

# 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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Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

-Ephesians 4:32

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Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 15, for our annual Charge Conference. District Superintendent Dr. Pam Rowley will be here to conduct the meeting. It will start at 11:00 AM in the Chapel. Remember, we are the hands and feet of Christ so please plan to attend if you can! See you there.





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.

This is how I concluded my article last month. I hope that you have taken this seriously. I have found that prayer is the best way – at least for me – to discern God’s word for me for today. However, that doesn’t happen if our prayers are just a wish list for what we want. You know the kind. “Lord, please bless me with \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank with your latest desire). Please heal so and so. Help my team win the game and my party win the election.” There are so many ways we tell God what we want. I know. I am often guilty of this type of prayer myself. Prayer is not supposed to be one-sided. It is supposed to be a conversation between you and God. It is supposed to be a time where we ask questions, share our deepest, darkest secrets (in confidentiality – even though God already knows them), and ask for our needs to be met. At the same time, it is the time to listen to what God wants, seek to answer the things God asks us, to find out what God has for us to do for God’s kingdom, and to just have the back and forth that you do at the coffee shop with your best friend. So, how has our prayer time been the last month? Are we listening to what God has to say at least as much as we are talking?

Prayer is always important, but it will especially be so in the coming months as we enter into the discernment and the conversations regarding our future. Last month I said that we would begin those conversations after our charge conference on October 15<sup>th</sup>. After talking to some of our church family and our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Pam Rowley, I have decided to change that schedule and the approach slightly. To that end, we will be starting with a six-week course that I call, *Methodism 101: What We Believe*. We will then follow-up with a Zoom meeting with Rev. Dr. Rowley and Rev. Josh Kouri, who has been instrumental in drafting the conference guidance for disaffiliation. Josh will be able to give us the best information regarding remaining with the United Methodist Church vs. disaffiliating as well as answering questions we might have. At that point we can choose either to enter into more serious conversation or to do nothing.

I am starting with the Methodism 101 course, with the blessing of Dr. Rowley, because I think it is important to be reminded of what United Methodism is all about before we start to make decisions about our future inside or outside the United Methodist denomination. Due to my schedule and the quickly approaching holidays, I have tentatively set the class to start on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 to work around committee meetings and choir practices. The remaining classes are currently scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>. I chose this schedule so we could be finished before the week of Thanksgiving. However, I have since found out that our first class is scheduled at the same time as the candidate forum and may present a conflict for several people who want to participate in these classes, but whom also have an obligation to the candidate forum. If this is an issue for you, please let me know.

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The easiest way for you to do this and for me to remember who said what is to make a notation on the sign-up sheet that will be in the back of the sanctuary until Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We can either change the class session that week or delay the start by a week, understanding that delaying the start will make the last class two days before Thanksgiving.

If this six-week class is something that you are interested in, please sign-up by October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is no charge, but I need to have an idea of how many handouts I need to make.

## Upcoming Ministries/Events – Watch the Newsletter and the Bulletin for Times and Dates

Methodism 101: What We Believe	Tuesdays in October and November at 5:30 p.m.
Fifth Sunday Potluck Lunch	October 30
Trunk or Treat (Tentative)	October 31
Community Thanksgiving Dinner	November – date and time to be announced
Christmas Decorating	Sunday, November 27
Advent Bible Study	Tuesdays beginning November 29
Blue Christmas Service	Wednesday, December 21
Christmas Eve Service	Saturday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas PJs/Ugly Sweater Day	Sunday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>

NOTE: Christmas Day worship service will be a shortened service followed by fellowship time. There will be no Sunday School that day.



At the August Church Council meeting, it was decided to transition to a Single Board Model for church leadership and organization. This is a quick explanation of what this means. The Single Board Model means just that – the work of the church will fall to one board. This eliminates the need for a separate Finance, Trustees, SPRC, and other stand-alone committees. This concentrates the work at the church council level. The members of the

church council will serve the purpose of the Finance, Trustees, SPRC, etc. depending on the issue it is addressing. The purpose of the Single Board Model is to utilize a leadership style that combines accountability, responsibility, and authority. It reduces micromanagement. And it will align all the church's ministries with our mission, vision, and goals. Most of all, this assists congregations who cannot sustain the traditional structure. If you have further questions, please contact the office.



Our October Bread Basket offering will be taken on September 18 and will be supporting United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. Some of the areas where they are currently helping are the Horn of Africa, the Bahamas, Ukraine, and here in the United States. They are unique in that 100% of the money given to UMCOR is used in humanitarian efforts. It does not go to administrative costs.

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, October 16, 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.



Communion will be held on October 2. 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 October 19 at 2 PM in the

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

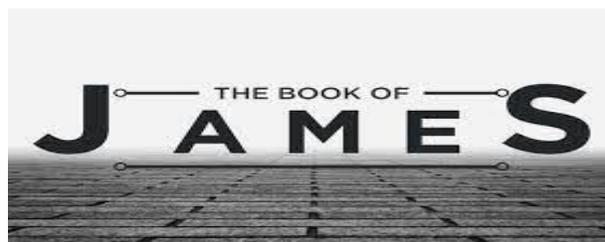


We invite all men to join us for the Monday Night's Men's Bible Study. We are currently meeting via a conference call. If you would like deepen your faith with God through fellowship with other men, please join us. For more information or any questions, please contact Oscar Briceno at 915-497-5310.



