

## THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Student Pastor, Ben Nobles

Picture this. You see a preoccupied friend coming toward you. You stretch out your arm to greet them the way friends do (handshake, high five, dap, or your super secret handshake routine). After holding your hand out for 3 seconds...5 seconds...10 seconds... you start to think, how long am I going to be left hanging like this?

Pressure is mounting. Everyone's watching. Some are laughing. Will you patiently wait for your friend? Will you change your strategy? Will you abandon the mission altogether and sit in shame?

How long does God leave Israel hanging in exile? What all happens during those long, excruciating centuries? Why? Better yet, how long do we leave God hanging?

This Sunday, we will hopefully minimize those awkward handshakes with one another as we have our COMBINED SERVICE FROM 10-11:30 a.m.. We'll catch up on so much that God has been doing, celebrate young people making life-changing decisions, and reflect a bit on how Denver has been such a blessing to my family and me. With so much to share, please plan on spending a few extra minutes in service as I'd love to spend a few moments longer with you on our final Sunday as a pastor at Denver UMC.

- Pastor Ben

August 24, 2025 Worship Attendance	
9:00	148
11:00	150
Children	38
Total	336

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

**This Sunday - Combined Worship at 10:00 a.m.**



# GIVING REPORT

updated financial news

## GENEROSITY REPORT

**Total Received =  
\$687,658**

(\$20,838 average per Sunday)

**2024 Comparison - \$680,567  
(\$20,623 Average per Sunday)**

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



For questions about giving, please reach out to Cameron Wilson at [finance@denverumc.org](mailto:finance@denverumc.org).

We appreciate your generosity and support!

**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



# CALENDAR

we'll see you there!

*Click or touch the calendar to enlarge*

## Upcoming Events

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9/7 5pm | **Harbor Youth Kickoff** | youth@denverumc.org

9/8 10:30am | **Helping Hands Meeting** | helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com

9/11 11am | **J.O.Y. Group Meeting** | rosannekocher@gmail.com



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The Bible Year



# LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



## Men's Breakfast

Hey guys! Join us this 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](#)



## J.O.Y. Group Picnic

Mark your calendars! All JOY members and anyone over 50 years of age are invited to join us for our annual picnic in the Arbor! Join us for this social event to catch up with friends and to make new friends! The picnic will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. The main food items will be provided, and everyone attending is asked to please bring a side or dessert to share! Contact Rosanne with any questions. **Please RSVP by September 7.**

[Email Rosanne Kocher](#)

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

[What We Believe](#)

[Sanctuary Flowers](#)

[Helping Hands](#)

[Emails & Texts](#)

[Connection Groups](#)

[Worship Times](#)

[Prayer Request](#)

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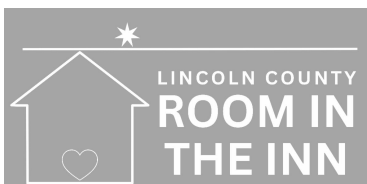
[Women](#)

[Men](#)



# OUTREACH

unleashing compassion



## Lincoln County Room in the Inn - August 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>

This is our last weekend to provide shelter from the heat for our unhoused neighbors this summer! If you'd like to help set up the space, monitor showers, or otherwise support the ministry, click on the button below or contact Carol Brown.

[Email Carol Brown](#)



[Sign up to help!](#)



[Order Online!](#)

### First Thursday Lunch Starts Back Next Week!

Join us **September 4<sup>th</sup>** 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 8"x" whole pies, please order online or call the church office at 704-483-1601 by Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, to ensure availability. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the meal. Contact Roger Welke for details.

Join the chicken pickers on Wednesday, **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 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](#)



[Email Dale Webster](#)

### Hurricane Helene Relief Mission Trip - September 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

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.

## Helping Hands

building community through service

[Email Helping Hands](#)

### Helping Hands Meeting - September 8<sup>th</sup>

The next Helping Hands meeting will be Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome to come and learn of opportunities to serve our neighbors! Email Helping Hands with questions.

