

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor, Steve Autrey

Eight months ago, we began our journey through the Bible in one year, called *The Bible Year*. As we approach the end of August, we are finally coming to the conclusion of the Old Testament with a final stop among the prophets - this time, it is the prophet Joel that we will encounter. If the prophets have all started to sound the same to you, there is a good reason. The theme of *warning*, *woe*, and *hope* permeates the words of all of them. *Warning* as in what is to come as a result of forgetting the ways of God, *woe* in the results of God's judgment, and *hope* in God's promise to restore His people. Joel follows this pattern as well, but he places more emphasis on *hope* than on *warning* and *woe*.

Joel provides a fitting conclusion to our Old Testament lessons, as that which he speaks of, namely the day that the Spirit of God will be poured out on all people ([Joel 2:28-31](#)), comes to realization in the book of Acts on the day of Pentecost ([Acts 2:1-21](#)). Joel is not afraid of naming the difficulty of the current situation faced by the people of Israel - he is clear as to what the brutal facts of their everyday existence consist of. Yet, he is also clear regarding where their hope for the future lies. In this, he provides a key lesson for us: we must acknowledge brokenness when we see it, and we can never lose hope in God's redemptive work.

I look forward to offering a word of hope from our Lord this Sunday.

- Pastor Steve

August 17, 2025 Worship Attendance

9:00	120
11:00	145
Children	30
Total	295

Stay connected to our new sermon series The Bible Year: A Journey Through Scripture in 365 Days with these resources:

- To access daily readings from The Bible Year, click [here](#).
- Watch "[The Bible Year Podcast](#)" with DUMC & HUMC
- If you wish to purchase the book or a study guide, click [here](#).



WORSHIP

join us in praising our Lord

Our outdoor Arbor Contemporary Worship has begun!

To prepare for worship this week and hear This Sunday's songs, click below:

We will be out at the Arbor through August 24th. Please plan to join us this Sunday as we come together to glorify our Lord surrounded by the beauty of His creation!



Acolyte Training This Sunday

We are having Acolyte training this Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Any children or youth interested in participating in worship as an acolyte this year are invited to come this Sunday afternoon to learn the ins and outs of bringing in the Light of Christ for our Traditional Service!

Please contact Staci Blackwell if you have any questions!

[Email Staci Blackwell](#)



GIVING REPORT

updated financial news

For questions about giving, please reach out to Cameron Wilson at finance@denverumc.org.

We appreciate your generosity and support!

GENEROSITY REPORT

**Total Received =
\$666,553**

(\$20,829 average per Sunday)

**2024 Comparison = \$663,737
(\$20,741 Average per Sunday)**

**2025 Ministry Operations
Budget = \$1,442,316**



[Give now](#)

Each week, we provide a year-to-date comparison of our current income versus last year's income. Please note that this is not a report of expenses versus income. Typically, DUMC expenses exceed our income for most of the year, as a significant amount of giving is received during the last few weeks of the year. This means there are times when we struggle with cash flow. It is not unusual for summer giving to be lower than in the spring months.

We will begin showing a quarterly expenses-to-income report at the end of September (financial reports are available upon request, following monthly review by the Church Council). As of the end of July, we have spent approximately \$150k more than we have received. While this deficit is consistent with historical patterns, we need to stay within a more narrow margin and proportionate to income receipts. Please consider making an additional gift, or a first-time gift, to help us meet our ministry needs and daily operations.

Thank you,

Pastor Steve



Click or touch the calendar to enlarge

Upcoming Events

8/24 9am | **Last Sunday at the Arbor** | worship@denverumc.org

8/24 4pm | **Compassion Crew** | sara.lee@denverumc.org

8/25 6pm | **Church Council Meeting** | council@denverumc.org

8/29 **Room in the Inn** | outreach@denverumc.org

8/30 8am | **Men's Breakfast** | discipleship@denverumc.org

8/31 10am | **Combined Family Worship** | worship@denverumc.org

9/1 **Labor Day - Church Office Closed** | news@denverumc.org

9/3 9:30am | **Chicken Pickn'** | rdwelke.rw@gmail.com

9/4 11am | **First Thursday Lunch** | rdwelke.rw@gmail.com

9/3 10am | **W.O.W. Bible Study Begins** | snicke@bellsouth.net

9/4 10am | **Prayer Team** | snicke@bellsouth.net

9/5 10am | **Friday Ladies' Bible Study Begins** | sara.lee@denverumc.org



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The Bible Year



LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



Men's Breakfast

Hey guys! Join us on Saturday, August 30, for a hearty breakfast and a chance to connect with other men in the community. After breakfast, we'll head to the community garden to spread mulch and to the Cedar Street property to do some digging. Don't forget to bring work gloves and a shovel! No registration required—just show up and enjoy good food, good company, and a little outdoor work. Email David for more info!

