



[John 1:14-16](#) & [Revelation 3:15-16](#)

"Way of Life: Rediscovering a Wesleyan Way of Living - The Story Begins"

What does it mean to live as the people called Methodists?

This Sunday, we begin a new sermon series, *Way of Life: Rediscovering a Wesleyan Way of Living*. This series isn't about learning Methodist trivia or simply remembering our history. It's about rediscovering who we are and who God is calling us to be. It's about a faith rooted in grace, committed to growth, and expressed through love.

Join us as we explore why our Wesleyan story still matters and how it can help us shape the way we live today.

Blessings,
Pastor David Hiatt



The beloved Arbor Outdoor Service is in full swing! (August 30 will be a combined worship service in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.)

To preview the entire song list for this Summer's setlist, click the icon 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.



Arbor Outdoor Service
FULL SUMMER PLAYLIST

CLICK HERE

worship SCHEDULE

August 30th: A combined service will be held in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m., and the kids will be singing as part of the worship. If your child would like to join in, please have them watch the practice video!



GIVING REPORT

updated financial news

Ministry Operations
UPDATED 8/23/26

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: \$758,308
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED TO DATE: \$741,717

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

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

Women of the Word Bible Study | snicke@bellsouth.net

SEPT 3
10AM

Prayer Team Meeting | snicke@bellsouth.net

SEPT 3
11AM-1PM

First Thursday Lunch | denzilmbell@gmail.com

SEPT 4
10AM

Friday Ladies Bible Study | sara.lee@denverumc.org

SEPT 7

Labor Day - Church Office Closed | news@denverumc.org



Events Calendar

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LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



This Saturday, August 29 - Church-Wide Day of Service

Mark your calendar for this 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, trimmers, and blowers.

Meet & Greet the Hiatts This Sunday!

Help us welcome Pastor David Hiatt and his family to DUMC this Sunday, immediately following the combined worship service, in the FLC. Coffee and donuts will be served.



We will have a table at the Meet & Greet where we will be collecting gift cards to local restaurants, shops, and grocery stores as a welcome gift for the Hiatt family.



J.O.Y. Group - September 10

Summer is almost over! Time to catch up with friends at our September JOY meeting! Weather permitting, our September 10th meeting at 11 a.m. will be a social gathering in the Arbor! Anyone over 50 years old who would like to make new friends, email rosannekocher@gmail.com for more information! Please RSVP to Rosanne by Sept. 6 if you plan on attending.



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.



Denver Dreams

Wednesday, September 9, 6-8 pm in the CORC

Wednesday, September 16, 1-3 pm in the FLC

Saturday, September 19, 10 am -12 pm in the CORC

What might God do through Denver UMC in the years ahead?

As you know, God has blessed our congregation with so many gifts, and that includes our church buildings and

property. Like any gift from God, we are called to steward and use those gifts in ways that benefit the church, the community, and ultimately God's Kingdom.

But to do that, we need your help.

A church's vision can't come from a pastor, an individual, or even a committee. For our vision to be faithful and successful, it needs to arise out of prayer and discernment as we, together, seek God's direction.

That's why we're inviting everyone to join us for one of three upcoming Denver Dreams sessions. These gatherings are opportunities to dream, imagine, and share as we think about the future of our church campus.

These sessions are about so much more than just buildings. They're centered on asking the bigger questions: Who is God calling us to be? How can our campus better serve our mission to be a harbor of hope in a chaotic world? And what might our church look and feel like if we designed it around the people and ministries we hope to welcome in the future?

We want everyone's voice to be heard. So mark your calendars, bring your ideas and imagination, and come dream with us.



