

# 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)  
 Nursery Available

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## February 2025



There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.

-1 John 4:18

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Are you skilled with numbers, proficient in problem-solving, and enjoy working with people? We are seeking a Part-Time Financial Administrative Assistant. This role involves providing financial and administrative support to church leadership and members, maintaining accurate records of financial transactions, and serving as a reception point for visitors.

The ideal candidate will possess strong office management skills, be adept at word processing, data input, and basic bookkeeping, whilst maintaining confidentiality and reliability. This position is particularly well-suited for retirees or parents of school-age children.

This position is available immediately. For further information or to apply, please contact Pastor Koreen. A detailed job description can be obtained from the church office.

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



I am currently sitting in a hotel room 1,400 miles away from home. I also have my second cold since the week of Christmas. There is nothing like being sick and away from home to make one realize how much home calls to a person. Home really is where the heart is, and right now my heart is so very far away. Yes, it is with Carl and our dogs, but it is also with each one of you. Over the last two and a half years, you all have become home and family for Carl and me.


That said, I know that I am not doing all I can to express my heart to all of you. There is a good-sized section of our church family that I have not done enough to engage. That section is our home-bound members and those who do not come to Sunday worship for whatever reason. Visitation is not my forte. It never has been. It probably never will be. Yet that doesn't mean it doesn't need to happen.

Visitation is a huge part of church unity. It not only helps connect the family, but it also has a huge part in fostering the spiritual health of those people who are at a place where physical participation in the ministry of the church is difficult. Visitation, when done with an empathetic and caring heart, is imperative for helping people to realize that they are still precious, beautiful, and beloved children of God, not matter what. This, in itself, should be a cause for celebration because like it or not, the chances are very high that most of us will one day be in such a position.

In the letter to the church in Ephesus, the Apostle Paul writes, *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast”* (Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV). How comforting is it to know, especially as we all age and decline in ability, that there isn't a ticket to heaven that is based on what we can do. Our path to heaven has been paved solely by the grace of Jesus Christ. This is what we should be teaching. It is what we should take to heart. It is what we need to be reminding everyone about, especially those who don't have the physical connection to the church they once were capable of.

I know there was an article in last month's newsletter that was all about getting involved in the church. Yes, that is important. Everyone has a place, even those who think they are incapable of doing anything. Every person's gifts and graces are needed to make the church whole. However, it is not those gifts and graces – it is not our efforts – that make our salvation possible. Rather, it is that our physical efforts naturally flow out of our knowledge that we are already saved through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. That is what Savior means in the first place, one who saves.

Unfortunately, many of us forget this lesson somewhere along the way. We get so wrapped up in being busy for God, that we forget that God loves us first. Eventually, we get so lost in the doing that we tie our worth to what we are doing instead of to Christ. I guess what I am trying to say is that the church needs you. She needs your work. She needs your time, talent, and treasures. She needs your presence. But in all this need, we need something too. We need to be reminded that we are much more valuable than our ability to contribute to the needs of the church. First and foremost, we are people, created by God, to be loved by God, and to love one another.

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This reminder should be the impetus of visitation. Therefore, visitation should be a significant part of my job as your pastor. But as I said earlier, I am not so good at it. It is not that I don't like it. Once I get to the visiting part, it is one of the loveliest parts of ordained ministry. My biggest issue is putting aside all the unimportant tasks at the office and making that first phone call to set up the appointment. This is where I am asking for your support. I need you to hold me accountable for visiting our members. I need you to be accountable for visiting our members. It takes all of us to do this. So, we are starting a visitation team. We have a good core group of people to start with, but we can always use more. If this is something you think you are called to do, please consider joining us. We will have our organizational meeting on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. Let's all work together in this so all of us know that we are saved by grace just because we are loved.

