

your view from the Harbor



THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Executive Pastor, David Washco

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

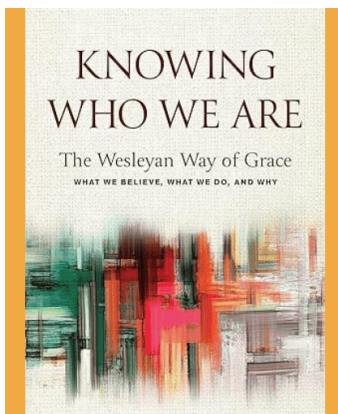
"Way of Life: Rediscovering a Wesleyan Way of Living - How's Your Journey?"

The Christian life is more than a moment when we decide to follow Jesus; it is a lifelong journey of becoming more like him. John Wesley called this ongoing work of God **sanctification**—the transforming power of grace that shapes our hearts, our relationships, and the way we live each day.

John Wesley's own journey was filled with questions, struggles, setbacks, and life-changing encounters with God. His story reminds us that even those we hold in high regard were unfinished people being transformed by grace. Join us as we consider Paul's promise: "The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this" (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

God is not finished with any of us. So, how is your journey?

Blessings,
Rev. David Washco



As our series "Way of Life: Rediscovering A Wesleyan Way of Living" continues throughout the fall. I want to encourage you to read *Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace* by Dr. Lacey C. Warner. This book is an excellent addition to our sermon series and helps to flesh out what we believe, what we do, and why it all matters.

In October, I will be holding two informal "book club" discussions to talk about the book if you're interested. Those dates are October 6 @10:00 am in the Chapel and October 11 @ 3:30 pm in the Chapel. Hope to see you there.

Pastor David Hiatt



WORSHIP

join us in praising our Lord

As summer comes to an end, our Outdoor Arbor Service will be coming to a close as well. **Sunday, September 27th** will be the last Sunday outdoors.



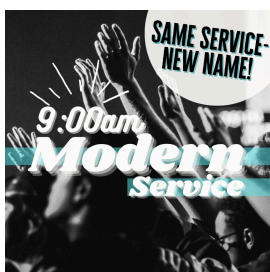
Arbor Outdoor Service
THIS SUNDAY'S PLAYLIST

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Arbor Outdoor Service
FULL SUMMER PLAYLIST

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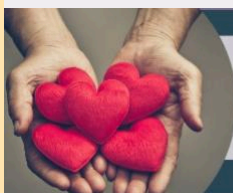


Our Contemporary Service is getting a new name! This service will now be known as the **Modern Service**. This new title offers a better depiction of what this service offers: modern worship music including integration of praise songs with singable melodies and modern takes on hymns, an informal environment with a relaxed atmosphere (coffee included!), and utilization of technology with eye-catching graphics and visual aids. **Same service we know-just a new name!**

Our first Sunday back will be on **Sunday, October 4th at 9:00am in the FLC**, where we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Mark your calendars!

September 13, 2026 Worship Attendance

9:00	110
11:00	98
Children	16
Total	224
Average Online Views	11



GIVING REPORT

updated financial news

Ministry Operations
UPDATED 9/13/26

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.

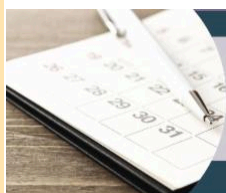
BUDGET INCOME EXPECTED TO DATE: \$865,032
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED TO DATE: \$787,627

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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT 19
10AM-12PM

Denver Dreams | news@denverumc.org

SEPT 20
10AM

Ministry Fair | outreach@denverumc.org

SEPT 20
4PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry | shawnwyatteudy52@gmail.com

SEPT 23
5:30PM

Table Talk | discipleship@denverumc.org

SEPT 23
6PM

Kids Christmas Play Practice | kids@denverumc.org

SEPT 23
6PM

Harbor Youth Bible Study | youth@denverumc.org

SEPT 23
6:45PM

Leadership Discipleship Experience | discipleship@denverumc.org

SEPT 28
2:30-7PM

ARC Blood Drive | outreach@denverumc.org

SEPT 28
6PM

Church Council Meeting | council@denverumc.org

SEPT 30
9:30AM

Chicken Pickin' | denzilmbell@gmail.com

OCT 1
11AM-1PM

First Thursday Lunch | denzilmbell@gmail.com



Events Calendar

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LIFE AT DUMC

things to know, celebrate, & look forward to!



2026 DUMC Ministry Fair - This Sunday, 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.

Denver Dreams

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 the final Denver Dreams session this Saturday at 10 a.m. in the CORC. This is an opportunity 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!



Welcome New Members!

We welcome Mike & Jennifer Poore into the Denver UMC family by transfer of membership from Galilee UMC in Sterling, VA.



Thank You!

I wish to thank everyone who said prayers, sent cards, made visits, made phone calls during Karl's illness and death. We truly felt God's presence and guidance, especially on days we had to make decisions about his care.

All our love,
Carolyn, Brian, & Kelly Campbell



Denver YAM River Cleanup Day - October 3

Join us for the Catawba Riversweep on Saturday, October 3rd! This is one of the largest public watershed cleanup efforts in the whole country, and you are invited to take part! We are meeting at the Beatty's Ford Access on Unity Church Road at 8:30, and plan to ride in motorboats to pick up trash. **Registration is due by 9/23.** Questions? Reach out to [Amy Overbay](#)!

Click [here](#) to register as a motorboat passenger.



Thank You, Sisterhood Ladies!

Thank you to all the ladies who shared their precious time, experiences, and laughter with us last weekend during our annual Sisterhood Getaway. It wouldn't have been the same without each and every one of you!