Email David Washco

Click any of the buttons below for quick access to DUMC resources!

What We Believe

Sanctuary Flowers

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Worship Times

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OUTREACH

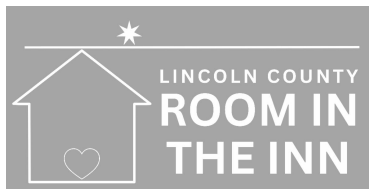
unleashing compassion



Compassion Crew - This Sunday!

The Compassion Crew will meet this Sunday, August 24th, in WAB 105 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. We would love to have anyone who is interested in visiting our members who don't get out as much as they used to be able to do. We visit one or two people each month. Contact Sara Lee at 704-230-9004 for details.

Email Sara Lee



Lincoln County Room in the Inn - August 29th - 30th

This is the last weekend of the first summer of providing shelter from the heat for our unhoused neighbors through our RITI Summer Ministry! If you'd like to help set up the space, drive the van to pick up neighbors, prepare and serve food, monitor showers, serve as overnight Innkeepers, or otherwise support the ministry, click on the button below or contact Carol Brown.

Email Carol Brown

Sign up to help!



First Thursday Lunch is Back September 4th!

Join us **September 4th** from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the FLC for chicken pie, baked spaghetti, chili dogs, sides, homemade desserts, and lots of fellowship! Dine in or take out. To order 9"x9" whole pies, please order online or call the church office at 704-483-1601 by Tuesday, September 2nd, to ensure availability. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the meal. Contact Roger Welke for details.

Order Online!

Join the chicken pickers on Wednesday, **September 3rd**, in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Experienced and new pickers are always welcome! All proceeds support local children and their families.

Email Roger Welke



Hurricane Helene Relief Mission Trip - September 15th-19th

We have an exciting opportunity to spend a week in the Asheville area serving neighbors still suffering from the effects of Hurricane Helene. We will be working with Matthews UMC in these efforts. Contact Dale Webster for more information.

Email Dale Webster

Helping Hands

building community through service

Helping Hands Local Outreach Opportunities

Click below to view the August **HandUp** newsletter, offering many ways to serve our neighbors. To receive this newsletter each month and get updates on the current volunteer and donation needs, email Helping Hands.

Email Helping Hands

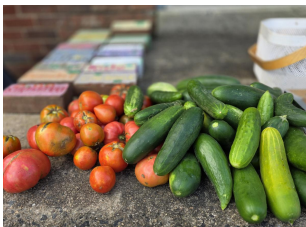
HandUp Newsletter



American Red Cross Blood Drive - September 15th

We are hosting our next blood drive on Monday, September 15th in the CORC, from 2:30-7:00 p.m. Click below or call 800-RED CROSS to schedule your appointment to donate. Thank you for saving a life!

Schedule your donation



Community Garden Update

Thanks to all who came to the garden last Saturday and helped us start our fall garden clean-up! There is so much more to do, and we'd love your company in one of our favorite sanctuaries! Contact Matt for details on what we need to accomplish this week and to be added to the weekly Community Garden email list. See you in the Garden!

Email Matt Edwards





DISCIPLESHIP

Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Connection Groups

Discipleship Opportunities

Email David Washco with any questions!

Sunday Small Group/Sunday School hour is
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Email David Washco

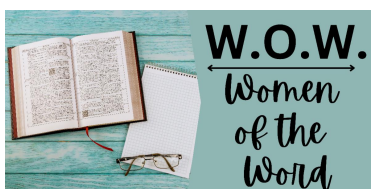
Click [HERE](#) for specific **Sunday school classes, weekday Bible studies, Wednesday night, and small group offerings with locations and descriptions.**



Friday Ladies' Bible Study

The Friday Ladies Bible study will begin a study by Joanna Weaver called [Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World](#) on **Friday, September 5th**. We will meet in the Chapel from 10:00 a.m. to noon for this 10-week study. If you would like more information or would like Sara to order a book (\$19), contact her by **August 21**. Childcare is available upon request.

