



THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor, Steve Autrey

It has been many years since our region experienced sustained winter weather. Typically, we might have a few storms, but extended periods of frozen precipitation have become more of a southern legend. As someone who grew up in the NC mountains, I remember the winter of 1985-86 vividly; it was especially challenging. My grandmother Autrey used to say, "When the snow stays on the ground, it is waiting for more to come join it." That winter, the snow lingered for weeks, and more and more fell, leaving only a few school days in January and February. As I look out my window this Wednesday, I see that the sleet and ice from this past Sunday are still present, seemingly anticipating more frozen precipitation this weekend.

This might mean that we have to cancel church services again this Sunday, but we'll have to wait and see what the forecast brings. According to meteorologist Brad Panovich, we should be prepared for potentially hazardous driving conditions on Saturday and Sunday. If we do need to cancel services, I will post a message online by 9 a.m. on Sunday.

For those in our community who are accustomed to winter weather, it might be puzzling why we would cancel church. Here are the reasons behind it:

- We prioritize safety and want to avoid any injuries, as walking to church can be just as dangerous as driving.
- We lack the necessary resources to clear snow and ice from our parking lots and sidewalks.
- Engaging in snow removal can damage surfaces and lead to costly repairs.
- We typically do not receive enough snow or ice to warrant extensive snow removal services.
- Lastly, we can provide an online message that allows us to worship from home.

Please pay attention to the weather, and if another winter storm occurs, we will make a church-wide announcement sometime on Saturday. I also encourage you to support the church's ministries financially. Missing one Sunday's offering is challenging, but missing two can be tough, as our expenses continue regardless of the weather. If you can, please consider [giving online](#) or by mailing your contribution to DUMC, Box 661, Denver, NC 28037.

This week's message focuses on the Old Testament prophet Micah ([Micah 6:6-8](#)). We are still in the season of Epiphany, during which we explore how God is revealed in the world. Rather than pointing to mysterious wise men or a miraculous star, or even a divine voice at Jesus' baptism,

Micah tells us that God is made known to us through our actions. It is through us that God shines a light in a world filled with chaos and pain. Join us this Sunday—either in person or online—as we discuss how this all comes together.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve



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

2025 GIVING STATEMENTS

2025 giving statements will be emailed to you **no later than Saturday, January 31, 2026**.
Please make sure to update your email address in Elexio
at <https://denverumc.elexiochms.com/user/login>.

If you'd rather have your giving statement mailed to you, or if you have any trouble getting signed into Elexio, please email Cameron Wilson at finance@denverumc.org. Thank you!

We express our sincere gratitude to all of our faithful contributors who gave to the Ministry Operations Budget in 2025. Our annual budget income was \$1,262,040, while our total budget expenses ended at \$1,261,417.

The Church Council made the decision to take the surplus of approximately \$623 and apply it towards the principal balance on our loan for the Cedar Street property. Please continue to support the ministries of Denver UMC by giving to the Ministry Operations Budget.

THANK YOU!

Give Now

6 for '26

We are well into 2026, and we invite you to be part of our 6 for '26 campaign.

What is *6 for '26*? It's a simple, shared commitment. We're asking each person who calls DUMC home to consider giving an additional \$6 per week through the remainder of the year.

If you are already a faithful giver—thank you. Your generosity sustains our ministry, and we are deeply grateful. If you're able, please consider adding just \$6 per week to your regular offering.

If you haven't given before, *6 for '26* is an easy and meaningful place to start. It's a small step that allows you to participate in the work of Christ through our church and begin actively stewarding the gifts God has entrusted to you.

Here's the remarkable part: if we do this together, those \$6 commitments add up to approximately \$130,000 in additional ministry funding for 2026—resources that will directly support worship, mission, outreach, and care in our community.

Small gifts, shared faithfully, can make a powerful difference. Thank you for prayerfully considering how you might be part of *6 for '26*.



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

Upcoming Events

2/2 10:30am | **Helping Hands Meeting** | helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com

2/4 9:30am | **Chicken Pickin'** | denzilmbelle@gmail.com

2/4 5:30pm | **Table Talk** | discipleship@denverumc.org

2/4 6:45pm | **Leadership Discipleship Experience** | discipleship@denverumc.org

2/5 10am | **Prayer Team** | prayers@denverumc.org

2/5 11am | **First Thursday Lunch** | denzilmbelle@gmail.com

2/6 7pm | **Father Daughter Dance** | discipleship@denverumc.org

2/12 11am | **J.O.Y. Group Meeting** | rosannekocher@gmail.com

2/15 4pm | **Prayer Shawl Ministry** | shawnwyatteudy52@gmail.com

2/18 7pm | **Ash Wednesday Service** | worship@denverumc.org

2/23 6pm | **Church Council Meeting** | council@denverumc.org

3/2 10:30am | **Helping Hands Meeting** | helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com

3/8 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**



Events Calendar

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LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



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](#). **The deadline to register is tomorrow, January 30!**

Father Daughter Gala Valentine's Basket Auction

We are once again offering a Silent Auction to allow dads the opportunity 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 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!



