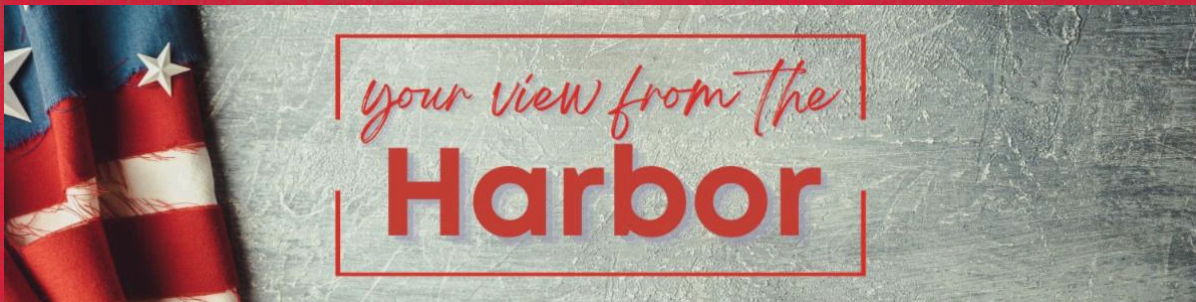




THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Executive Pastor, David Washco

[Isaiah 55:8-9](#), [Psalm 119:18](#)

What do you do when the Bible doesn't make sense?

Have you ever read a passage of Scripture and thought:

Why did God send ten plagues instead of one?

Did God really harden Pharaoh's heart?

How do we reconcile God's love with the difficult stories in Joshua?

If you've ever wrestled with questions like these, you're not alone, and you may be asking exactly the questions Scripture wants you to ask.

As we conclude our series, **Hidden Treasures: Familiar Stories, Sacred Layers**, we'll discover that the Bible doesn't ask us to ignore difficult passages or pretend they don't exist. Instead, those moments become invitations to slow down, ask better questions, and discover the heart of God in ways we may have never considered before.

What if some of the passages we've struggled with the most are actually revealing one of God's greatest attributes, not His wrath, but His incredible patience?

Join us as we learn that faith isn't the absence of questions. Faith is trusting God's character enough to keep searching for His heart.

Bring your Bible. Bring your curiosity. And come ready to wrestle, because the greatest treasure in Scripture isn't that it answers every question. It's that every question invites us to know the Author more deeply.

Blessings,
Pastor David Washco



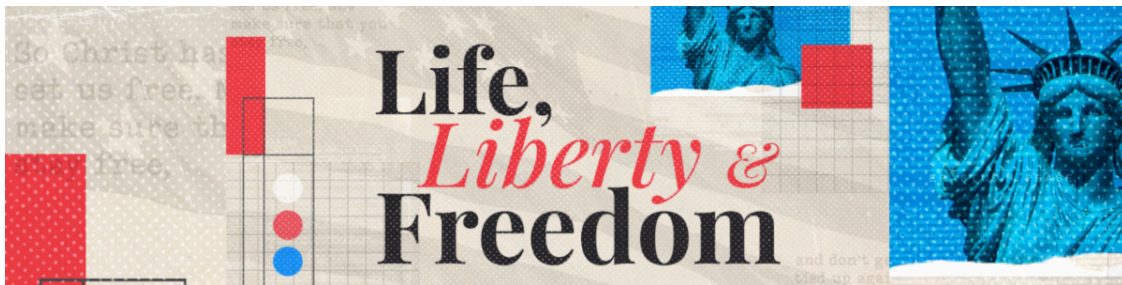


WORSHIP

join us in praising our Lord



Due to this week's extreme heat forecast, the Arbor Outdoor Service will meet indoors this **Sunday, July 5th** in the Sanctuary at 9:00am. Please make note of this change and plan to come and be a part of this Sunday's special service celebrating God's Freedom/Fourth of July!



As stated above, this Sunday's worship will commemorate and celebrate God's Freedom, while recognizing the Fourth of July holiday! The chosen songs offer opportunity to join our voices and rejoice in the freedom and peace in which God gives to His children. There will also be Scripture read during each song to provide petition and prayer to our Heavenly Father for the healing of our nation. To preview the themed song list for this service, click the icon below!



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

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!



