



## Online Newsletter

Church

### **Vacation Bible School** *June 26*

Plan now to make a visit to "Crocodile Dock" for Vacation Bible School July 13 through 17! We'll gather at the Bayou (also known as the church) to begin with a light supper at 5 pm each evening. Then children will break into groups to begin their adventures with "Flash" the Firefly, "Blossom" the Possum, "Belle" the Flamingo, "Jacques" the Gator, and "Tucker" the Turtle. We will also provide a Bible study and/or movie for the adults and older youth. The evening's adventure will end at the "dock" in the Sanctuary by 8 pm. It will be great fun for the whole family. You may register online at the church website [www.fumcdeming.com](http://www.fumcdeming.com) or complete one of the registration forms on the small table in the back of the sanctuary. See you at the Bayou!

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### **A Letter From Bonnie and Hali** *Bonnie Johansson, June 26*

Hi there, Pastor Keath! What a joy it was to meet you and your wife, Murray! Thank you for allowing Hali and me to be a part of the Sunday services there. It was sure great to come back home and to see everyone again. FUMC Deming is such a wonderful church family...such kind, warm and generous hearts. You sure don't get that everywhere you go. So we were definitely blessed in being a part of that church family while we were there. Actually it seems as if we have never left...we've just taken the people with us in our hearts and will wherever we go!

Thanks also for the use of the church for Hali's concert. We were overwhelmed by all who showed up...by their willingness to come out on a Sunday afternoon in the rain at that and to show such support and generosity to Hali and her future endeavors.

Please tell all THANK YOU for us, we love and miss them and we look forward to the next time.

Peace and blessings,

Bonnie and Hali



### **Duck Race BBQ** *June 26*

The United Methodist Men lead the effort but it's the entire church that makes the upcoming Duck Race Day BBQ dinner a success. It's a huge effort so

- mark your calendars now to reserve August 22<sup>nd</sup> for the BBQ, and
- start planning how you might help: cooking, baking, serving, cleaning, and more.

The familiar volunteer sign-up board will appear in the Fellowship Hall before too long so be prepared to volunteer!

Worship

### **Pictures of the Apostles** *June 26*

The pictures of the Apostles which hung on the walls of the Fellowship Hall, and which were damaged during the vandalism that occurred on Father's Day in 2008, have been repaired, were dedicated again for the glory of God at both services on June 28, and hang once again on the walls of the Fellowship Hall.

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### **"Honk!" Is All Quacked Up!** *June 26*

Many, many thanks to all of the adults and kids who helped make this year's Performing Arts Camp such a success. The musical was "Honk!" based on the story of the Ugly Duckling. The lesson of accepting others who might be different from us was learned amidst song and laughter (there were some great puns!) thanks to the talents of our cast and our support crew. Special thanks goes to Algernon D'Amassa, our

director, and Sarah Williams, our choreographer and vocal coach for all their hard work which enabled all of us to enjoy this play, whether on the stage or in the audience.

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### **Pastor Appointment List** *June 26*

Are you curious about which pastor was just appointed to which church within the conference? Go to [www.nmconfum.org](http://www.nmconfum.org) and click on the Churches and Pastors of the NM Annual Conference list or the Annual Conference '09 info + Appointment List. You'll also be able to see some pictures from Annual Conference, as well as our beautiful conference banner.

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### **Notes from Annual Conference '09** *by Claire Phillips-Onate, June 26*

Annual Conference is always a joy and pleasure to attend. Image being in the midst of hundreds of men, women, and youth – all of whom are raising their voices in song. Such an uplifting experience. This year's conference preacher was our own Bishop Charles Crutchfield. The whole theme of the conference, including messages by both Bishop Crutchfield and Bishop Whitfield, was **ARISE AND SHINE** from Isaiah 60:1 “Jerusalem, get up and shine because your light has come and the glory of the Lord shines on you.”

I'd like to share some of the messages that we heard from both Bishop Whitfield and Bishop Crutchfield, from our conference lay leader Donna TeBrinic, and from the various ministries that our Shared Ministries help support.

