



THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor, Steve Autrey

DUMC has experienced minimal staff turnover over the past several years, so it can be jarring to say goodbye to two pivotal members of our team in such a short period. Jennifer Ingalls has concluded her time at the church as of today (July 31, 2025), and Ben Nobles will bid us farewell at the end of August. Both have served crucial ministry roles in Children and Youth, and we are grateful for the contributions each has made to the life of the church and community. Please remember to be a blessing to Jennifer and her family by contributing to the love offering that is open through August 15. More information will be forthcoming on how we plan to be a blessing to Ben and his family as we approach his departure date.

As we bid farewell to what has been and look ahead to what is next for Children and Youth ministries, I would like to share the plan for moving forward, as developed by me and the Church Council. As you know, Cortni Rose is a gift to this church and has served as our Director of Communication for the past five years, where she has excelled in overhauling our website and digital/video footprint. What those new to our church may not know is that Cortni served as our K-5 Children's Director from 2016 to 2020, before moving into the communication role during the COVID pandemic. Cortni's ability to adapt, learn, and develop teams kept us afloat as we navigated lockdowns and curtailed in-person ministry. Cortni has graciously agreed to step into the interim role of guiding both Children and Youth, beginning this Sunday. Parents, please be assured that your children will be safe, well cared for, and provided with Christian formation, just as they have always been. Cortni has also served as a youth counselor alongside Ben and other volunteers for the past three years and knows the youth and the culture Ben established over the past five years. That culture will continue under her leadership.

To help Cortni be successful, additional changes are being made to cover the work she previously did and to support her in this new role. Beth Bynum will transition from part-time to full-time to assume several aspects of communication, and Billy Rose will expand his responsibilities by overseeing the livestreaming of services and events. We will hire additional part-time assistants for the children's ministry, who are TBD.

The recent feedback from our Church Chat indicates that this church has a deep desire to offer the best Children and Youth Ministries in our community. To accomplish this goal, we need you to be committed to supporting the effort through your giving. For some, that will mean giving monetarily; for others, it will mean giving beyond money, by also giving of your time. Please surround our youth and children with your prayers as we have committed to doing so. Prayer and support are more than pleasant thoughts; they are a sacred duty that we have vowed to undertake. Together, we can and will accomplish this God-given mission!

This week in worship, we encounter the Prophet Ezekiel amid Babylonian exile, finding himself caught up in a jarring vision from God. For a quick and easily accessed tutorial on the book of Ezekiel, follow these links to *The Bible Project* ([Book of Ezekiel Summary, Part 1](#); and [Book of Ezekiel Summary, Part 2](#)). The text of [Ezekiel chapter 37](#) shows the prophet in a valley that is full of bones, specifically dry bones, and asked the question, "Mortal, can these bones live?" How would you answer this question from the Lord? This Sunday, we will explore what these dry bones mean and how, ultimately, God is the one who answers the question of whether they can live again.

Some other things are happening on Sunday in worship, such as my sister-in-law, Kristie Autrey, Principal of Mitchell Elementary School near Spruce Pine, NC, sharing how DUMC has partnered with her school to help kids impacted by Hurricane Helene improve reading outcomes. My mother will also be attending, and I am looking forward to having her and my brother, Chris, as guests. Additionally, we are commissioning a short-term international mission team to Trinidad at the 11:00 a.m. service. Finally, communion will be served at both services, as is our practice on the first Sunday of each month.

Pastor Steve

July 27, 2025 Worship Attendance	
9:00	125
11:00	112
Children	26
Total	263

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

CLICK HERE



Arbor Service
FULL SUMMER PLAYLIST

CLICK HERE



GIVING REPORT

updated financial news

GENEROSITY REPORT

**Total Received =
\$606,733**

(\$20,921 average per Sunday)

2024 Comparison = \$595,950
(\$20,550 Average per Sunday)

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



For questions about giving, please reach out to Cameron Wilson at 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

- 8/1 9am | **Fabulous Friday** | outreach@denverumc.org
- 8/3 11am | **Trinidad Mission Trip Commissioning** | outreach@denverumc.org
- 8/4 10:30am | **Helping Hands Meeting** | helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com
- 8/6 (through August 11) | **Trinidad Mission Trip** | outreach@denverumc.org
- 8/7 7:30pm | **Choir at Camp Meeting** | worship@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 5pm | **Youth Leader Meeting** | youth@denverumc.org
- 8/24 4pm | **Compassion Crew** | sara.lee@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!



Welcome New Members!

Paul Schaefer & Carla Wess, joined by transfer from First UMC in Kalamazoo, MI, and Suzanne Elliott joined by transfer from Aldersgate UMC in Durham, NC. Welcome to the Denver UMC family!



Ladies - don't struggle alone! Join the DUMC Women's Tribe you didn't know you needed.

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!

What is Women's Alliance Tribe? Our Women's Alliance Tribe P15 meets weekly on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 PM. We are part of a nationwide community of women united in our mission to fortify each other as wives, sisters, and leaders. Through support and shared experiences, we aim to empower every woman who joins us. Join us for an outdoor workout and devotion around a campfire, open to all women ages 13 and up. It's a perfect opportunity to experience the warmth and camaraderie of our tribe firsthand.

What Can You Expect?

