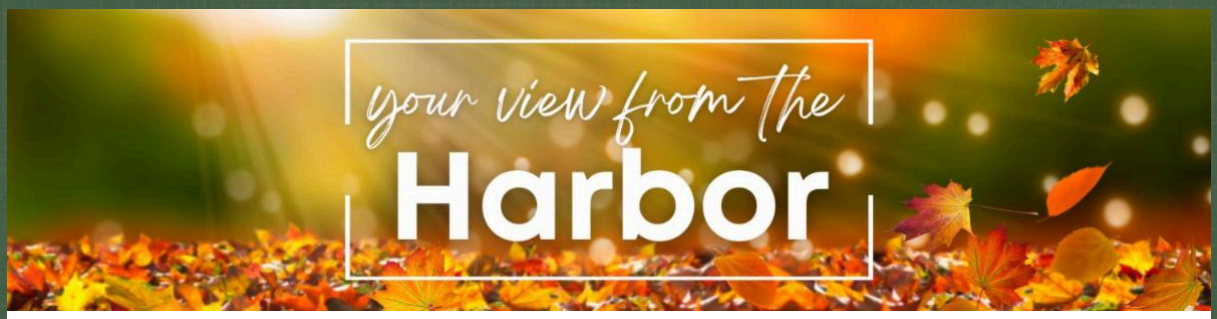




Matthew 13:18-23

"Finding Contentment & Growing in Generosity - What's Consuming You?"

What does our relationship with money and possessions say about the way we live our lives? In this first week of our new series, *Consumed*, we'll explore how the desire for more can sometimes crowd out the things that matter most. Join us this Sunday as we consider how to be more intentional with what God has placed in our hands and make room to be a blessing for others.

Blessings,
Rev. David Hatt





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



November 1, 2026 Worship Attendance (All Saints' Sunday)	
9:00	100
11:00	142
Children	17
Total	259
Average Online Views	104





For questions about giving, please reach out to Cameron Wilson at finance@denverumc.org.
We appreciate your generosity and support!

Give Now



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



Note: The church office will be closed on Monday, November 9, as the staff participates in an off-site service project. We will return on Tuesday, November 10.





Fall Festival - This Saturday, November 7

Grab your family, invite your neighbors, and join us this Saturday, November 7, from 4-6 pm for an afternoon of fall fun at Denver UMC! Enjoy bounce houses, hay rides, face painting, crafts, and more! And don't miss our annual Chili Cook-Off featuring some of the best homemade chili around. (Email **kids@denverumc.org** to submit your chili) We'll also have a classic car show and plenty of opportunities to make memories together. Best of all, it's FREE,

and everyone is welcome. We can't wait to celebrate the fall season with you!



Join Us for Our Annual Car Show This Saturday, November 7
The Car Show runs from 3–6 p.m. alongside the Fall Festival—an evening of fun for kids of all ages. Contact **Tom Wallace** with any questions.

Car Show Registration

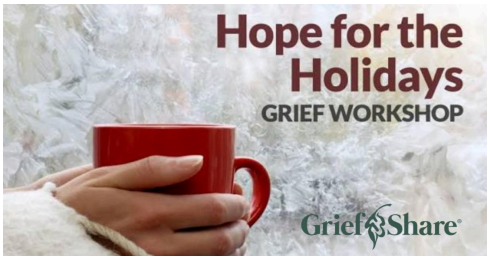
THE SISTERHOOD
DUMC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Next Sisterhood Event - November 14
Registration is open for our November Sisterhood event! Ladies of all ages are invited to join us in the CORC at 9:00 a.m. for worship, breakfast, and fellowship, and then break into groups to create **cinnamon stick Christmas tree ornaments, winter door swag, an oyster shell nativity scene, or Christmas cookie mixes.** Click here to register!

Breakfast is provided for free by our wonderful attendees! Enjoy an assortment of casseroles, fruit, and sweets. Contact Janet at **chubb9945@gmail.com** to donate food items.





