

# Your View from the *Harbor*



## THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

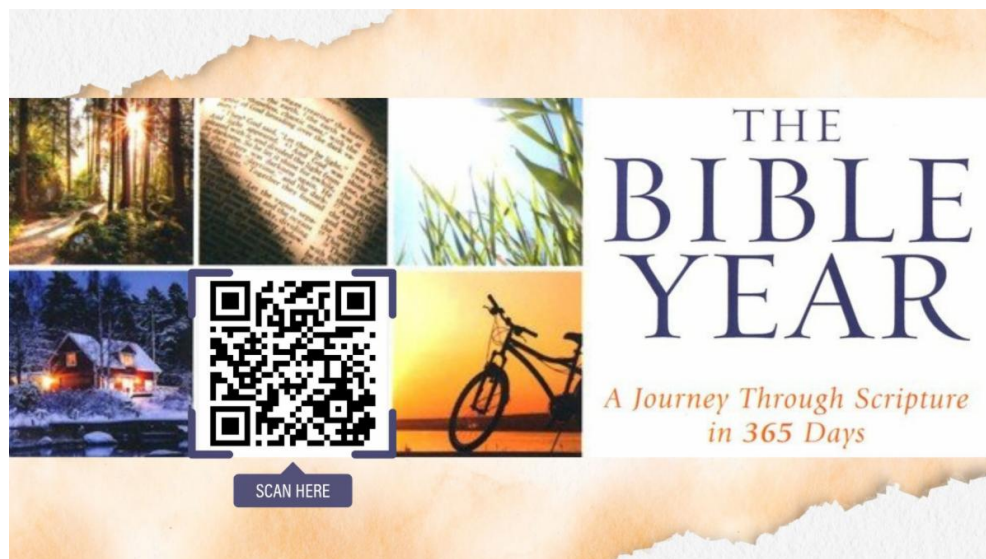
Senior Pastor, Steve Autrey

This week, [Nehemiah 2:1-10](#) is our principal text as we continue our journey through the Bible. Following the utter desolation of their homeland, the leading citizens of Israel were forced into exile in Babylon. The Babylonian Empire will eventually fall to the Persian Empire. When this happens, the Persian ruler permits Jews to return home. Nehemiah is one of the leaders who goes back and begins the arduous task of rebuilding. Long gone are the days of King David's military might and the magnificence of Solomon's world-renowned wisdom. The Temple, which Solomon built, is a pile of rubble, and Jerusalem's walls are no more. The human remnant that remained was demoralized and on the cusp of becoming a footnote in world history. Nehemiah is called to go and rebuild the walls and help the people regain their footing. Neither is an easy task. Yet we must not forget that God has a different calculus than we do. Any investor with an ounce of sense would have written Israel off as a bad investment and moved on to more promising opportunities. But we are not speaking of what is prudent and possible from a human perspective for the God of Israel does not balance ledgers the way humans do. This God spoke creation into being with words and called humans forth from the dust. God does much with little, and Nehemiah's story reminds us that God is the one shaping human history, not the bottom line in a financial report. God has not given up on His project to have a people represent Him back to the world. God is still working out the plan to be present in creation through the eventual advent of Jesus. A broken-down temple and crumbling walls will not stop God. As we prepare for Sunday, take some time to consider the resources God has given us. If God can revive a failed state on the verge of extinction, what can God do with what we have?

Blessings,  
Pastor Steve

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David, Ben, and I are all blessed and excited to be reappointed by Bishop Carter and the Western North Carolina Cabinet for the upcoming Conference year. I am entering my 10<sup>th</sup> year as your Senior Pastor, and David and Ben are entering their 4<sup>th</sup> year under appointment at DUMC. Thank you all for giving us a tremendous church to serve.



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](#).
- To download our Lenten prayer companion, click [here](#).

## Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service in the FLC  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School Hour  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service in the Sanctuary  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sundays will be Combined Worship at 10:00 a.m.*



### GENEROSITY REPORT

**Total Received =  
\$348,989**

(**\$21,811 average per Sunday**)

