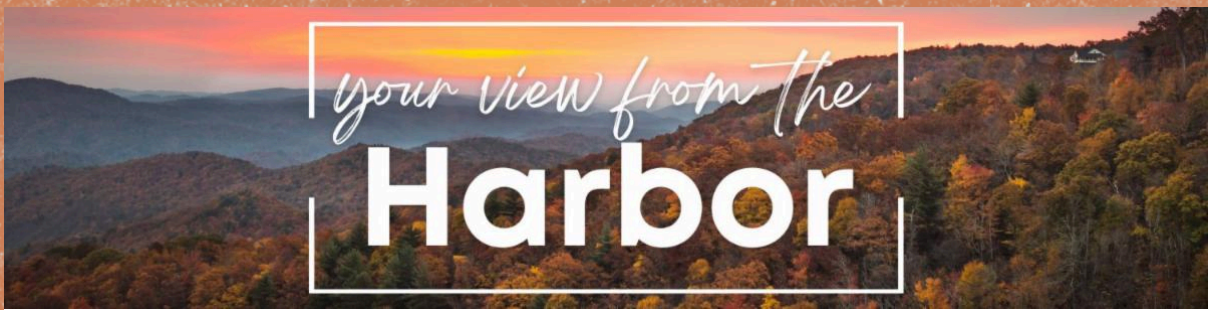




THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor, David Hiatt

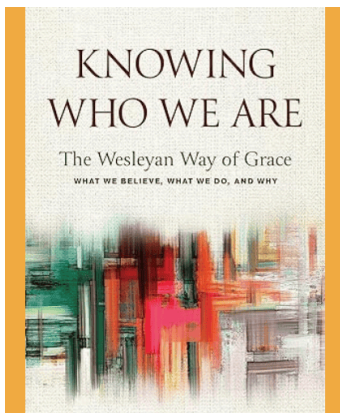
[Acts 2:42-47](#) & [Luke 24:13-35](#)

"Way of Life: Rediscovering a Wesleyan Way of Living - The Means of Grace"

Over the last few weeks, we've talked about the grace that seeks us, saves us, and changes us. This Sunday in *Way of Life*, we'll ask a more practical question: How does God continue to pour that grace into our lives?

John Wesley called the ordinary practices through which we receive God's grace the *means of grace*. Prayer, Scripture, worship, sharing life together, and serving our neighbors may sound familiar. But they are more than a list of things Christians ought to do. Join us Sunday as we take a look at the Emmaus story and consider how these everyday practices can open our eyes to the grace Christ is already offering us.

Blessings,
Rev. David Hatt



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

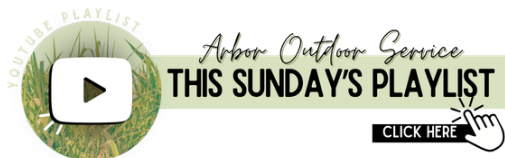


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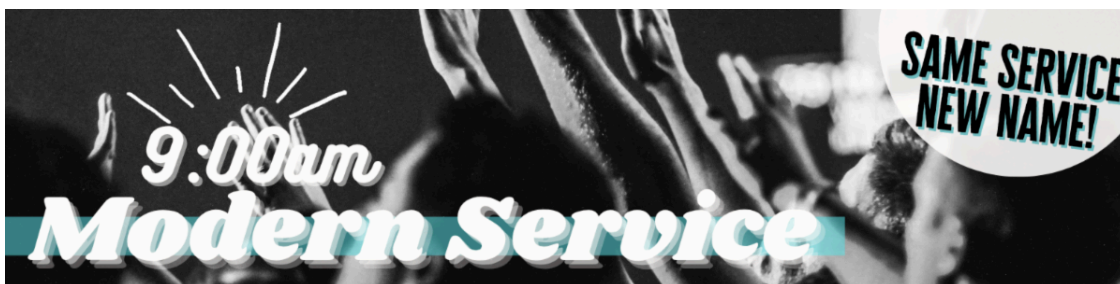
join us in praising our Lord



As Summer draws to a close, our beloved Arbor Outdoor Service is coming to an end **this Sunday, September 27th**. To preview the last Arbor Service of this season's song list, click the icon below!



SPECIAL REMINDER: If inclement weather becomes a threat this Sunday, the Arbor Service will relocate indoors to the Sanctuary. A church-wide text will be sent out communicating this change of location if a decision is made, so make sure your contact information is updated and correct! If you aren't sure about this, please call the Church Office during office hours.



Our Contemporary Service is getting a new name! This service will now be known as the **Modern Service**. This new title gives a better depiction of what this service offers: modern worship music, including the 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 inside will be **Sunday, October 4th at 9:00 a.m. in the FLC**. Mark your calendars!



Here's a snapshot of DUMC's upcoming special Sundays in **October** as we head into the Fall months:

October 4th: World Communion Sunday

Please make note of this special date and plan to attend as one Body of Christ, filled with all of God's children!

