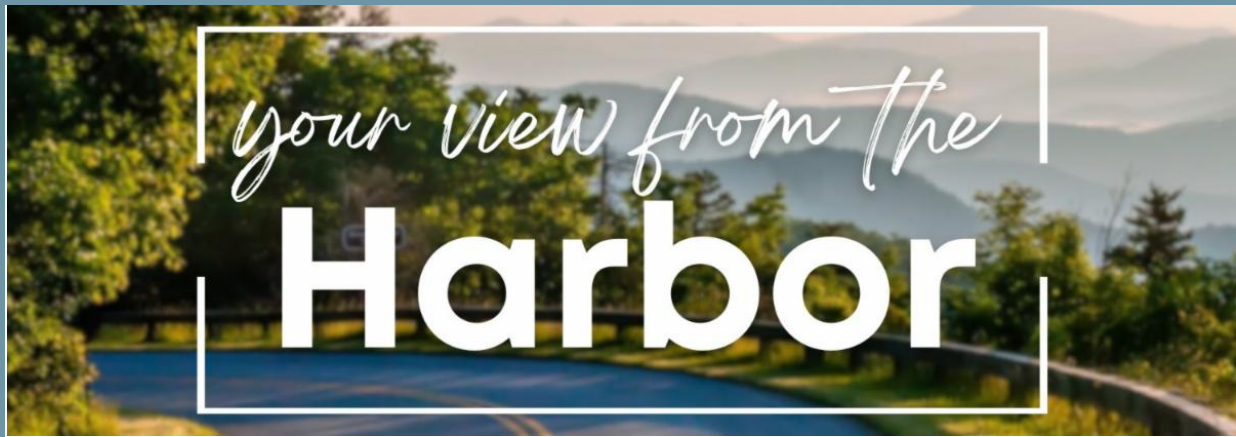




THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor, Steve Autrey

This morning, someone shared a text message they received, purportedly from me, which read:

*Hey, I'm busy with meetings this morning,
so I can't talk on the phone. There is a
family that needs help. Please text me
back so we can figure out how to take
care of their needs.*

-Pastor Steve Autrey

The text was not from my phone number; it was from a bot, no doubt working out a scam. Not long afterwards, another church member let me know that she had also received a scamming text. Ugh... **I will never ask for your help with a financial situation via text or email**, so be on guard for this type of fraudulent activity. This situation is one of many data points that make me feel like the world is not as it should be, and the world is obviously broken. When good people get hurt and taken advantage of, I get mad. How about you? I want to do something about it, act on my anger, and carry out justice as I see fit. How about you?

Then I open the Bible, and hear the voice of Jesus teaching love for enemies along with “...do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you” (Luke 6:27-28 NRSV). Honestly, if I could have these scammers in front of me, I doubt I would propose a prayer meeting, which is why I cannot be trusted with my own judgment and must give myself over to Jesus’ greater wisdom.

This Sunday, we are asked to sit at Jesus’ feet as he teaches us his ways and values. I admit this is not the best way to fill a church building. Promises of retribution and holy wrath on others, that’ll bring people in. More MMA and less reconciliation is a better marketing plan. But Jesus does not have a marketing plan; he simply has the truth of God. Are we willing to listen?

If we have the stomach for it, read [Luke 6:27-49](#) in preparation.

Pastor Steve

Click below to watch the latest Bible Year podcast.



September 14, 2025 Worship Attendance	
9:00	118
11:00	168
Children	28
Sisterhood Retreat	30
Total	344

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](#).



GENEROSITY REPORT

Total Received = \$752,444
(\$20,901 average per Sunday)

2024 Comparison = \$733,161
(\$20,365 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



WORSHIP

join us in praising our Lord

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.



CALENDAR

we'll see you there!

Click or touch the calendar to enlarge

Upcoming Events

- 9/21 4pm | **Prayer Shawl Ministry** | shawnwyatteudy52@gmail.com
- 9/22 6pm | **Church Council Meeting** | council@denverumc.org
- 9/24 5:30pm | **Table Talk** | discipleship@denverumc.org
- 9/24 4pm/6:45pm | **Leadership Discipleship Experience** | discipleship@denverumc.org
- 9/28 10am | **Ministry Fair** | outreach@denverumc.org
- 9/28 4pm | **Compassion Crew** | sara.lee@denverumc.org
- 10/1 9:30am | **Chicken Pickn'** | rdwelke.rw@gmail.com
- 10/2 10am | **Prayer Team** | snicke@bellsouth.net
- 10/2 11am | **First Thursday Lunch** | rdwelke.rw@gmail.com
- 10/5 9am/11am | **World Communion Sunday** | worship@denverumc.org
- 10/6 10:30am | **Helping Hands Meeting** | outreach@denverumc.org
- 10/9 11am | **J.O.Y. Group Meeting** | rosannekocher@gmail.com



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The Bible Year



LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



Mr. Wade Yance

We express our love and prayers to the family of Mr. Wade Yance, who died at his home on Wednesday, September 17. As of now, no plans have been made for Wade's funeral service. This information will be shared as soon as possible.

