



## THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor, Steve Autrey

How often do you think of your baptism? For some of us, there is a vivid memory; for others, we have no memory other than being told we were baptized. Either way, the memory is less important than the knowledge that we are baptized followers of Jesus. Our baptisms are not to be relegated to the past, serving only as a religious talisman. No, baptism is meant to be an ongoing, everyday reality that we have sided with Christ and signed up to be part of how God is transforming this world. Baptism is our uniform, our banner, our tartan (if you are into all things Scottish).

This Sunday, we welcome our new District Superintendent, Sally Queen, who serves as our guest preacher. Sally will focus on Jesus' baptism and what it means for all of us. We will also have a time of Baptism Remembrance and Reaffirmation. This is an excellent opportunity to seek renewal for the spiritual journey we are all on together.

Blessings,  
Pastor Steve



## 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.



*This Sunday's*  
**CONTEMPORARY PLAYLIST**

CLICK HERE



January 4, 2026 Worship Attendance	
9:00	137
11:00	142
Children	16
Total	295
Average Online Views	60



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**

#### 6 for '26

As you begin the new year, we encourage you to consider participating in **6 for '26**, which is simply committing to giving \$6 a week back to God through Denver UMC in 2026, in addition to what you are already giving. For those who are yet to commit to stewardship practices, this is an easy way to begin ordering your life so that you acknowledge God's provision. **Thank you to all who have already committed and are faithfully giving!**

**2026**  
\$6 FOR  
A Faithful Step

*Faith, Finances, Fresh Start*

**Give \$6 per week throughout 2026**

Start your \$6 for '26 journey today!

God's Guide to Financial Freedom





# CALENDAR

we'll see you there!

For information about upcoming events, go to <https://www.denverumc.org/events>

## Upcoming Events

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| 1/9  | 10am    | <b>Friday Women's Bible Study</b>              | <a href="mailto:sara.lee@denverumc.org">sara.lee@denverumc.org</a>                 |
| 1/10 | 9am     | <b>Sisterhood Event</b>                        | <a href="mailto:outreach@denverumc.org">outreach@denverumc.org</a>                 |
| 1/12 | 2:30pm  | <b>American Red Cross Blood Drive</b>          | <a href="mailto:outreach@denverumc.org">outreach@denverumc.org</a>                 |
| 1/14 | 5:30pm  | <b>Table Talk Resumes</b>                      | <a href="mailto:discipleship@denverumc.org">discipleship@denverumc.org</a>         |
| 1/14 | 6:45pm  | <b>Leadership Discipleship Resumes</b>         | <a href="mailto:discipleship@denverumc.org">discipleship@denverumc.org</a>         |
| 1/15 | 10am    | <b>Prayer Team</b>                             | <a href="mailto:prayers@denverumc.org">prayers@denverumc.org</a>                   |
| 1/18 | 4pm     | <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b>                   | <a href="mailto:shawnwyatteudy52@gmail.com">shawnwyatteudy52@gmail.com</a>         |
| 1/19 |         | <b>MLK Day/Church Office Closed</b>            | <a href="mailto:news@denverumc.org">news@denverumc.org</a>                         |
| 1/21 |         | <b>Staff Planning Day/Church Office Closed</b> | <a href="mailto:news@denverumc.org">news@denverumc.org</a>                         |
| 1/26 | 6pm     | <b>Church Council Meeting</b>                  | <a href="mailto:council@denverumc.org">council@denverumc.org</a>                   |
| 2/2  | 10:30am | <b>Helping Hands Meeting</b>                   | <a href="mailto:helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com">helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com</a> |
| 2/4  | 9:30am  | <b>Chicken Pickin'</b>                         | <a href="mailto:denzilmbell@gmail.com">denzilmbell@gmail.com</a>                   |
| 2/5  | 11am    | <b>First Thursday Lunch</b>                    | <a href="mailto:denzilmbell@gmail.com">denzilmbell@gmail.com</a>                   |
| 2/6  | 7pm     | <b>Father Daughter Dance</b>                   | <a href="mailto:discipleship@denverumc.org">discipleship@denverumc.org</a>         |



Events Calendar

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## LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!

