



## THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor, Steve Autrey

***“A folksy metaphorical expression, not a strict idiom. Great for humorous or colorful speech, especially in casual or storytelling contexts.”***

The above is how ChatGPT defined the phrase, “*It’s hotter than a firecracker on the fourth of July!*” I guess we will all find out come Friday. So, as you celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday, do your best to stay cool and try not to discover the exact temperature of a firecracker. Also, take a moment to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the blessings we share in this nation, and pray for God to guide our local, state, and national leaders in their decisions. Finally, will you join me in setting aside some time that day to pray for healing and unity amidst our many divisions?

One of my prayers is to see an epidemic of civility and kindness towards each other. This prayer begins with each of us, as we can control how kind and civil we are in our interactions with others. Much of our frustration stems from not having direct control over what happens in Raleigh or Washington, but we can control ourselves and decide to be agents of God’s grace. As trite as it may sound, smile at the cashier, thank the waiter, pick up the piece of trash in the parking lot at Lowe’s, let the person merge in traffic, and speak well to whomever you encounter. Our American culture is overloaded with grievance, malice, and asinine political competition. We are all part of the great big family system that is the United States of America, and when we behave well with a strong Christian character in that system, we do affect the whole. This is something we can and should be doing as people who are commanded to “love the lord your God with all your heart, strength, and soul, and your neighbor as yourself.”

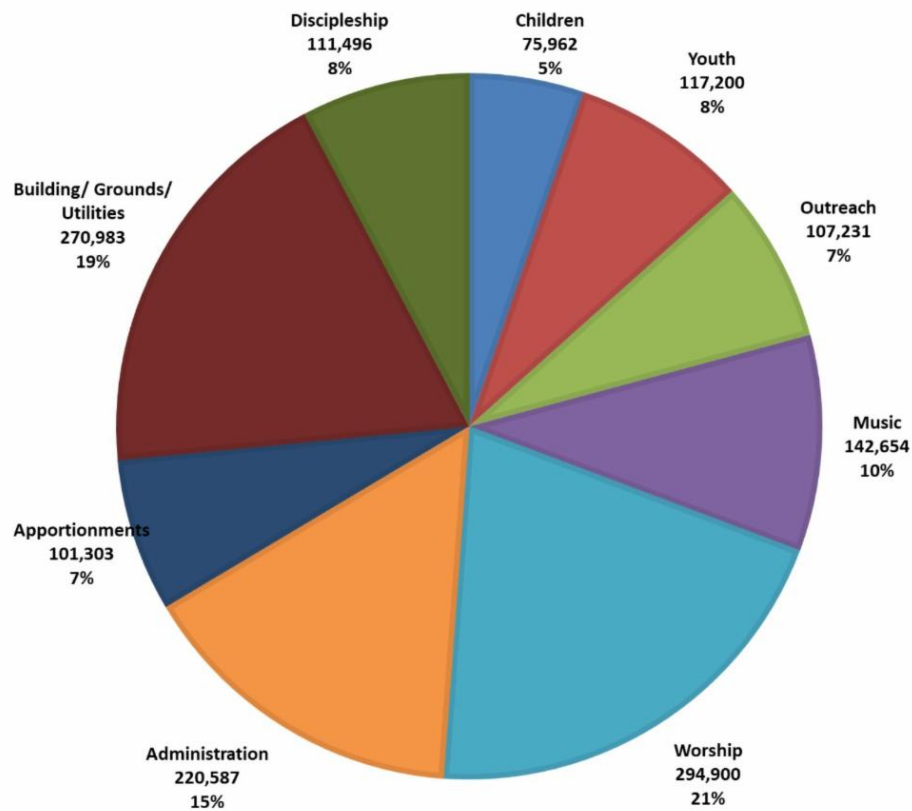
This week in worship, we are in our second of four weeks in the book of Isaiah, with [Isaiah 9:2-9](#) being our focus this Sunday. The sermon is titled “Christmas in July.” I hope to see all of you who are in town in worship. For those of you who are on vacation, please join us online.

The Podcast follow-up to last week’s message is available [here](#). Please note that all of our

video content is available on our [YouTube page](#). It is beneficial if you like and subscribe, as site traffic drives search results for those looking to learn more about Denver UMC.

