

# First United Methodist Church – Deming

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## April 2025

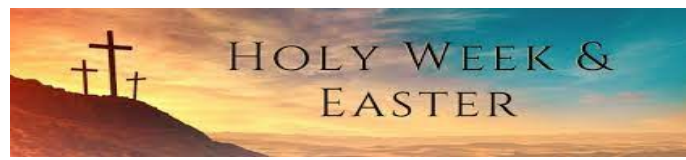


The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

-Matthew 28:5-6

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### Palm Sunday

Join us for our Palm Sunday service on April 13 at 9 AM as we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

### LOVE Feast

Join us Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6 PM. The LOVE Feast is a Christian fellowship meal recalling the meals Jesus shared with disciples during his ministry.

### Good Friday

Join us on Friday, April 18, at 6 PM for our Good Friday service which will feature a musical remembrance of the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ presented by the Chancel Choir. See the article on page 4 for more information

### Easter Morning

Come celebrate the resurrection of our Savior with us on Sunday, April 20, at 9 AM in the Sanctuary. We look forward to rejoicing together on this special day!

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



The year I turned thirty, long before I was a pastor, I had to have surgery on my foot. By this time, I had broken my toe at least seven times – the result of an initial break which displaced the bone, was never reset properly (because you really can't do anything with a broken toe, right?), and thus healed out of place. The surgeon had to remove part of the bone in my pinky toe and fuse the joint so my toe would stay in its proper place. In the scheme of other health issues and surgeries, it was not a major problem. And though I was made to walk out of the hospital the same day as surgery, it affected my stamina, my mobility, and the amount of time I was allowed to stand (10 minutes out of every hour) for the next two months.

At the time, I was a wife and a mother of a five-year-old and a two-year-old. Carl was out on the streets looking for trouble (that's a good description for police work, don't you think) in rotating shifts, but could usually drop by the house if I needed help. My parents lived less than two miles away from us. I had an income that continued while I was off work, albeit at a lower rate than normal. I had friends who loved me and would give me the shirt off their backs if I needed it. In short, I had all the help and support I needed.

Even then, my church chose to do a meal train for us – all four of us – for the first two weeks after surgery. Was it needed? I suppose not. We had food in the house. Carl is an excellent cook. My parents were nearby and wouldn't let any of us starve. Was it appreciated? DEFINITELY!!!! It eased my mind, took some of the burden from me, and gave me time to rest, recover, and adjust to my new normal. I was blessed by the thoughtfulness and care from my church family.

Last week on March 9<sup>th</sup>, we heard a sermon based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. In it we learned the lesson of Spiderman, "With great power comes great responsibility." As Christians, we all have great power placed on us because we carry the name and authority of Jesus. We heard that it is our responsibility, then, to serve others and treat them well and to allow others to serve us and treat us well. It is a two-way street. How quickly we forgot the lesson, if we even heard it in the first place.

In the last month, we have had two of our members who have experienced medical issues of their own. Both required surgery. One also required a second surgery and an extended stay at a rehab facility. Neither of them is young. Face it, there are very few young people in our congregation. Neither of them asked much from the church. And both of them were incredibly grateful when I suggested a meal train for two weeks when they got home. Again, I suggested it. Neither one of them asked.

In the last two weeks, I have had complaints about both of these meal train requests. Do these people have family who can help them out? Yes. But remember family members also have lives and obligations outside of providing at-home care. Can they get Meals on Wheels? Of course, but that only covers one meal a day, Monday-Friday. I am sure we all like to eat more than five meals a week. Do they absolutely need us to provide for them? Probably not, but that is not the point.

The point is this. Jesus calls us to be His hands and feet to all God's children. That is what meal trains, visits, and any other kind of service are about. It doesn't matter if there are other options. It doesn't matter if we are taking care of a young, healthy mother or an older, medically frail widow. It doesn't matter if the issue came up because of an accident or if somebody 'brought



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it on because they didn't do what the doctor said' (not my words, but the words of a complaint I received this week). **IT JUST DOESN'T MATTER!!!!** We are to be Jesus' hands and feet anyway! We are to serve our neighbors anyway! No questions asked! No conditions applied!