2024 Comparison = \$359,182  
(**\$22,448 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*

5/3

9am | **Community Garden Workday** | mredwards4410@gmail.com

5/4

10am | **Trinidad Interest Meeting** | discipleship@denverumc.org

5/4

5pm | **Youth End of Year Cookout** | youth@denverumc.org

5/5

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

5/8

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

5/10

9am | **Sisterhood Event** | news@denverumc.org

5/11

4pm | **Compassion Crew** | sara.lee@denerumc.org

5/18

9 & 11am | **Graduation Sunday** | youth@denerumc.org

5/18

12:30pm | **J.O.Y. Group Outing** | rosannekocher@gmail.com

5/18

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

5/25

10am | **Community Connected Worship at Rock Springs** | worship@denverumc.org

5/26

**Memorial Day / Church Office Closed**

5/26

**Deadline to register for Camp Chaos!** | kids@denverumc.org

5/27

6pm | **Church Council Meeting** | council@denverumc.org

5/31

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

6/2

9am | **Camp Chaos (through 6/5)** | kids@denverumc.org

Upcoming Events



# LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



## Today is the National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the nation. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials, and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America's leaders and their families. At the heart of this year's call to prayer is Romans 15:13: *"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* To join the prayer or watch the broadcast at 8:00 p.m., visit [www.nationaldayofprayer.org](http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org).



### Beware of Fake Emails from Pastor Steve

The spammers are at it again! Please know that Pastor Steve will never contact you directly through email to discuss something confidential or solicit money. All emails from Pastor Steve will be from [steve.autrey@denverumc.org](mailto:steve.autrey@denverumc.org). If you receive a suspicious email, please report it as spam, and if you are ever in doubt of the authenticity of an email, contact the church office.



### J.O.Y. Group May 8<sup>th</sup>

Our next JOY meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, in the CORC. The topic of our meeting will be "What is Your Mission?" Jonathan Streich will be sharing some of his experiences and blessings as a result of growing up as a child of Protestant missionaries in South America. Lunch will be provided. All JOY members are welcome, and anyone else over 50 may attend. Members can RSVP via email, and non-members can contact Rosanne Kocher at [rosannekocher@gmail.com](mailto:rosannekocher@gmail.com).

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

**Community Garden Spring Planting Day -  
This Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>!**





This week, we harvested and donated eight pounds of fresh strawberries, two pounds of kale, and a pound of lettuce to neighbors served through ELCM! You're invited to join us as we begin our summer garden! This Saturday we will plant our summer crop, beginning at 9:00 a.m. There's much to do and many hands are needed, so bring your children and your parents for this day of fun in the sun! Contact J Berley, [jjberley@gmail.com](mailto:jjberley@gmail.com), or Matt Edwards, [mredwards4410@gmail.com](mailto:mredwards4410@gmail.com), for details.



### Interest Meeting for August 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Mission Trip to Trinidad - This Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

An interest meeting will take place this Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the downstairs conference room of the Administration building for anyone interested in joining our team to work with the precious children and to help complete needed physical projects at Operation Smile Children's Home early August of this year. If you're interested but are unable to attend, contact [david.washco@denverumc.org](mailto:david.washco@denverumc.org), or [carol.brown@denverumc.org](mailto:carol.brown@denverumc.org).



### Helping Hands

Charlie Blackburn Memorial Golf Tournament



### Charlie Blackburn Memorial Golf Tournament

Thank you to all who sponsored, volunteered during, or participated in this year's major fundraiser for Helping Hands! The tournament was a huge success on a beautiful day, and we could not have accomplished this without your help! Because of you, more handicap ramps will be built, children will be fed, and struggling families will have a roof over their heads and power! We appreciate your support more than you know!



### Helping Hands

building community through service

### Helping Hands Meeting - Monday, May 5<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!



### Opportunities to Help with Hurricane Relief!

#### Short-term Hurricane Relief Mission Trip

in Spruce Pine, NC - May 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

We are partnering with Matthews UMC to help with recovery efforts in the NC mountains May 4<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. There is an option to go only Sunday through Wednesday or Wednesday through Saturday as well. The team will stay at Spruce Pine UMC. There will be a small cost to pay for food that will be prepared for you. An ERT team member and someone to prepare meals are also needed for this trip. Contact Dale Webster, [webstede@gmail.com](mailto:webstede@gmail.com), for details.

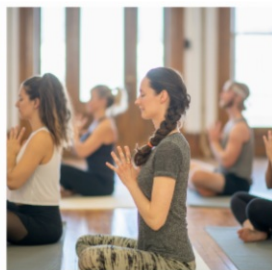
### Help Needed at the Terrell Response Center - May 20<sup>th</sup>

You can participate in flood and hurricane relief without traveling to disaster sites and without prior training! A group is needed to volunteer at the Terrell Response Center, where items are collected and staged before they are sent to devastated areas. Our first opportunity to serve there is Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Contact Belinda Worsham, [belindaworsham@yahoo.com](mailto:belindaworsham@yahoo.com), for details.