Blessings,  
Pastor Koreen

### 2024 Financial Report

Needed Each Week to Meet Budget:	\$4,462
Received Week of Dec 29th	\$1,584
Budget Deficit for Week of Dec 29th	\$2,878
Needed Each Month to Meet Budget:	\$19,333
Received in Dec	\$15,523
Budget Deficit for Month of Dec	\$4,100
Budgeted for 2024	\$232,000
Received for 2024	\$161,470
Budget Deficit for 2024	\$70,530



Safer Sanctuaries Annual Classes - Creating safe places for all people to participate in Christian community, both in our buildings and in extended outreach locales, is an important part of our nurturing trust within faith communities! The annual Basic Safer Sanctuaries will be offered by **Zoom** this year, 9 AM-12 PM MST. You only need to take one, three hour class a year. The classes will be offered on February 8, May 3, August 2, and November 1. Any staff person, clergy, laity, or volunteer at the local church must take an annual Safer Sanctuaries Basic Class. There is no fee for the class, but you must register. [Click Here](#)



The United Methodist Men will be meeting this month. Please join them on Sunday, **February 16**, at 7:30 AM in the Memorial Classroom, for a light breakfast and devotional.



The Women's Group will be meeting next on Wednesday, **February 19**. The meeting will be at 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



Communion will be held on **February 2**. 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!



**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



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

We are celebrating

**SHROVE PANCAKE TUESDAY**



**March 4**  
5 PM  
Fellowship Hall



CANCER SUPPORT OF DEMING & LUNA COUNTY, INC.  
Presents  
THE 12TH ANNUAL  
**I HOPE  
YOU  
Dance**  
CASH PARTY  
Featuring Music By  
*DMono*  
DINNER BY  
LA FONDA RESTAURANT  
CASH BAR

15 February 2025  
Start at 6 pm  
Doors open at 5:30 pm  
Mimbres Valley Special Events Center  
2300 E. Pine St.

Scan QR Code  
To Purchase Tickets

\$125 a Couple  
A chance to win  
\$5000, \$500 & \$250!

www.demingcancersupport.com



Our February Bread Basket offering will be taken on February 16 and will benefit Cancer Support of Deming and Luna County.

Cancer Support supports and educates patients and their families facing cancer. They are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization funded 100% by donations from the community. Their specialty is in the area of transportation, but they offer many other services to all cancer patients at no cost. For more information check out their website at [demingcancersupport.com](http://demingcancersupport.com).

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.

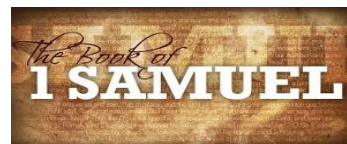
#### Remaining 2025 Bread Baskets

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

  
**Sunday Service 9am**  
Search: *FUMCdeming*  
  
First United Methodist Church  
Or  
Join Us In Person

**Vacation  
Bible  
School**

It's that time of year for planning Vacation Bible School. As in years past, this is a church wide endeavor. All hands on deck. Planning meetings have already started. Please join us as we put together the best possible experience for the kids in the Deming community.



Join us on a Journey Through the Old Testament and rediscover our roots. Let's finish our journey in the Book of Ruth and begin in the Book of 1 Samuel!

2/3 – Ruth 2:1-23

2/5 – Ruth 3:1-18

2/7 – Ruth 4:1-22

2/10 – 1 Samuel 1:1-28

2/12 – 1 Samuel 2:1-21

2/14 – 1 Samuel 2:22-36

2/17 – 1 Samuel 3:1-21

2/19 – 1 Samuel 4:1-22

2/21 – 1 Samuel 5:1-12

2/24 – 1 Samuel 6:1-21

2/26 – 1 Samuel 7:1-17

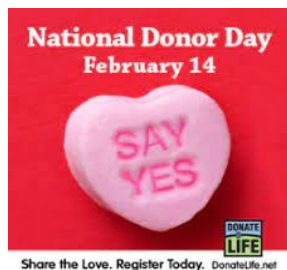
2/28 – 1 Samuel 8:1-22



February is American Heart Month, a time when all people – especially women – are encouraged to focus on their cardiovascular health. This Heart Month, the Division for Heart and Stroke Prevention (DHDSP) is encouraging women to listen to their hearts and speak up for their health.