September 20, 2026 Worship Attendance

9:00	100
11:00	102
Children	14
Total	216
Average Online Views	11



GIVING REPORT

updated financial news

Ministry Operations UPDATED 9/20/26

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.

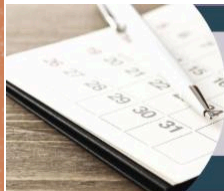
BUDGET INCOME EXPECTED TO DATE: \$880,266
ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED TO DATE: \$808,953

2026
MINISTRY OPERATIONS ANNUAL BUDGET: \$1,382,987

A scenic landscape photograph showing a wooden dock extending into a calm body of water. A small boat is visible in the distance. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise.

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 25 10AM	Friday Ladies Bible Study sara.lee@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
SEPT 30 10AM	W.O.W. Bible Study snicke@bellsouth.net
SEPT 30 5:30PM	Table Talk discipleship@denverumc.org
SEPT 30 6:45PM	Leadership Discipleship Experience discipleship@denverumc.org
SEPT 30 6PM	Harbor Youth Bible Study youth@denverumc.org
SEPT 30 6PM	Kids Christmas Play Practice kids@denverumc.org
OCT 1 10AM	Prayer Team Meeting snicke@bellsouth.net
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!



First Thursday Lunch - October 1st!

Mark your calendars to join us on October 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 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 29th, 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 30, in the FLC at 9:30 a.m. Experienced and new pickers are always welcome! All proceeds support local children and their families.

American Red Cross Blood Drive -



This Monday, 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!



We Need Your Pictures!

Attention DUMC families - if your photo is not yet included in our online directory (Elexio), please consider sending one in. Having updated pictures is a huge help to our church family and to our new Senior Pastor, Rev. David Hiatt.

Please email your photo to wendi.sweet@denverumc.org and include the names of each family member in the order they appear in the picture.



Hurricane Helene Relief Trip to West Jefferson

Matthews United Methodist Church is planning a day trip to West Jefferson on Friday, November 13, to help with ongoing relief efforts from Hurricane Helene.

DAY TRIP to WESTERN NC (West Jefferson Area)

Friday, November 13, 2026

Meet at Matthews UMC at 5:50 a.m. or make arrangements with Dale Webster to meet in West Jefferson

- Work is scheduled until 4:00 or 5:00 PM
- Return time around 8:00 pm - will stop for supper on the way home
- Bring a bag lunch and water - don't forget the sunscreen



If you are interested in joining them, please email Dale Webster at webstede@gmail.com and let him know, and if you would be interested in driving. **The deadline to register is Tuesday, September 29.**

Helping Hands

building community through service

Helping Hands

The September 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.



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.



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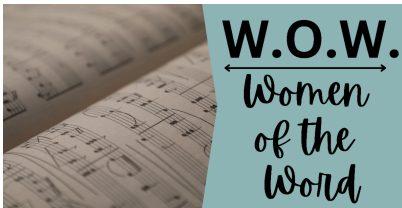
Small Groups, Bible Studies, & Connection Groups

Discipleship Opportunities

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

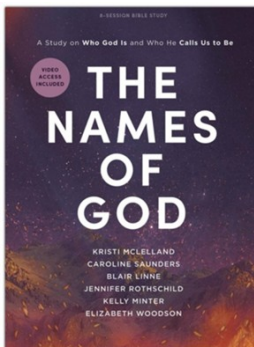
Visit denverumc.org/ministries/adult-ministries for specific **Sunday school classes, weekday Bible studies, Wednesday night, and small group** offerings with locations, descriptions, and contact information.

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 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 30 menu: Ham, green beans, potato salad, and biscuits

October 7 menu: Spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread

October 14 menu: Eggs, bacon, sausage, and biscuits

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.

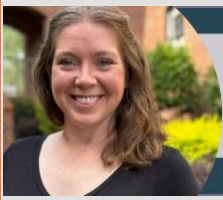
Women's Alliance - Tuesday Nights!

****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!

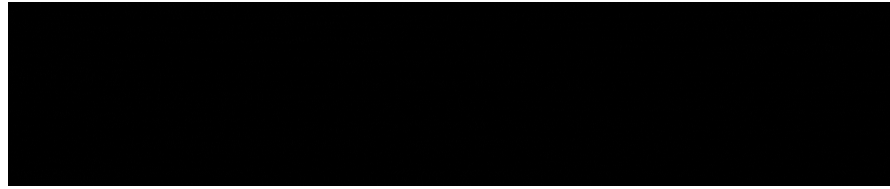
Discipleship Video Series

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!](#)

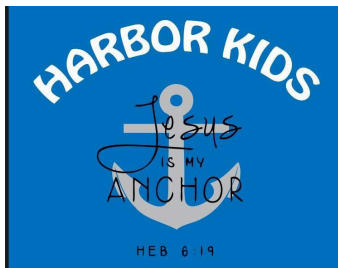
[Follow Harbor Youth on Instagram!](#)

[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 **next 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

Visit our website at www.denverumc.org for the latest information



