



your view from the Harbor



THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor, Steve Autrey

The Church has its own unique vocabulary, with terms such as *annunciation*, *incarnation*, *accession*, *beatitude*, *epiphany*, and *Pentecost*. This week, we encounter another term that stands out: *transfiguration*. The Greek word for this is "metamorphoo," which is the root of the English word "metamorphosis." In Scripture, the phrase "was transfigured" indicates that Jesus undergoes a transformation of physical substance—he is literally changed before the eyes of Peter, James, and John. As stated in Matthew 17:2 (NRSV), "He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light."

This week, I invite all of us to place ourselves in this story and imagine what it would be like to witness Jesus revealed in such a majestic way. What does it mean? How would you have responded if you had been there? Finally, what relevance does this 2,000-year-old story have for how we live our lives far from that distant mountaintop in the Middle East? Please read the entire story, [Matthew 17:1-9](#), and we will discuss it further this Sunday.

On Ash Wednesday, we are honored to host our fellow United Methodists from Salem UMC. This year, Salem is beginning their journey through Lent with us. In turn, we will gather with them toward the end of Lent for Maundy Thursday. Please make them welcome as we worship together.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve



WORSHIP

join us in praising our Lord

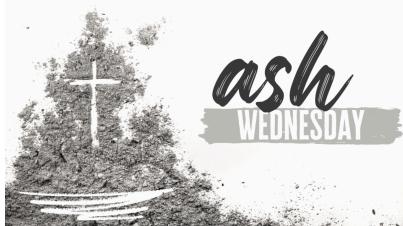
Contemporary Worship Playlist

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.



Contemporary Service
THIS SUNDAY'S PLAYLIST

CLICK HERE



Ash Wednesday Service, February 18

Lent begins with a holy invitation. We invite you to join us for our Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC as we enter this sacred season together. Through prayer, Scripture, confession, and the imposition of ashes, we remember who we are and whose we are. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our forty-day journey toward the cross and the empty tomb—a time for reflection, repentance, and renewed devotion. Come and begin Lent with your church family as we turn our hearts toward Christ.

February 8, 2026 Worship Attendance	
9:00	111
11:00	140
Children	30
Total	281
Average Online Views	61

GIVING REPORT
updated financial news

Ministry Operations

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR THIS FUND GO TOWARDS MINISTRY AND OUTREACH, IN ADDITION TO ALL NECESSARY STAFFING AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR HOSTING WORSHIP SERVICES AND MAINTAINING OUR CHURCH GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS.

BUDGET INCOME EXPECTED TO DATE: \$128,560

ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED TO DATE: \$112,717

2026

MINISTRY OPERATIONS ANNUAL BUDGET: \$1,382,987

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

Give Now



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

Upcoming Events

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

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

2/19 10am | **Prayer Team** | prayers@denverumc.org

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

2/25 5:30pm | **Table Talk** | discipleship@denverumc.org

2/25 6:45pm | **Leadership Discipleship Experience** | discipleship@denverumc.org

2/28 3pm | **Youth Ski Trip** | youth@denverumc.org

3/1 4pm | **LAUNCH / Confirmation Begins** | youth@denverumc.org

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

3/4 9:30am | **Chicken Pickin'** | denzilmbell@gmail.com

3/5 11am | **First Thursday Lunch** | denzilmbell@gmail.com

3/7 9am | **Community Garden Planting Day** | carol.brown@denverumc.org

3/8 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**



Events Calendar



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LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



Thank You!

I want extend my heartfelt gratitude to every volunteer who poured time, creativity, and love into preparing the auction baskets that supported the Operation Smile Orphanage, as well as those

who served so faithfully to make our Father-Daughter Gala such a joyful and memorable evening. Your generosity and servant hearts reflect the very best of our church community. Because of you, lives were blessed, families were strengthened, and God's love was put into action in beautiful ways. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ and for making this event an incredible success. You helped raise almost \$2500.00 for Operation Smile Orphanage.

- Pastor David



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.



Helping Hands

building community through service



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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - February 15th

Join the Prayer Shawl Ministry team this Sunday, February 15th, 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](#).



TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE AWARENESS TRAINING

Equipping Caregivers to Become Agents of Healing

Understand. Connect. Heal.