[HandUp Newsletter](#)



### American Red Cross Blood Drive - September 15<sup>th</sup>

We are hosting our next blood drive on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 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](#)



# 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

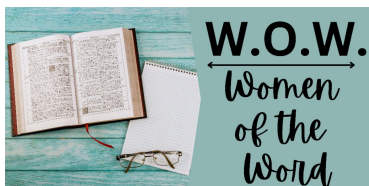
Click [HERE](#) for specific **Sunday school classes, weekday Bible studies, Wednesday night, and small group offerings with locations and descriptions.**



### 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 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

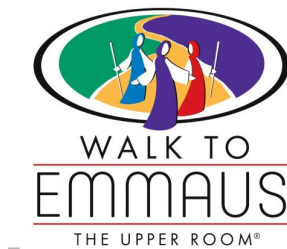
Email Sara Lee



### WOW Wednesday Bible Study

The WOW Wednesday Bible Study will begin **Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 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! Books are \$16. Any questions, contact Rachelle Roberts or Susan Nickel.

Email Rachelle Roberts



Email Wendi Sweet

### 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.

Fall Walk dates:  
October 9-12 - Men  
October 16-19 - Women



# 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 6-12th grade ministry



## Meet Our New Interns!

We are excited to welcome **Cailee Franklin** and **Luke Travers** as our new youth interns this fall! Both Cailee and Luke currently serve with Niner United, the campus ministry at UNC Charlotte, and bring with them a passion for walking alongside kids & students in their faith. Cailee grew up here at DUMC and is the daughter of Deidra and Lee Franklin and granddaughter of Susan and Tommy Nickel, so many of you may already know her. They will be serving on staff from September through December, so you'll see them around the church on Sundays—be sure to introduce yourself and make them feel at home! We're excited to see how God will use them to invest in and inspire the next generation for Jesus! You can reach out to Cortni if you have any questions.

Email Cortni Rose





September	October	November
<b>Sept 7</b> Kickoff Party!	<b>Oct 5</b> "Bring Your Adult to Youth" night	<b>Nov 2</b> Daylight Savings
<b>Sept 17</b> Table Talk Begins	<b>Oct 25</b> Fall Festival	<b>Nov 8</b> Sisterhood Event
<b>Sept 15-19</b> Asheville Relief Mission trip	<b>Oct 25</b> Car Show	<b>Nov 22</b> Rake 'n Run
<b>Sept 24</b> See You At The Pole	<b>Oct 26</b> Halloween Party	<b>Nov 23</b> Feed The Hunger
<b>Sept 28</b> Ministry Fair		<b>Nov 23</b> No Youth
		<b>Nov 27</b> Thanksgiving
		<b>Nov 30</b> No Youth



\*dates & details may be updated\*    \*blue events are DUMC led\*

## Harbor Youth Calendar

Click on the calendar for a larger image

Click to sign up for Harbor Youth updates!

**BEGINS**  
**9/8!!**

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



**2nd Monday each month**  
**7-9pm @ Trilogy**

**Contact: Grant Perry**  
**Grant@myhomechurch.cc**

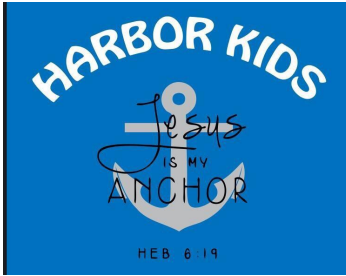
Go to our [website](#) for the 2025/2026 calendar and details on all upcoming events! And follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

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-3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> at both our 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

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

September	October	November
<b>Sept 17</b> Table Talk Every Wed. until Nov 19	<b>Oct 25</b> Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat	<b>Nov 2</b> Daylight Savings
<b>Sept 15-19</b> Asheville Relief Mission Trip	<b>Oct 25</b> Car Show	<b>Nov 8</b> Sisterhood Event
<b>Sept 28</b> DUMC Ministry Fair		<b>Nov 11</b> Veteran's Day
		<b>Nov 22</b> Rake 'n Run
<small>*dates &amp; details may be updated*</small> <small>*blue events are DUMC led*</small>		<b>Nov 23</b> Feed The Hunger
		<b>Nov 27</b> Thanksgiving
		<b>Nov 30</b> Combined Worship Service

## Harbor Kids Calendar

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Click to sign up for updates from Harbor Kids!

## Staff Connections

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



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