

Four Corners Pine Song Retreat at UUFD: "Renewal at the River of Life" July 11 & 12, 2026

Welcome to Pine Song 2026!

Dear Four Corners Friends,

The Pine Song 2026 Retreat is just days away! We look forward to welcoming you to a weekend of spiritual deepening and community building as we explore "The Water of Life". This year, we will gather at the UUFD campus at 419 San Juan Drive in Durango, Colorado.

Registration and Check-In opens Saturday morning at 8:30am.

If you haven't registered yet, there is still time! [REGISTER HERE](#)

Parking in the UUFD parking lot will be limited to accessibility parking. Street parking is available surrounding the UUFD campus. Parking is also available at Needham Elementary School:

2425 W Third Ave
Durango, CO 81301

A reminder that the event this year will be FREE OF COST for all participants.

Those who have already paid for registration may be refunded the full registration fee, or they may donate their registration fee to one of the ministries of the congregation, including the Capital Campaign, Share-the-Plate, FY 2027 Pledge Balance, Immigration Family Assistance Fund, or the Legacy Fund.

If you have already paid and would like a refund, please fill out [THIS FORM](#).

If you would like to redirect your fee to one of the congregation's ministries, please use [THIS FORM](#).

Please read through this note for helpful information about the retreat this year including:

- **Children and Youth Program**
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We are glad that you will be a part of this special weekend, and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday morning.

Rev. Jamie

[Register Here](#)

Children & Youth Program

Hello, Families and Youth! We are excited to see you for this year's Children & Youth programming at the Four Corners Pine Song Retreat! Children will be signed in with our Spiritual Growth Ministry Facilitator, Callum Fable, upon arrival and must be signed out with Callum Fable on departure.

Attendees under 18 must have a parent or guardian present at the retreat. Children will be transported and supervised only by adults who meet our congregation’s chaperone requirements and our safe congregation policy.

Listed below are items we recommend bringing to make the most of our 9am-5pm programs.

All youth and children will need:

- A bag to carry it all
- Water bottle
- Comfortable walking shoes
- A change of shoes that can get wet
- Notebook
- Hat
- Sunscreen

For the littles and preschoolers we recommend:

- A bag to keep track of it all
- Water bottle
- Notebook
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Clothes they can play in water in
- A change of clothes
- Towel
- Extra pair of socks

Reminder to parents of younger kiddos:

Teachers and care staff are not able to help young kiddos in the bathroom or dressing. If your child cannot use the bathroom on their own or is still in diapers, you will be paged to attend to their needs in Columbine House.

Please Note:

There will be a lunch break from 12-1pm with catering provided by Zia Taqueria. Snacks and water refill station will be provided during the day.

Children & Youth Schedule - Saturday, July 11

Led By Callum Fable, Volunteer staff, and Childcare Professionals

Older Children & Youth

8:30-9:00am Welcome and Registration Table

9:00-9:30am Ingathering Worship

9:30-10:00am Children's Chapel and Covenant

10:00-11:45am Urban Nature Walk

12:00-1:00pm Catered Lunch with Zia Taqueria

1:15-3:00pm Activities & Unworkshops

3:00-5:00pm Mini Movie Theater

Activities include:

- Outdoor games and Team Building
- Gaga Ball Pit
- Crafts and art
- Music
- Staffed childcare for littles and preschoolers

Littles & Preschoolers

9:30am-5:00pm Childcare & Activities at Columbine House

Activities include:

- Story Time
- Songs
- Freeplay
- Arts and Crafts

- Kiddie Pool
- Outdoor Games
- Napping

Retreat Highlights



Saturday Morning Ingathering Worship "Gathering at the River" 9:00-9:30am

Join members of the UUFD Worship Arts Team for a vespers service of ingathering. Together, we will center ourselves riverside, inviting the spirit of renewal and restoration to dwell in us and among us. This contemplative service will open our hearts and minds to the spirit of Pine Song and the community we create together.

Saturday Workshop with Rev. Dr. Marlin Lavanhar “The Water of Life: Story, Soul, and the Search for Meaning” 9:30am-12:00pm

Life is not one story, but many. Again and again, we are asked to leave behind an old self and step into a new one. Every season of life brings its own losses, revelations, and beginnings. In that sense, life is a series of initiations.

Science, reason, and logic help us navigate the practical world. But when our hearts are broken, when grief finds us, when the old maps no longer work, facts alone are not enough. In those moments, we turn to story. Myth speaks a different language — one that reaches beneath explanation and into meaning.



This summer at Pine Song Retreat, we will explore the ancient tale of The Water of Life, a timeless story of healing, courage, and transformation. Through storytelling, reflection, and conversation, we’ll enter the wisdom of this myth as a guide for our own lives.

The story begins with a sick king — and reminds us that when the ruler is unwell, the whole kingdom suffers. In an age when truth is contested, reality is blurred, and artificial intelligence complicates what we trust, ancient stories can help us recover a deeper kind of knowing: the wisdom found in symbol, relationship, and shared human experience.

Come ready to listen deeply, reflect honestly, and discover what this old story may reveal about your own journey toward compassion, courage, and wholeness.



Saturday Dance Party and Live Music with Bad Habit 3:00-5:00pm

Get ready to boogie oogie oogie with Bad Habit from Durango, CO! Bad Habit brings a dynamic mix of classic rock, funk, soul, fusion, and a touch of blues with bold vocals and killer grooves. Don’t forget your dancing shoes!

Request Your Favorite Tunes for the Dance Party at Pine Song!

After Bad Habit's live set Saturday afternoon, we'll be relying on our trusty technology to keep the party going!
Fill out [this request form](#) to add your selections to our playlist. You may submit up to 5 songs to add to our playlist. Tunes will shuffled randomly. Please keep your selections family friendly and highly danceable!

Sunday Morning Worship

"Taking the Water With Us"
10:00-10:45am

Join the UUFD Worship Team for a multigenerational closing worship service that celebrates and honors our sacred retreat time. Together, we will consider how the spirit and wisdom of Pine Song can move through our lives even as we take our leave from the river’s edge.



Schedule of Events

Saturday, July 11

8:30-9am Welcome and Registration

9-9:30am Ingathering Worship Service *Sanctuary*

9:30am Workshop with Rev. Dr. Marlin Lavanhar *Sanctuary*

12:00-1pm Catered Lunch with Zia Taqueria *Patio*

1:00-3pm “Unworkshops” Sign up at the Check-in Table! *Throughout UUFD campus*

3:00-5pm Live Music with Bad Habit *Sanctuary*

Sunday, July 12

10:00-10:45am Sunday Morning Worship Service *Sanctuary*

10:45am-12pm Patio Potluck *Patio*

Hospitality & Meals

Throughout the event, we will have coffee, tea, water, and snacks available. Lunch is provided on Saturday and will be catered by Zia Taqueria. Dinner will not be provided on Saturday night. On Sunday, there will be a community Potluck with grilled items provided by the congregation.

Honoring our commitment to ecological justice, we ask participants to bring a water bottle, cup, or mug; a plate and silverware with them to the event. We will have a washing station available following meals. We also have tableware sets available at the event.

Pet Policy

Due to the change of venue and limited space for programming, dogs will not be welcome at the retreat. We love all our furry friends, but they will be much happier at home this year.

Rev. Jamie welcomes your feedback, experiences, celebrations, and concerns regarding our practices of inclusion and belonging. Please feel free to email her at minister@durangouu.org.