This trauma-informed training equips parents, foster families, and social workers with essential knowledge and practical skills to support children impacted by trauma.

What Participants Will Gain

- ✓ Clear understanding of how traumatic experiences impact a child's development, behavior, and relationships
- ✓ Insights into common coping behaviors often reflect adaptive survival responses rather than defiance
- ✓ Skills to create safe, predictable environments that facilitate healing and secure attachment
- ✓ Practical skills to support children's emotional regulation, build resilience, and respond to trauma triggers with compassion & consistency
- ✓ Confidence to serve as agents of healing in the lives of vulnerable children
- ✓ Awareness of how to recognize and reduce secondary traumatic stress in themselves and others

Who Should Attend

- ✓ Foster & adoptive parents
- ✓ Child welfare professionals (CWS & 1 hour)
- ✓ Foster parents, CWS, & school staff
- ✓ Church family advocates & ministry leaders
- ✓ Any caregiver supporting children with trauma histories

The Advocate Mission



lifeline adoption services



Trauma Informed Care Awareness Training - February 28th

This training is designed to equip parents, foster families, and social workers with essential knowledge and practical skills to support children impacted by trauma. It's open and free to anyone and offered via Zoom from 9:30-11:30 am. Click the image and scan the QR Code to register, or click [here](#).



Community Garden Planting Day - March 7th!

Join us in the Garden on March 7th to start a new season of providing fresh food to our neighbors! Beginning at 9:00 am, we will prune blackberry bushes, clean up the strawberry and flower beds, add soil, harvest seeds, and plant potatoes, carrots, and other early spring crops. All are welcome and needed! Contact carol.brown@denverumc.org for details.

Next Sisterhood Event - Saturday, March 14th!

Registration is open for our March 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 create a unique watercolor picture, practice the art of Tai Chi, or make a simple Easter wreath with linen cloth, olive branches, and wildflowers native to Israel. Click [here](#) to register. [Contact Janet Chubb](#) to donate breakfast items or volunteer to welcome other ladies, lead the devotion, or pray. See you there!



DISCIPLESHIP

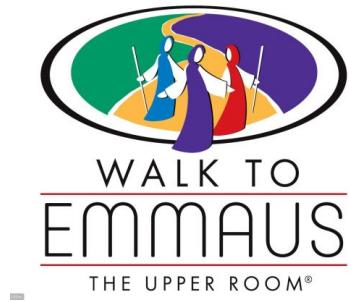
Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Connection Groups

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



Are You Ready for a Life-Changing Weekend?

DUMC family, the spring Walk to Emmaus is coming soon — and you're invited!

This powerful three-day experience is designed to renew your spirit, deepen your faith, and strengthen your relationship with Christ. Whether you're feeling spiritually stuck, longing for deeper connection, or simply ready to grow, this weekend can be a meaningful next step in your journey.

Men's Walk: April 9–12

Women's Walk: April 16–19

Participation is completely FREE

Our DUMC Emmaus Community members describe the weekend as transformative, encouraging, and faith-affirming. It's time set apart to focus on Christ, build lasting friendships, and return renewed in purpose and passion. If you've ever wondered whether this experience might be for you — consider this your nudge! Learn more by visiting

<https://www.denverumc.org/ministries/walk-to-emmaus>

Questions or ready to sign up? Reach out to Wendi Sweet at wendi.sweet@denverumc.org. Come and see what God has in store for you.



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

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

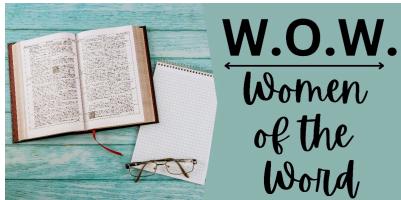
This study of the Gospel of Matthew, taught by Pastor Steve, is designed to engage participants in conversation, allowing us to learn from one another. Please bring your Bible and an inquiring mind as we seek to discern how God is speaking to us today through Holy Scripture.

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!



Friday Ladies' Bible Study Begins - March 6

The Friday Ladies' Bible will begin a new study on March 6. Michell Turner will be our guest leader for this study. She is calling it "The Greatest Story Ever Told, A Bird's Eye View of the New Testament". We meet in the Chapel on Fridays from 10-12. Childcare is available, just contact Sara Lee 704-230-9004.



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.



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@duumc.org).

