

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor, Steve Autrey

On June 8, I celebrated my thirtieth anniversary of being ordained as a provisional Deacon in the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. Of this time, $\frac{1}{3}$ of my ministry has been with you at Denver. This church has taught me how to lead through the most challenging of times and has helped me grow as a pastor, leader, and person. I am forever grateful for the incredible support you have shown my family and me through the ups and downs of the past ten years. I know I am a better person and a better-equipped pastoral leader because of all we have lived out together.

Most importantly, I have grown as a disciple of Jesus, as circumstances dictated that I lean more into the work of Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the resources of God the Father than ever before in my ministerial work. Working through a Pandemic and facing the gut-wrenching schism in the United Methodist Church was far beyond my ability to manage. Nothing less than the grace of God could see us through times such as these. As we approach my final Sunday, I understand that this congregation and community have done far more for me than I have for you. My overall sentiment is one of gratitude for all that God has provided for us.

This Sunday, I am preaching on [Matthew 9:18-26](#), which is the story of Jesus healing the daughter of Jarius, an official from the synagogue, and an unnamed woman who has been suffering from a chronic hemorrhage for 18 years. I doubt any of you recall this, but I first preached on this text when I began at Denver in July of 2016. So much has changed since then, but the truth of what God is doing has not wavered. This is a story of hope amid deep grief, a story of healing that transcends even death, and a model of how different stories come together in the person of Jesus.

Jesus has a way of connecting people, just as he does for this woman and the family of Jarius. Because of Jesus, these people are forever joined together through eternity when they should have never made each other's acquaintance. The same is true for us, my story, my family's story, and the story of Denver UMC will forever be part and parcel of each other. This Sunday, I am looking forward to revisiting where we started and celebrating the reality that God will continue to work out of our stories together, forever.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve

Farewell Celebration for Steve

Join us this Sunday, June 14th, at 5 pm 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.

- We are asking everyone to bring a NON-REFRIGERATED dessert to the FLC on Saturday, June 13th, between 12 pm and 5 pm to be shared on Sunday.
- If you wish to give a love offering to Pastor Steve, you can donate online through the [giving page](#) of our website, or via cash or check. Please be sure to mark your donation "Love Offering - Steve."
- We will also have a basket for cards of appreciation at the celebration.



WORSHIP

join us in praising our Lord



Here's a snapshot of DUMC's upcoming special Sunday-themed focus in worship happening over the Summer months:

June 14th: Steve's Final Sunday at DUMC

June 21st: Father's Day

July 5th: God's Freedom/Fourth of July

August 30th: Combined Service 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!



The beloved Arbor Outdoor Service is now in full swing! This time of worship takes the place of what has been the 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service in the FLC. This worship setting is informal and will still offer contemporary music at the same early hour, the difference being outside surrounded by God's creation as we meet under the Arbor each Sunday from **June 7th to September 27th**. FRIENDLY REMINDER: Although we have several folding chairs available, it is advised to bring your own lawn chair to ensure any new visitors have a seat!

This summer, a brand new integration of a songbook will be implemented. This booklet will contain lyrics to fourteen chosen songs that will rotate throughout the summer months, giving repetition to our singing.

To preview the entire song list for this Summer's Arbor Outdoor Service/this Sunday's setlist, click the icons below!



Hidden Treasures

A new sermon series, "Hidden Treasures," begins June 21.

What if there is more to the Bible than you ever realized?

Join us on this three-week journey as we examine some familiar biblical passages and discover that the Bible is more than a collection of stories, rules, or historical events. It is a carefully crafted invitation into a relationship with God. Click [here](#) for more information.