- What does it mean to be the Body of Christ in our community? What do we have to offer?
- We don't get a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance to make a first impression because most people make up their minds in the first five minutes of arrival. We must make changes before the stranger arrives. After they come it is too late to prepare for their arrival.
- The local church is the primary contact point for the world. Would Jesus do what we do?
- Congregations must have a clear mission and vision. Are we a passionate, life-changing, and dynamic congregation?
- Age has nothing to do with vitality. Vitality reflects what's in the heart and lives of people.

We heard about two new churches starting in our conference, one of which is in El Paso. They have no building of their own but are building Christians. We also heard of another pastor who has gone into the community to start small groups based on what those people want.

We also heard of that there are 10,000 doors into Methodist churches in the United States, one of the nationwide ad campaigns. But what if that also meant there are 10,000 doors out into the world? Our mission field lies outside of these walls.

Jesus is just as concerned about those outside these walls, who don't know Him, as much as He cares about each one of us. That is why Bishop Whitfield wants us to build on our past and become the church of Jesus Christ in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Bishop's primary concern and passion is that we are developing people who are passionate about serving Christ. That's why he's not appointing pastors to congregations, he's appointing pastors to mission fields – to those within the church and outside the church. He also sent the laity back to reevaluate our ministry. He encouraged all laity to be engaged in passionate worship, be prepared and excited about what God has done for us, to teach tithing, and to engage in intentional faith development.

What if church was a verb? What if church is something we do, not somewhere we go? We're here for such a time as this. **ARISE AND SHINE!**

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### **News of the United Methodist Women** *by Rosalee Gillett, June 25*

Five UMW members attended the El Paso *District Day Apart* at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Las Cruces.

UMW does not meet in July, but mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

- July 17-20: School of Christian Mission at Sacramento Methodist Assembly. The Spiritual Growth study is "Food and Faith." Three scholarships for first time attendees!
- August 7-8: UMW Rummage Sale - setup August 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to ? Sale is Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 to

11:00 a.m. Workers arrive 8:00 a.m. Saturday. We welcome help from the Congregation on either day! You may bring items to the church starting Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to place them on the North wall of the Mac Gym.

- August 15: Potluck-picnic at the Wolfs - details provided in August. You do not have to be a member to attend the picnic.

Remember we still need jewelry for the Bazaar - donations, please call Lorraine Lutonsky or Rosalee Gillett and arrangements will be made for pickup. Campbell Soup labels may be placed in the basket in the hall just outside the Sanctuary.

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Mission

### **Bread Basket Sunday** by *Claire Phillips-Onate, June 22*

Each month, we take a special collection, called Bread Basket Sunday, to help benefit local and area ministries. In June, our \$849 offering was to help provide scholarships so that our children and youth have an opportunity to attend camp. In July, we will take our Bread Basket offering on July 19<sup>th</sup> to benefit **Deming Helping Hand.**

Deming Helping Hand is a local organization that was the vision of several people in the community, including some of our church members. The mission of Deming Helping Hand is to assist people in Luna County who need a little help but who don't always receive it because they don't qualify for other assistance. Deming Helping Hand provides food boxes, clothing, some household goods and furniture, as well as paying for utility or rent/mortgage bills. They are in charge of the monthly food commodities program in the county. They also have a thrift store and use the proceeds to fund their activities. This is a non-profit, volunteer organization that blesses many others by providing gap ministry where needed. Your generous support on July 19<sup>th</sup> will help Deming Helping Hand change lives.

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Civic

### **News from LOVE INC** by *Carol Lokomski, June 12*

Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Son-fest 2009 held at the courthouse park from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Come celebrate as we call you to *Stand Firm, Be Free!* There will be free food and drinks to the public along with good uplifting music and speakers. Bring your family. Hope to see you there.