**Sisterhood Event - This Saturday, January 10th!**





It's not too late to register for the January Sisterhood event! 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 travel to Patch's Playhouse to make a beautiful work of art with fused glass, create original artwork on canvas using modeling paste and paint, make a seashell

trinket dish using our favorite craft supply (Mod Podge!!), or double-dip and decorate Valentine hot chocolate spoons to treat yourself or loved ones! Click [here](#) to register. Contact [Janet Chubb](#) to donate breakfast items. See you there!



### 2026 Father-Daughter Valentine's Gala

It's that time of year again when we look forward to treating our daughters like princesses. Ticket [registration](#) is now open. For more information on this year's gala, click [here](#).

We are once again offering a Silent Auction to allow Dads and Daughters to purchase Valentine's gifts for loved ones. Proceeds will benefit our ministry partner, [Operation Smile Home](#) for Children, in Trinidad. Please email [carol.brown@denverumc.org](mailto:carol.brown@denverumc.org) if you are willing to support this ministry by donating a Valentine's Basket for this Auction.

All the details are available at the link above, and we look forward to making this the best year yet!



### Table Talk Begins January 14

Take a midweek break and join us for Wednesday night dinner, Table Talk, in the FLC from 5:30-6:30 pm for 10 weeks! Enjoy a delicious meal, great conversation, and meaningful fellowship with your church family. This is a perfect time to connect, share, and grow together. Bring your appetite and your heart—there's a seat at the table just for you!

Dinner:

- \$5 per person
- \$20 max per family

Following dinner, stay for one of our two classes, [The Leadership Discipleship Experience](#), or a study of [Matthew's Gospel](#). See below for more information. If you have any questions, please email [discipleship@denverumc.org](mailto:discipleship@denverumc.org).





# OUTREACH

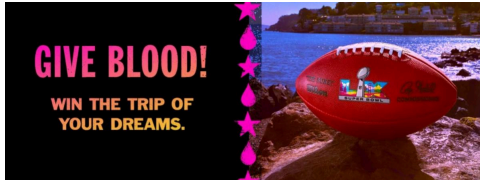
unleashing compassion

## Helping Hands

building community through service

### Helping Hands Local Outreach Opportunities

Find ways to serve our neighbors through the many ministries and partnerships of Helping Hands! Click [here](#) for the January HandUp Newsletter for current needs and opportunities. Contact [Helping Hands](#) with questions.



### American Red Cross Blood Drive - Monday, January 12th!

Donate much-needed blood next Monday from 2:30-7:00 pm in the CORC and automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LX in the San Francisco Bay Area! Click the [link](#) for details and to sign-up!



# 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, descriptions, and contact information.

Email David Washco with any questions at [discipleship@denverumc.org](mailto:discipleship@denverumc.org)



### Sunday Morning Study Opportunity Beginning Jan. 18 Sundays, 10:00 a.m. in the CORC

Have you ever wondered what it means to be a United Methodist? What do we believe? What is our theology, and where did this denomination come from? The Open Circle class will begin exploring these questions on January 18. Everyone is invited to join this time as Pastor Steve leads the conversation. The time starts on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in the CORC (old fellowship hall), with a time of fellowship, followed by teaching from 10:10 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. If you are new to DUMC and looking to get connected with others, this is a great way to meet new people and learn about the church. No need to sign up, simply show up!



## Leadership Discipleship Experience #4 Starts Jan. 14! Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the CORC

The Leadership Discipleship Experience is a ten-week journey designed to move beyond surface-level faith and into deep, life-changing transformation. Over the course of this experience, you will

- Discover your God-given purpose
- Learn how to clearly hear and discern God's voice
- Identify and use your spiritual gifts to serve alongside others in community

Click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) to register.

