



Online Newsletter

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Blood Drive *August 3*

There will be a blood drive Thursday, August 6, from 9 am to 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Walk-ins are accepted. Appointments are preferred. We still have early openings.

Church

UMW Rummage Sale *August 3*

The UMW Rummage Sale will be Saturday, August 8 from 8:30 to 11:30 am in the gym. We are accepting donations so bring your treasures, then shop on Saturday for new ones to take home! There are a LOT of items to be sorted so if you have time Friday morning (August 7), come at 8:30 am to help the ladies put out and set up.

Church

Joe MacDonald Leaving Deming *August 3*

August 9th will be the MacDonald family's last Sunday with us. Joe is preaching that Sunday. Come and wish the family well in their new appointment to the First United Methodist Church in Truth or Consequences.

Church

Sunday Encounter Suspended *August 3*

Because of Joe's pending move, *A Sunday Encounter* (usually held on second Sunday evenings) is being suspended for the time being.

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Nursing Home Services *August 3*

Nursing Home services continue every Sunday in August, at 3:30 pm, at Mimbres Memorial Nursing Home. You will never know the joy your presence brings until you try it one Sunday.

Church

Celebration *August 3*

Attention All Ladies! Please join us Saturday, August 15th, for the summer gathering of Celebration, a women's ministry for all denominations. We will have an "elegant" breakfast followed by a program of praise, worship, and a message. We will be discovering *Little Known Facts About Women in the Bible*. Fellowship begins with breakfast at 9:30 am, with the program following at 10 am in the church Fellowship Hall. We will end at noon. A nursery will be provided. Bring a friend! We want to reach women outside of our church.

Church

UMW Potluck Picnic *August 3*

The United Methodist Women will have their annual Potluck Picnic on Saturday, August 15, at the home of Waldon and Ellie Wolf, beginning with an 11:30 a.m. carpool from the church to El Rancho Lobo (the Wolf resident). This is time to fellowship, discuss short business items and hear upcoming announcements. Contact Rosalee Gillett at 544-8201 for more information. All ladies are welcome to attend. You need not be a member of UMW - just bring a dish to share. We extend a "special invitation" to those from the congregation who helped with the rummage sale. We did not have anyone attend the Christian School of Missions this year.

Church

Blessing of the Backpacks *August 3*

Blessing of the Backpacks will be held Sunday, August 16th, during both worship services. Kids are asked to bring their backpacks, lunch bags, and even diaper bags for the *little 'uns* to church that day. There will be a special time during worship to send our children back to school covered with God's protection of love.

Church

UMM Monthly Meeting *August 3*

The United Methodist Men will have their monthly breakfast meeting on Sunday, August 16th, at 7am, in the Memorial Classroom. This is open to all men. Please make plans to attend as this is the last meeting before our Duck Race BBQ.

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Public School Resumes *August 3*

School starts on August 18th for the kids. Remember the school zones for reduced speed limits. Please pray for the safety of all school children, teachers, aides, administrators, bus drivers and other personnel.

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Duck Race BBQ *August 3*

Once again the United Methodist Men are spear heading our annual Duck Race BBQ, on Saturday, August 22nd, from 11 am to 2 pm. You may dine in the gym, go to the Fellowship Hall for carry out or have your meal delivered (in town only). This meal is all-you-can-eat smoked top round beef served with beans, coleslaw, a beverage, one dessert and trimmings. Proceeds from the sale are used to provide college scholarships to our students, food boxes for needy families at Thanksgiving and Easter and to help fund other local ministries. Because this such a huge event (we have served over 900 meals in years past), everyone's assistance is what makes this a success.

There are a number of areas where help is needed. Please see the poster in the Fellowship Hall for specific job areas. Sign early so that you have first pick of where you want to serve! If you cannot help that day, can you sell tickets to your friends and family? The cost is \$7/adults, \$4/children 6-12, \$2/children under 6. Remember, this is ALL you can eat with dine in, carry out or delivery options. And the meat is top round, not brisket. Of course, buy a ticket yourself and come enjoy this great food. We also need those wonderful desserts our cooks are famous for providing that day. So you see, there are LOTS of ways you can help make this year's BBQ a success. If you have any questions, please call Don Cameron (546-3103) or the church office (546-2791). NOTE: Tickets will be sold August 9 and 16 in the Fellowship Hall between services. You can also buy them from the office but we cannot make change so exact cash or checks please.

Church

Labor Day Campout *August 3*

Labor Day Campout - Each year we host a church camp at the Sapillio Campground in the Gila National Forest. All are invited to attend! Bring your motor home, RV, tent, or call early to reserve a cabin (info on cabins available in the office). The Labor Day Campout will be held Friday, September 4th through Monday, September 7th. Early birds will arrive on Thursday. Bring extra water since this is dry camping. A port-a-potty will be available. We'll have a guest speaker, wonderful music and share a potluck meal on Saturday evening. More details will be forthcoming. Even if you don't camp, come up for the day and enjoy fun, food and fellowship!

Church

UMW Alpine Mission *August 3*

The United Methodist Women continue their "pennies for Alpine mission" program. Donations may be put in the BIG coke bottle bank in the Fellowship Hall.

Church

Scholarship Applications *August 3*

Scholarship Applications - The United Methodist Men encourage all college students to apply for

financial scholarships. Money raised at the annual Duck Race BBQ dinner is often available to those in need. Applications forms are available in the church office.

Church

Scrapbooking *August 3*

Scrapbooking will continue on the last Friday of each month, in the Fellowship Hall, from 4 to 10 pm. Anyone who scrapbooks is welcome to join us as we fellowship with one another, share ideas, and share a meal. Fall scrapbooking dates are August 28, September 25 and October 30. Dates in November and December are pending a group decision, due to the holidays. Even if you are new to scrapbooking, grab your pictures and join the fun!

Church

Aluminum Cans and Pepper's Receipts *August 3*

Please continue to bring your aluminum cans and your Pepper's receipts. The cash back from the Pepper's receipts helps fund youth mission programs. The cash from the cans helps fund camp scholarships. So far, we are collecting about \$125 per year from the cans. This goes a long way towards helping families pay for camp, which is often a life changing experience for our children and youth.

Church

Education Report *August 3*

Sunday School is going well with an increase in attendance due to both VBS and the Adventures of the Underground Church summer curriculum. The children have loved the storytellers, the underground church and the market place where they are ready to trade in denarii (Roman coins) for prizes. To receive denarii, they had to memorize and recite the Bible verse for the week. They loved going to the coliseum where we played chariot races, built bridges, had schuckput trails and rolled hula hoops. It was loud and crazy but they know more about the life of Paul because of it.

We will have the blessing of the back packs on Sunday, August 16th.

VBS went really well. We had about 45 children and 20 youth every night. I think we did as well at night as we have during the day. There was lots of help from the adults in the church. The best part of VBS were the God's Sightings. The kids really loved that. We still hear them talking about: Fear Not, and Remember what Seeche said: *Making a promise is like making pie crust. Easy to make and easier to break.* Our heartfelt thanks to all of our volunteers!

We are already looking ahead to VBS for 2010. A safari theme has been suggested and we'll be looking into this further. Regular Sunday School will begin in August. Be on the lookout for something new! Your input, suggestions, and yes – even help, are requested as we look ahead to Wednesday Night Live and also a Children's Program during Advent.