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

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28, at 6 pm

Church Council Highlights from August 24

- July finances were difficult with the lowest income in several months and the highest expenses in three years. The Church is still in a better position than some previous years.
- Repairs around campus include three air conditioners in need of repair, the ice machine in the FLC is being repaired, the moisture levels under the Cedar Street house are being evaluated, and possible mold was discovered under the carpet in Cameron's office. Estimated August repairs is around \$15K.
- "Denver Dreams" brainstorming meetings are scheduled for Sept. 9, 16, and 19.
- The Talent School is awaiting Commissioner approval 9/15
- DSS is interested in partnering with DUMC for a facility in eastern Lincoln County.
- Updated numbers on original Faith & Future capital campaign
- David Hiatt's onboarding was successful
- Ministry Fair scheduled for Sept. 20
- No new applications for the Director of Student Ministries
- Council will work toward adding young adult and youth representatives in early 2027
- The church is required to have an audit every two years, but is long overdue. An audit is planned for Q1 2027
- Overall, the biggest concern is with finances, but the Council emphasized the focus should remain on growing the church and its ministry, not simply managing the budget.



OUTREACH

unleashing compassion



First Thursday Lunch is Back September 3rd!

Mark your calendars to join us September 3rd from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the FLC for chicken pie, baked spaghetti, chili dogs, sides, homemade desserts, and lots of fellowship! Dine in or take out. To order 8"x8" whole pies, please [email](#) or call the church office at 704-483-1601 by Tuesday, September 1st, to ensure availability. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve the meal. Contact [Denzil Bell](#) for details.

Join the chicken pickers on Wednesday, September 2nd, in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Experienced and new pickers are always welcome! All proceeds support local children and their families.



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 Meeting - September 14th

Due to Labor Day falling on the first Monday of September, the Helping Hands meeting is scheduled for the following Monday, September 14, at 10:30 am in the Chapel. All are welcome to

come and learn of opportunities to serve others in our community. Contact [Helping Hands](#) with questions.



2026 Fall Trinidad Experience – October 9–12

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.



R Friends - Respite for All - Begins September 15

Our friends at Salem UMC are starting a new respite program that will provide a welcoming, engaging environment for people living with dementia or Alzheimer's, while giving their care partner a much-needed opportunity for respite. It will meet Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. The goal is to ensure no caregiver feels alone and that every person living with dementia has opportunities for connection, purpose, friendship and meaningful activities. Email Kathy@salemunitedmethodist.com for details.



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.



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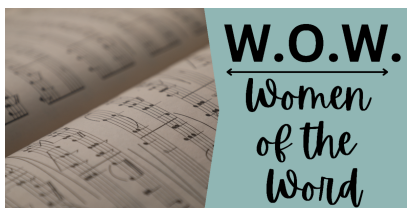
Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Connection Groups

Discipleship Opportunities

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

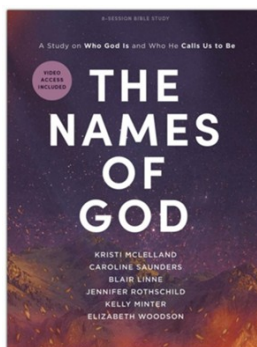
Visit denverumc.org/ministries/adult-ministries for specific **Sunday school classes, weekday Bible studies, Wednesday night, and small group** offerings with locations, descriptions, and contact information.

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



Women of the Word Bible Study

The Women of the Word Bible Study begins on Wednesday, September 2. We will meet in the chapel from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a fun game of Bible Family Feud trivia and a lesson on Esther. The following week, we will begin a 12-week study on Hymns by Rachelle Roberts. All women are welcome! We would love for you to join us.



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.



Table Talk Resumes on Wednesday, September 16

Start the evening with Table Talk and enjoy fellowship with others over dinner. Dinner is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family (max.).

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

5:30-6:30 p.m. in the FLC



Leadership Discipleship Experience: 6:45-8:00 pm in the Chapel

If you are a new believer or well on your path to Christian maturity, you are invited to be a part of this great experience. This is a ten-week journey designed to move beyond surface-level faith and into deep, life-changing transformation. Click [here](#) for more information.

Kids Christmas Play Practice

All kids 6th grade and younger are invited to join us as we rehearse for "We Knead a Little Christmas!" The performance will be on December 13 at 5:00 pm. Parents are welcome to help



NEW 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY GROUP Coming October 25: A New BEMA Podcast Discussion Group

What if reading the Bible became less about finding quick answers and more about discovering the questions, culture, and historical context behind the story?

