

# Denver United Methodist Church Privacy Policy

**Effective Date: August 25, 2025**

Denver United Methodist Church (“DUMC,” “we,” “us,” or “our”) is committed to protecting your privacy. This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, and safeguard your personal information when you interact with us through our website **www.denverumc.org** and when you opt in to receive text messages from us.

## 1. Information We Collect

We may collect personal information from you in the following ways:

### Through the Website:

- Name
- Email address
- Phone number
- Mailing address (if provided)
- Prayer requests or other messages submitted via forms
- Event registrations or volunteer sign-ups
- Any other information you voluntarily provide

### Through Text Messaging:

- Mobile phone number
- First and last name (optional)
- Any additional information you provide via text (e.g., prayer requests)

## 2. How We Use Your Information

We use your information to:

- Communicate with you about church events, programs, and services
- Send updates, announcements, and spiritual encouragement via email or text
- Respond to inquiries, prayer requests, or other submissions
- Manage event registrations and volunteer coordination
- Improve our website and communication efforts

We do **not** sell, rent, or share your personal information with third parties for marketing purposes.

## 3. Consent

By submitting your information through **www.denverumc.org** or opting in to receive text messages, you consent to the collection and use of your information as described in this policy. You also consent to receive communications from DUMC via email or text message. Message frequency may vary.

#### **4. Message and Data Rates**

Standard message and data rates may apply when receiving text messages. Please check with your mobile service provider for details.

#### **5. How to Opt Out**

You may opt out of receiving text messages at any time by replying “STOP” to any message. You may also unsubscribe from email communications by clicking the “unsubscribe” link in any email or contacting us directly.

#### **6. Data Security**

We take reasonable steps to protect your personal information from unauthorized access, use, or disclosure. Access to your data is limited to authorized church staff and volunteers who manage communications and website operations.

#### **7. Data Retention**

We retain your personal information only as long as necessary to fulfill the purposes outlined in this policy or as required by law. If you opt out of communications, your information will be deleted or anonymized.

#### **8. Children’s Privacy**

Our website and communications are not directed to children under the age of 13. We do not knowingly collect personal information from children without parental consent.

#### **9. External Links**

Our website may contain links to external sites. We are not responsible for the privacy practices or content of those sites. We encourage you to review their privacy policies.


#### **10. Updates to This Policy**


We may update this Privacy Policy from time to time. Any changes will be posted on **[www.denverumc.org](http://www.denverumc.org)** with an updated “Effective Date.” We encourage you to review this policy periodically.

#### **11. Contact Us**

If you have any questions or concerns about this Privacy Policy or how your information is handled, please contact us:

 [\*\*news@denverumc.org\*\*](mailto:news@denverumc.org)

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