In our Scripture lesson for March 9<sup>th</sup>, we heard these words (more than once, I might add), *Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy."* Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:36-37, NRSV) Jesus didn't add qualifiers like "only if he doesn't have a family" or "only if Meals on Wheels isn't an option." **NO! Jesus just told us to have mercy and to take care of our neighbors, period.**

The Good Samaritan gave the innkeeper two denarii to take care of the injured man and promised to reimburse him for anything else that was spent. That was two days wages, plus. Today, even at minimum wage in New Mexico, that would be \$200 or more. The price of a meal – especially a meal for one person - is miniscule in comparison. The Good Samaritan performed first aid in the field, dressed the man's wounds, and took care of him. We don't read it in the Bible, but blood, dirt, and quite possibly guts were involved. A few dirty dishes or the gas used in picking up and delivering a take-out meal pale in comparison.

Brothers and sisters, The Gospel of Matthew says:

*Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'* <sup>37</sup>*Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'* <sup>40</sup>*And the king will answer them, '**Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.**' (Matthew 25:34-40, NRSV).*

I don't know about you, but for me providing a meal to a sibling in Christ is a small effort on my part that can bring a blessing to another person. More than that it is a very small way in which I can serve Jesus.

I know providing a meal for someone may not be what you want to do or are able to do. That's ok. There are nearly 200 members of First United Methodist Church – Deming. Over the last couple of weeks, we have only asked for twenty-eight meals to be provided. That isn't even close to one per person. So, if that is not your forte, find what is and serve Jesus and your neighbors that way. No excuses. No complaints about what someone else is doing. If we are busy serving Jesus Christ, we won't have the time to see or worry about what anyone else is doing anyway.

Blessings, Pastor Koreen



As we prepare our hearts for the solemn remembrance of Good Friday, our Chancel Choir is honored to present selections from two moving cantatas during this year's Good Friday Service. This special musical offering will serve as a powerful reflection on Christ's passion, drawing us deeper into the story of His sacrifice and love.

We invite you to join us for this sacred evening of Scripture, song, and reflection on Friday, April 18, at 6 PM. Whether you have been attending our Good Friday services for years or will be joining us for the first time, we pray this time of worship will be a blessing to all who attend. May this service deepen our understanding of Christ's sacrifice and prepare our hearts for the joy of His resurrection.

Come and be uplifted by the Chancel Choir's musical ministry as we journey together through this solemn yet hopeful moment in our faith. We look forward to worshiping with you.

If you can't make it to the Good Friday service, the choir will also perform on Easter Sunday evening at 6PM at the LDS Church at 1000 W. Florida Ave.

## **SENIORS**

## **CLASS OF 2025**

April is here which means May and our Graduate Breakfast is not too far behind. This year, we will honor our high school graduating seniors during worship on Sunday, May 18. We will also celebrate them at a breakfast following worship. As their faith family, we can all support them. Here are some ways to help:

- Make a breakfast casserole (recipe will be provided), 10 each
- Bake or buy breakfast muffins, 10 dozen
- Make or buy mixed fruit, enough for 75 people is needed
- Help set up tables and chairs on Saturday, May 17, in the morning, decorate also
- Help serve the breakfast as we do not have very many of the younger kids who can assist.

For more information, or if you can help, please contact:

Lani Hofacket      575-545-1086

Holly Schultz      575-544-5702



The United Methodist Men will be meeting this month. Please join them on Sunday, **April 20**, at 7:30 AM in the Memorial Classroom, for a light breakfast and devotional.



The Women's Group will be meeting next on Wednesday, **April 16**. The meeting will be at 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



Communion will be held on **April 6**. 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 Memorial Committee is once again offering the opportunity to purchase memorial bricks for the Prayer Garden. These beautiful, personalized bricks cost just \$50 and provide a lasting way to honor a loved one, commemorate a special occasion, or leave your name as part of this sacred space.

A new order will be placed soon, so now is the perfect time to reserve your brick. If you'd like to order one, please contact Juan Gonzales at 575-545-8138 for more details.

Don't miss this chance to be part of a meaningful addition to our Prayer Garden!



It's hard to believe how fast this school year has gone! The office is starting to gather names of graduating seniors from our congregation or graduating family members of our congregants, If you have a name to submit, please contact Lani Hofacket at 575-545-1086 as soon as possible. We want to recognize all the graduates for their accomplishments throughout their time in school.



