

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Executive Pastor, David Washco

What if the greatest joke ever told... wasn't funny at first?

Last Sunday, we celebrated the power of the resurrection, the moment when death thought it had won. The cross looked like defeat. The tomb looked like the end. The enemy thought he had the final word. But then Sunday came.

And in the greatest divine twist in history, God turned what looked like tragedy into triumph. The stone rolled away, the grave was empty, and in a way only God could orchestrate... He got the last laugh.

This Sunday at Denver UMC, we're continuing the story in [John 20:19-31](#)—when the disciples are hiding in fear, unsure of what to believe, and Jesus shows up anyway. Not to shame them, but to meet them right where they are... even in their doubt. We're calling it **Holy Humor Sunday**, and yes—it will be different.

Because here's the truth: faith isn't just about solemn moments; it's about surprising joy. It's about realizing that even when life looks like a closed tomb, God is already preparing a comeback story. And sometimes, the most spiritual thing we can do... is laugh at the lie that fear, doubt, or death ever had the final say.

Now, full transparency—our Senior Pastor likes to joke that my job as Executive Pastor is to “*do whatever he doesn't want to do.*” And apparently, that includes preaching the Sunday after Easter—the one statistically known as the lowest-attended Sunday of the year. But what if that's exactly why you should come?

Because this Sunday isn't an afterthought—it's the continuation. It's where doubt meets grace. It's where fear meets peace. It's where Jesus walks into locked rooms and says, “*Peace be with you.*”

And who knows—you might just laugh a little along the way.

We're inviting you (yes, even you—our Christmas-and-Easter friends) to come back one more time. Not out of obligation, but out of curiosity. Out of hope. Out of the possibility that the story isn't over yet—and neither is yours.

Because when God rewrites the ending... it's always worth showing up for. **Join us this Sunday for Holy Humor Sunday at Denver UMC.**

Let's celebrate the resurrection—not just with reverence... but with joy!

Blessings,
Pastor David



WORSHIP

join us in praising our Lord

May 5, 2026 Easter Worship Attendance

Sunrise	45
9:00	188
11:00	309
Children	31
Total	573
Average Online Views	90

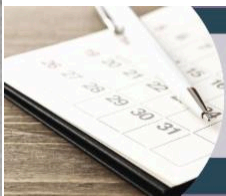


GIVING REPORT

updated financial news

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

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CALENDAR

we'll see you there!

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

Upcoming Events

4/9 (through the 12th) | **Men's Walk to Emmaus** | wendi.sweet@denverumc.org

4/15 10am | **W.O.W. Bible Study** | snicke@bellsouth.net

4/16 (through the 20th) | **Trinidad Mission Trip** | outreach@denverumc.org

4/16 10am | **Prayer Team** | prayers@denverumc.org

4/16 (through the 19th) | **Women's Walk to Emmaus** | wendi.sweet@denverumc.org

4/19 4pm | **Prayer Shawl Ministry** | shawnwyatteudy52@gmail.com

4/25 8am | **Community Garden Planting Day** | outreach@denverumc.org

4/27 11am-5pm | **Helping Hands Golf Tournament** | helpinghandsgolftournament@gmail.com

4/27 **Church Office Closed** | news@denverumc.org

4/28 6pm | **Church Council Meeting** | council@denverumc.org

5/3 5pm | **Last Youth PARTY!** | youth@denverumc.org

5/4 10:30am | **Helping Hands Meeting** | helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com



Events Calendar

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LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



Thank You!

Thank you so much for your generous contributions, time, and heart in making our Easter Eggstravaganza such an incredible success! Because of you, we were able to welcome a huge turnout from our community and create a fun, welcoming space for families to celebrate together. A special shoutout goes to Jeanne Wetzel for going above and beyond for this event, and so many others!

From the donated candy to the helping hands and smiling faces, every detail reflected the love of Christ and the unity of our church. It was a beautiful example of what happens when we come together to serve others.

Thank you for helping share the joy of Easter with our community!



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the funeral reception for Jack Thompson's family last Saturday. They were very appreciative.



OUTREACH

unleashing compassion



Raffle and Silent Auction Items Needed

The upcoming Charlie Blackburn Memorial Golf Tournament is the largest fundraiser of the year for Helping Hands. In addition to golf, there is a raffle/silent auction, and we're looking for donated items to make it a success!

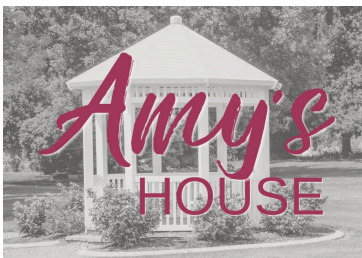
Golf-related items, trips, vacation home stays, unique experiences, gift baskets, services, or special items are especially appreciated. Every donation helps support Helping Hands and makes a meaningful impact in the Lincoln County community.

