

# 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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## January 2025



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

-2 Corinthians 5:17

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## A New Year With The Lord

A new year is about to unfold  
 With new opportunities to explore  
 Doors will open for new experiences,  
 New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things,  
 The things of this past year,  
 The Lord will do new things in us,  
 Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us  
 As we put our trust in Him  
 And He will guide our every step  
 By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts,  
 We find we'll be able to do  
 If we look for the opportunities,  
 We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back  
 But rise up and take our place  
 And be all that God wants us to be  
 With a fresh touch of His grace

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**Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world**

## Getting Involved in the Life of the Church: A Path to Spiritual Growth and Community

In today's busy world, it's easy for individuals to become disconnected from a sense of community. But the life of the church offers a unique opportunity to find belonging, spiritual nourishment, and a purpose-driven life. Getting involved in the church is not just about attending Sunday services but about fully engaging in the church's mission and the fellowship of believers. This active participation can profoundly enrich your spiritual journey, build lasting relationships, and allow you to make a positive impact on the world around you.

One of the simplest yet most profound ways to get involved in the life of the church is through regular attendance at worship services. Church services provide a sacred space for reflection, prayer, and hearing God's word. They allow individuals to come together, share in collective worship, and celebrate the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Engaging in these services not only strengthens one's personal faith but also encourages a sense of unity within the congregation.

However, involvement in the church goes beyond just attending services. Participating in small groups or Bible studies is another great way to connect on a deeper level. These groups provide an intimate setting for believers to share their thoughts, struggles, and insights about Scripture and life. Whether it's a weekly Bible study, the men's or women's group, or a fellowship group like Coffee, Chat and Crafts, these gatherings foster close relationships and help people grow in their understanding of God's Word. The support from these groups is invaluable, especially in times of personal trials or doubts.

Volunteering is another excellent way to become more involved in the church. Churches are built on a foundation of service to others, and there are numerous opportunities for individuals to contribute their time and talents. Whether helping with the nursery, organizing events, serving on the Leadership Board or a committee, or participating in outreach programs, volunteers are the backbone of church operations. By offering your time, you not only help others but also experience the joy and fulfillment that comes from serving God and your community.

Moreover, involvement in church life provides opportunities for personal growth. As you serve, interact with others, and engage in various ministries, you develop a deeper understanding of your gifts and how you can use them for God's purposes. You may discover a passion for teaching, leadership, or outreach that you had never considered before. Getting involved also strengthens your commitment to the church's mission, helping you contribute to its vision of spreading the love of Christ to those around you.

Being involved in the life of the church helps create a sense of belonging. Church is meant to be a family where people care for and support one another. It is a place where everyone, regardless of background or life stage, can find a home. Through shared experiences and fellowship, individuals build relationships that extend beyond Sunday services, providing a strong support network that can weather life's challenges.

Getting involved in the life of the church is an enriching and rewarding experience. It allows you to grow spiritually, deepen your relationships with others, and serve both the church and the broader community. Through active participation, you become a vital part of the church's mission to spread the gospel and live out the love of Christ in tangible ways. If you're looking for purpose, growth, and connection, consider taking that step into deeper involvement in our church—it's a journey that will transform your life and the lives of those around you.

## New Year's Resolutions

As 2024 has ended and we now embark on 2025, many of us try to make New Year's resolutions that we can actually follow through on. But most of the time, they are silly and do not have much meaning. This year, try one of the following resolutions to make 2025 a year to remember.

Create a spiritual development plan. – This is a perfect time to set your intentions for growing spiritually. No matter how spiritually mature you are, there's always room to grow. Your spiritual growth can positively impact every other area of your life.

Follow a Bible reading or devotional plan. – If you've never read the Bible through in its entirety, this year is the perfect time to do it. Reading the Bible can help you grow spiritually, deepen your faith, and increase your understanding.

Step out of your comfort zone. – Often times the big changes you want to see in life are on the other side of fear. And while change is automatic, growth is intentional. Ask yourself, "what would you do if you weren't afraid?" This year is the perfect time to take a deep breath, step out of your comfort zone, and pursue the things that'll make your heart smile.

