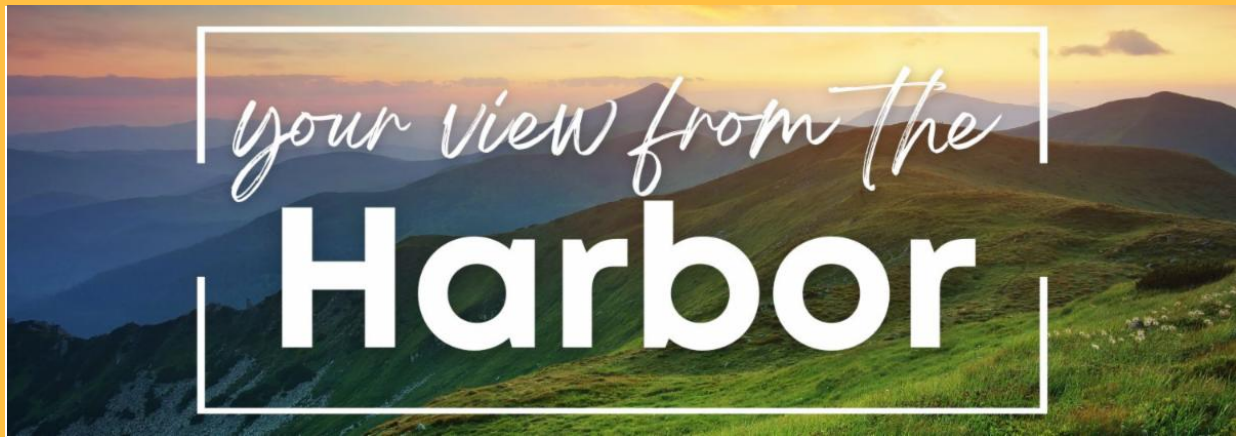




THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor, Steve Autrey

Scripture for Sunday: [John 18:1-11](#)

Next up in our journey through the Bible is the Gospel of John. One quickly notices that John is different from Matthew, Mark, and Luke, as John does not start with a narrative but with a theological prologue, establishing the pre-existence of Jesus alongside God the Father as the creator of all things. This is cosmic power that calls all of existence into being. That power, according to John, is fully vested in the person of Jesus. Reading through John's Gospel, one sees that Jesus is never at a loss but always entirely in control. The late Dr. Mickey Efrid taught students at Duke Divinity School to see Jesus in John's Gospel as the producer, director, and lead actor of the show. Personally, I need to be reminded that the power of God Almighty is in Jesus, especially in times of turmoil. Jesus is more powerful than chaos, political division, economic uncertainty, violence, war, famine, hate, and all that would stand in the way of God's good plan for creation. This Sunday, I hope you will join me as we celebrate the strength of our Savior, who is indeed mighty to save.

Pastor Steve

Click below to watch the latest Bible Year podcast.



September 21, 2025 Worship Attendance

9:00	117
11:00	130
Children	24
Total	271
Average Online Views	60

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 = \$796,481
(**\$21,526 average per Sunday**)

2024 Comparison = \$777,979
(**\$21,026 Average per Sunday**)

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

A graphic featuring several pumpkins and autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and brown.

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

[Give now](#)



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.





CALENDAR

we'll see you there!

Click or touch the calendar to enlarge

Upcoming Events

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

10/1 5:30pm | **Table Talk** | discipleship@denverumc.org

10/1 4pm/6:45pm | **Leadership Discipleship Experience** | discipleship@denverumc.org

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

10/9 Thru 10/12 | **Men's Walk to Emmaus** | wendi.sweet@denverumc.org

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



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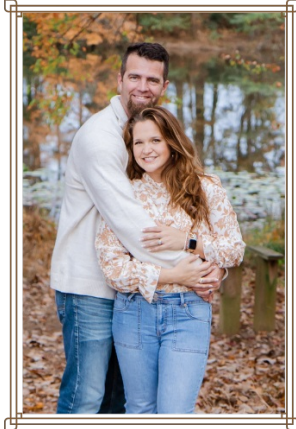


The Bible Year



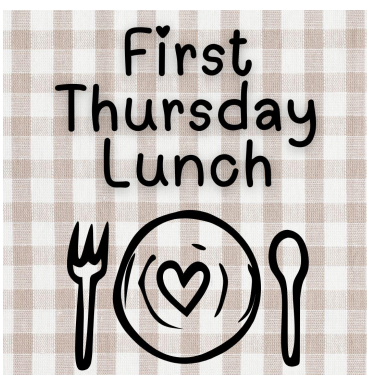
LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



Love Offering for Ben Nobles

As an act of love and appreciation for Pastor Ben's five years of service to DUMC, we are taking a love offering for him and his family. We will accept donations until this Sunday, September 28.



Order 8" x 8" Pies
Online!

First Thursday Lunch - October 2nd!

Join us next Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the FLC for chicken pie, baked spaghetti, chili dogs, sides, homemade desserts, and lots of fellowship! Dine in or take out. To order 8"x8" whole pies, call the church office at 704-483-1601 or order online by Tuesday, September 30th, to ensure availability.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the meal. Contact Roger Welke for details.