Blessings,  
Steve

### 2025 Ministry Operations Budget



June 29, 2025	
Combined Family Worship Attendance	
10:00	206
Children	0
Total	206

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!



*Arbor Service*  
**THIS SUNDAY'S PLAYLIST**

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*Arbor Service*  
**FULL SUMMER PLAYLIST**

CLICK HERE



# GIVING REPORT

updated financial news

## GENEROSITY REPORT

**Total Received =**  
**\$536,781**

(\$21,471 average per Sunday)

2024 Comparison = \$513,721  
(\$20,548 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



# CALENDAR

we'll see you there!

Click or touch the calendar to enlarge



# Upcoming Events

7/7 10:30am | **Helping Hands Meeting** | [helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com](mailto:helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com)

7/7 **VBS Registration Deadline** | [kids@denverumc.org](mailto:kids@denverumc.org)

7/12 9am | **Sisterhood Event** | [outreach@denverumc.org](mailto:outreach@denverumc.org)

7/13 (through July 17<sup>th</sup>) | **NTS Youth Camp** | [youth@denverumc.org](mailto:youth@denverumc.org)

7/14 (through July 17<sup>th</sup>) | **What a Mess! VBS Week** | [kids@denverumc.org](mailto:kids@denverumc.org)

7/18 **Room in the Inn** | [outreach@denverumc.org](mailto:outreach@denverumc.org)

7/18 **Missional Network Fun Friday** | [outreach@denverumc.org](mailto:outreach@denverumc.org)

7/19 6am | **Black Mountain Hurricane Relief Workday** | [webstede@gmail.com](mailto:webstede@gmail.com)

7/20 4pm | **Prayer Shawl Ministry** | [shawnwyatteudy52@gmail.com](mailto:shawnwyatteudy52@gmail.com)

7/27 6pm | **Youth Hang Out** | [youth@denverumc.org](mailto:youth@denverumc.org)

7/28 6pm | **Church Council Meeting** | [council@denverumc.org](mailto:council@denverumc.org)



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The Bible Year



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## LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



### Sisterhood Event - Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

It's time to sign up for our July Sisterhood event! Ladies of all ages are invited to join us in the CORC at 9:00 a.m. for worship, breakfast, and fellowship, and then break into groups to create unique sea glass art, get a sweet summer mani-pedi, or enjoy a class from a professional photographer on taking better pictures! Click [here](#) to register. Contact [carol.brown@denverumc.org](mailto:carol.brown@denverumc.org) to donate breakfast items. See you there!





## Church Chat Recap

If you were unable to attend the Church Chat on June 22, you can still stay informed and learn how to get involved by watching the recorded session [here](#).

*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

Resources & Forms

Podcasts

YouTube

Women

Men



# OUTREACH

unleashing compassion



## Sewing Ladies are Back!

After a short break, the Sewing Ladies are back to work making pillowcase dresses and soon 100 Christmas stockings that will be filled and given to local students. Join them Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Admin Building conference room, WAB 105. Contact Wanda Reynolds at [wandareynolds@gmail.com](mailto:wandareynolds@gmail.com), for details.



## Fabulous Fridays Kids' Camp Volunteer Opportunities - July 18 and Aug 1

Volunteers are needed for this annual VBS-style camp at Hill's Chapel UMC that serves many children with few opportunities for Christian fellowship during the summer months. Come and enjoy "Water Day", as we host with

Rock Hill UMC on July 18<sup>th</sup>, work with children and provide lunch while hosting with Salem UMC on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The camp runs from 9:00 a.m.





### Hurricane Relief Opportunities

We have two opportunities coming up to serve neighbors still suffering from the effects of Hurricane Helene. The first is in Black Mountain Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The second is a five-day mission trip to the Asheville area September 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. We will be working with Matthews UMC in these efforts. Details will follow. Contact Dale Webster, [webstede@gmail.com](mailto:webstede@gmail.com) for more information.

### Community Garden Opportunities!

We just harvested 60 pounds of potatoes and planted sweet potato slips in their place! There's more to dig and more to plant! Volunteers are welcome on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings beginning at 8:00 a.m. to harvest cucumbers, zucchini, and more!

