



Earlier this week, Jennifer Ingalls shared with our congregation that she will no longer be serving as our Director of Children's Ministries effective August 1. Her letter can be found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> for those who may not have received the email. I am grateful to have worked with Jennifer for over nine years and greatly value the contributions she has made to my life and work at Denver UMC. All told, Jennifer has served DUMC for fourteen years, first as our director of Pre-K Ministries and, for the past five years, as the director of the entire Children's Department. I encourage you all to offer your appreciation to Jennifer. For those of you who have had children in her care, please take the initiative to send Jennifer a personalized card or letter as a testament to how she has helped shape your family.

We will also show Jennifer our appreciation corporately by taking up a love offering. If you wish to convey your gratitude with a monetary gift, you may simply mark your offering, designating the amount you want to contribute. The offering will remain open through the middle of August, allowing everyone ample time to participate.

Saying goodbye to a member of our church staff is never easy, and it is even more difficult when that person has been a vital part of ministry for as long as Jennifer. While there is excitement for what is next for Jennifer, there is also grief regarding the end of a chapter for Jennifer and for us as well. Please participate in expressing your gratitude individually and collectively to show Jennifer how much her contributions are appreciated.

Most importantly, please pray for Jennifer, Jay, Izzy, and Emma (as they have all made significant contributions) and join us in prayer for our church leadership as we strive to ensure the care, well-being, and Christian formation of the children in our congregation.

This week in worship, we are spending some time with the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah had a tough life, having been called to speak on God's behalf at a young age during a disruptive time in the life of God's people. Remember that the works of the prophets are arranged according to length, not chronology. Jeremiah covers much of the same ground as Isaiah as he speaks of God's judgment upon the nations of Israel and Judah. But not all is gloom and doom in the words of the prophets - there is also hope, and this Sunday we will be looking at what God sees as the ultimate hope for creating a people who will truly "be with God." Jeremiah 31:31-34 speaks of a new covenant that will be in people's hearts, not on tablets of stone, and provides a vision of everyone knowing God in ways that will make prophets obsolete. The goal is for everyone to know God - a vision fully realized in the work of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Even five hundred years before Christ, we see God laying the groundwork for a new way of being God's people in the world.

I look forward to seeing you all this Sunday.

#### Pastor Steve

July 20, 2025 Worship Attendance	
9:00	165
11:00	132
Children	25
Total	322

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

- To access daily readings from <u>The Bible Year</u>, click <u>here</u>.
- Watch "The Bible Year Podcast" with DUMC & HUMC
- If you wish to purchase the book or a study guide, click <u>here</u>.



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!









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

We appreciate your generosity and support!

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## Upcoming Events

7/27 6pm | **Youth Hang Out** | youthedenverumc.org

7/28 6pm | Church Council Meeting | council@denverumc.org

8/1 9am | **Missional Network Fun Friday** | outreach@denverumc.org

8/4 10:30am | **Helping Hands Meeting** | helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com

8/6 (through August 11) | **Trinidad Mission Trip** | outreach@denverumc.org

8/9 10am | **Love Denver** | outreach@denverumc.org

8/10 9am & 11am | **Back to School Blessing Sunday** | worship@denverumc.org

8/13 9am | **D.A.W.G.** | sara.lee@denverumc.org

8/17 4pm | **Prayer Shawl Ministry** | shawnwyatteudy52@gmail.com

8/17 TBD | Youth Leader Meeting | youth@denverumc.org

8/24 5pm | Youth Parent Meeting | youth@denverumc.org



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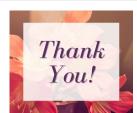


The Bible Year



# LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



#### Thank You!

Thank you to all the ladies who donated food for Peggy Kimmon's funeral reception. The family was very appreciative and spoke fondly of how much their mom loved Denver UMC.

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

What We Believe

**Sanctuary Flowers** 

**Helping Hands** 

Emails & Texts

Prayer Request

YouTube

**Connection Groups** 

Resources & Forms

Women

**Worship Times** 

**Podcasts** 

Men





**Email Carol Brown** 

### Fabulous Fridays Kids' Camp Volunteer Opportunity - Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

Volunteers are needed for this VBS-style camp at Hill's Chapel UMC that serves many children with few opportunities for Christian fellowship during the summer months. We're providing lunch and cohosting with Salem UMC on August 1st. The camp runs from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Come and get to know these awesome kids! Contact Carol Brown for details.