June 7, 2026 Worship Attendance	
9:00	80
11:00	102
Children	10
Total	192
Average Online Views	97

GIVING REPORT

updated financial news

Ministry Operations UPDATED 6/7/26

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: \$539,203
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED TO DATE: \$554,739

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

JUNE 13
10AM-1PM

Generation to Generation Event |
outreach@denverumc.org

JUNE 14
5PM

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

JUNE 18-21

Annual Conference | denver@denverumc.org

JUNE 21

Father's Day



JUNE 21
4PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry | shawnwyatteudy52@gmail.com

JUNE 22
6PM

Church Council Meeting | council@denverumc.org

JULY 2

DUMC Office Closed



JULY 6
10:30 AM

Helping Hands Meeting |
helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com

JULY 11
9AM

Sisterhood Event | outreach@denverumc.org

JULY 11
10AM

Family Days at Patch's Playhouse | kids@denverumc.org



Events Calendar

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

- **Generation to Generation Event - This Saturday, June 13**
- **NEW Family Days in July/August!**
- **Community Events**



LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



G2G
GENERATION TO GENERATION
*Rebuilding Communities
Through Hospitality*

Generation to Generation (G2G) Learning Lab - This Saturday, June 13 • 10:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

Make Pickles. Meet People. Build Community. Denver United Methodist Church invites you to join the next Generation to Generation (G2G) Learning Lab — a hands-on pickle canning workshop that's all about connection and creativity.

Led by a guest instructor from the Agriculture Extension Agency, participants will learn how to safely make and can pickles, explore simple food preservation techniques, and pick up practical tips to use at home.

But this event is more than just pickles — it's about people. You'll leave with a jar of homemade pickles and new friendships that last far beyond the workshop.

Who Can Join? Adults and anyone 11 and up with a parent are welcome. No experience needed — just come as you are! Space is limited to 25 participants, so be sure to register early to reserve your spot. To sign up, contact Carol Brown at carol.brown@denverumc.org.

Generation to Generation: Rebuilding Community Through Hospitality.



OUTREACH

unleashing compassion

Dig In and Make a Difference!

Looking for a meaningful way to serve, connect, and enjoy God's creation? Join the volunteer team in the Garden! Whether you're an experienced gardener or have never planted a seed, there's a place for you. Help plant, water, weed, harvest, and share fresh produce with our community.

Join us at 8:00 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday morning and the first and third Saturdays of each month, beginning June 20th! Of course you're always welcome to help maintain the garden at a time more convenient for you! Contact carol.brown@denverumc.org for details.

Thank you, Young Adult Ministry, for planting, weeding, and harvesting produce this week! Check out the Pink Lemonade Blueberries!



Helping Hands

building community through service

Helping Hands Local Outreach Opportunities

The needs of our neighbors don't take summer breaks, and neither does Helping Hands! Volunteers are needed to sort children's clothing donations at the Asbury Resource Center, the Hesus House of Hope Homeless Shelter is asking for packaged snacks for residents to enjoy as they arrive each evening, and a nurse volunteer is needed to perform ultrasounds for Harbour Health! Please check out the June [HandUp newsletter](#) for information about how to fill these needs and more! Contact helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com with questions.



DISCIPLESHIP

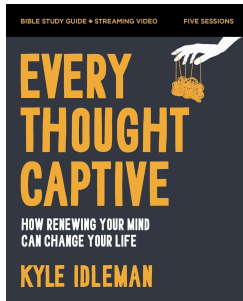
Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Connection Groups

Discipleship Opportunities

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

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

There is a new ladies' Bible study, "Every Thought Captive" by Kyle Idleman, meeting in the Chapel on Wednesday mornings 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

Would you be interested in joining a group of members of all ages to share in a facilitation-type discussion on a variety of spiritual growth topics this summer? The time starts on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. in the CORC (old fellowship hall), with a time of fellowship, followed by discussion 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](mailto: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!

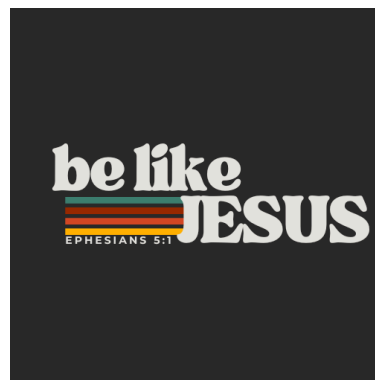
Discipleship Video Series

Spiritual Gifts Assessment



HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-12th grade ministry



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. 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:

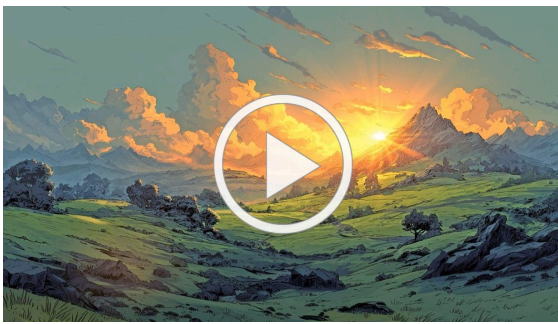
[Sign Up for Guitar Lessons!](#)

June	July	August
June 21 Father's Day	July 4 Independence Day	August 1 Family Days
	July 11 Family Days	August 30 Combined Worship Service at 10am
	July 18 Family Days	
	July 19-23 NTS Summer Camp	
	July 25 Family Days	

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

[Follow Harbor Youth on Instagram!](#)

[Email Harbor Youth](#)



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.

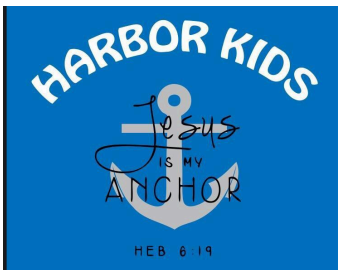
Registration is \$435 until July 5. Final registration is \$455 for those last 2 weeks before camp. **Registration closes at 6pm July 18!** *You will receive reminder emails of payment due 14 & 7 days before the due date if there is a balance on your account.*

[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!



NEW - Family Days!

This summer, instead of a traditional VBS, we are using those resources to invest directly into families with rising 6th-graders and under. We're hosting four special Saturdays filled with fun, connection, devotions, and shared experiences. From exploring, serving, and playing together to building stronger relationships with one another and with God, Family Days is designed to help families create memories that last long after summer ends.

While the church will be helping offset expenses for participating children and their immediate families, these events are open to **everyone in our church and community**. Whether you're a parent, grandparent, empty nester or young adult, we'd love for you to join us! Please register so we can be prepared! Contact Cortni at kids@denverumc.org with any questions!

All events start at DUMC at 10:00 a.m.
July 11 - Patch's Playhouse for pottery painting
July 18 - Mountain Creek Park playground
July 25 - Community Garden Service Project

Register for Family Days

Click to sign up for updates from Harbor Kids!

Follow Harbor Kids on Instagram!



IN OUR COMMUNITY

what's happening around town

come hungry & curious...

LUNCH & LEARN

NEW THREE-WEEK STUDY

History of Methodism

~ Who We Are ~

Where did we come from? What do we believe? And what does it really mean to be **Methodist**? Join us for a warm, three-week journey through the story that shaped our faith — from a spark in John Wesley's heart to the people of Rehobeth today. No background needed — just bring your curiosity and an open heart!

Mark your calendar — three Tuesdays!

TUESDAY JUNE 16	TUESDAY JUNE 23	TUESDAY JULY 7
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AT **11:00 AM**
• Rehobeth Fellowship Hall

Bring a friend —
and let's discover our story together!

REHOBETH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ALL ARE WELCOME

History of Methodism
Rehobeth UMC is inviting everyone to join them for a Lunch & Learn study on the History of Methodism. Sessions are June 16, 23 and July 7 at 11:00 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please email info@rehobethumc.org.

THE
2026 EAST LINCOLN COMMUNITY CHORUS
PRESENTS

The Four Freedoms

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN VOICES

DUSTIN B. STAMEY, CONDUCTOR
DAVID WILCOX, ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR
JEFF PERKS, ACCOMPANIST

JUNE 25 | 7:00 PM
JUNE 26 | 7:00 PM
JUNE 27 | 3:00 PM

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East Lincoln Community Chorus
The East Lincoln Community Chorus proudly presents The Four Freedoms: Celebrating 250 Years of American Voices — an inspiring concert honoring the voices, values, and stories that have shaped our nation. Performances will be at Unity Presbyterian June 25 at 7 pm, June 26 at 7 pm, and June 27 at 3 pm.

Admission is free, but donations are welcome! For more information, visit www.elccsings.com.

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