1. Christian Community for Women: Connect with like-minded women who share your faith and values.
2. A Deeper Walk in Your Faith: Engage in meaningful devotions and spiritual growth.
3. Opportunities to Lead: Discover and develop your leadership potential within a supportive environment.
4. A Healthier Lifestyle: Participate in brief 30-minute outdoor workouts and embrace a more active, balanced life.
5. New Friends and Support: Build lasting friendships and find a network of support to lean on through life's journey.

Looking for a Tribe? We Have Been Waiting for You! We believe every woman deserves a place where she feels valued, supported, and empowered. If you're ready to take the first step on this journey with us, we'd love to welcome you into our tribe.

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

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

Women

Men



OUTREACH

unleashing compassion



Email Carol Brown

Fabulous Fridays Kids' Camp Volunteer Opportunity - Tomorrow, August 1st, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm!

It's not too late to volunteer this week at Hill's Chapel UMC for a VBS-style camp that serves many children with few opportunities for Christian fellowship during the summer months. We're providing lunch and co-hosting with Salem UMC. Contact Carol Brown for details.



Email Carol Brown

Trinidad Mission Team

Please pray for our team traveling to Operation Smile Home for Children this week. Pray for their safety and for the Holy Spirit to guide them as they serve alongside our Trini partners. The team will be commissioned this Sunday at the 11:00 Worship Service. If anyone would like to donate new school supplies to be taken to the young children living in this home, **please bring them to Carol Brown by this Sunday.**



Email Dale Webster

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.

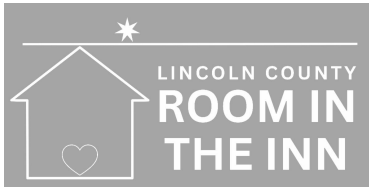


Community Garden Opportunities

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!

I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. Ecclesiastes 2:5 (NRSV)

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

Helping Hands

building community through service

Helping Hands Meeting - Monday, August 4th

The next Helping Hands meeting is Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Come and connect with other mission-oriented neighbors and discover how you use your gifts, skills, and passions to serve our community. Email Helping Hands with questions or to receive the monthly [HandUp Newsletter](#), full of local opportunities to serve!

Email Helping Hands



Sisterhood Getaway - September 12th-14th!

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 10th!**

Click for more information
or to register



Love Denver Volunteer Opportunities - August 9th

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.

Email Diann
Farris

Volunteer or donate



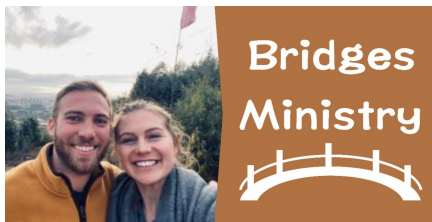
Compassion Crew

The Compassion Crew will meet on 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 with any questions.

Email Sara Lee

Building and Repair Team Thank you!

Thanks to the Building and Repair Team for sprucing up the playground and creating a comfortable spot in the shade for young students at Battleground Elementary. The goal of this project is to help them recognize their value and to gain confidence in their ability to read.



[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

Email David Washco with any questions!

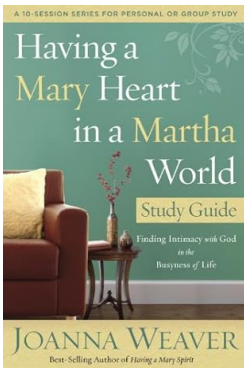
Click [HERE](#) for specific **Sunday school classes, weekday Bible studies, Wednesday night, and small group offerings with locations and descriptions.**



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.

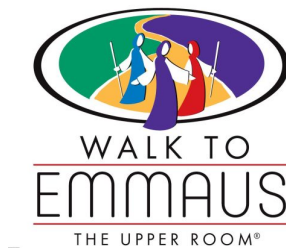
RSVP by August 6



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 10:00-12:00 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



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](#)



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!

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

[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)*

Month	Date	Event	Time
May	04	COOKOUT	5PM
	10	SENIOR DINNER	6PM
	18	GRAD SUNDAY	11AM
	25	HESED MEAL	6PM
June	08	WORSHIP NIGHT	6PM
	29	HY HANGOUT	6PM
July	13-17	NTS CAMP	
	20	HY HANGOUT	5PM
	27	HY HIKING TRIP	12PM
Aug	1-6	DUMC MISSION TRIP	
	15-17	YTH LDR RETREAT	
	24	YTH PARENT NIGHT	5PM
Sept	07	HY KICKOFF	5PM
	21	SYATP RALLY	5PM
	24	SYATP	7AM

IF YOU'D LIKE TO HOST A HARBOR YOUTH HANGOUT OVER SUMMER CONTACT: BEN.NOBLES@DENVERUMC.ORG

For all information visit DenverUMC.org/Harbor-Youth

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

Email Ben Nobles

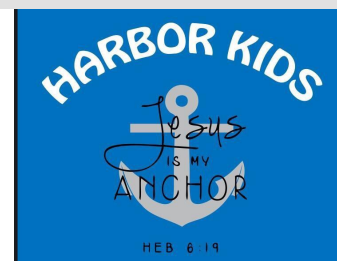


HARBOR KIDS

DUMC's birth - 5th grade ministry



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-3rd and 4th-5th 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](#)

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

Staff Connections

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