

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor, Steve Autrey

There are certain days in life that carry more than one emotion at the same time, and Mother's Day is certainly one of them. For many, it is a day of joy and gratitude, a time to celebrate the love and influence of mothers who have shaped our lives. For others, it can be a day marked by grief, the loss of a mother, the loss of a child, or the quiet hurt of dreams never realized.

This Sunday, we will hear the words of an ancient preacher from Ecclesiastes 3:1–8, a passage that reminds us that “for everything there is a season.” Scripture does not ask us to dismiss our emotions or rush past them. Instead, the Bible gives us permission to name our feelings honestly, to recognize that there is a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.

As we also continue walking through this season of transition together as a church, these words take on added meaning. Change almost always triggers some type of grief, even when it is filled with hope; there is still a sense of loss. Naming that reality is the best thing we can do.

This Sunday will be an opportunity to hold all of that together: joy and grief, gratitude and even uncertainty. Most of all, it will be a time to remember that in every season of life, whether that season be full of joy or the complete opposite of joy, God is present.

I hope you will join us for worship.

Blessings,

Pastor Steve



I want to remind everyone about our 6-for-26 campaign. This initiative is crucial for our church's future, as it calls for an additional \$6 per week commitment to our church budget. By participating, we can not only meet our operating obligations but also significantly support the vital work of ministry at DUMC. Together, let's strengthen our community and ensure that we can continue to thrive and serve effectively. **Your contribution matters!**

Ongoing Conversations {Saying Goodbye}

Pastor Steve and Pastor Paul discuss the transitions ahead as Pastor Paul retires on June 30, and Pastor Steve moves to Providence UMC. We look forward to seeing what God has in store!





WORSHIP

join us in praising our Lord



This week, the 9:00 am Contemporary Service includes a focus on celebrating God's characteristics of beauty, comfort, strength, and peace, much like what a motherly figure can provide.

Click [here](#) to listen to Sunday's new song!



DUMC has a few special Sundays coming up. Below is a snapshot of April/May's worship schedule:

May 17th: Graduation Sunday (regular service times!)

May 24th: Rock Springs "Connected" Community Worship (10:00 am at Rock Springs-no service at DUMC!)

May 31st: Combined Service/Confirmation Sunday (10:00 am in Sanctuary)

Please make note of the changes in the worship schedule and plan to attend as one Body of Christ, filled with all God's children!



Later this month, Denver UMC will participate in the annual Rock Springs "Connected" Worship Service along with several other surrounding churches in the area. This is a time to get out of our normal worship setting and join together to worship God collectively as a community. There will be a combined Praise Team and Community Choir, with voices representing the churches involved.

This service happens on **Sunday, May 24th at 10:00am at Rock Springs Campground**. This year, this service lands on Pentecost Sunday, so mark your calendars for this special time of worship and plan to attend and witness the Holy Spirit filling the campground! PLEASE NOTE: there are no services on DUMC's campus this day!

May 3, 2026 Worship Attendance	
9:00	115
11:00	153
Children	18
Total	286
Average Online Views	89



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: \$411,713
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED TO DATE: \$388,573

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](#)



CALENDAR

we'll see you there!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 9 9AM	Sisterhood outreach@denverumc.org
MAY 10	Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins outreach@denverumc.org 
MAY 14 11AM	J.O.Y. Group rosannekocher@gmail.com
MAY 17 9 & 11AM	Graduation Sunday youth@denverumc.org
MAY 17 4PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry shawywyatteudy52@gmail.com
MAY 24 10AM	"Connected" Community Service at Rock Springs (no services at DUMC) worship@denverumc.org
MAY 25	Memorial Day - Church Office Closed news@denverumc.org 
MAY 26 6PM	Church Council Meeting council@denverumc.org
MAY 29- 30	Confirmation Retreat youth@denverumc.org
MAY 30 8-10AM	Men's Breakfast discipleship@denverumc.org



Events Calendar

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VBS registration is now open! Scroll down for more information!



LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!

**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**



2026 National Prayer

Almighty God, King of Glory, we confess our sins and repent of our pride that sought our own glory and comfort, allowing evil to take root instead of Your fruit in our hearts, homes, culture, and country.

Please forgive us.

Now, with this declaration of rededication, we humble ourselves, pray, and seek Your

face, turning from our wicked ways, that You would heal our lives and our land. Please purify and renew our hearts with holy attributes, affections, attitudes, and actions - to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

We give You glory as we repent and rededicate our lives and our nation to You. For 250 years, you have guarded and guided America in wisdom, grace, mercy, and love. We praise and thank You for our Founding Fathers, for all who sought You in fervent prayer throughout history and answered Your call to defend justice and freedom; to protect and serve, preach and teach, innovate, communicate, learn, work, worship, and establish our laws. May Your Kingdom come, and Your will be done in our lives, our Families, the Church, Education, Business, Military, Government, Arts, Entertainment, and Media as it is in heaven. We prayerfully commit to "Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations."

In Jesus' name, Amen!

Click [here](#) for more information on the National Day of Prayer



Next Sisterhood Event - This Saturday, May 9th!

It's not too late to celebrate Mother's Day Weekend at our May 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 make fragrant shower steamers, enjoy a morning outside learning or

improving your skills in the game of pickleball, participate in a color analysis experience to determine what colors look best on you, or create spring coasters to suit your decor! 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!



Welcome!

Please welcome Mark Fanus by Profession of Faith into the Denver UMC family.