Save the Date - GriefShare's Surviving the Holidays - November 21

The holidays can be especially difficult after the loss of a loved one. GriefShare's Surviving the Holidays is a special two-hour seminar designed to help you navigate the unique challenges of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the holiday season while grieving.

Through a helpful video featuring grief experts and people who have experienced loss, practical guidance, and supportive discussion, you'll learn ways to cope with difficult emotions, changing traditions, social gatherings, and other challenges the holidays may bring. There is no pressure to share—come, listen, and **receive encouragement and HOPE for the season ahead.**

Saturday, November 21st • 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.



FAMILY Movie Night - October 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for our Family Movie Night under the stars! Bring your family and friends for The Peanuts Movie, popcorn, crafts, prizes, and quality time spent together! Grab your lawn chair, a blanket, and come to the Arbor at 6:30 pm (the FLC if it's raining) to grab some popcorn and get settled before the movie begins. You don't have to attend our church, and you don't have to have children to join us! Everyone is welcome!



OUTREACH

unleashing compassion

Helping Hands

building community through service

Helping Hands

Monday's Helping Hands meeting brought new opportunities to serve our neighbors. Click [here](#) to view the September HandUp newsletter to learn more. Email [Helping Hands](#) for more information.



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!



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.



Bridges Ministry Update

This past Wednesday, after just two weeks in the NICU, our twins were released from the hospital and came home with us. We want to thank you all again for your prayers and support for our family over the past couple of months. We are so grateful. (pictured Rowe and Ruby)

Our baby boy had more ultrasounds and an MRI while in the NICU and doctors believe that there is now no tumor or cyst. The large mass that was previously growing on his kidney appears to be completely gone. The doctor said it

looks like he may have a duplex kidney, which means that one kidney has an extra drainage system, however it doesn't seem to be giving him any issues right now. They will continue to keep an eye on it as he grows.

Both babies are now doing well at home and we are adjusting to being a family of five. We can't thank you enough for your prayers. We have felt God's care, power, and love through you and your prayers every step of the way these last few months. Thank you!

With so much gratitude, Dylan & Jessica Thompson



DISCIPLESHIP

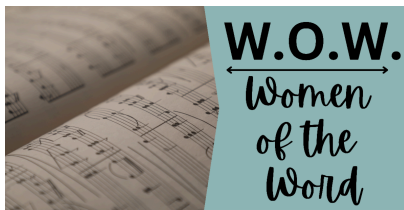
Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Connection Groups

Discipleship Opportunities

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

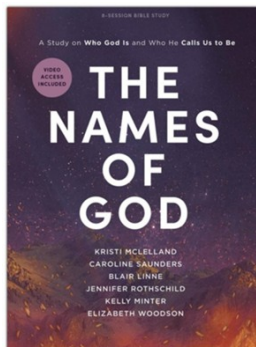
Visit denverumc.org/ministries/adult-ministries for specific **Sunday school classes, weekday Bible studies, Wednesday night, and small group** offerings with locations, descriptions, and contact information.

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



Women 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 has begun a new study! 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 is Back!

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 23 menu: Baked potato bar

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 in 6th grade and younger are invited to join us as we rehearse for "We Knead a Little Christmas!" The performance will be held on December 13 at 5:00 pm. Parents are welcome to help during rehearsals or simply hang out. David Hiatt will be available until 6:40, so feel free to connect with him while the kids practice. For more information, contact Cortni at kids@denverumc.org.

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).

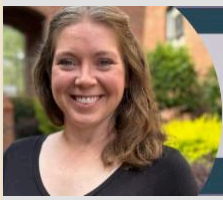
Women's Alliance - Tuesday Nights!

****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!

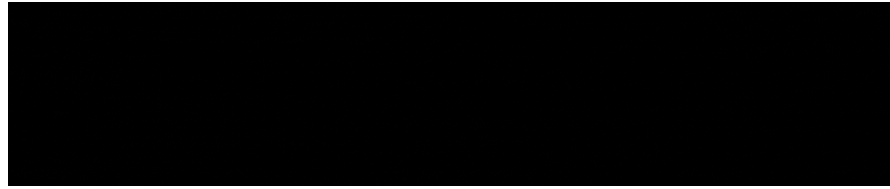
Discipleship Video Series

Spiritual Gifts Assessment



HARBOR YOUTH

DUMC's 6-12th grade ministry



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	
Sept. 27 BRING YOUR ADULT TO YOUTH NIGHT	Oct. 25 SCARRIGAN FARMS OUTING	Nov. 22 FEED THE HUNGER	Dec. 20 & 27 NO YOUTH
		Nov. 29 GINGERBREAD BASH	

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

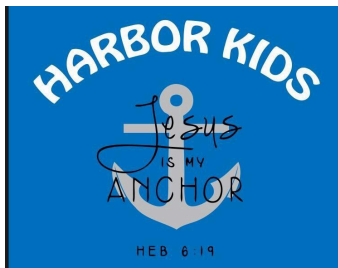
[Follow Harbor Youth on Instagram!](#)

[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!

Dismissal from Worship

Beginning **Sunday, October 4**, children will join us for the beginning of worship during both the **9:00 a.m. Modern Service** and the **11:00 a.m. Traditional Service**. Approximately 10 minutes into the service, children will be dismissed to the Harbor Kids area, where they will remain for the rest of the worship service.



Before the service, please be sure to check your child in using the **Harbor Kids iPads**, located in the **FLC and Sanctuary Narthex**. If you have any questions, please contact **Cortni Rose** at cortni.rose@denverumc.org.



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!

Staff & Leadership Connections

Click [here](#) to connect with our staff and Church Council

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