



THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor, David Hiatt

[Luke 15:11-24](#)

"Way of Life: Rediscovering a Wesleyan Way of Living - Grace Goes First"

Have you ever wondered who made the first move in your relationship with God? We often assume our faith story begins when we make the decision to believe, but our Wesleyan understanding of grace tells us a very different story. Long before we ever begin searching for God, God is already at work searching for us.

This Sunday, we will continue our new series *Way of Life: Rediscovering A Wesleyan Way of Living*, by exploring the promise of prevenient grace. We'll be exploring my favorite parable, The Prodigal Son, and in the process, learn more about the grace that goes before us, seeks us, and calls us home.

Join us this Sunday as we're reminded that grace always makes the first move.

Blessings,
Pastor David Hiatt



I just wanted to take a minute to thank you all for the wonderful meet-and-greet this past Sunday morning. Our family was blown away by your kindness and generosity. Thank you to everyone who came to welcome us. We had a great time getting to know you better, and we look forward to continuing to grow these relationships in the years ahead. Again, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.



WORSHIP

join us in praising our Lord



The beloved Arbor Outdoor Service is in full swing!

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
THIS SUNDAY'S PLAYLIST

CLICK HERE



Arbor Outdoor Service
FULL SUMMER PLAYLIST

CLICK HERE

The Arbor Service's last Sunday outside will be **Sunday, September 27th**. Mark your calendars!

August 30, 2026 Combined Worship Attendance	
10:00	253
Children	0
Total	253
Average Online Views	21



GIVING REPORT

updated financial news

Ministry Operations
UPDATED 8/30/26

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: \$785,870
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED TO DATE: \$755,249

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

SEPT 4
10AM

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

SEPT 7

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



SEPT 9
6–8PM

Denver Dreams | news@denverumc.org

SEPT 10
11AM

J.O.Y. Group Picnic | rosannekocher@gmail.com

SEPT 13
10AM

Youth Sunday School Kickoff | youth@denverumc.org

SEPT 13
5PM

Youth Kickoff | youth@denverumc.org

SEPT 14
10:30AM

Helping Hands Meeting |
helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com

SEPT 16
1–3PM

Denver Dreams | news@denverumc.org

SEPT 16
5:30PM

Table Talk | discipleship@denverumc.org

SEPT 16
6:45PM

Leadership Discipleship Experience |
discipleship@denverumc.org



Events Calendar

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LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!

JOY

FRIENDS • LAUGHTER • MEMORIES

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.

Click [here](#) for a video message about Denver Dreams!



OUTREACH

unleashing compassion

Helping Hands

building community through service

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 DUMC Ministry Fair - September 20th!

Join us for this annual opportunity to learn about the many opportunities to serve within our church, our community, and our world! The Fair will take place in the FLC immediately following the 9:00 Arbor Service and the 11:00 Traditional Service. We expect 35 - 40 ministries to be represented. Come and learn where your gifts match opportunities and enjoy fellowship and light refreshments! Email carol.brown@denverumc.org with questions.



American Red Cross Blood Drive - September 28!

Our first ARC Blood Drive of the season will take place Monday, September 28th, in the CORC from 2:30-7:00 p.m. Fall into the habit of donating! Get a \$15 e-gift card when you come to give blood Sept. 21-Oct. 18. Click [here](#) or call 800-RED CROSS to schedule your appointment! Thank you for saving a life!



Homelessness Simulation - September 16th

Our community partners are hosting this Simulation from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm on September 16th at the Lincoln YMCA Gymnasium. You're invited to participate and experience the realities of housing instability through an interactive simulation that explores the challenges many individuals and families face while navigating homelessness. Gain a deeper understanding of the barriers to stability and the role our community can play in creating lasting solutions.

Click [here](#) for a flyer or email carol.brown@denverumc.org for details.



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.



Support Helping Hands!

At age 74, David Garmon is taking on another half-triathlon - this time to raise funds for the Ministries of Helping Hands! You can support his efforts by sponsoring his miles and turning his effort into help for struggling neighbors. All donations will be matched up to \$10,000! The event will take place October 24th on Edisto Island. Click [here](#) to sponsor or pick up a sponsorship flyer in the church office.



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@saalemunitedmethodist.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.