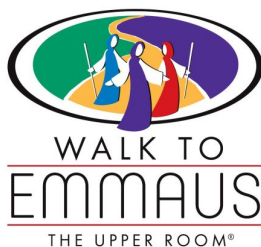
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WOW Wednesday Bible Study

The WOW Wednesday Bible Study will begin **Wednesday, September 3rd**, 10:00 a.m. to noon. We will also be studying [Having a Mary Heart In a Martha World](#) by Joanna Weaver. All are welcome! Any questions, contact Rachelle Roberts or Susan Nickel.

Email Rachelle Roberts



Walk to Emmaus

Walk to Emmaus is a 3-day weekend event that focuses on drawing closer to God and learning more about His grace. Held at Camp Tekoa Foothills, you will be immersed in care, love, and friendship. This walk is open to everyone - new believers, those exploring, and devout disciples. Couples are encouraged to experience this event together, but it is not required. For more information, please contact Wendi Sweet.

Email Wendi Sweet



THE SACRED INVITATION

Answering God's Call in Everyday Life

The [Sacred Invitation](#) is a one-year, transforming experience in community open to all who seek a Spirit-led life. This specialized program is designed for those who hunger for a holistic approach to the inner work that deepens their life with God and empowers them to identify and follow their God-given passion. The Sacred Invitation is Advanced lay servant ministry course in the United Methodist Church.

- If you are experiencing a void in your life that you can't fill with stuff from the secular world,
- If you are called to be a leader in your church but hesitate because you don't feel you have the right "tools,"
- If you want to make a difference in the lives of those marginalized by society,
- If you are concerned about molding the spiritual lives of those you love,
- If you are looking to grow your relationship with Jesus in order to grow disciples for Jesus,

Watch and listen to what others say about the program, learn about the leadership, details, and application [here](#) and apply now! **The deadline to apply is September 1.** A soul-satisfying, God-glorifying experience awaits!

[Click for more information or to apply](#)



Open Circle

Open Circle is a place for anyone new to Denver UMC who is eager to meet new friends. Led by Pastor Steve and others, we meet every Sunday morning from 10:10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. in the CORC with coffee and snacks in a casual atmosphere. We'd love to meet you! Contact Belinda Worsham for more information!

[Email Belinda Worsham](#)



Men's Alliance - Sunday Nights!

Sunday nights | 6:00 p.m. | Rain or Shine
Join us for a rugged workout and real devotion.
Click [here](#) for the video. For more information, email Justin Hobbs.

[Email Justin Hobbs](#)

[Men's Alliance](#)

Women's Alliance - Wednesday Nights!

Looking for a supportive community where you can grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and embrace a healthier lifestyle? Look no further! Denver United Methodist Church invites you to join our Women's Alliance Tribe, a vibrant and empowering group of all ages dedicated to uplifting women just like you! **Participation is free.** For more information,



reach out to Amy Washco at 828-234-9111 or visit [Women's Alliance](#). Bring a friend! You don't have to be a member of DUMC to participate – the more, the merrier!

Women's Alliance

Connect

Video Series

Spiritual Gifts
Assessment



HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-T2th grade ministry



HY Connected

Time for fun and connecting while we read scripture together Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. *(to the right of the FLC stage)*



Denver Young Adult Ministry
for 18-30 year olds...

BEGINS
9/8!!

Rally

Contact: Grant Perry
Grant@myhomechurch.cc

2nd Monday each month
7-9pm @ Trilogy

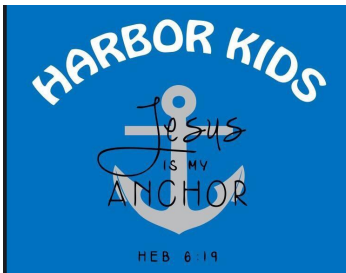
Go to our [website](#) for the 2025/2026 calendar and details on all upcoming events! And follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

Email Harbor Youth



HARBOR KIDS

DUMC's birth - 5th grade ministry



We are committed to helping your child grow in every aspect of their relationship with Jesus Christ and knowledge of His Word. Thank you for your support and prayer!

Our Harbor Kids Nursery is available every Sunday morning beginning at 8:45 a.m. and remains open until 12:00 p.m. Our church nursery is staffed by volunteers who serve on a rotational basis and who are Safe Sanctuary trained as well as background check approved.

We offer age-appropriate Sunday School classes for Preschool, K-3rd and 4th-5th at both our 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

Visit our [website](#) for more information!

Staff Connections

Click [here](#) to connect with our staff.