Beginning Sunday, October 25, we will launch a new Sunday School discussion group based on the BEMA Podcast with Marty Solomon. Each week, participants will listen to an assigned podcast episode before Sunday. During class, we will watch a brief summary video and then explore the material together through guided questions and conversation.

This group is open to everyone—from those who have never read through the Bible to those who have studied it for years.

We are currently looking for several facilitators to help lead the weekly discussions. You do not need to be a Bible scholar or prepare a traditional lesson. Videos, discussion questions, and optional slides are provided. If you enjoy helping others learn, asking meaningful questions, and using your teaching gifts, this may be a wonderful opportunity to serve. Contact David Washco at discipleship@denverumc.org if you are willing to facilitate or if you would like more information.



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 - Tuesday Nights!

****New Day and Time!****

Tuesday nights | 6:30 p.m. | Rain or shine
For more information, reach out to Sarah Angel at scc72020@att.net. All women are invited!

Discipleship Video Series

Spiritual Gifts Assessment



HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-12th grade ministry



Youth Kickoff Party!

We're kicking off a brand-new year of Youth, and you're invited! Come hang out, meet your leaders, get to know some new friends, enjoy snacks, games, prizes, and a FREE T-shirt, and then... we're having a FOAM PARTY! Come ready to have a ridiculous amount of fun, and be sure to wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting wet. 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!



Youth Sunday School Kickoff - September 13

Looking for a place to grow in your faith, ask questions, and connect with other students? Join us every Sunday during the 10:00 AM hour in the Harbor Kids area for Youth Sunday School! We'll be diving into different books of the Bible, growing in knowledge, asking hard questions, and learning how to apply God's Word to everyday life. For more information, contact Adam Overbay at Adamoverbay1@gmail.com, Sarah Angel at scc72020@att.net, or Dean Mosteller at deanmosteller@gmail.com.

September	October	November	December
Sept. 13 KICKOFF PARTY	Oct. 10 ARBOR MOVIE NIGHT	Nov. 7 FALL FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW	Dec. 4 YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sept. 13 YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS	Oct. 11 YOUTH THANKFALL PARTY	Nov. 8 YOUTH HIKING TRIP	Dec. 13 KIDS CHRISTMAS PLAY & YOUTH BONFIRE NIGHT
Sept. 16 WEEKLY TABLE TALK / YOUTH BIBLE STUDY BEGINS	Oct. SERVICE PROJECT: COMING SOON!	Nov. 15 OCC SHOE BOX SHOPPING	Dec. 20 & 27 NO YOUTH
Sept. 27 BRING YOUR ADULT TO YOUTH NIGHT	Oct. 25 SCARRIGAN FARMS OUTING	Nov. 22 FEED THE HUNGER	
		Nov. 29 GINGERBREAD BASH	

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

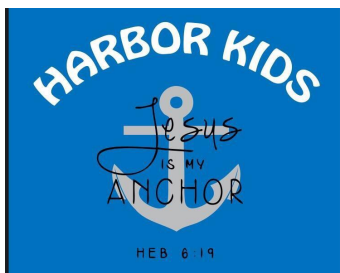
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HARBOR KIDS

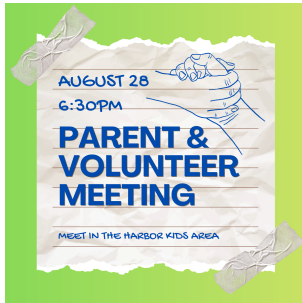
DUMC's birth - 5th grade ministry



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!



Kids Christmas Play!

Want to be part of our Kids Christmas Play? We'd love for all kids, 6th grade and younger, to join us for "We Knead a Little Christmas!" Whether you love acting on stage, singing, or just want to be part of the fun, there's a place for you! We'll practice on Wednesday nights during Table Talk, and our big performance will be December 13 at 5:00pm. Come be part of the Christmas story and help us make this year's play dough-lightful! Youth & adults are also invited to help volunteer! Email Cortni at kids@denverumc.org for more

information!

Click to sign up for updates from Harbor Kids!

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