



This Sunday, we're diving into a powerful and necessary conversation drawn from <u>1</u> <u>Corinthians 3:1–9</u> — a message titled "**Unity in Christ, Not in Leaders.**" In a world that loves to pick sides and rally around personalities, Paul's words to the Corinthian church still echo through time: "For when one says, 'I follow Paul,' and another, 'I follow Apollos,' are you not mere human beings?" The Apostle Paul reminds us that true Christian unity isn't about who stands in the pulpit, what ministry we prefer, or who inspires us most — it's about who *transforms* us. And that transformation begins and continues only through Christ.

For too long, many of us have come to church hoping to *receive* something — encouragement, comfort, maybe a word to get us through the week. And while those are good things, they aren't the ultimate reason we gather. Church is not merely a place to be filled; it's a place to be *formed*. Every worship service, every sermon, every song, and every prayer is meant to move us one step closer to spiritual transformation — to becoming more like Christ.

This Sunday, we'll challenge ourselves to shift our focus from personalities to purpose, from inspiration to transformation. Come ready to experience not just another Sunday, but another step in your journey of becoming who God created you to be. Let's grow together — not in the shadow of human leadership, but in the light of Christ's unifying love.

Rev. David L. Washco

Click below to watch the latest Bible Year podcast.



October 5, 2025 Worship Attendance	
9:00	116
11:00	150
Children	30
Total	296
Average Online Views	60

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

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





For questions about giving, please reach out to Cameron Wilson at finance@denverumc.org.
We appreciate your generosity and support!

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Contemporary Worship Playlist

Our Contemporary Service meets in the FLC at 9:00am (unless otherwise announced). To hear this Sunday's music early and prepare your hearts, please click the icon below.

Reminder: this week we will be meeting in the Sanctuary at 9:00 due to the ministry fair.





Click or touch the calendar to enlarge

Upcoming Events

10/15 5:30pm | Table Talk | discipleship@denverumc.org

10/15 4pm/6:45pm | Leadership Discipleship Experience | discipleship@denverumc.org

10/16 Thru 10/19 | Women's Walk to Emmaus | wendi.sweet@denverumc.org

10/19 4pm | Prayer Shawl Ministry | shawnwyatteudy52@gmail.com

10/23 11:30am | J.O.Y. Group Outing to Julia's Talley House | rosannekocher@gmail.com

10/25 3pm | Car Show | discipleship@denverumc.org

10/25 4pm | Fall Festival | kids@denverumc.org

10/26 4pm | Compassion Crew | sara.le@denverumc.org

10/26 5pm | Youth Thanksgiving Party | youth@denverumc.org

10/27 6pm | Church Council Meeting | council@denverumc.org



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The Bible Year



10am | Combined Worship/All Saints' Day | worship@denverumc.org







Join Us For Our Annual Fall Festival on October 25

It's an evening full of fun for our kids, youth, and their families! Come test your skills in the Caution Tape Maze, taste and vote in our Soup & Chili Cook-off, explore the creative Trunks, stop by the Car Show, and enjoy a variety of games and activities for all ages!

Candy donations are appreciated! Drop off donations to the church office Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., or to Harbor Kids on Sunday morning.

If you would like to donate candy, host a trunk, or submit a soup or chili to the cook-off, please email Cortni!

Let us know you're coming by scanning or clicking on the QR code!

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the meal following Wade Yance's Celebration of Life. The family was very appreciative, and we were able to send food home with them.



Photographers Wanted!

Do you have a great eye for photography? Are you passionate about capturing moments and telling stories through images? We're refreshing our website and looking for talented photographers to help bring it to life. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a hobbyist with a knack for stunning shots, we'd love to collaborate with you! If you're interested, contact Beth Bynum for more information.

Email Beth Bynum



Pictures for Church Database

Thank you to everyone who has had their picture taken for the church database. If you have not, please either stop by The Hub after any service to have your picture taken or email your family picture to Wendi Sweet. Having your picture in our database is so helpful for the staff and many ministries of Denver UMC. The Hub is located on the 2nd floor of the Family Life Center just outside the Sanctuary.

