



[John 21:1-19](#)

"Lessons From the Boat: Grace Abundant"

When life becomes overwhelming, we often return to what is familiar, and that's exactly where we find the disciples in this week's Scripture. In an effort to cope, they go back to the ordinary. But after the resurrection, the ordinary is no longer ordinary. Whether they are looking for him or not, they discover that Jesus, with his abundant grace, is already there waiting for them. Join us this Sunday as we continue our series, *Lessons From the Boat*, and discover the good news that when life becomes overwhelming, the risen Christ is already waiting for us on the shore.

Blessings,
Pastor David Hiatt



The beloved Arbor Outdoor Service is in full swing!
To preview the entire song list for this Summer's setlist, click the icons below!

SPECIAL REMINDER: If inclement weather becomes a threat during the Summer months, the Arbor Service will relocate indoors to the Sanctuary. Communication from the church will be sent out by **Saturday at noon** regarding this change of location if a decision is made. If you have not been receiving the church-wide text, please contact the Church Office.





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

August 9th: Blessing of the Backpacks

August 30th: Combined Service in Sanctuary

August 9, 2026 Worship Attendance	
9:00	115
11:00	120
Children	24
Total	259
Average Online Views	61



GIVING REPORT

updated financial news

Ministry Operations UPDATED 8/9/26

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: \$724,547
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED TO DATE: \$715,261

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!

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CALENDAR

we'll see you there!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 15
8AM

Community Garden Work Day |
outreach@denverumc.org

AUG 16
4PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry | shawnwyatteudy52@gmail.com

AUG 24
6PM

Church Council Meeting | council@denverumc.org

AUG 28
6:30PM

Harbor Kids Parents Meeting | kids@denverumc.org

AUG 29
8AM

Church Workday | david.washco@denverumc.org

AUG 30
10AM

Combined Worship Service | worship@denverumc.org

AUG 30
11AM

Meet & Greet the Hiatts | council@denverumc.org

SEPT 2
9:30AM

Chicken Pickin' | denzilmbell@gmail.com

SEPT 2
10AM

Prayer Team Meeting | snicke@bellsouth.net

SEPT 3
11AM-1PM

First Thursday Lunch | denzilmbell@gmail.com



Events Calendar

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LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



Backpack Blessing Tags!

We were overwhelmed by the response to our Backpack Blessing Tags! We handed out all 50 tags on Sunday, but don't worry if you didn't get one. We'll have more available this Sunday.

Stop by Harbor Kids on Sunday morning and see Cortni to pick up your Backpack Blessing Tag. As the new school year begins, we want to lift up all students, teachers, and school personnel in prayer.



Tuesday, August 18: Show off your knowledge of all things trivial for a night of fun at Trivia Night at Lake Norman Brewery (7-9 PM). Pets are welcome, too!

Contact Amy Overbay for more details at overbay.amy@gmail.com or 919-637-0787.

was a great day of service!

Last month, the YAM group built a deck for a local family! It



Save the Date - Saturday Service Day

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 29, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m., for a church-wide day of service. Everyone is invited! Meet at the Arbor and bring your rakes, gloves, and blowers.



GriefShare Facilitators Needed

We are looking for people interested in participating as a facilitator for our GriefShare group. GriefShare is a faith-based support group that uses Christian principles to help individuals work through the emotional life stressors associated with the loss of a loved one. Training is provided with specific guidelines that support confidentiality, provide

individual encouragement, and promote active listening.

If you feel this is a ministry you would like to be involved with, please contact Vickey Baxley at vickeymarlene@gmail.com or feel free to call or text (704) 473-7867. We hope to get a Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon workshop going, "How to Survive the Holidays," just before Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Meet & Greet the Hiatts!