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!

Women's
Alliance

Men's
Alliance

Discipleship Video Series

Spiritual Gifts Assessment



HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-12th grade ministry



February

Feb 28
Ski Trip

March
All Sundays in March
Confirmation: 4-5pm

March 8
Daylight Savings

March 29
No Youth

March 29
Palm Sunday

April

April 4
Easter Eggstravaganza

April 5
Easter! No Youth

April 12
No Youth

May

May 3
Last Youth -
Cookout Party!

May 17
Graduation Sunday

Click to sign up for Harbor Youth
updates!

Follow Harbor Youth on Instagram!

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Youth Ski Trip

February 28 {3-midnight}

Bundle up and grab your gear. We're heading night skiing on February 28, and it's going to be a blast! We'll ride the bus together, hit the slopes after dark, and make some great memories along the way. Spots are limited, so be sure to register early to save your place.

The cost is around \$60, which covers transportation and the experience. Don't wait until it's snowed under. Sign up soon and come ride with us! Click [here](#) to register!



LAUNCH / Confirmation All Sunday Evenings in March, 4-5 pm

Confirmation in the UMC marks the first time a person publicly "confirms" their intention to live the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant and so becomes a professing member of their local congregation and The United Methodist Church. Through confirmation, we "renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church" (UM Hymnal) In being confirmed, a person claims the Christian faith as part of their belief and identity. They also confirm that they want to continue learning and growing into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

This year, LAUNCH is going to look a little different as we are going to be meeting on Sunday evenings, right before youth, from 4-5pm in the Harbor Kids area.

These weeks of study and growth will be summed up on a weekend retreat here at DUMC on May 29 & 30 with Confirmation Sunday service on May 31. **All youth are invited to attend Confirmation classes!** We especially encourage all youth to attend the weekend retreat to help support and encourage those being confirmed, while also reminding them of their own confirmation experience.

Click [here](#) to register!



NTS Summer Camp /July 19-23

We're going back to NTS camp at Erskine College, in Due West, SC!

This year camp will be looking into the life of David in the Old Testament and the theme is "Pursuit." We hope our students

Registration must be completed by a parent or legal guardian over the age of 18 and is complete when all the required information is entered, and either payment is made in full, or the \$150 non-refundable/non-transferrable deposit has been made.

Registration is \$415 from now until April 29. Registration becomes \$435 from April 30 until July 5. Final registration is \$455 for those last 2 weeks before camp. **Registration closes at 6pm July 18!** You will receive reminder emails of payment due 14 & 7 days before the due date

see God's pursuit of them and, in turn, become people chasing after a God who chases after us, redeems us, and prepares us for greatness. As they see themselves in this story of pursuit, we pray they walk away being known as people after God's own heart!

Click [here](#) to watch the theme video!

if there is a balance on your account.

Click here to register for NTS Camp!



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](#)



100K Camino Challenge

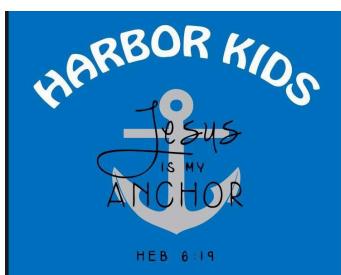
Luke Travers, our Intern for Children & Student Ministry, is part of a group of students from Niner United at UNCC who will walk 100 kilometers on the historic Camino de Santiago in Spain, a pilgrimage that has shaped lives for over a thousand years. He's not just walking for the adventure. Each step is part of a journey toward spiritual growth, clarity of calling, mental wellness, and deep community. This is where blistered feet explain theology better than lectures, and God becomes the compass.

Luke is asking for your support to make this pilgrimage possible. Any financial contribution will directly help cover travel, lodging, and essential costs. Click [here](#) for more information or to sponsor Luke in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.



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



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry!

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their all-you-can-eat fish fry at Denver UMC. Dinner is dine-in or take-out and includes fried or baked fish, slaw, fries, hush puppies, and a soft drink or coffee for \$15. Kids 8 and under are \$10. Tickets are available at the door.

Fridays, 4:30 - 7:00 pm

February 20

March 6

March 20

Staff & Leadership Connections

Click [here](#) to connect with our staff and Church Council

Visit our website at www.denverumc.org for the latest information



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