This is a listing of **Vacation Bible Schools** and other classes that are being offered in Deming *during July*:

- Monday thru Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm - *Bethel Baptist Church*, 700 8<sup>th</sup> St, 546-3955 - open to all ages and will include 3 adult tracks, a Spanish study, an adult study, and a parenting class.
- Wednesday thru Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:15 pm to 8:30 pm - *Living Word Family Church*, 104 S Gold, 544-3878 - K thru 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Monday thru Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to Noon - *Redeemer Lutheran Church*, 600 W Florida, 546-3993 - Ages 4 to 11 (theme Gadget's Garage)
- Monday thru Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm - *First United Methodist Church*, 1020 S Granite, 546-2791 - K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade - includes a light supper. Will have movie nights for adults and teens. Register online at [www.fumcdeming.com](http://www.fumcdeming.com) beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>. To assure the safety of everyone participating, parents or guardians are requested to come inside when bringing or picking up children for VBS.
- Thursday thru Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to Noon - *River of Life Church*, 1200 E Pear St SE, 546-7479 - ages 5 to 11
- Monday thru Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to Noon (register at 8:30) - *First Baptist Church*, 206 W Pine, 564-6509 - ages 4 thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

As you can see, the Deming churches love this community and you and your families. Please attend one or some of these events and be blessed.

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### **Scrapbooking** by *Cazandra MacDonald, June 10*

Calling All Scrapbookers! Are your scrapbooking tools gathering dust? Have you run out of inspiration for new pages? Join us the last Friday of the month, in the FUMC Fellowship Hall, beginning June 26<sup>th</sup>, from 4 pm - 10 pm. Bring a snack to share. We'll pitch in and order pizza for

dinner. Drinks provided.

RSVP by Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> to the church office, 546-2791, or contact Cazandra MacDonald (544-8161 or cazandra@q.com.)

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### **Tidbits and Such** by Jack Galbraith June 1

*Claire found in some church records a CD (compiler unknown) containing material pertinent to First United Methodist Church and to Deming. This is the fourth article extracted from that CD; more may appear in this newsletter from time to time.*

From **Deming Headlight**, Sat. Oct. 26, 1901

The Rev. M. Quinones of El Paso visited Deming last Saturday and conducted services in the Mexican church. While here he organized a Mexican Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with a membership of nine. This is to Deming a long felt want in the way of a church where the native population may go to hear the Word spoken in their mother tongue. Let the good work go on and on until we have no more of these actual heathens in our midst. We are informed that the new church is to have a minister here after Jan. 1 and regular services will be conducted. The new organization starts out with a bright prospect. May it continue so and thrive and flourish like a green bay tree.

From **The Deming Herald**, Tues., Feb. 25, 1902

**Preacher Fighter:** The Rev. E.F. Goodson, M.E. presiding in this district, was in Lordsburg Sunday, and went up to Richmond Monday where he held quarterly meetings.

It is well known that before Mr. Goodson entered ministry, says the *Lordsburg Liberal*, he rode the range, and there became acquainted with many matters and things that are liable to be handy in any man's life. Of course he was familiar with the use and possibilities of a six shooter. Recently his knowledge became of great value to him. He was riding on the train over in the Pecos country when a deputy sheriff who was carrying a magnificent jag under the same belt that he carried his official six-shooter and cartridges, came into the car and sat down in a seat in front of Mr. Goodson, by the side of a lady who was traveling alone.

Mr. Goodson saw the drunken officer was annoying the lady, and so asked him to go into the other car. The officer preferred to remain where he was, whereupon Mr. Goodson took him by the collar and lifted him out of the seat. The officer tried to pull his gun, but before he could get it out of the scabbard, Mr. Goodson, who knew just what to do in such an emergency, had his wrist in a vice-like grip and proceeded to twist it. The officer dropped the gun and then Mr. Goodson proceeded to twist his neck, which had such a quieting effect on the drunken man that he was willing to walk into the smoking car, sit down and be good. Mr. Goodson is all right, wherever he may be, and there is not a more popular preacher in the district than he.

From **The Deming Headlight**, Vol. 22, No. 3, June 21, 1902

Rev. J.M. Ray spent the entire past week at Lordsburg assisting in a revival service that was being held at the wicked town. The *Headlight* has not been informed whether Rev. Ray succeeded in persuading any of the many sinners of that town to turn from the errors of their way or not, but if he did he certainly is entitled to a vote of thanks from the entire balance of Grant County.