Email Wendi Sweet



JOY Group

Our social lunch at Julia's Tally House will be on Thursday, October 23rd, at 11:30 a.m. **Please RSVP by Oct. 19th** if you plan on joining us.

Julia's Tally House 305 N Main Street Troutman, NC 28166

RSVP / Email Rosanne

Wednesdays This Fall!



Table Talk - Wednesday Evenings

Enjoy fellowship with others over dinner with a brief devotional time. Dinner is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family (max.).
Email David Washco with questions.

5:30-6:30 p.m. in the FLC

Email David Washco



The Leadership Discipleship Experience

If you are a new believer or well on your path to Christian maturity, you are invited to be a part of this great experience. This is a ten-week journey designed to move beyond surface-level faith and into deep, life-changing transformation.

Two options: 4:00-5:30 p.m. in the CORC 6:45-8:00 p.m. in the CORC

Register for LDE



New Bible Study for the Fall!

The Gospel of Matthew will be taught by Pastor Steve. The study is designed to engage participants in conversation. allowing us to learn from one another. Please bring your Bible and an inquiring mind as we seek to discern how God is speaking to us today through Holy Scripture. One note: For those who feel like they do not know the Bible well enough to come to an open study, please do not shy away. The point is for everyone to learn together, regardless of biblical knowledge.

6:45-8:00 p.m. in the Chapel



Church Council Recap

Your Church Council took the following actions at the September 22nd meeting:

- Received a report from Finance showing that as of September 22nd, the love offering for Ben Nobles is \$3.400.
- Received a gift of stock. Finance and Treasurer will recommend the best use
- Reported that the Helping Hands Furnish a Future ministry received a gift of \$136,000
- Received a report from the Nominations Committee and approved the Class of 2026: Chad McIntosh, Amy Overbay, Mike Neal, Jennifer Grey, Tom Wallace

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

What We Believe

Sanctuary Flowers

Helping Hands

Connection Groups

Worship Times

Prayer
Request

Women

Men





Email Helping Hands

Helping Hands Opportunities

- The Asbury Resource Center gives free clothing to local children and needs more little boys' jeans.
- Soul to Soul Outreach is looking for brown or green tarps and four-person tents to give to unhoused neighbors.
- Our Backpacks for Kids ministry is low on nonperishable food for local families.
- Hesed House Homeless Shelter is asking for snacks to satisfy neighbors when they arrive every evening.
- There is a desperate need for foster parents in Lincoln County.

Looking for meaningful ways to help our neighbors? Click the button below to read this month's HandUp newsletter for more information on these ministries and so many more! Email Helping Hands with questions.

HandUp Newsletter



Community Garden Sweet Potato Day - This Saturday, October 11th!

Saturday, October 11th, beginning at 8:30 a.m., we're harvesting sweet potatoes! Come out and bring your kids for this exciting event that will likely put our total 2025 harvest over one ton!!



Missional Network's Community Fun Day - This Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.!

Join us Saturday at the field beside Rock Springs Campground as we, as a group of local churches, host a day of games, crafts, and food for our neighbors. Contact Carol Brown for more information.

Email Carol Brown



Reentry Simulation - October 20th

You're invited to participate in an interactive experience to bring awareness and empathy to those reentering society after incarceration and potentially facing homelessness. The event will be at Church at Denver, from 2:00-4:00 pm. Contact Soul to Soul Outreach for more information.

Email Soul to Soul

Soles for Souls 5K - October 25th

Support Lincoln County's unhoused neighbors through this fun



5K timed race, untimed 5K walk/run, and Kids Fun Run at Sally's Y. The race starts at 9:00 a.m. Same day sign-ups begin at 8:00 a.m. Not a runner? Volunteers are also needed! Click the button for details.

Click for details



Troop 84 BBQ October 26

Troop 84 is hosting its annual BBQ sale on Sunday, October 26! BBQ, beans, coleslaw, chips, and a drink for \$13.00. Tickets will be on sale starting mid-September. Look for us selling outside services on Sunday mornings in October. Pickup will be 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 26. Thanks for your continued support of Troop 84 BSA!