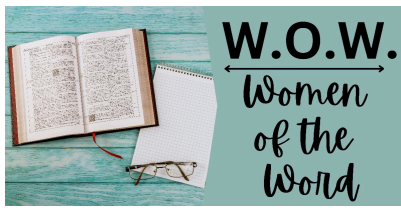


### The Gospel of Matthew

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

This study of the Gospel of Matthew, taught by Pastor Steve, 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!



### Wednesday Bible Study

The WOW Bible study will start on January 7 in the chapel and will meet weekly from 10:00 - 12:00. The Bible study is on Acts and will be lead by Michell Turner. All are welcome. Any questions contact Rachelle Roberts at [Orachelle@hotmail.com](mailto:Orachelle@hotmail.com).



Women's  
Alliance



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.  
For more information, [email Caleb Hendren](mailto:Caleb.Hendren@gmail.com).

### Women's Alliance - Wednesday Nights!

Wednesday nights | 7:00 p.m. | Rain or shine  
For more information, reach out to Shelby Hobbs at [shobbs0623@gmail.com](mailto:shobbs0623@gmail.com). All women are invited!

Discipleship Video Series

Spiritual Gifts Assessment



# HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-12th grade ministry





Click to sign up for Harbor Youth updates!

Follow Harbor Youth on Instagram!



January	February	March	April
<b>Jan 11</b> Youth Kickoff Party	<b>Feb 6</b> Father Daughter Gala  <b>Feb 14</b> Valentines Day	<b>March 8</b> Daylight Savings  <b>March 17</b> St. Patricks Day  <b>March 29</b> No Youth  <b>March 29</b> Palm Sunday	<b>April 4</b> Daylight Savings  <b>April 5</b> Easter Sunday  <b>April 5</b> No Youth  <b>April 12</b> No Youth



## 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](#)

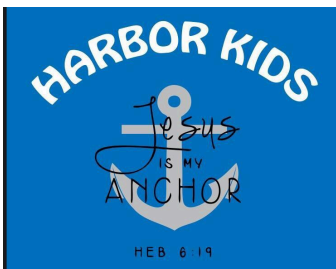
Go to our [website](#) for the 2025/2026 calendar and details on all upcoming events! And follow us on Instagram!

[Email Harbor Youth](#)



# HARBOR KIDS

DUMC's birth - 5th grade ministry



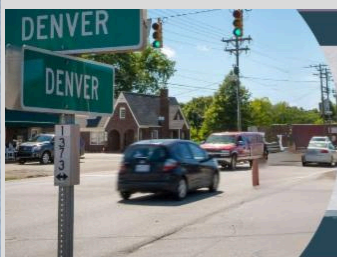
We are committed to helping your child grow in every aspect of their relationship with Jesus Christ and knowledge of His Word. Thank you for your support and prayer!

**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!

[Click to sign up for updates from Harbor Kids!](#)

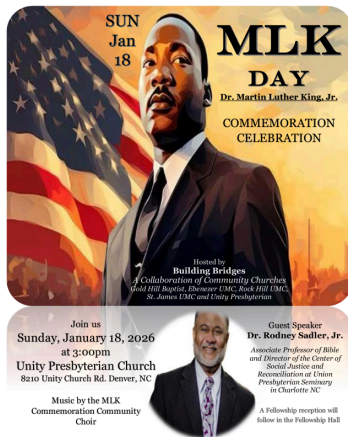
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# IN THE COMMUNITY

what's happening around town





## MLK Commemoration Celebration

Unity Presbyterian is partnering with five historically African American churches to host an MLK service on Sunday, January 18 at 3:00 p.m. All DUMC members are invited to attend. This is the only MLK service in the eastern part of Lincoln County. Click on the flyer for more information. Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler, professor at Union Theological Seminary.

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## Staff Connections

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

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