The Trustees have voted to replace all of the lighting within the church with new LED fixtures. The cost to complete this is over \$32,000. PNM is giving the church a rebate of \$12,000 toward the cost. We will need to make up the remainder of \$20,000+. We are starting a fund drive to raise the rest of the balance as soon as possible so we can complete the project. We are asking for everyone to dig deep

and help us with this endeavor. With the new fixtures installed, our PNM bill will drastically decrease to the point that this project will pay for itself within 3 1/4 years. Contributions toward this improvement to the church can be made using pledge cards available in the church office or you may leave a donation in the offering plate on Sunday marked "Let There Be Light."



Our Facebook Devotional, *Journey Through the New Testament*, will proceed in October by finishing the book of James, doing the book of 1 Peter, and starting the book of 2 Peter. See below for the schedule of readings.

### Week 1

Monday 10/3 James 3:1-18  
 Wednesday 10/5 James 4:1-17  
 Friday 10/7 James 5:1-20

### Week 3

Monday 10/17 1 Peter 2:11-25  
 Wednesday 10/19 1 Peter 3:1-7  
 Friday 10/21 1 Peter 3:8-22

### Week 5

Monday 10/31 2 Peter 1:1-21

### Week 2

Monday 10/10 1 Peter 1:1-12  
 Wednesday 10/12 1 Peter 1:13-25  
 Friday 10/14 1 Peter 2:1-10

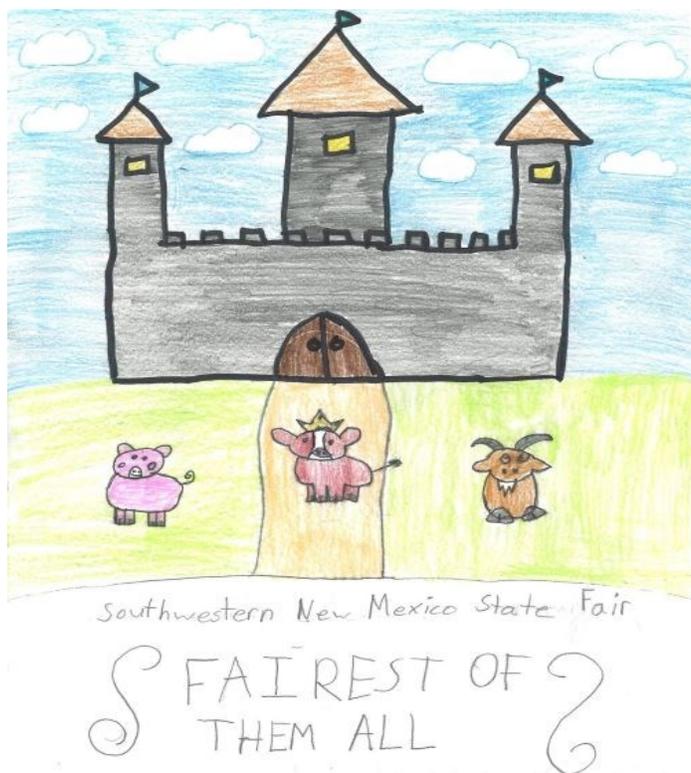
### Week 4

Monday 10/24 1 Peter 4:1-11  
 Wednesday 10/26 1 Peter 4:12-19  
 Friday 10/28 1 Peter 5:1-14



The Deming Luna County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a local candidate forum on October 4 from 6 PM to 8 PM at the train depot at 217 N. Country Club Rd. (Near Starmax) Included in the forum will be candidates for State Representative District 32, County Commissioner Districts 1 and 2, Magistrate Judge, Probate Judge, County Sheriff, and County Assessor. Come and

hear where the candidates stand on issues that concern you.



Don't forget this year's Southwestern New Mexico State Fair from October 5-9. Come out and support those individuals with ties to our church. The above picture is the official cover of the 2022 Fair Book.

## Estate and Antique Sale

The Luna County Historical Society will be having an Estate and Antique Sale on Friday and Saturday October 14-15 from 10 AM to 4 PM and on Sunday October 16 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Deming Luna Mimbres Museum. Vendors are welcome (antiques and fine arts only). \$25/Table. Contact Peggy at 575-544-5921 if you wish to sign up .



A friendly reminder to pay extra attention to any emails you might receive, even if they look legitimate. There is a scam circulating in cyberspace that tells you your email service needs to be upgraded. However, it is just a scam to get you to a site that can infect your computer with malware or a virus. So, remember, never click on a link unless you are absolutely sure that it is legitimate. If you think the email might be legitimate, the best thing to do is to contact the real company that the email says it's from using an email address or phone number you know is accurate in order to find out if the communication was legitimate or not. For more information about this scam, check out this [link](#).

# COMMUNITY NEWS

October 2022, at the Deming Art Center will feature the DAC Membership. Anyone who is a member is eligible to participate and there will be a diverse body of work on display. The show will run from October 2-29, 2022. There will be an official exhibit opening on Sunday, October 2, 2022, from 1 PM – 3 PM and the public is invited. 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.

The Deming Senior Center is hosting BINGO every Wednesday night. Doors open at 4:30 PM and games start at 6:00 PM. Prizes range from \$150 to \$400. This is for the benefit of senior services here in Luna County.

CitiLife Church will be having a rummage sale on October 1 from 8 AM to 12 PM. This will take place in the church parking lot at 1200 Pear St.

Deming Luna County Economic Development is hosting their 8<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, October 22. This will be a two-person scramble. Tee time is 9 AM. There will be prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, closest to the line, and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. The cost is \$75/person and includes lunch, range balls, 50/50 raffle, and cart.

Lescombes Family Vineyards will be hosting a Wine Dinner benefiting Cancer Support of Deming & Luna County, Inc. This will be a four-course dinner paired with wine. It will take place on October 22 at 6 PM. Tickets are \$75 each. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Music by DJ George Ortiz.

Community is not just about being together, it's also about doing  
life together!