Seasonal Jobs at Operation Christmas Child

There are still a few seasonal employment opportunities wth Operation Christmas Child in Charlotte. If you or someone you know is looking for a seasonal job with an eternal purpose, click the button below!

Jobs at OCC



Mentors Needed at Rock Springs Elementary

While some children thrive in a school setting, others need encouragement and gentle guidance from a caring adult during difficult times. Mentors are needed at Rock Springs Elementary School. Each volunteer is paired with a specific child, with whom he or she will meet weekly, building a trusting relationship that may lead to improved grades, social skills, and self-worth. For details, contact Mary Repko.

Email Mary Repko



Thank You!

Thank you for supporting the backpack ministry through the purchase of Pastor David's book, <u>Reset Your Mindset</u>, at the Ministry Fair. Because of your generosity, over \$1,000 was raised for the backpack ministry. Books are still available. Contact David Washco for more information.

Email David Washco



DISCIPLESHIP

Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Connection Groups

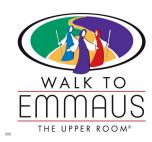
Discipleship Opportunities

Email David Washco with any questions!

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

Email David Washco

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



Walk to Emmaus

Please be in prayer for Ronnie Rinehart as he attends the Men's Fall Walk to Emmaus this weekend. Ronnie leads the kitchen crew every Wednesday night for Table Talk. We're excited to see how God is moving in our people at Denver UMC.

For more information, please contact Wendi Sweet.

Email Wendi Sweet

Fall Women's Walk: October 16-19



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 Caleb Hendren.

Email Caleb Hendren

Men's Alliance

Women's Alliance - Wednesday Nights!

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! **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

Connect

Video Series

Spiritual Gifts Assessment







Harbor Youth Calendar

Click on the calendar for a larger image

Click to sign up for Harbor Youth updates!



ThankFALL Party October 26 | 5-7pm

Grab a friend and spend the evening

October **November** Oct 25 Nov 2 Fall Festival/ Daylight Savings Trunk or Treat/Car Show/ Nov 8 Soup & Chili Sisterhood Event Cookoff Nov 22 Oct 26 Rake 'n Run ThankFall Party! Nov 23 Feed The Hunger Wednesdays until Nov 19 Nov 23 Table Talk No Youth Dinner: 5:30-6:30 Nov 27 Group: 6:45-8:00 Thanksgiving Nov 30 No Youth

PARTYING with us!
Kick off the season with fun, games, food, crafty activities, and gratitude!



Sign Up to Help With Sunday Night Meals!

Dinner is getting a fresh spin to become an elevated concession-style. We'd love for friends & parents to be part of the evening by sponsoring a meal and/or helping run the concession stand. While you're absolutely welcome to, **there is NO cooking required**— you can choose to just serve snacks and drinks, and we'd love if you'd bring along a dessert to share! You can scan the QR or click the button below to sign up to sponsor a youth meal!

Sponsor a Youth Meal





Go to our <u>website</u> for the 2025/2026 calendar and details on all upcoming events! And follow us on Instagram!

https://www.instagram.com/harboryouthdumc/

Email Harbor Youth





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!

Harbor Kids is open every Sunday 8:45 a.m. - noon! We have programs at 9:00 &11:00 a.m. and at 10:00 a.m., join us for hands-on activities to help serve our community!

Follow us on Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/harbor kids dumc/

September October November Oct 25 Nov 2 Table Talk Every Wed. until Nov 19 Fall Festival Daylight Savings & Trunk or Treat Nov 8 Oct 25 Sisterhood Event Sept 15-19 Car Show Nov 11 Veteran's Day Sept 28 DUMC Ministry Fair Nov 22 Nov 23 Feed The Hunger Nov 27 Thanksgiving Nov 30 *dates & details may be updated* Combined Worship Service *blue events are DUMC led*

Harbor Kids Calendar

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Click to sign up for updates from Harbor Kids!

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