

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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So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

-1 Corinthians 10:31

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BBQ A SUCCESS!

What did it take to put on the 2022 BBQ? 1,200 pounds of top sirloin; 7 cases of coleslaw; 100 pounds of beans; and 11 dozen dinner rolls. The United Methodist Men started the prep of the sirloin Friday afternoon and finished Saturday morning. They borrowed additional cookers, brought in donated pecan and mesquite wood and had shifts to oversee the cooking through the night. The slicing began at 6:30 AM. So tender, and the aroma fills the church!

Our ticket sales were not as we expected. Attendance was down 27% from 2019 even though our presale from Peppers (twice) and the MainStreet Market and members were higher. Our walk-ins were less. Ticket count totaled 899 with delivery being 103. The 103 included 6 for the Deming homeless. There was no eat-in this year.

Behind the scenes is what makes this event a success from the servers, cooks, delivery drivers, dessert cutters, dish washers, ticket takers, slicers, runners, telephone meal taker, people going to the different stores to purchase the required items, and those staying to clean-up afterwards to put the church back together. Thank you especially to Juan Gonzalez and Mary Galbraith who co-chaired this years’ event and made numerous trips to Las Cruces for items. A special shout out to Peppers Supermarket whose cooperation makes it possible for us to continue this BBQ.

Our Office
will be Closed for
Labor Day!



The honeymoon is over. It has to be. There is too much going on in the life of The United Methodist Church in general and FUMC Deming specifically for me to spend more time testing out the waters. It is time for me to jump in and get wet.

That means that many of you will get wet as well. Perhaps it will just be from the splash created when I jump in, but some of you will be pulled in with me.

There are three things in particular that we will be addressing regarding our church over the next couple of months, and longer. Let's jump into the easiest of them first. Our Nominating and Lay Leadership Development Committee met on August 15th to address current leadership vacancies and to start working on 2023 leadership. Currently there are several vacancies on the Board of Trustees, including the chair of the committee. Some of this is due to resignations for personal reasons and some is from health issues that prohibit the person's participation. We need to fill these vacancies for the remainder of this calendar year **IMMEDIATELY**. The Nominating Committee compiled a list of several people who will be asked to fill these vacancies, including the chair position, but we thought we would ask for volunteers first. The Trustees is one of the most important committees for church governance. They oversee managing and protecting the assets of the church, including the parsonage. However, there is often a lot of misunderstanding in what is entailed when one becomes a member of the Trustees. Many people think that being a Trustee means that one must become a construction worker, plumber, electrician, general laborer, and handy man. This is not the case. Of course, we will let you do that, if you want to and you know what you are doing. But what is needed is not so much the hands-on stuff as it is the knowledge stuff. **We need people who love this church and want to take care of the buildings. Really that is the only requirement.** It is the duty of the Trustees to create a long-term maintenance and replacement plan; to ensure that maintenance, repair, and replacement issues are taken care of when they arise; to oversee and accept or reject gifts to the church; and to be good stewards of the monies in the Trustees bank account while doing all of this. Again, there is no need to be doing the physical labor unless you want to. We only need people who care about the church assets and want to help manage them so we get the best long-term results we can get (i.e., so the assets – including the buildings – are operationally viable, inhabitable, and serving God's kingdom for now and for the future.) If this is something you would like to see happen – if you know people who know people who can come do the work while you manage the business/banking side of things – please reach out to Pastor Koreen, the church office, or to Mary Galbraith who is our Lay Leader this year.

This leads to the second easiest thing. The Nominating Committee is recommending that FUMC Deming transition to a One-Board Leadership Model effective January 1, 2023. There are a number of reasons for this, including the size, age, and ability of our congregation. A One-Board model combines the duties of the Church Council, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Finance Committee, and the Board of Trustees into one committee. It also reduces the number of people involved in leadership from around 40 to 9-15 and the number of meetings (especially meetings that the pastor attends) from four or more a month to one. All decisions regarding finances, personnel, and maintenance are done in one committee, thus streamlining the

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administrative process and freeing more people for ministry rather than meetings. As always, all meetings of the One-Board are open for anyone wishing to attend. The only exception would be for personnel issues, at which time anyone not on the Board would be dismissed and the Board would enter into executive session. I fully support this recommendation from the Nominating Committee.

And finally, we get to the not so easy thing. As you probably know, every United Methodist Church in the world is having to make a big decision. That decision is to stay with The United Methodist Church or to disaffiliate and either join the Global Methodist Church or to incorporate as an independent church not associated with any denomination. It is my understanding that FUMC Deming has not started discussions about the desired future for this congregation. Folks, we are extremely late to the party. This decision, and all administrative and legal implications that come with it must be completed prior January 1, 2024. There are valid reasons for staying with The United Methodist Church as much as there are valid reasons for disaffiliating. Regardless of what we choose to do as a church, we must make a decision. There are several things that must be discussed as a body before any decision is made. We will begin those discussions in earnest shortly after Church Conference on October 15th. These things include, but are not limited to the following:

- ◆ Pastoral Appointments
- ◆ Insurance
- ◆ Apportionments
- ◆ Clergy Pensions
- ◆ Finances
- ◆ Legal matters
- ◆ Buildings and assets.