## 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.

Email Dale Webster



#### **Community Garden Opportunities**

We need your help harvesting produce, watering, and controlling weeds this summer! Gardeners of all ages are welcome! Contact Matt Edwards to let him know when you can help. He'll provide details on current needs and add you to the Community Garden Text Group. See you in the Garden!

Email Matt Edwards

Lincoln County Room in the Inn - August 29th

Help provide shelter from the heat for our unhoused neighbors through our RITI Summer Ministry. If you'd like to help prepare and serve food, monitor showers, serve



as overnight Innkeepers, or otherwise support the ministry, please contact Carol Brown.

**Email Carol Brown** 



**Email Helping Hands** 

#### **Helping Hands Local Outreach Opportunities**

Click here to check out the June HandUp Newsletter to learn of opportunities available to help struggling neighbors become self-sufficient, to love and support local children, and to find other ways to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors! Email Helping Hands with questions.



Click for more information or to register

#### Sisterhood Getaway - September 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>!

Ladies of all ages are invited to the Sisterhood Getaway at Lutherock Camp and Conference Center! The weekend will be filled with amazing food, shopping, crafts, hiking, yoga, games, fellowship, and discussions on how to reflect on God's Word and listen to His calling to you personally! The deadline to register is August 10<sup>th</sup>!



Email Diann Farris

#### Love Denver Volunteer Opportunities - August 9<sup>th</sup>

Every year, we join other churches to offer free backpacks full of school supplies, gently worn clothing, sports physicals, haircuts, groceries, games, crafts, lunch, and more to local families needing help to prepare for the upcoming school year. Join us for this year's Love Denver event at East Lincoln High School. Click the button below to volunteer or to donate \$20 for a backpack that will be filled and given to a child during the event. Contact Diann Farris for details.

Volunteer or donate



Click here for the full update

#### **Bridges Ministry Update**

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

Every Friday at around noon I (Jessica) load Mona up on my bicycle and ride to a nearby university to help with a lunchtime bible study there. After the battle of sunscreen-ing, helmet-ing, and buckling in a very wiggly one-year-old, I'm usually a bit frazzled and always sweating as I pull up to the campus and try to look presentable to the guards at the front gate so that they believe me when I tell them I have legitimate business on campus. (to read more, click on the button above)







# DISCIPLESHIP

Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Connection Groups

#### **Discipleship Opportunities**

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

Click <u>HERE</u> for specific **Sunday school** classes, weekday Bible studies, Wednesday night, and small group offerings with locations and descriptions.

Email David Washco with any questions!

**Email David Washco** 



#### **Day Alone With God (DAWG)**

Ladies, you are invited to a DAWG (Day Alone With God). Wednesday, August 13, 2025, from 9:00-2:00 at Diane Gross's House, 3669 Birchwood Lane, Denver. We will meet to spend time alone with God doing whatever helps you draw closer to Him. (Reading your Bible or a Christian book, praying, journaling, listening to a podcast or music) Bring a sandwich for lunch. Sides and dessert will be provided. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

RSVP by August 6



### THE SACRED INVITATION

Answering God's Call in Everyday Life

The <u>Sacred Invitation</u> 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 <u>with</u> Jesus in order to grow disciples <u>for</u> Jesus,

Watch and listen to what others say about the program, learn about the leadership, details, and application <a href="here">here</a> and apply now! The deadline to apply is September 1. A soulsatisfying, 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 <u>here</u> for the video. For more information, email Justin Hobbs.

**Email Justin Hobbs** 



## Women's Alliance - Wednesday Nights!

Join in a weekly, rain or shine, 30-minute outdoor workout followed by a 30minute real-world

devotion around the fire on DUMC's campus. This is open to all fitness levels of ages 13 and older. No equipment necessary. Bring a bottle of water and a towel. No sign up necessary!

Call Amy Washco at 828-234-9111 for more information.

Connect

Video Series

Spiritual Gifts Assessment







#### **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)



Go to our <u>website</u> for the 2024/2025 calendar and details on all upcoming events! And follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

**Email Ben Nobles** 





Scan the QR to stay-up-to-date with all the latest happenings in Harbor Kids!



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. You can also follow us on our Facebook Page: <u>Harbor Kids of Denver UMC</u>

Visit our website for more information!

#### **Staff Connections**

Click here to connect with our staff.







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