entities? To learn more about identity theft and how to opt out of information sharing, check out the link below.

[Child Identity Theft](#)