

This Sunday, we will join our fellow Missional Network churches for a combined worship service at Rock Springs Campground beginning at 10:00 am. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather as the connectional church and worship alongside our United Methodist neighbors from across the community. I hope you will make every effort to come and share in this meaningful time of worship, fellowship, and celebration of our shared ministry together.

An offering will be received during the service to support the ongoing mission work of the Missional Network. These funds help provide community fun days for at-risk children, assist neighbors in need with small home repairs, and support efforts to provide food for those experiencing hunger in our community.

I also encourage you to continue supporting the ministry of Denver UMC through your regular giving, whether online or by mail. Thank you for your faithful generosity and for the many ways you support both this congregation's ministry and our shared ministry with neighboring United Methodist churches.

At this time, there is a chance of rain in the forecast for Sunday morning. If the weather requires us to move indoors, our rain plan will be to gather in the sanctuary at Denver UMC. Any change in location will be communicated through email and text messaging.

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

As we say goodbye to Pastor Steve and Pastor Paul, we get to meet and say hello to Pastor David Hiatt, the incoming Senior Pastor at Denver UMC, and Pastor Luke Edwards, the incoming Senior Pastor at Huntersville UMC!



Farewell Party for Steve

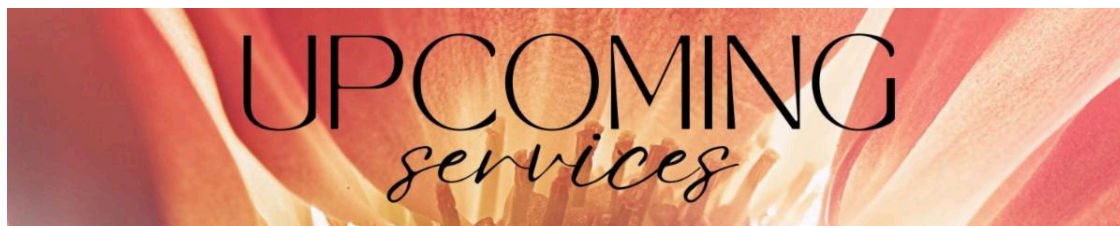
Join us Sunday, June 14th at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center (FLC) to say farewell to Pastor Steve and family. We will have a cookout-style dinner with hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixin's.

- If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Wendi Sweet at wendi.sweet@denverumc.org with the number of people in your family **by June 7**.
- Everyone is asked to bring a NON-REFRIGERATED dessert to the FLC on Saturday, June 13th, between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. to be shared on Sunday.
- Stop by the table in the FLC following the 9 a.m. service, or the Hub following the 11 a.m. service, to be part of a surprise for Pastor Steve!
- If you wish to give a love offering to Pastor Steve, you can donate online through the [giving page on our website](#), or via cash or check. Please be sure to mark your donation "Love Offering - Steve."



WORSHIP

join us in praising our Lord



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

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 a.m. in Sanctuary)

June 7: 9:00 a.m. services begin at the Arbor

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!



This Sunday, Denver UMC will participate in the annual Rock Springs "Connected" Worship Service along with several other area churches. 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 on this day! *Everyone is encouraged to bring a chair or cushion.*

If rain forces us indoors, we will move the service to the Denver UMC Sanctuary. Any location change will be notified through text and email on Saturday.

| May 17, 2026 Worship Attendance | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| 9:00 | 151 |
| 11:00 | 118 |
| Children | 18 |
| Total | 287 |
| Average Online Views | 67 |



GIVING REPORT

updated financial news

Ministry Operations UPDATED 5/17/26

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.

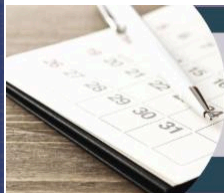
BUDGET INCOME EXPECTED TO DATE: \$471,660
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED TO DATE: \$456,681

2026
MINISTRY OPERATIONS ANNUAL BUDGET: \$1,382,987

The graphic features a background image of a wooden pier extending into a calm lake at sunset, with a small boat in the distance.