Be on the lookout for more information on these discussions and plan to be involved in the planning process as we approach the decision. This is a decision of the entire congregation and not just the leadership team.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, the Apostle Paul writes “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” All of these things, and many more, start with prayer. Please be in an attitude of prayer. Pray for your church and her leadership. Pray for discernment for your position among the church leadership and your place in ministry. Pray for peace, unity, and love as we approach what can easily turn into contentious debate. In all things, pray without ceasing.

Blessings!
Pastor Koreen

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

-Proverbs 3:5-6



Our September Bread Basket offering will be taken on September 18 and will be supporting Non - Food Commodities.

The Non - Food Commodities Closet helps local seniors, veterans, and disabled community members. They usually help between 37 and 40 family units each quarter. They are now also providing made up bags for TLC to give to their clients that qualify for the assistance. The commodities consist of personal hygiene and cleaning supplies. Some items include bleach, toilet paper, toothbrush, shampoo and laundry soap.

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, September 18, 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.



Join the Praise Band every Sunday morning at 8:15 as they lead worship through music.



First United Methodist Church
Or
Join Us in Person



Communion will be held on September 4. 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!



United
Methodist
Women

The United Methodist Women meet the third Wednesday of each month. This month they will meet September 21 at 2 PM in the

Parlor. For more information, please contact Imelda Veeder or Phyllis Mudd.



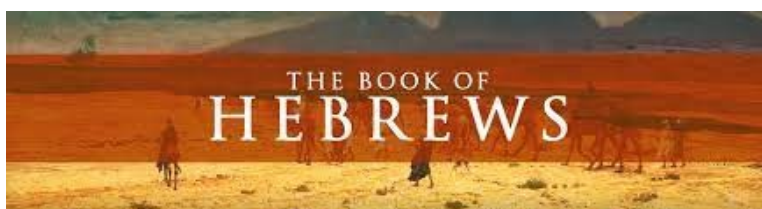
We invite all men to join us for the Monday Night's Men's Bible Study. We are currently meeting via a conference call. If you would like deepen your faith with God through fellowship with other men, please join us. For more information or any questions, please contact Oscar Briceno at 915-497-5310.



Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 15, for our annual Charge Conference. District Superintendent Pam Rawley will be here to conduct the meeting. It will start at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend if you can! See you there.



Please be in prayer for those from our congregation who have embarked on the trip to Israel with Rev. Brad Reeves. May their trip be an experience they will never forget.



Our Facebook Devotional, *Journey Through the New Testament*, will proceed in September by finishing the book of Hebrews and starting the book of James. 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

Friday 9/2 Hebrews 10:1-18

Week 2

Monday 9/5 Hebrews 10:19-38

Wednesday 9/7 Hebrews 11:1-7

Friday 9/9 Hebrews 11:8-22

Week 3

Monday 9/12 Hebrews 11:23-28

Wednesday 9/14 Hebrews 11:29-40

Friday 9/16 Hebrews 12:1-13

Week 4

Monday 9/19 Hebrews 12:14-29

Wednesday 9/21 Hebrews 13:1-25

Friday 9/23 James 1:1-11

Week 5

Monday 9/26 James 1:12-27

Wednesday 9/28 James 2:1-13

Friday 9/30 James 2:14-26



The New Mexico General and Jurisdictional Conference delegation has endorsed two candidates for the office of bishop in the South Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church – Rev. Dr. Randall Partin, Senior Pastor of St. John’s United Methodist Church, Albuquerque, and Rev. Dr. Eduardo (Eddie) Rivera, Conference Provost/

Director of Congregational Vitality.

The delegation interviewed both candidates on August 8, 2022, and reviewed materials they submitted in their discernment of possible endorsement. After prayer, discernment, and rich conversation, the delegation decided to endorse both candidates on August 11, 2022.

Partin is the first elected clergy delegate and is serving on the delegation for the first time. Rivera is a reserve delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference and was the first elected clergy delegate of the 2016 delegation. Rivera has also received endorsements from the Northwest Texas Conference and MARCHA.

Please be in prayer for the delegates as they do this important work on the church.



Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history’s most dismal chapters.

In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts’ wages.

As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay.

The idea of a “workingmen’s holiday,” celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it. Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers’ rights squarely into the public’s view. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives.

In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law. More than a century later, the true founder of Labor Day has yet to be identified.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Deming Art Center presents Idie Beth Jackson for the September 2022 show. Idie loves art and Deming. You can tell in her paintings as they reflect the spirit of the place where she grew up. Horses, cowboys, cowgirls, and coyotes of the southwest are some of her subject matter. Along with Idie, we welcome Gerard and Grace Flores. They will be bringing their very unique guitar sculptures. Gerard is familiar with guitars as he is the Mariachi teacher at Red Mountain Middle School. Join us on Sunday, September 4, 2022, for the opening of the exhibit from 1 PM to 3 PM. 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 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.

Selling stuff online can be a great way to make some extra cash. Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, and other sites attract a lot of buyers — and scammers. Here are some ways scammers try to cheat you and what to do about it.

Selling stuff online?

To avoid a scam

- **Don't accept** a mobile payment from someone you don't know
- **Don't deposit** a check for more than your selling price
- **Don't share** any verification codes

Report scams at ReportFraud.ftc.gov



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

