



Newsletter for January 2010

Worship

Community Wide Bible Study *posted December 31*

Community Wide Bible Study will be doing *A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place* this spring. We will meet on Thursday mornings from February 4 through April 22. Books are \$17.00. The deadline to register is January 20, 2010. Please call Phyllis Mudd, 544-7787 or Suanne Delk, 546-2985.

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Home Communion Servers *by Beth Simpson, December 30*

Members of our church who are home-bound need God's love, and YOU might be just the person to share it with them! We need some new people to deliver communion to our home-bound members. This is a once-a-month activity that rewards not only the receiver but the giver as well. Persons of all ages are invited to participate in this ministry. Share God's love. Make a new friend. Call Beth Simpson at 546-2791 for more details or to volunteer. Thanks!

Civic

First Call *by Sarah Williams, December 30*

Calling all singers, actors and dancers ages 12-18! First United Methodist Church of Deming is reviving *First Call*, a performing arts group for adolescents. We will be meeting Thursday afternoons, 4-5 pm in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This group is open to the community--you don't have to be a member of the church to join! Our show for the spring semester of 2010 is *Bells Are Ringing*, a musical comedy. This group will begin January 14th, with our performance dates being April 23-24, 2010. Hope to see you there!

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Little Lambs Preschool *posted December 30*

Well, we have come to the end of the first semester. We spent our time wisely studying about the true meaning of Christmas. Both the 3's and the 4's learned the story from Luke, Chapter 2. They learned a simplified version:

"Mary (Jesus's mother) and her husband (Joseph) went to Bethlehem to be counted and pay their taxes. When they arrived, there was no room in the inn (like a motel) and they had to stay in the stable (a barn). Joseph cleaned it up and they went to sleep. In the night, Mary had a baby. They named him Jesus because the Angel Gabriel told them God said that was his name. God is Jesus' dad and he was so happy the baby was born he placed a bright star in the sky so everyone would know that Jesus was born. The shepherds were taking care of their sheep and the Angel came to them and said 'Don't be scared, I come to tell you something really wonderful: the baby, the son of God has been born. Go and see him'. And the shepherds were the first visitors. The three wise men studied the scriptures and saw the star and they came to see Jesus. They brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the newborn king."

It's a very simple story with the greatest impact -- our Savior was born to save us from our sins and welcome us to Heaven.

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Legion Auxiliary Entertains Youth *posted December 30*

The American Legion Auxiliary in Deming has been busy playing Santa's helper during the holiday season. A children's Christmas party was moved to the gym at the First United Methodist Church when approximately 130 children from Head Start and Hiz Kidz preschools attended. The children were entertained with rope tricks by a real cowboy and a visit by Santa Claus. The children enjoyed pizza, cookies, and punch.

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Senior Trek to Fitness *posted December 30*

New Mexico Senior Olympics invites you and your seniors to attend the upcoming Senior Trek to Healthy Fitness event in Las Cruces. The event will be held Thursday, January 28, from 8:30 am 'til 3:00 pm. More information is available at <http://nmseniorolympics.org>.

Church

UMW News *by Rosalee Gillett, December 29*

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE UMW! Our first Shepherd's run was challenging to say the least. Many, many thanks to Eleanor Fuller and her crew who put the baskets, etc. together. As the numbers kept growing, our best estimate is about 128 were delivered to those working on Christmas Eve in the Deming community and Columbus. This was a "learning" experience, but was an enjoyable outreach to the community from our Church. Special thanks to the Methodist men who were in charge of deliveries! We appreciate their support and help.

IMPORTANT: ALL UMW OFFICERS: Please mark your calendars -- there will be a Board meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the parlor prior to the regular meeting. Some important decisions need to be made, **PLEASE BE THERE!**

We start the new year on January 16, 2010. After the Board meeting, our regular business meeting will start at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Our program will be presented by Mary Lou Cameron on her trip to AFRICA entitled "Spreading His Word in Malawi." This should be an excellent, informative program. All ladies of the Church are welcome.

START SAVING RUMMAGE FOR THE NEXT UMW RUMMAGE SALE - Set up Friday February 5th and Sale on Saturday February 6th 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. You may bring rummage to the Mac Gym and put it on the North Wall beginning Monday, January 25.

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PrimeTimers *by Nancy Eubanks, December 29*

I bring greetings from Christmas just past and the New Year about to come. These "in between days" are sometimes special vacation and rest times and for others it is back to work. Whatever your situation - I hope these are good days.

I am also writing to remind you about Primetimers registrations - we have several in place already but need more in order to hold the events with the minimums listed. If you have been "thinking about it" - please go forward with the application process. As in the past - if an event is cancelled for lack of participants, your deposit will be immediately refunded in total. If you need information about any specific event - please let me know and it will be sent to you. Also - the Primetimers web site (www.primetimers.info) has all the details listed and the application may be downloaded there. Thank you and Blessings!

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Bible Study *posted December 29*

HERE AND NOW, THEN AND THERE

An 11-week Beth Moore lecture series on the book of Revelation. We live in a world turned upside down and it is Scripture that turns it right side up. Sixty-six books of the Bible are not like separate pieces of a whole. I want you to picture them like a long, long rope with 66 knots in it. They're all telling the same Redemption story - they're all tied together. And Revelation is the sparkling, stunning, astonishing finish to what began in Genesis... This series is different - there is very little homework!

If this interests you - contact Dianne Donaldson. The cost will depend on how many sign up for the study. The maximum cost would be \$15. The set has been ordered and the start date will be January 20 if the set arrives by then. We meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30 and quit at or before 8 pm.

Church

EDE 2010 *posted December 8*

Information regarding the content and times of classes at Equipping Disciples for Excellence (EDE), plus the associated EKE and EYE classes for Kids and Youth, is available on the [church website](#). Please review the information now and make your selection(s) early.



Thank You posted December 8

WOW – what a blessing! Thank you for collecting aluminum cans for us. We received a total of \$84.25 for 187 pounds of beverage cans (at 45 cents per pound) to help with Camp Scholarships. Cans may be dropped off at the church (the gym foyer is the collection point) during office hours. Thanks and keep up the good work!



Now You Know by Dee Huffman, December 8

This is an excerpt from the church records as provided by historian Dee Huffman

Deming's character was defined right from the beginning--guess it proves that when all is said and done, things don't change much.

From an issue of the *Lake Valley Herald* printed in 1884. Dr. Thomas Harwood described the New Mexico Territory and its people as:

First. The remoteness of this field of labor from the base of all temporal supplies from the east or west made this the extreme of high prices.

Second. The native people, so recently breaking away from Romanism, still in the midst of their Roman Catholic enemies and persecutors and very poor, could not be expected to do much toward self support.

Third. The American people who have come among us to the present time, as a rule, may be found in the following five classes: Speculators, Health-seekers, Military or government officials, Retires or otherwise, and not a few to Evade the law. They were not here to get religion or to build up church institutions, but after all many of them did their part pretty well even in this particular, except they seemed hard to move on spiritual lines."