Saddle Up for an Exciting Two-Day Vacation Bible School! Join us on **June 25-26** for a fun-filled adventure as we share the Good News with the children in our community! Planning is already underway, and we need your help to make this an unforgettable experience. Let's work together to create a VBS full of faith, fun, and lasting memories!





## Food & Fellowship

We are looking for a group to sponsor refreshments for Fellowship Time on the 4th Sunday of each month. If your group is interested, we would greatly appreciate your support! Additionally, we kindly ask for more healthy options each Sunday to accommodate those in our congregation with dietary needs. As always, we invite everyone to join us after the service each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and community time. Thank you for helping make this time meaningful for all!



The Financial Administrator position has been filled by Jody Yardumian. She has lived in Deming for 6 years with her husband Richard. Jody grew up near Augusta, GA in a family with 5 siblings. Between Jody and Richard, they have 5 children, 17 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren all of whom live in South Carolina. Richard leads music at the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Deming.

Jody has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Wesleyan University. She has worked in accounting for several large companies including Salant Corporation, Owens Corning and Fluor Corporation. Jody retired from the business world in 2018 but is very excited to start this new job with everyone at First United Methodist Church.



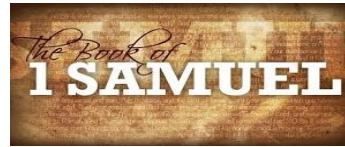
Our April Bread Basket offering will be taken on **April 20** and will benefit the Non-Food Commodity Closet.

The Closet was created as a way to help seniors in the community with needs not covered by local food banks. They receive items such as cleaning and hygiene supplies. In the past, we have put these bags together and handed them out at the church. We have now partnered with The Well, a local food bank, to distribute the packages on a quarterly basis. We still order the items and deliver them to The Well where their volunteers ready them for distribution. We are excited to partner together to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters around us who struggle on a daily basis. The struggle is real, and your generous help will go a long way to help meet these needs.

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

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



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

4/2 – 1 Samuel 20:1-42

4/4 – 1 Samuel 21:1-15

4/14 – 1 Samuel 25:1-22

4/16 – 1 Samuel 25:23-44

4/18 – 1 Samuel 26:1-25

4/7 – 1 Samuel 22:1-23

4/9 – 1 Samuel 23:1-29

4/11 – 1 Samuel 24:1-22

4/21 – 1 Samuel 27:1-28:2

4/23 – 1 Samuel 28:1-25

4/25 – 1 Samuel 29:1-11

4/28 – 1 Samuel 30:1-31

4/30 – 1 Samuel 31:1-13



A Memorial Service for Signe Nowosadko will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Deming on Saturday, April 26, at 10 AM

Dear FUMC Family,

Thank you for being part of our mom's life. She enjoyed her time with all of you, and all the opportunities for fellowship and service. As you know, we'll be having her memorial service there in late April, and hope you'll be able to join us.

With Love and Gratitude,  
Gail, Michael, and Nancy

Excerpt from a card received by the church.

*Signe was grateful to have had good health for almost all of her life, until the last months, when she was diagnosed with metastatic pancreatic cancer. When she got her first test results, she said, "I've had a good life." She moved through the last months of her life with remarkable grace and peace, and we are so grateful that her pain was managed very well, and that we were able to be with her during that time. We will forever be grateful to all of you who knew her and loved her, and appreciated her dry sense of humor, her love of New Mexico and the Deming community, her love of the natural world and birds, and her unwavering commitment to being of service in the world. Please know that she loved and appreciated you all.*



Spring is upon us, and it's never too early to be thinking about Summer Camp! Sacramento Camp and Conference Center is once again gearing up for a full summer of camping opportunities. If you are looking for gospel-oriented, discipleship-driven, camp for all ages, then you are at the right place. For more information about the camps being offered this year, you can check out the [Sacramento Website](#), email [info@sacramentocamp.org](mailto:info@sacramentocamp.org), or call 575-722-2267. Registration is online at <https://bit.ly/SCCCregister>. See below for the list of available camps this summer.