Help us welcome Pastor David Hiatt and his family to DUMC on August 30, immediately following the combined worship service, in the FLC. Coffee and donuts will be served. We will also be collecting gift cards to local restaurants, shops, and grocery stores as a welcome gift for the Hiatt family. If you are unable to attend on the 30th but would like to contribute a gift



Questions can be directed to the Church Council by emailing council@denverumc.org

Church Council Highlights From July 27

- Income and expenses are both slightly under budget; cash flow remains healthy
- Over \$15K spent on facility repairs, primarily HVAC
- The Cedar St. house has moisture issues and a failed water heater. Received a \$24K remediation estimate; additional bids/options will be explored
- The Talent School is renewing their lease for another year. County approvals for the Cedar St. property are expected in about three months before occupancy.
- Ministry Fair planned for September
- Trinidad mission trip is scheduled for October 9-12
- The search for a Director of Student Ministries continues
- Planning a communication to update the congregation on the history of capital campaign funds
- The church is \$94K behind on apportionments, and Council has approved paying \$15,500 this month and reviewing monthly payments with the goal of catching up by year-end
- The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24 at 6:00 PM



OUTREACH

unleashing compassion



First Thursday Bakers Needed

Homemade desserts have long been a staple of First Thursday Lunch at Denver UMC and we need more desserts! Bakers are scheduled on a rotating basis September - May. If you enjoy baking or trying new recipes, this is the ministry for you! Please contact Wendi Sweet at wendi.sweet@denverumc.org if you would like to be added to the list.

Helping Hands

building community through service

A New Season to Serve

Another school year brings new opportunities to serve and to share God's love. Whether you have an hour to give or serve regularly, Helping Hands makes it easy to use your time, compassion, and experience can make a lasting difference in our community. [Click](#) to view the August HandUp Newsletter for current opportunities. Contact [Helping Hands](#) with questions.



Join Us in the Garden - Saturday, August 15th

We're so excited about all that our small garden has produced and given to food-insecure neighbors so far this season! Please join us this Saturday at 8:00 am to harvest, water, and help maintain this ministry! Contact carol.brown@denverumc.org with questions.

FOSTER CARE CLASSES



Begin - August 27th

Have you ever considered fostering local children who have lost parents or been removed from their care? There is a huge need for someone like you in our community! After prayerful discernment, click [here](#) to inquire and start the process by attending these classes. They will help you make a more informed decision, with no obligation.



Harbour Health Walk for Life - September 13th

Join Team DUMC or sponsor Scott and Karen Haskins as they walk in the Harbour Health (formerly Heartbeats) annual Walk For Life! The event raises needed funds so families in our area can receive compassionate care, resources, mentorship, and parenting education needed to

equip them to be the best parents they can be. Click [here](#) for more information about participating or sponsoring our team. Thank you for your generosity!



Amy's House 2026 Annual Gala - September 13th

You're invited to this annual fundraiser in support of Lincoln County Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Amy's House. The event brings our community together to celebrate hope, honor survivors, and raise critical funds that allow us to continue providing emergency shelter, advocacy, transitional housing,

and life-changing services for individuals and families impacted by domestic violence. Join us Sept. 13th from 2:00-5:00 at Laboratory Mills in Lincolnton. Tickets are only \$25 per person. Click [here](#) to purchase yours.



2026 Fall Trinidad Experience – October 9–13

A few spots remain for our next Trinidad Experience! Join us over Columbus Day weekend to meet or reconnect with our partners at Operation Smile Home for Children. You'll experience the warmth and hospitality of the people of Trinidad, spend time with some truly precious children, and have opportunities for meaningful service and personal spiritual growth. Come see what God is doing through this ministry—you may just fall in love with Trinidad and the children we're privileged to serve! Contact [David Washco](#)

or [Carol Brown](#) for details and to sign up.





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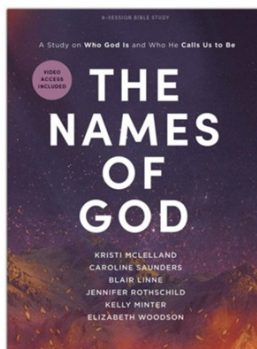
Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Connection Groups

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



Friday Ladies Bible Study

The Friday Ladies Bible Study will begin a new study on Friday, September 4. We will be using a Lifeway Women's study called "The Names of God". The book is \$25. We will meet on Friday mornings from 10-12 in the Chapel. Childcare is available upon request. If you would like Sara to order you a book, please text her at 704-230-9004.



Join us for Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries starting September 3rd!