Menu:

2/4 - lasagna, salad bar, garlic bread

Table Talk and Wednesday Night Classes

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.



J.O.Y. Group Meeting, February 12

All JOY members and anyone over 50 years old are invited to our next senior group meeting at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 12th, in the CORC! A representative from Carolina Caring will speak to our group about the services they offer to area senior citizens! Lunch will be provided. Please contact rosannekocher@gmail.com for further information about our senior group.



Winter Weather Alert

Once again, there is the possibility of a severe winter storm on Saturday. We will make a church-wide announcement through texting and social media on Saturday, whether or not in-person services will be held on Sunday morning. If services are canceled, an [online sermon](#) will be posted on Sunday morning by 9:00 a.m.

Please remember to support the church's ministries financially. Our expenses continue regardless of the weather. If you can, please consider [giving online](#) or mailing your contribution to DUMC, Box 661, Denver, NC 28037.



OUTREACH

unleashing compassion

Helping Hands

building community through service

Helping Hands Meeting - February 2nd

The next Helping Hands Community Service Group meeting will be Monday, February 2nd, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome to come and learn of the many opportunities to serve others in our community. Email helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com for details.



Interest Meeting for April's Mission Trip to Trinidad - February 4th

An interest meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 4th, at 5:30 p.m. in the FLC, **during Table Talk**, for anyone interested in joining our team to work with these precious children and to help complete needed physical projects at Operation Smile Home for Children, April 15th-20th. If you're interested but are unable to attend, contact david.washco@denverumc.org or carol.brown@denverumc.org.



First Thursday Lunch - February 5th!

Join us on Thursday, February 5, 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 email [Beth Bynum](mailto:Beth.Bynum@denverumc.org) by **Tuesday, February 3** to ensure availability.

Join us on Wednesday, February 4, in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. to help pick chicken! New pickers are always welcome! All proceeds support local children and their families.

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Charlie Blackburn Memorial Golf Tournament



Helping Hands Golf Tournament - April 27th!

Registration is open to anyone wanting to sponsor and/or participate in the annual Charlie Blackburn Memorial Golf Tournament at Verdict Ridge Golf and Country Club! All proceeds benefit the many ministries and partners of our Helping Hands Community Service Group. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

New Golf Planning Team members are also needed. Email helpinghandsgolftournament@gmail.com with questions.



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



Sunday Morning Study Opportunity

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

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

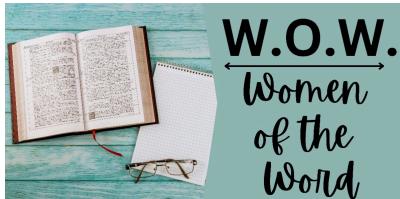


The Gospel of Matthew

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 has a new study on Acts led by Michell Turner. All are welcome, and they meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Any questions, contact Rachelle Roberts at 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](#).

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. All women are invited!

Discipleship Video Series

Spiritual Gifts Assessment



HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-12th grade ministry



February	March
Feb 6 Father Daughter Gala	March 8 Daylight Savings
Feb 14 Valentines Day	March 17 St. Patricks Day
Feb 28 Ski Trip	March 29 No Youth
	March 29 Palm Sunday

Click to sign up for Harbor Youth updates!

Follow Harbor Youth on Instagram!



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](#)

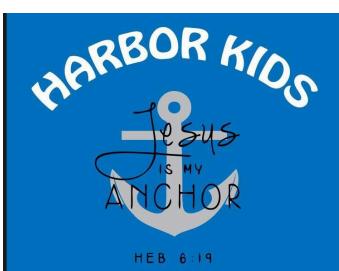
Go to our [website](#) for the 2025/2026 calendar and details on all upcoming events! And follow us on Instagram!

[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!](#)

Follow Harbor Kids on Instagram!



IN THE

COMMUNITY

what's happening around town



You are invited to a Valentine Dinner and Dance, hosted by the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus, on Saturday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m in the Denver UMC Family Life Center. Dinner includes pork tenderloin, vegetables, salad, dessert, and a drink. Live music will be provided by the Salisbury Swing Band. Click [here](#) to watch them in action!

Tickets are available through the Denver UMC office at \$50 per person, and proceeds support local charities. Contact Beth Bynum at beth.bynum@denverumc.org or Jeff DiCosmo at DiCosmoBeamer3676@aol.com or 704-489-9756 for more information.

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

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