**Next Sisterhood Event - Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**



Come and celebrate your mothers and daughters on this special Mother's Day Sisterhood Saturday! 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 paint spring flowers on a flower pot, spend the morning riding horses at Cherry Acre Farm, or start your summer routine with an hour of yoga! Click [here](#) to register. Contact [janet.chubb06@gmail.com](mailto:janet.chubb06@gmail.com) to donate breakfast items. Hope to see you there!



### Sisterhood Getaway Registration is Open!

We are excited to offer our second Sisterhood Getaway at Lutherock Camp and Conference Center, September 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>! The weekend will be filled with amazing food, shopping, crafting, hiking, yoga, games, and fellowship, along with a dive into how to use your Spiritual Gifts for Kingdom good! All for 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!



### United Methodist Friends Community Fun Day - May 17<sup>th</sup>

Join us at Tuckers Grove Campground on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. as we partner with other churches to host a cookout with games, prizes, and other fun activities free for all who attend. Contact [outreach@denverumc.org](mailto:outreach@denverumc.org) for more information.



## 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!



## Prayer Group

### Revival Prayer Group

Come pray with us for a special movement and awakening of the Holy Spirit in our community and nation. This is not a pastor-led nor a Methodist event. This is a group of Christians from multiple churches in the Denver area who have a heart for revival and awakening through intentional prayer. We meet at **8:30 a.m. on the first Monday of each month** at DUMC in the Chapel. Contact Doug LeMasters at [DenverNCPrayer@Outlook.com](mailto:DenverNCPrayer@Outlook.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!

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Spiritual Gifts Assessment



# HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-T2th grade ministry



## NEVER THE SAME

NTS CAMP



## NTS Camp

Registration is now open for the NTS Camp in South Carolina July 13-17. **Register before May 4 for just \$395.** After that, the price will increase to \$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).

**MAY  
THE  
4TH  
BE WITH  
YOU**

# Harbor Youth End of Year Cookout

**May 4th @ Arbor & Fields  
5-7:30pm**

\*Color War

\*Amazing Food

\*Human Pināta

\*Slip n Slide

\*Camp Scholarship Giveaway

Games,  
Scripture,  
& Discuss

## HARBOR YOUTH CONNECTED

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**SUNDAYS 10AM  
IN YOUTH ROOM**

★ for  
grades  
6-12

## 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)*

**HARBOR YOUTH  
SUMMER EVENTS**

<b>04</b>	COOKOUT	5PM
<b>10</b>	SENIOR DINNER	6PM
<b>18</b>	GRAD SUNDAY	11AM
<b>25</b>	HESED MEAL	6PM
<b>MAY</b>		
<b>08</b>	WORSHIP NIGHT	6PM
<b>29</b>	HY HANGOUT	6PM
<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>13-17</b>	NTS CAMP	
<b>20</b>	HY HANGOUT	5PM
<b>27</b>	HY HIKING TRIP	12PM
<b>JULY</b>		
<b>1-6</b>	DUMC MISSION TRIP	
<b>15-17</b>	YTH LDR RETREAT	
<b>24</b>	YTH PARENT NIGHT	5PM
<b>AUG</b>		
<b>07</b>	HY KICKOFF	5PM
<b>21</b>	SYATP RALLY	5PM
<b>24</b>	SYATP	7AM
<b>SEPT</b>		

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

For all information visit [DenverUMC.org/Harbor-Youth](http://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!  
Contact Ben at [youth@denverumc.org](mailto:youth@denverumc.org) if you have any questions!

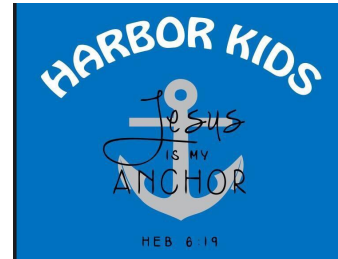


# HARBOR KIDS

DUMC's birth - 5th grade ministry



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



## Camp Chaos, June 2-5

Are you ready for this summer to get a little...chaotic? Get ready for Camp Chaos! Summer camp dates are June 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up [here](#) and tell your friends! The deadline to register is May 26!



## 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.

## PARENTS MORNING OUT

MONDAYS, SEPT. - MAY  
9AM - 12PM  
[denverumc.org](http://denverumc.org)

## Parents Morning Out

Parents Morning Out is offered on Monday mornings from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. for ages 6 months to 4 years old and is designed to foster opportunities for children to have fun and meet new friends while giving mom or dad a chance to use some alone time.

Registration is encouraged by Friday afternoons to reserve your spot on Monday morning. Cost: \$30. RSVP on or before Friday afternoons for the following Monday. Click [here](#) to reserve your spot. Email Mrs.

Jennifer at [kids@denverumc.org](mailto:kids@denverumc.org) for more information!

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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!

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## Staff Connections

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



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