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

**September 24 menu:
Baked potato and salad bar**

[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!

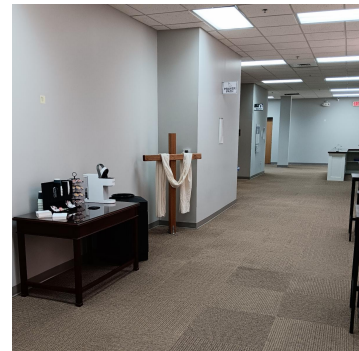
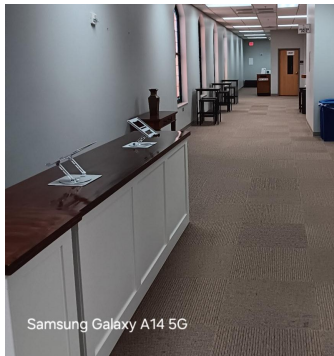
The Gospel of Matthew will be taught by Pastor Steve. The study is designed to engage participants in conversation, allowing us to learn from one another. Please bring your Bible and an inquiring mind as we seek to discern how God is speaking to us today through Holy Scripture. **One note:** For those 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

Meet Us at The Hub

We are excited to introduce our new information center, called The Hub, located on the 2nd floor of the Family Life Center. Whether you are a first-time visitor or a longtime member, this is The Hub for all things related to Denver UMC. Our friendly team is ready to answer questions about ministries, events, volunteer opportunities, and more!

We would love to get everyone's picture in our church database, Elexio. If you would like to add or update your picture, please stop by The Hub this Sunday, and our team can assist you. This helps our staff and congregation to know people by both name and smiling faces!



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

[What We Believe](#)

[Sanctuary Flowers](#)

[Helping Hands](#)

[Emails & Texts](#)

[Connection Groups](#)

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OUTREACH

unleashing compassion

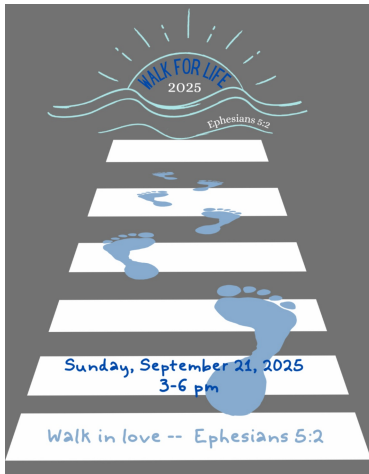
Helping Hands

building community through service

[Email Helping Hands](#)

Helping Hands Local Outreach Opportunities

Interested in making a difference in the lives of our neighbors? Check out the September HandUp newsletter and find an opportunity that fits your schedule, interests, and gifts! To receive this newsletter each month and get updates on the current volunteer and donation needs, email Helping Hands.

[HandUp Newsletter](#)

Harbour Health Walk for Life - This Sunday, September 21st

Help support Harbour Health, formerly Heartbeats Women's Center, by participating in their annual Walk for Life. The two-mile walk will take place at Rescue Park in Denver this Sunday, September 21st, with registration beginning at 3:00 p.m., and the walk at 3:30 p.m.

[Register to walk or for more information](#)

Prayer Shawl Ministry - September 21st

Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry team this Sunday, September 21st, in the library at 4:00 p.m. New knitters and crocheters are welcome to come and learn to knit or crochet and make prayer shawls that will be prayed over and given to suffering neighbors! For more information, contact Shawn Eudy.

[Email Shawn Eudy](#)

Shine the Light on Domestic Violence Gala - Thursday, September 25th

Support [Amy's House Domestic Abuse Shelter](#) while enjoying a night out at Laboratory Mills in Lincolnton on Thursday, September 25th from 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. Click the button below for tickets.

[Get tickets](#)



I-Care, Inc. is Offering Free Roof Replacements

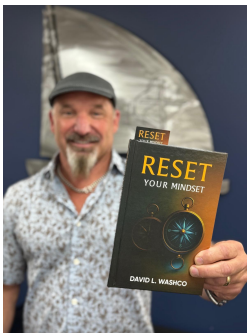
Once a month, representatives from I-Care, Inc. come to our CORC parking lot to let community members know of a new roof replacement program for low-income neighbors and those with special needs! If you or someone you know would benefit from this service, please contact Shelton Moore, 704-872-8141, ext. 142, or mark your calendar to speak with him in the parking lot on **September 23rd from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**



Sunday, September 28, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please join us for a Ministry Fair in the FLC! Visit with ministry and community leaders to find meaningful ways to serve others within our church, our community, and our world! Contact Carol Brown for more information.