If you're able to contribute or want to learn more, please email helpinghandsgolftournament@gmail.com or call Leslie Matz at 704-491-9770.



Trinidad Mission Team

Please pray for our Trinidad Mission Team, as they prepare to serve the children and community surrounding Operation Smile Home for Children next week. The team will be commissioned this Sunday, during the 9:00 Contemporary Service.



Amy's House Gazebo Build - April 18th

Help create a serene place for domestic violence victims through this special project beginning at 9:00 am. Contact Crystal for details, 828-301-5247.



Hesed House of Hope's Annual Fish Fry - April 18th

Support Lincoln County's only homeless shelter while enjoying a delicious meal! The event will take place April 18th from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm at N Academy and Main Streets in Lincoln. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets or for more information.



Community Garden Planting Day - April 25th

Bring your trowels, gloves, friends, and family to the garden beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 25th. We'll plant tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and more - all to be given to food-insecure neighbors! No experience necessary! Email carol.brown@denverumc.org to let us know you'll be there!

Helping Hands

building community through service

Helping Hands Local Outreach Opportunities

Serve our neighbors through the many ministries and partnerships of Helping Hands! Click and browse through the [April HandUp Newsletter](#) for current needs and opportunities. Contact [Helping Hands](#) with questions.



Helping Hands Golf Tournament - April 27th!

Registration is still open to anyone wanting to sponsor a hole 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. **All golfing spots are now sold out, but hole sponsorships are still available.**

If you have questions about the Helping Hands Golf Tournament or would like to be added to a wait list, email helpinghandsgolftournament@gmail.com.



DISCIPLESHIP

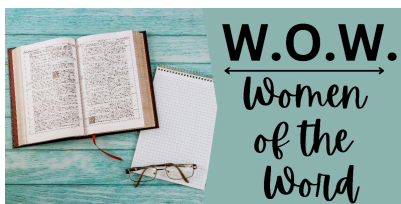
Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Connection Groups

Discipleship Opportunities

Sunday Small Group/Sunday School hour is 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Visit denverumc.org/ministries/adult-ministries 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



W.O.W. Bible Study

W.O.W. Bible study will meet every Wednesday starting April 8 - May 15 in the Chapel for our study "12 Daring Women of the Bible" from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Rachelle Roberts: Orachelle@hotmail.com or Susan Nickel: snicke@bellsouth.net



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? 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!



Friday Ladies' Bible Study

Michell Turner will be our guest leader for this study, "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.



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@denverumc.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!

Discipleship Video Series

Spiritual Gifts Assessment



HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-12th grade ministry



congratulations graduates!



Attention Graduating Seniors!

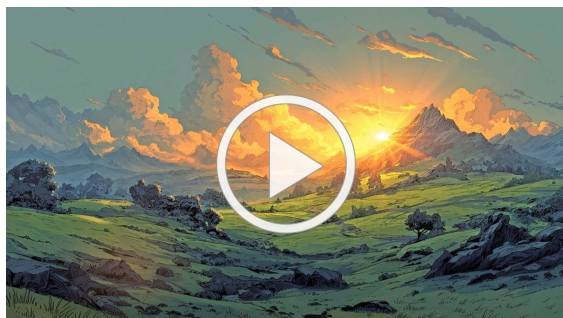
If you are graduating high school or college this year, please contact Cortni at youth@denverumc.org by **May 3** so we can celebrate and include you in Graduation Sunday, May 17. Click [here](#) to submit your graduation information. We look forward to recognizing and honoring our seniors for all they've accomplished!

April	May	June	July
April 12 No Youth	May 3 Last Youth PARTY!	June COMING SOON: a fun surprise!	July 4 Independence Day
April 19 Regular Youth	May 17 Graduation Sunday		July 12-16 VBS!
April 26 Regular Youth	May 24 Rock Springs Campground Sunday		July 19-23 NTS Summer Camp
	May 29-30 Confirmation Retreat		
	May 31 Confirmation Sunday		

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

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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 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!

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 if there is a balance on your account.*

[Click here to register for NTS Camp!](#)



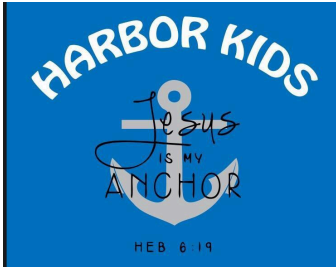
Sign Up to Help With Sunday Night Meals!
 Dinner is getting a fresh spin to become an elevated concession-style. We'd love for friends & parents to be part of the evening by sponsoring a meal and/or helping run the concession stand. While you're absolutely welcome to, **there is NO cooking required**— 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](#)



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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