Find somewhere to volunteer. – Make 2025 a year of impact and change. Finding somewhere to volunteer is an excellent way to make a difference in your community. What are some of the causes you're passionate about? What groups are you interested in helping?



Join us on a Journey Through the Old Testament and rediscover our roots. Let's finish our journey in the Book of Joshua and begin in the Book of Ruth!

1/1 – Judges 11:1-28  
1/3 – Judges 11:29-40

1/6 – Judges 12:1-15  
1/8 – Judges 13:1-25  
1/10 – Judges 14:1-20

1/13 – Judges 15:1-20  
1/15 – Judges 16:1-31  
1/17 – Judges 17:1-13

1/20 – Judges 18:1-31  
1/22 – Judges 19:1-30  
1/24 – Judges 20:1-23

1/27 – Judges 20:24-48

1/29 – Judges 21:1-25

1/31 – Ruth 1:1-22



The United Methodist Men will be meeting this month. Please join them on **Sunday, January 19**, at 7:30 AM in the Memorial Classroom, for a light breakfast and devotional.



The Women's Group will be meeting next on Wednesday, **January 15**. The meeting will be at 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



Communion will be held on **January 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!



8:15 AM to 8:45 AM  
Sunday Mornings  
In the Sanctuary



Our next Bread Basket offering will take place on **January 19** and is supporting the Well.

The Well is a neighborhood food pantry, serving residents of Luna County helping bring relief and respite to those in need.

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 2025 Bread Baskets

February—Cancer Support  
March—Play Sharity  
April—Non-Food Commodities  
May—Doing His Work  
June—FUMC Building Fund  
July—Casa de Amor  
August—Alas de Amor  
September—UMCOR  
October—Doing His Work  
November—Non Cancer Support  
December—2 in 1 Offering  
Christmas Eve—TLC

## Financial Statements

The End-of-Year financial statements on contributions to the church will be available to you by mid-January in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like your statement mailed through the post office, please be sure we have an accurate mailing address for you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the office.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

We open 2025 with our funny furry feline friends. All cat related art is welcome and it will be fascinating to see what varieties of work the artists come up with for this show. Deming Animal Guardians will be on hand at the Art Opening on **January 5** from 1 PM to 2:30 PM with adoptable kittens and donations will be accepted. Show duration is **January 3-30**. 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](#). *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 are hosting a Grief and Loss Support Group that meets the first Tuesday of every month at 1 PM. They meet in the Adult Day Room at the Senior Center. The group is facilitated by Rev. David Bonnell, Ambercare Hospice Chaplain. For additional information you can contact the Senior Center at 575-546-8823 or Rev. Bonnell at 575-694-0238.

The First Thursday of every month is Senior Discount Day at Silver Whiskers, 118 S. Silver St. Seniors 62 and older (with ID) will receive 10% off their purchases. Stop in and save today!

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.

## EMPTY BOWL FUNDRAISER

Saturday  
February 1  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

119 W. Maple St.  
(First Christian Church  
Fellowship Hall)

\$25/ticket includes unique  
soup bowl, 3 course meal &  
drinks

Benefits Deming Silver Linings  
[www.demingsilverlinings.org](http://www.demingsilverlinings.org)

Tickets can be purchase at The Readers  
Cove or by leaving a message at 575-  
694-0724.




**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

# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
				8:30A Pickleball		8:30A Pickleball
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School  Epiphany Sunday	2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft 5P Chancel Choir 6P Men's Bible Study	7A Bible Study at Peppers 8:30A Pickleball 12P Worship Committee	10A Prayer Group	8:30A Pickleball		8:30A Pickleball
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School  Baptism of the Lord	12P Leadership Board 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft 5P Chancel Choir 6P Men's Bible Study	7A Bible Study at Peppers 8:30A Pickleball	10A Prayer Group 2P Women's Group	8:30A Pickleball		8:30A Pickleball
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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