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 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 28
6PM

Harbor Youth Guitar Lessons Begin |
erin.shull@denverumc.org

MAY 29-
30

Confirmation Retreat | youth@denverumc.org

MAY 31
10AM

Confirmation Sunday/Combined Worship |
discipleship@denverumc.org

JUNE 1
10:30AM

Helping Hands Meeting |
helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com

JUNE 7
9AM

Arbor Services Begin | worship@denverumc.org

JUNE 13
10AM-1PM

Generation to Generation Event |
outreach@denverumc.org

JUNE 14
5PM

Farewell Celebration for Steve Autrey |
wendi.sweet@denverumc.org



Events Calendar

www.denverumc.org

Scan to Give



Don't miss these announcements - scroll down for more information!

- VBS registration is now open!
- Harbor Youth guitar lessons start May 28 at 6 pm. Check the Youth section below for more information and to register!
- Memorial Day breakfast buffet at Salem UMC, May 25, 8-10:30



OUTREACH

unleashing compassion



Baby Bottle Boomerang

Thanks to everyone who has taken a Baby Bottle to fill to support with donations to Harbor Health, formerly Heartbeats Women's Center. **They are due back by May 31st**, and can be brought to our combined worship service that morning or dropped off in the church office during business hours. 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

Join us in the garden! Click [here](#) to sign up through signup genius or contact outreach@denverumc.org to help keep the young plants watered and to harvest and deliver fresh produce to help feed our neighbors.

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.



DISCIPLESHIP

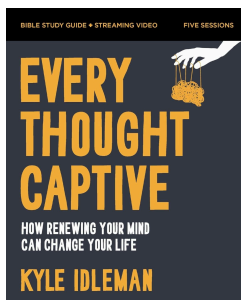
Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Connection Groups

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



Women's Summer Bible Study

A ladies' Bible study, "Every Thought Captive" by Kyle Idleman, will start on June 10th. We will be meeting in the Chapel from 10:00-12:00. The study guide is \$21.99. Please contact Sara Lee at 704-230-9004 with questions or if you would like her to order you a book. Childcare is available upon request.



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!



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 Amy Washco at abwashco@att.net. 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!



Harbor Youth Guitar Lessons

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for guitar lessons with Erin Shull on Thursdays at 6 pm, starting May 28. No experience required! We are hoping to grow our music ministry--come be a part of it! Sign up here to let us know you're coming:

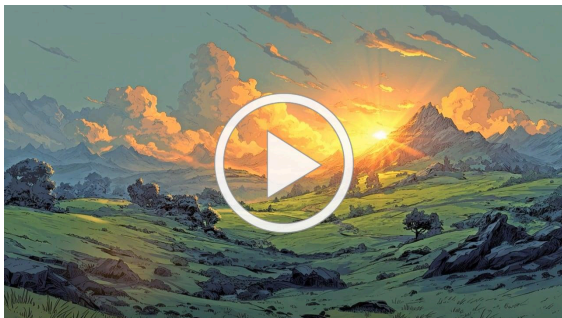
[Sign Up for Guitar Lessons!](#)

| May | June | July |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| May 3 Last Youth PARTY! | June COMING SOON: a fun water surprise! | July 4 Independence Day |
| May 17 Graduation Sunday | | July 12-16 VBS! |
| 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!](#)

[Follow Harbor Youth on Instagram!](#)

[Email Harbor Youth](#)



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 \$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*

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!

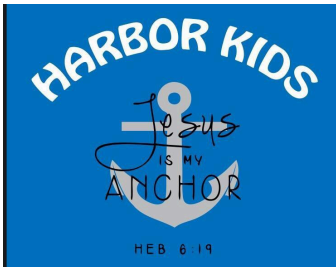
emails of payment due 14 & 7 days before the due date if there is a balance on your account.

[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.

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

[Follow Harbor Kids on Instagram!](#)



IN OUR COMMUNITY

what's happening around town

MEMORIAL DAY

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

378 N. PILOT KNOB ROAD ● DENVER ● 8AM - 10:30AM

Adults \$12
Children & Veterans \$8

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Proceeds benefit Hurricane Helene relief through Samaritan's Purse

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

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