Women in the United States are experiencing unacceptable and avoidable heart-related illness and death, and nearly half of US women do not recognize that heart disease is the leading cause of death for women. DHDSP aims to shed light on this important topic so that women no longer experience delayed recognition, diagnosis, and treatment for cardiac events, such as heart attacks. Heart-health disparities specific to women widen and deepen when combined with race, ethnicity, and other social factors. We encourage individuals, health care and public health professionals, and our partners to help close the disparities gap. Using this website's tools, help the women in your life listen to their hearts and raise their voices. When we encourage women to protect their own hearts, they can help others in their communities protect theirs. To learn more, check out this [link to the CDC](#). National Wear Red Day® is the first Friday in February. (Feb 7) Wear red and encourage others to do the same. Help raise awareness that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. and largely preventable.



Observed every year on February 14th, National Donor Day is an observance dedicated to spreading awareness and education about organ, eye and tissue donation. By educating and sharing the Donate Life message, we can each take small steps every day to help save and heal more lives, and honor the donor's legacy of generosity and compassion. National Donor Day is a time to focus on all types of donation—organ, eye, tissue, blood, platelets and marrow. Join us by participating in local events, sharing social media messages and encouraging others to register as donors. For more information on organ donation or how you can register, visit [this link](#).

# COMMUNITY NEWS

February 2025 at the Deming Art Center will feature a solo exhibit by a fairly new resident of Deming, Rebecca Bryant. She arrived in Deming at sunset on December 2, 2022, with her family, a sense of humor, and her art supplies. She began making art in her childhood home in Arkansas under the influence of her mother. Dreaming of southwestern landscapes and studying the work of O'Keeffe and the historic Taos art community over the years, she kept her focus on learning to look at everything with an artist's eye and how to put that on canvas and paper. Mary Condry Bryant, Rosalie Bushnok, and Henri Linton all played a significant role in who she is today as an artist. She has painted her way from the hardwood forests of the south to the east coast, the west coast, to a Pacific island, and back to New Mexico. The scenery changes but the task of the artist remains the same....to paint. The exhibit will be up from February 2 – 27, 2025, and there will be a time to meet Rebecca on Sunday, February 2, from 1-2:30PM, to which 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](#). *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

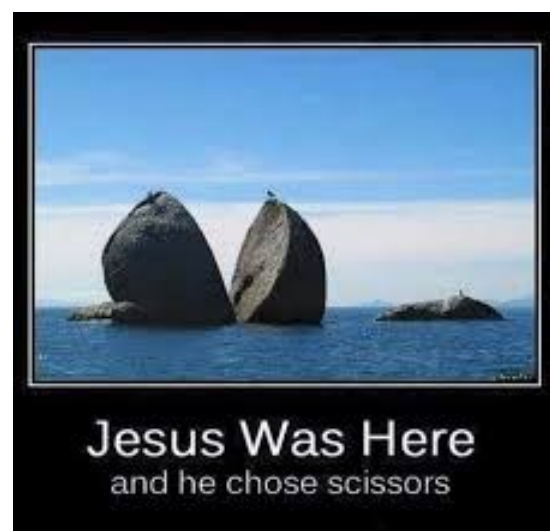
119 W. Maple St.  
(First Christian Church  
Fellowship Hall)

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

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

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







# February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>
						8:30A Pickleball 11:30A Empty Bowls Fundraiser for Silver Linings
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Communion 8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 1P Meet the Artist at the DAC 4th Sunday After Epiphany	5P Chancel Choir 6P Men's Bible Study	7A Bible Study at Peppers 8:30A Pickleball	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	8:30A Pickleball	National Wear Red Day 6P Valentine's Dance at La Fonda	8:30A Pickleball
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8:15A Praise Singing 9A Worship 10:15A Sunday School 5th Sunday After Epiphany	12P Leadership Board 5P Chancel Choir 6P Men's Bible Study	7A Bible Study at Peppers 8:30A Pickleball 12P Memorial Committee	10A Prayer Group 12P Visitation Committee 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	8:30A Pickleball 10A Luna County Commissioners	National Donor Day	8:30A Pickleball 6P I Hope You Can Dance Cash Party
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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