Matthew 25 Mission

The Matthew 25 mission is back! Please continue to bring pill bottles. Remove the label and any glue, wash, dry, and attach the cap. **Please consider helping with the shipping costs by putting a contribution in a bottle.**

Containers for drop-off are in the foyer of the FLC or upstairs near the library. Thank you for your support in this ministry. Contact Lis Tucker at 1941lizard@gmail.com or Shawn Eudy at shawnwyatteudy52@gmail.com with any questions.



SAMARITAN'S PURSE NOW HIRING

Help process Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children around the world in Jesus' Name!

Whether you're a people person or like working behind the scenes, we have a variety of seasonal employment openings at our regional shoebox processing centers.

From approximately mid-November to mid-December, jobs range from assisting teams of volunteers to lifting cartons or operating forklifts in our warehouse.



Apply at samaritanspurse.org/occseasonaljobs



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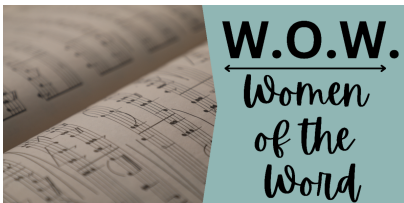
Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Connection Groups

Discipleship Opportunities

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

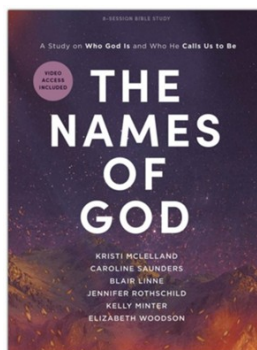
Visit denverumc.org/ministries/adult-ministries for specific **Sunday school classes, weekday Bible studies, Wednesday night, and small group** offerings with locations, descriptions, and contact information.

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



Women of the Word Bible Study

The Women of the Word Bible Study has begun a new study on Hymns by Rachelle Roberts. We will meet in the chapel on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 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

September 16 menu: We will provide the main course of BBQ and potato salad. We ask you to bring a side or dessert to share.

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 - 6 pm

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 with rehearsals or just hang out. Contact Cortni at kids@denverumc.org for more information.

Youth Table Talk Group - 6 pm

Come join us Wednesday nights during Table Talk, 6-7 pm, as we dive into the book of Ephesians with Matt Edwards! We'll meet in the Youth Room to explore what it means to follow Jesus, live out our faith, and understand who God has called us to be. Bring your questions, and come ready to dig a little deeper.



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: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!

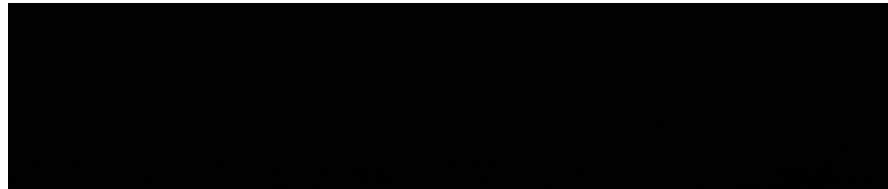
Discipleship Video Series

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!

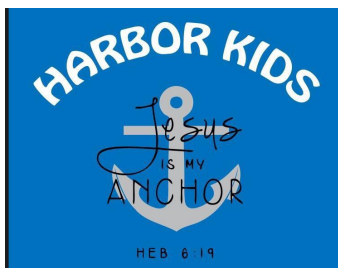
Follow Harbor Youth on Instagram!

Email Harbor Youth



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!

5th Grade Promotion

If you weren't able to be at the service for our 5th grade promotion, please let us know and stop by **Harbor Kids or the Front Office** to pick up your gift. We are so proud of you and can't wait to see all that God has in store for you! Congratulations!



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!

Operation Christmas Child Collection - September & October

Our Harbor Kids are getting ready for our Operation Christmas Child Packing Day on November 1, and we'd love your help!



If you would like to donate supplies during September & October for our kids to use while packing boxes, they would be greatly appreciated. And don't forget, extras from your own OCC shopping can be donated, too! (For example, if you purchase three coloring books but only have room for one in your box, we can use the other two.)

Nothing goes to waste, and every extra item helps us fill more boxes and share God's love with children around the world. Thank you for helping make our Packing Day special! **(Click on the image for a list of suggested items!)**

Click to sign up for updates from Harbor Kids!

Follow Harbor Kids on Instagram!

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