GIVING REPORT

updated financial news

Ministry Operations UPDATED 6/28/26

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: \$607,679
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED TO DATE: \$601,830

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

JULY 4
8-10AM

Community Garden Work Day | outreach@denverumc.org

JULY 6
10:30 AM

Helping Hands Meeting |
helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com

JULY 7
6-8PM

Young Adult Ministry Service Project |
overbay.amy@gmail.com

JULY 11
9AM

Sisterhood Event | outreach@denverumc.org

JULY 11
10AM

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

JULY 18
10AM

Family Days at Mountain Creek Park |
kids@denverumc.org

JULY 18
8-10AM

Community Garden Work Day | outreach@denverumc.org

JULY 19
4PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry | shawnwyatteudy52@gmail.com

JULY 19-23

NTS Camp | youth@denverumc.org

JULY 25
10AM

Family Days at the Community Garden |
kids@denverumc.org



Events Calendar

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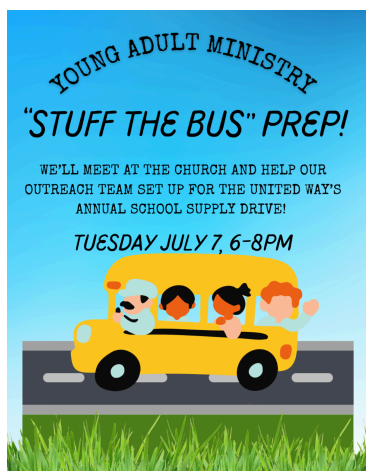
Don't miss these announcements - scroll down for more information!

- **NTS Youth Camp Discount Available - Register Before July 5!**
- **NEW Family Days in July/August!**
- **Young Adult Ministry on July 7**



LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



Young Adult Ministry Service Project

YAM (our Young Adult Ministry) will be helping our outreach team set up for the United Way's annual school supply drive! We'll be assembling "school bus" boxes for donations. We'll bring the materials--just bring yourself and your creative spirit! Meet in WAB 105 on Tuesday, July 7. Contact Amy Overbay at overbay.amy@gmail.com with questions.



OUTREACH

unleashing compassion



What to do in the Garden this Week!

This week we will harvest and donate MORE cucumbers, beans, and blueberries, remove a few weeds, and water the garden, and we need your help! Join us every Tuesday and Thursday and most Saturday mornings beginning at 8:00 a.m. You're also welcome to help maintain the garden at a time more convenient for you! Contact carol.brown@denverumc.org for information about what's needed while you're there.



"Stuff the Bus" School Supply Drive - July 6 through August 6!

DUMC is a collection site for United Way of Lincoln County's annual "Stuff the Bus" school supply drive! Watch for special display bins that will be placed in the church office and narthex (outside the sanctuary) the week of July 6th. [Click](#) for a list of requested supplies. These school supplies will be available to teachers and to students whose families lack the resources to purchase school supplies. Thanks for supporting our local kids once again! Contact

outreach@denverumc.org with questions.

Helping Hands

building community through service

Helping Hands Meeting - Monday, July 6th!

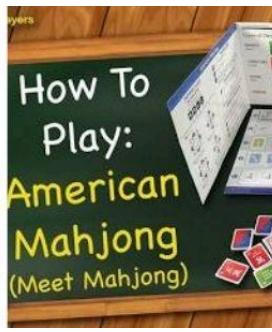
The next Helping Hands meeting will be on Monday, July 6th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome to come and learn of the many opportunities to serve others in our community. Email helpinghandsdenvern@gmail.com for details.



Next Sisterhood Event - Saturday, July 11th!

Registration is open for our July 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 uniquely design and paint a welcoming doormat, learn the basics of American Mahjong, or visit the botanical

garden, orchid conservatory, and natural areas of the Daniel Stowe Conservancy! Click [here](#) to register. Contact [Janet Chubb](#) to donate breakfast items or welcome other ladies. See you there!



Volunteers Needed for Fabulous Friday - July 24th!

We need your help Friday, July 24th, to interact with school-age children and to help serve breakfast and lunch at the annual Friday's Only Camp, hosted by our Missional Network. Denver's day to provide volunteers is July 24th!

Volunteers are needed from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, with options

to help just half of the day. Activities are already planned. The camp takes place at Hill's Chapel UMC. Contact carol.brown@denverumc.org with questions or to volunteer.