Surviving the Holidays - Saturday, November 21, 10:00 a.m.-noon
The holidays can be especially difficult after the loss of a loved one. Grief Share'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. Please register by November 18 by clicking the button below.



Register for Surviving the Holidays
Deadline: November 18



Gingerbread Bash - November 29

Get ready to kick off the Christmas season at our Gingerbread Bash! Join us November 29, the first Sunday of Advent, from 5–7pm in the FLC for an evening of gingerbread house decorating, Christmas fun, and maybe even a surprise guest! **Everyone is welcome**, whether you come with your family, your friends, or just want to enjoy some Christmas cheer. Also, our gingerbread houses can stay on display at the church throughout the Christmas season for everyone to enjoy! Come celebrate with us! Email Cortni at **kids@denverumc.org** for more information!

October Church Council Meeting Highlights:

- **Minutes Approved -** September 28 minutes were reviewed and approved
- **Helping Hands** - Now established as a 501(c)(3) with its own board and bank account. DUMC will remain as the church host to protect certain endowments. Approx. $30,000 expected from David Garmon's triathlon, with additional grants being pursued. Future requests for monthly financial support will be made to the church.
- **Finance** - September finances had expenses exceeding the budget, particularly repairs and maintenance. The $76,000 cushion from June has been depleted. The goal remains to pay full apportionments by year-end, but apportionment payments for October have been paused.
- **Trustees** - completed projects and updates were submitted.
- **Planning** - Following the Denver Dreams discussions, potential priorities include: partnership with DSS, senior housing, a preschool, improved church signage. and bathrooms and concessions at the Arbor. Small groups are being formed to explore these ideas.
- **Missions** - Exploring ways to support foster families through local agencies; collected 293 pounds of sweet potatoes for local food pantries; Trinidad orphanage received government certification and should now qualify for funding; DUMC is now an Operation Christmas Child drop-off location and needs volunteers; spring missions will be highlighted and coordinated to introduce new opportunities.
- **Church Staff** - Becky Rollins and David Hiatt are looking for ways to reduce some of the overwhelming workload for Karen Ritchie.
- **Pastoral Updates** - David Hiatt is planning an Advent Bible study, an Advent sermon series, and activities for early 2027. He is considering gradual changes while maintaining the church's current direction.
- **Annual Conference Follow-Up** - The Conference theme was "Rebuild My Church," with the emphasis on understanding church culture before making changes and not catering to the loudest voices. Possible action items include forming a Green Team and adding a council member between ages 18-30.
- **The next meeting is November 23 at 6:30 p.m.**



Helping Hands
building community through service

Helping Hands Local Volunteer Opportunities

Check out the **November Helping Hands HandUp newsletter** to find meaningful ways to serve our neighbors. Email **helpinghandsdenvernc@gmail.com** with questions.



Missional Network Workday - This Saturday, November 7th!

Join us this Saturday at Hill's Chapel UMC at 8:00 am as we work with partner churches to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors! Most projects will involve minor home repairs and cleanup. Contact Adam at **adamoverbay1@gmail.com**, for details.



Operation Christmas Child Collection Site - November 16th-23rd!

We are so pleased to have been selected as a local collection site for Operation Christmas Child! Drop-off week is November 16th- 23rd! Many volunteers are needed to greet donors and manage incoming shoe boxes. Click **here** to sign up!

FEED THE HUNGER

Feed the Hunger Annual Food Packing Event - Sunday, November 22nd

Once again, we're coming together on the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the FLC to pack more than 27,000 meals that will feed families in crisis regionally and around the world! Everyone is needed for this fun event! Click **here** to reserve your spot. Email **Cortni Rose** if childcare is needed for young children.

We also need six volunteers to come at 2:00 p.m. to help set up the workstations. Email **carol.brown@denverumc.org** to volunteer.



Community Care Day - November 14th

There will be a Community Care Day on November 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at East Lincoln Christian Ministry. There will be music and refreshments, and free medical/dental services for qualified neighbors. United Way of Lincoln County, the Public Health Dept., and Harbour Health will be on-site.