Contact Matt Edwards, [mredwards4410@gmail.com](mailto:mredwards4410@gmail.com), for weekly garden updates and harvesting needs. New and experienced gardeners of all ages are welcome! See you in the Garden!



### Lincoln County Room in the Inn - Morning of July 19<sup>th</sup>, Evening/Overnight August 29<sup>th</sup>

Help provide shelter from the heat this summer for our unhoused neighbors through our new RITI Summer Ministry. If you'd like to help prepare food, monitor showers, serve as overnight Innkeepers, or otherwise support the ministry on one or both of these dates, please contact [carol.brown@denverumc.org](mailto:carol.brown@denverumc.org).

## Helping Hands

building community through service

### Helping Hands Meeting - Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

Everyone is welcome to attend our next Helping Hands meeting on Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel to connect with other mission-oriented

neighbors and discover how you use your gifts, skills, and passions to serve our community. Contact [helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com](mailto:helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com) with questions or to receive the monthly HandUp Newsletter, full of current opportunities to serve!



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

We are excited to offer our second Sisterhood Getaway at Lutherock Camp and Conference Center!

The weekend will be filled with amazing food, shopping, crafting, hiking, yoga, games, and

fellowship, along with a dive into how to reflect on God's Word and listen to His calling to



you personally. The investment is only \$160! Reserve your spot by July 19<sup>th</sup> at a reduced rate of \$130. If you signed up to go last fall when the event was cancelled due to hurricane damage, let us know if you plan to keep your spot! Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up!



## 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 [here](#) to volunteer

or to donate \$20 for a backpack that will be filled and given to a child during the event.

Contact Diann Farris, [dfarris8049@gmail.com](mailto:dfarris8049@gmail.com), for details.



# DISCIPLESHIP

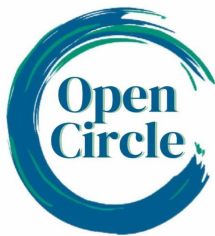
Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Connection Groups

## Discipleship Opportunities

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

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

Email David at [discipleship@denverumc.org](mailto:discipleship@denverumc.org) with any questions!



## Open Circle

Open Circle is a place for anyone new to Denver UMC who is eager to meet new people and learn more about Denver UMC and its many ministries and opportunities. 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 at

[belindaworsham@yahoo.com](mailto:belindaworsham@yahoo.com) for more information!



## 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, contact Justin Hobbs at [jhobbs4007@gmail.com](mailto:jhobbs4007@gmail.com)



## Women's Alliance - Wednesday Nights!

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

Contact Cindy Hoyt at [choyt71@gmail.com](mailto:choyt71@gmail.com) for more information!

Connect

Video Series

Spiritual Gifts  
Assessment



# HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-T2th grade ministry



## NEVER THE SAME



### NTS Camp

Registration is now open for the NTS Camp in South Carolina, July 13-17. The price is now \$415 if you **register by July 12**. NTS Camp focuses on growing closer to God in an action-packed, fully immersive experience that our students will never forget. Click [here](#) to register. For more information, contact Ben Nobles at [youth@denverumc.org](mailto:youth@denverumc.org).



### 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 [website](#) for the 2024/2025 calendar and details on all upcoming events! And follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



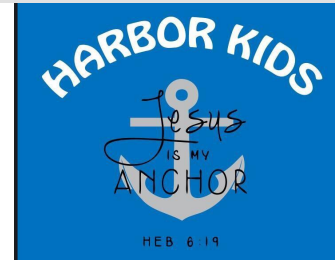


# HARBOR KIDS

DUMC's birth - 5th grade ministry



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



## What a Mess VBS, July 14-17

Join us for What a Mess VBS where we will learn to embrace the messiness of life, the need for forgiveness, and the beauty of God's grace! Click [here](#) to sign up and for more information.

**The deadline to register is Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>!**



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: [Harbor Kids of Denver UMC](#)

Email Jennifer at [kids@denverumc.org](mailto:kids@denverumc.org) or visit our [website](#) for more information!

## Staff Connections

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