Farewell Celebration for Pastor Steve

Please mark your calendars now for Pastor Steve's Farewell Celebration on June 14th at 5 pm in the Family Life Center. We will share more information soon!



OUTREACH

unleashing compassion



Baby Bottle Boomerang Time!

Sundays, May 10th and 17th, we are handing out baby bottles to fill with donations to support Harbour Health, formerly Heartbeats Women's Center. They are due back by May 31st. Your donations will help provide free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds to local women facing an unplanned pregnancy and allow families to get the items they need to parent effectively, the education they need to make life-affirming choices, and the support they need to face each day with courage. Click [here](#) for more information.



Community Garden Opportunities

As Pastor Steve mentioned last week, we harvested and donated 50 pounds of fresh strawberries last weekend to local families through Hills Chapel's food pantry! God is good! As you know, a garden needs on-going attention to maximize production. If you want to help maintain the garden, please click [here](#) to sign up through sign up genius or contact outreach@denverumc.org.

Helping Hands

building community through service

Helping Hands Community Service Group Opportunities

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



Handicap Ramp Build - May 12th

The Building and Repair Team is building another ramp this week to help a neighbor safely access their home. The build starts at 9:00 am. Contact Wally, wzm.fish@gmail.com, for details and to be added to the email list and help when you're available.



Foster Care
Appreciation

Foster Care Appreciation Event - May 15th

Help honor local foster parents by participating in this Foster Care Appreciation Event, Friday evening, May 15th, from 6:00-7:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to play games with the children. Adult door prizes and raffle baskets are also needed. Contact outreach@denverumc.org for details.



Missional Network's Community Fun Day - May 16th

Join us for this biannual event hosted by DUMC and our Missional Network partner churches. This event will take place at Tucker's Grove Campground from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm and include food, bouncy houses, crafts, and raffle prizes. Teens looking for volunteer hours are encouraged to come! Contact outreach@denverumc.org for more information.



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.

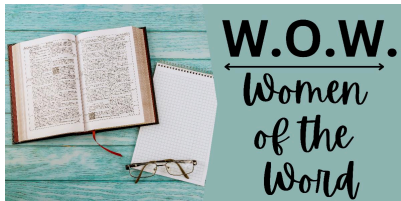
Email David Washco with any questions at discipleship@denverumc.org



New Young Adult Ministry

Join us for a new kind of young adults gathering — one built on purpose, community, and service. We're coming together to make a real impact through hands-on projects that meet the needs of our neighbors. If you're looking for a place to belong, grow, and serve alongside others your age, we'd love to have you with us! Bring a friend!

Saturday, May 16, 1:00-3:00, meet at the Mission Depot (behind the Scout Hut) for our first service opportunity with [Furnish a Future](#). Contact Adam Overbay at 704-524-9290 with questions.



W.O.W. Bible Study

W.O.W. Bible study will meet every Wednesday, 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@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. All women are invited!

Discipleship Video Series

Spiritual Gifts Assessment



HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-12th grade ministry



Youth Sunday School

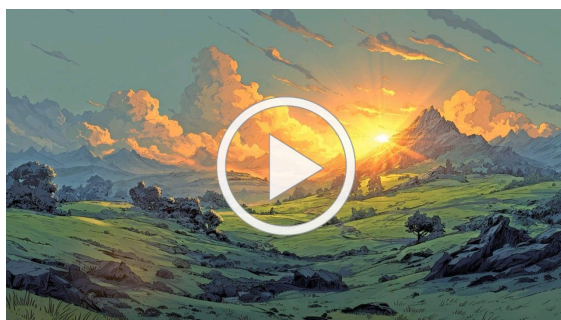
Get ready—something fun is happening in Youth Sunday School! We're watching an exciting video series (Alpha Youth series - check out the trailer!) designed just for youth, with real-life topics, engaging discussions, and a space where your voice matters. Join us Sunday mornings at 10 am in the youth room as we hang out, grow in our faith, and explore what it really means to follow Jesus in everyday life. Bring a friend and come be part of it—you won't want to miss this! Email Adam at Adamoverbay1@gmail.com or Dean at deanmosteller@gmail.com for more information!

May	June	July
<p>May 3 Last Youth PARTY!</p> <p>May 17 Graduation Sunday</p> <p>May 24 Rock Springs Campground Sunday</p> <p>May 29-30 Confirmation Retreat</p> <p>May 31 Confirmation Sunday</p>	<p>June COMING SOON: a fun water surprise!</p>	<p>July 4 Independence Day</p> <p>July 12-16 VBS!</p> <p>July 19-23 NTS Summer Camp</p>

[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.

After today, registration becomes \$435 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.*

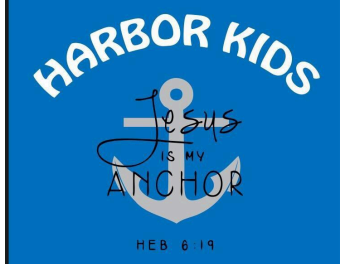
[Click here to register for NTS Camp!](#)



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!



Join us in a time travel back to Rome for VBS: July 12th-16th
Explore ancient Rome where Scripture and history connect in unforgettable ways!

Drop off begins nightly at 5:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center (gym). On Thursday evening, parents are invited to join us for our Family Night including pizza and outside festivities. Please have the children wear bathing suits under a t-shirt and shorts and don't forget to bring towels!

Registration Deadline = Monday, July 5th!!

To register or for more detailed information, scan or click on the QR code.

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