Join the chicken pickers on Wednesday, October 1st, in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Experienced and new pickers are always welcome! **All proceeds support local children and their families.**

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

October 1 menu:
Baked ham, green beans, and potatoes

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



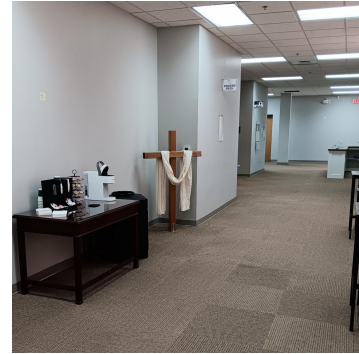
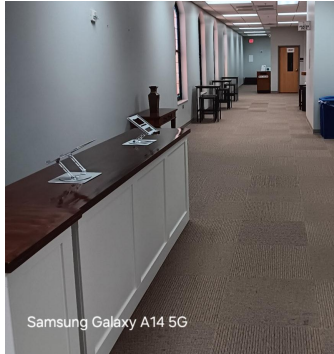
New Bible Study for the Fall!

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.

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!



For more information
or to apply

Seasonal Job Opening at Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is accepting applications for the **Seasonal Warehouse Operations Lead** position in their Charlotte warehouse.

This job starts soon! A few details:

- September 29 through mid-January on a full-time basis
- Until approximately 11/20, the hours will be 8:00-4:30. During processing season (approximately 11/20-12/23), it will shift to 10:00-7:00. And in January, back to 8:00-4:30.

Click on the button for more information or to apply.



Email Church Council

Church Council Updates

Your Church Council took the following actions at its August meeting:

- Approved installation of 12 security cameras at entry points on campus
- Approved closing the MOPS restricted fund (\$2K) and moving it to Children's Ministry
- Heard a report that new Sanctuary lighting will be installed in early November
- Approved funds be moved from the hurricane relief fund to Mitchell Elementary School (\$3K)
- Received a report from Trustees on repairs to facilities, July-August. Major items:
 - HVAC in CORC - \$9,942
 - HVAC Cedar Street - \$6,067
 - HVAC Scout Hut - \$325
 - Mulching property, van repairs, ballfield well pressure tank, and equipment - \$6,000

Please contact the Church Council if you have comments or questions.

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OUTREACH

unleashing compassion

Helping Hands

building community through service

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Helping Hands Local Outreach Opportunities

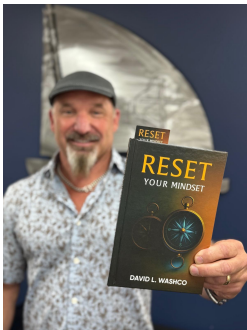
Interested in making a difference in the lives of our neighbors? Check out the September HandUp newsletter and find an opportunity that fits your schedule, interests, and gifts! To receive this newsletter each month and get updates on the current volunteer and donation needs, email Helping Hands.

[HandUp Newsletter](#)

DUMC Ministry Fair - This Sunday in the FLC!

Please join us for a Ministry Fair this Sunday, September 28th, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.! Come to the FLC after each worship service and 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.

Due to the ministry fair, the 9:00 a.m. service will be in the Sanctuary.

[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!



Where's the Plastic Playground Border Around the Community Garden?

We're glad you asked! This expensive border was donated to Henson Chapel UMC in Valis, NC, to complete their new donated community playground. They lost their playground and arbor during Hurricane Helene. Their community playground was also lost. David Garmon led efforts to replace the playground and arbor. Thank you, David, for allowing us to play a small role in your work as the hands and feet of Christ in this community!



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!



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.**



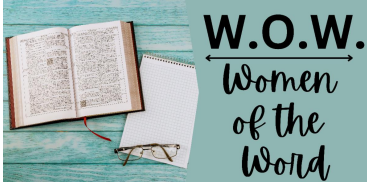
Friday Ladies' Bible Study

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

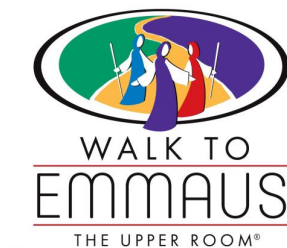
WOW Wednesday Bible Study

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



Email Wendi Sweet

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.

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

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

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!

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Video Series

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Assessment



HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-12th grade ministry



September	October	November
Sept 28 Ministry Fair	Oct 5 "Bring Your Adult to Youth" night	Nov 2 Daylight Savings
Sept 24 - Nov 19 Table Talk Dinner: 5:30-6:30 Group: 6:45-8:00	Oct 25 Fall Festival/ Trunk or Treat	Nov 8 Sisterhood Event
blue events are DUMC led	Oct 25 Car Show	Nov 22 Rake 'n Run
be like JESUS EPHESIANS 5:1	Oct 26 Thanksgiving Party	Nov 23 Feed The Hunger
		Nov 23 No Youth
		Nov 27 Thanksgiving
		Nov 30 No Youth

Harbor Youth Calendar

Click on the calendar for a larger image

Click to sign up for Harbor Youth updates!



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. **No cooking required**—just serve snacks and drinks,

and if you'd like, bring along a dessert to share! Just scan or click on the QR code!

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

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

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!

Harbor Kids is open every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. We have programs at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. 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/



Join us for our annual **Fall Festival** - 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! 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!

September	October	November
Sept 17 Table Talk Every Wed. until Nov 19 Sept 15-19 Asheville Relief Mission Trip Sept 28 DUMC Ministry Fair  <i>*dates & details may be updated*</i> <i>*blue events are DUMC led*</i>	Oct 25 Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat Oct 25 Car Show	Nov 2 Daylight Savings Nov 8 Sisterhood Event Nov 11 Veteran's Day Nov 22 Rake 'n Run Nov 23 Feed The Hunger Nov 27 Thanksgiving Nov 30 Combined Worship Service

Harbor Kids Calendar

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Click to sign up for updates from Harbor Kids!

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



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