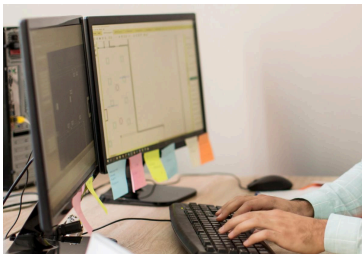


Prayers for Neighbors in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana

Avoyelles Parish has been hit hard by Tropical Storm Arthur. Hundreds of homes have flooded, leaving families overwhelmed and facing a long road to recovery. The sooner residents can remove flood-soaked contents in their homes, the sooner the drying process can start—reducing mold growth and improving chances of recovery. That's why our Steve and Deb

LaForge and other Hope Force disaster response team members have deployed to the area.

Please pray for the homeowners affected and for Steve and Deb and their teammates, as they serve these neighbors. Pray for their safety, insight, and that they demonstrate God's love for this community.



ELCM Needs IT Assistance

ELCM could use some help getting two new computers added to our local network and setting up Microsoft 365. We also need a few updates made to our Microsoft Access database.

For someone experienced with networking and Access, this should only take a few hours. If this is in your wheelhouse, we'd really appreciate your help. Please contact Charlie at cicionchouse@gmail.com for more information.



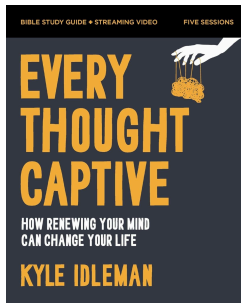
DISCIPLESHIP

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.



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. Please contact Sara Lee at 704-230-9004 with questions. 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:emailCalebHendren).

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!

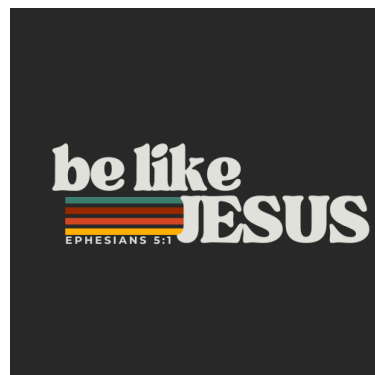
Discipleship Video Series

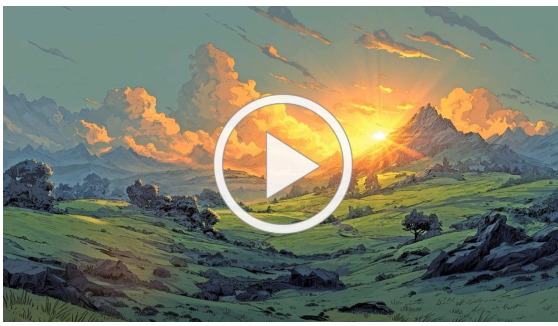
Spiritual Gifts Assessment



HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-12th grade ministry





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.

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!

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

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.*

*DUMC is offering to supplement \$100 *per student* who wants to attend NTS summer camp! The discount will be applied after you register your student. *If you are in need of scholarship assistance please email youth@denverumc.org.*

July

July 4

Independence Day

July 11

Family Days

July 18

Family Days

July 19-23

NTS Summer Camp

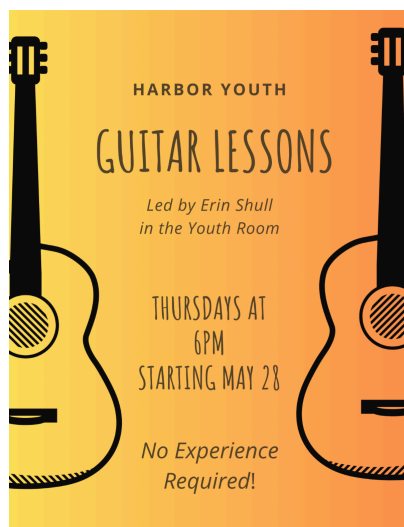
July 25

Family Days

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

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Harbor Youth Guitar Lessons

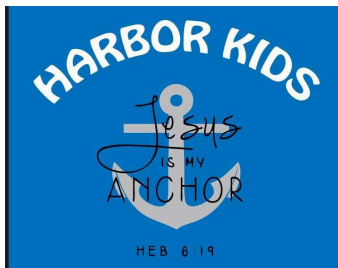
All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for guitar lessons with Erin Shull on Thursdays at 6 pm. No experience required! We are hoping to grow our music ministry--come be a part of it! Sign up here to let us know you're coming:

[Sign Up for Guitar Lessons!](#)



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!



[Register for Family Days](#)

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!

We will meet at the event location 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

Aug 1 - Catawba Science Center

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

Follow Harbor Kids on Instagram!

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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