Email Carol Brown



Author Book Signing – Supporting the Children’s Backpack Program, Sunday, September 28th

As part of our upcoming Ministry Fair on September 28th, we’re excited to share a special opportunity to make a difference in the lives of local children! Our very own Pastor David Washco, author of *Reset Your Mindset*, will be hosting a book signing during the event.

All proceeds from every book sold — not just the profits — will go directly to the Children’s Backpack Program, which provides weekend meals to local school kids in need. This is a chance for us, as a church family, to combine outreach with impact — helping feed hungry children while also investing in personal growth through Pastor David’s powerful book.

Books will be available the day of the fair, but you are encouraged to give above and beyond the book’s value if you feel led. Every dollar will directly support this vital ministry.

Come explore over 50 outreach opportunities, get your signed copy of *Reset Your Mindset*, and join us in blessing our community’s children through this special initiative. Together, we can make a lasting difference!



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

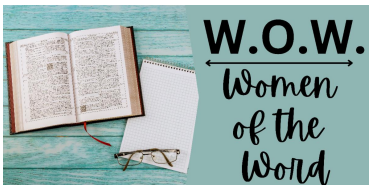
Click [HERE](#) for specific **Sunday school classes, weekday Bible studies, Wednesday night, and small group offerings with locations and descriptions.**



Friday Ladies' Bible Study

The Friday Ladies Bible study has begun a study by Joanna Weaver called [Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World](#). We will meet in the Chapel from 10:00 a.m. to noon for this 10-week study. If you would like more information, contact Sara Lee. Childcare is available upon request.

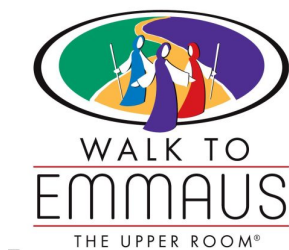
[Email Sara Lee](#)



WOW Wednesday Bible Study

The WOW Wednesday Bible Study has begun studying [Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World](#) by Joanna Weaver. They meet on Wednesday mornings, 10 a.m. - noon. Books are \$16. Any questions, contact Rachelle Roberts or Susan Nickel. All are welcome!

[Email Rachelle Roberts](#)



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](#)

Fall Walk dates:
October 9-12 - Men
October 16-19 - Women



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](#)

[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

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Video Series

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HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-12th grade ministry



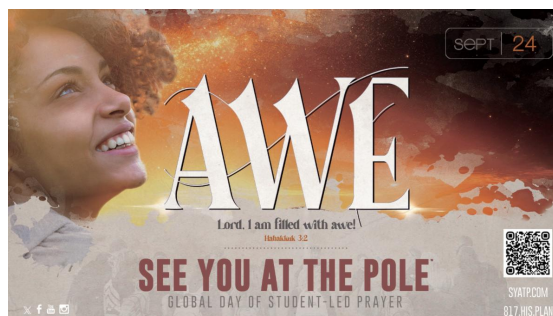
September	October	November
Sept 7 Kickoff Party! Sept 17 Table Talk Begins Sept 15-19 Asheville Relief Mission trip Sept 24 See You At The Pole Sept 28 Ministry Fair	Oct 5 "Bring Your Adult to Youth" night Oct 25 Fall Festival Oct 25 Car Show Oct 26 Halloween Party	Nov 2 Daylight Savings Nov 8 Sisterhood Event Nov 22 Rake 'n Run Nov 23 Feed The Hunger Nov 23 No Youth Nov 27 Thanksgiving Nov 30 No Youth

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Harbor Youth Calendar

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See You at the Pole - September 24!

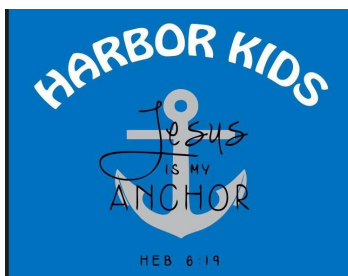
Go to our [website](#) for the 2025/2026 calendar and details on all upcoming events! And follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

Email Harbor Youth



HARBOR KIDS

DUMC's birth - 5th grade ministry



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 our 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

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

September	October	November
Sept 17 Table Talk Every Wed. until Nov 19	Oct 25 Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat	Nov 2 Daylight Savings
Sept 15-19 Asheville Relief Mission Trip	Oct 25 Car Show	Nov 8 Sisterhood Event
Sept 28 DUMC Ministry Fair		Nov 11 Veteran's Day
		Nov 22 Rake 'n Run
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		Nov 27 Thanksgiving
		Nov 30 Combined Worship Service

Harbor Kids Calendar

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Click to sign up for updates from Harbor Kids!

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