Thank you to our Troop 84 and Pack 84!

Our local Scouts collected 267 bags containing around 4000 pounds of food that were donated to East Lincoln Christian Ministries to help neighbors who need a hand up, especially as Thanksgiving is coming soon! Thank you, Scouts, Leaders, Parents, and the Denver community who contributed to this effort!





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**



New Sunday School Class - 10 a.m. in WAB 105

What if reading the Bible became less about quick answers and more about uncovering its questions, culture, and historical context?

We have launched a new Sunday School discussion group centered on the BEMA Podcast with Marty Solomon. Each week, participants will listen to an assigned episode before class. During our Sunday sessions, we'll watch a short summary video, then dive deeper into the material through guided questions and group conversation.

This group is open to everyone—from first-time Bible readers to those who have studied it for years.

For the November 8 session:

- Below are two links, depending upon your preference for listening. We are LISTENING to podcast episode #2 - "Knowing When to Say Enough."
- Remember: listen for the problems / not-ordinary items in the story, the author intentionally put them in the Scripture to get our attention.
- If you are listening using your computer or laptop, click **here**
- If you are listening on your cell phone, click **here**



New Friday Bible Study for Advent

The Friday Ladies' Bible study will begin a study called "The Marvel and Miracle of Advent" this Friday, November 6th. It is a video-driven Lifeway series by Christine Caine and Lisa Harper. We meet in the Chapel from 10:00-12:00. You can order your book from **Amazon**. Childcare is available upon request. Please text Sara Lee at 704-230-9004 with any questions.





Table Talk - Wednesday Nights
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

November 11 menu: Spaghetti and salad bar
November 18 menu: Pancakes, bacon & sausage

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!
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!

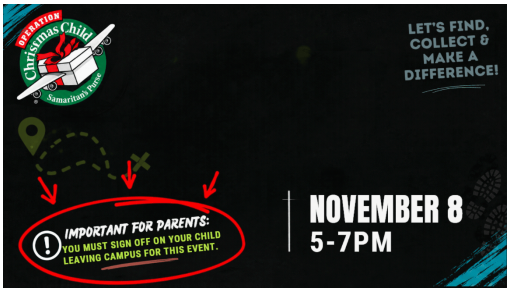
Discipleship Video Series

Spiritual Gifts Assessment



HARBOR YOUTH DENVER NC

Connect With Harbor Youth!
Parents, if you'd like to stay updated on what's happening in Harbor Youth, please click **here** or scan the QR code. This will help us communicate with you more effectively!



Operation Christmas Child Shopping Event/Scavenger Hunt - This Sunday, November 8

Our youth will be heading out in small groups to shop for Operation Christmas Child! But we're adding a little adventure to the night, too. While out shopping, each small group will take part in a giant scavenger hunt around town with their leaders. Groups may make stops at local spots like 7-Brew, Walmart, pumpkin farms, and other nearby Denver locations as they complete fun challenges. Youth will ride with their assigned adult leaders throughout the evening and will stay with their group for the duration of the activity. We will finish the night back at the church and bring everyone together to wrap up the adventure! **Parents must sign off with a leader before students leave the DUMC campus!**



Youth Hiking Trip

We're hitting the trails of Lake Norman State Park on **Sunday, Nov. 15** for a day of hiking, fresh air, and hanging out together.

Meet in the gym at 12 p.m., and we'll head to out to spend some time exploring a 3-mile loop, with stops for challenges and activities, and a campfire before heading back to church around 4 p.m. in time for youth. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes, bring some water & a friend, and come ready for a great day! **RSVP to Adam at adamoverbay1@gmail.com *so we can arrange transportation!***



Click to sign up for Harbor Youth updates!

Follow Harbor Youth on Instagram!

Email Harbor Youth



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!



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Click to sign up for updates from Harbor Kids!

Staff & Leadership Connections

Click **here** to connect with our staff and Church Council

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

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