Have you heard about Lay Servant Ministries?

Lay Servant Ministries ("LSM") is a leadership development and discipleship program that helps laity discover and employ their personal spiritual gifts and equips laity to lead more effectively in their local churches and beyond. Through its focus on ministries of leading, caring, and communicating, LSM training helps laity gain the

skills and confidence needed to more faithfully live into their calling and to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Beginning September 3, 2026, our Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries is offering [An Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry: The Basic Course](#) for laity who are interested in learning about the LSM program and how LSM training can support their personal development and spiritual growth.

This course is a foundational course and is a prerequisite for taking other LSM courses. The course is open to any lay person. You do not have to be serving in a particular leadership role in your church, though Lay Leaders, those leading or serving on a ministry team or committee, and those who are interested in exploring new ways to serve may find the course particularly helpful.

The course will be taught online via Zoom from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm each Thursday for four consecutive weeks (Sept. 3rd, Sept. 10th, Sept. 17th, and Sept. 24th). Participants must attend all four sessions to receive credit for the course. Cost is \$25.00, plus participants must purchase the textbook for the course.

Click [here](#) to learn more and to register for the course by August 26, 2026.



Are You Ready for a Life-Changing Weekend?

DUMC family, the Fall Walk to Emmaus is coming soon — and you're invited!

This powerful three-day experience is designed to renew your spirit, deepen your faith, and strengthen your relationship with Christ. Whether you're feeling spiritually stuck, longing for deeper connection, or simply ready to grow, this weekend can be a meaningful next step in your journey.

Men's Walk: October 15-18

Women's Walk: October 22-25

Our DUMC Emmaus Community members describe the weekend as transformative, encouraging, and faith-affirming. It's time set apart to focus on Christ, build lasting friendships, and return renewed in purpose and passion. If you've ever wondered whether this experience might be for you — consider this your nudge! Learn more by visiting <https://www.denverumc.org/ministries/walk-to-emmaus>

Questions or ready to sign up? Reach out to Wendi Sweet at wendi.sweet@denverumc.org. Come and see what God has planned for YOU!



Sunday Morning Study Opportunity Sundays, 10:00 a.m. in the CORC

Would you be interested in joining a group of people 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: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 Kickoff Party!

Kick off an incredible year with Harbor Youth! Join us for our Kickoff Party on **Sunday, September 13, from 5- 7 pm** in the gym. It's going to be an evening packed with games, food, laughs, prizes, and a chance to reconnect with friends and meet some new ones. Whether you've been coming for years or it's your very first time, this is the perfect night to jump in. Bring a friend and come ready for an unforgettable kickoff! Email youth@denverumc.org for more info!

August	September	October	November
Aug. 8 LOVE DENVER	Sept. 13 KICKOFF PARTY	Oct. 3 ARBOR MOVIE NIGHT	Nov. 7 FALL FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW
Aug. 9 BACKPACK BLESSING SUNDAY	Sept. 16 TABLE TALK BEGINS	Oct. 11 THANKFALL PARTY	Nov. 22 FEED THE HUNGER / NO YOUTH
	Sept. 27 BRING YOUR ADULT TO YOUTH NIGHT		Nov. 29 GINGERBREAD BASH / NO YOUTH

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

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HARBOR KIDS

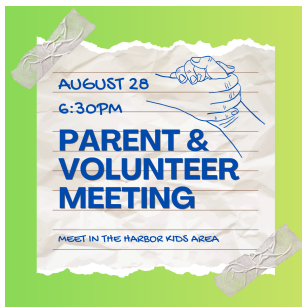
DUMC's birth - 5th grade ministry



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!



Harbor Kids Parents Meeting, August 28, 6:30 in Harbor Kids

We invite all Harbor Kids parents and volunteers to join us for our Harbor Kids Parent Meeting! This will be a great opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas, and feedback as we continue to grow and shape our children's ministry together. We want to hear your voice and learn what is working well, what could be improved, and what you would love to see happen in Harbor Kids. We'll also be unveiling this year's Kids Christmas Play and sharing exciting details about what's ahead. We hope you'll join us as we partner together to help kids know God, love people, and change the world!

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

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