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- ⇒ Young Elementary (grades 2-4) June 6-8
- ⇒ Elementary Horse Camp (grades 4-6) June 9-13
- ⇒ Sacramento Youth Camp (Grades 7-Grad) June 16-20
- ⇒ Youth Horse Camp (Grades 7-Grad) June 23-27
- ⇒ Camp Sunshine (mentally challenged ages 16+) June 23-27
- ⇒ Family Camp (families of all ages) June 29-July 4
- ⇒ Older Elementary Camp (grades 4-6) July 7-11
- ⇒ Whoz We R Camp (grades 4-6) July 14-18



National Donate Life Month (NDLM) was established by Donate Life America and its partnering organizations in 2003. Observed in April each year, National Donate Life Month helps to encourage Americans to register as organ, eye and tissue donors and to honor those that have saved lives through the gift of donation.

Donate Life America was inspired by the springtime scene of a garden. A garden and the insects within in it serve as symbols of hope, courage and transformed life — themes repeatedly found within the donation and transplantation journey.

The Donate Life garden depicts an ecosystem of plants, insects, and other components working together to form an interconnected living system. Similarly, we each have the potential to nurture and enrich our communities through organ, eye and tissue donation. This National Donate Life Month, we ask you to be a part of this lifesaving and healing garden by registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor; becoming educated about living donation; and championing the Donate Life cause.

We wish you a Happy National Donate Life Month. Thank you for your efforts in promoting organ, eye and tissue donation and the importance of registering your decision. For more information at the national level, go to [www.donatelife.net/ndlm/](http://www.donatelife.net/ndlm/). For more information at the state level, go to [www.donatelifenm.org](http://www.donatelifenm.org).



# COMMUNITY NEWS

April 2025 at the Deming Art Center will feature the wonderful designs and innovative creations of the Deming High School art students. It is always exciting to see what they have created, and we invite the community to support these young artists by stopping by to see for yourselves. The exhibit will be up from April 2 – 29, 2025. There will be a time to meet these talented student artists, enjoy live music and check out some student films on Sunday, April 13, 2025, from 1-2:30PM. 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 invite you to a Grief and Loss Support Group, offering a safe space for comfort and healing. It meets the First Tuesday of every month at 1:00 PM, in the Adult Day Room at the Deming Luna Senior Center, 800 S Granite St. Facilitated by Rev. David Bonnell, Ambercare Hospice Chaplain. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 575-546-8823 or Rev. Bonnell at 575-694-0238. You are not alone—support is here for you.

Volunteer Drivers Needed! Cancer Support of Deming and Luna County is looking for volunteers to help drive patients to and from their medical appointments. If you're able to assist, please call 575-546-4780 or stop by our office at 217 N. Country Club Rd. Your support can make a meaningful difference in someone's life!

Don't Miss the Biggest Yard Sale of the Year! Join First Christian Church for their huge yard sale on April 4 & 5 from 8 AM to 2 PM! You'll find a great selection of: Home furnishings & furniture, Kitchen goods & small appliances, Books & more, and Delicious homemade baked goods. Come browse, shop, and find some amazing deals! See you there!

Smok'n Oldies presents the 27<sup>th</sup> Show and Shine in the Park on Saturday, April 5, from 10 AM to 3 PM. For more information contact Dorinda Holly at 575-494-7072 or Jack Chafee at 307-680-0608.

Join Us for the Day of the Young Child & Child Abuse Awareness Month Event! Date: April 11, 2025 Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Location: Veteran's Park & Courthouse Park. This free event is open to the public and will feature: Music, Activities, Games, Bike Raffles, Food & More! Children's March: Begins at 9:00 AM at Veteran's Park (next to the Museum). Community Celebration: Immediately following at Courthouse Park. For more details, contact HELP New Mexico at 575-546-7414. Come celebrate our children and raise awareness together!

Join Luna County Cancer Support for the annual Celebration of Life Walk on Saturday, April 26, from 8 AM to Noon, at Voier's (Pit) Park.

# April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		7A Bible Study at Peppers 8:30A Pickleball 1P Grief Support Group	10A Prayer Group 2P Coffee, Chat, and Craft	8:30A Pickleball	8A First Christian Church Yard Sale	8A First Christian Church Yard Sale 8:30A Pickleball 10A Smok'n Oldies Car Show
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