



OPEN LETTER

Capitol Heights Presbyterian | 10:30 Catholic Community | Dignity Denver

The Fifth Sunday in Easter



CAPITOL HEIGHTS FAITH COMMUNITIES

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Sunday Worship Services

Presbyterian – 9:30 am
10:30 Catholic – 11:00 am
Dignity Denver – 5:00 pm

Children's Ministries

All children, Sunday School/CRE
11-12:00 Room 202

Nursery, Main Floor
9-12:00 Ages infant – 8 yrs

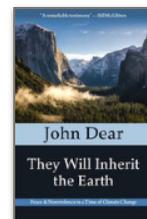
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If you wish to book a room to use for a meeting or activity please call the church at 303-333-9366 and leave a message, or send an email to capheightspres@gmail.com.

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Community News

Tuesday, May 1 7:00 p.m. at Tattered Cover LoDo John Dear, longtime activist and author of multiple books, will discuss and sign [*They Will Inherit the Earth: Peace and Nonviolence in a Time of Climate Change*](#). Drawing on personal stories of his life in the desert of New Mexico, his time as a chaplain at Yosemite, his friendship with indigenous and environmental leaders, his experience at the Standing Rock protests, as well as his work with the Vatican on a new stance on nonviolence, John Dear invites us to return to nonviolence as a way of life and a living solidarity with Mother Earth and her creatures. Tattered cover LoDo is located at 1628 16th St. 80202. John Dear's book is currently available at Tattered Covers' Colfax and Aspen Grove locations.



John Dear has spent over three decades speaking to people around the world about the Gospel of Jesus, the way of nonviolence and the call to make peace. A Catholic priest, he has served as the director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the largest interfaith peace organization in the United States, and after September 11, 2001, as one of the Red Cross coordinators of chaplains at the Family Assistance Center; and counseled thousands of relatives and rescue workers. He has worked in homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and community centers; traveled in war zones around the world, including Iraq, Palestine, Nicaragua, Afghanistan, India, and Colombia; lived in El Salvador, Guatemala and Northern Ireland; been arrested over 75 times in acts of civil disobedience against war; and spent eight months in prison for a Plowshares disarmament action. In the 1990s, he arranged for Mother Teresa to speak to various governors to stop the death penalty. He has two Master's Degrees in Theology from the Graduate Theological Union in California, and has taught theology at Fordham University.

Wednesday, May 2 6:00-8:00 p.m. Together Colorado is celebrating their 40th Anniversary! For 40 years they've organized and fought for an economy that serves everyone, quality education for all Colorado students, a health care system that is affordable and equitable, just and humane immigration policies, an end to mass incarceration of people of color, a restorative criminal justice system, and voting rights for all citizens. To celebrate, we are all invited to join their anniversary party at Montview Presbyterian Church 1980 Dahlia St. 80203. You may RSVP at the following link (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbnSc76EHsEazycM5cCE-X7xZguKxOqt75dPVluWMgkJdtGA/viewform>) or you can speak with Mark Meeks and he will help submit your name as a guest.

Tuesday, May 8 11:30-12:45 PATH luncheon

Capitol Heights once more has a table at this year's PATH luncheon put on by the St. Francis Center and hosted at **Temple Emanuel 51 Grape ST 80220**. This year the theme is "Women in Homelessness", where we'll be focusing discussion on issues faced specifically by women in the homeless community. Capitol Heights' table can hold up to ten people and anyone wishing to join may do so. RSVP to Mark Meeks (mkenosha@aol.com) if you are interested to attend. There is no cost for the luncheon and any free-will donation will support housing programs at the St. Francis Center.



Friday, May 11, 4:00 p.m.: The memorial service for Chris Wells is scheduled for 4:00 PM at Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church.

Saturday, May 12 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., come join Katie and Bob as they host another gardening session in our community garden. It will be a great opportunity to get out and





Children's Ministry

Sunday, April 29 Class will be held upstairs in room 202 from 11:00-12:00. During our craft time we will be weaving yarn bookmarks with Barb Baer using the "tabby weave" technique that we first learned to do with paper.

Sunday, May 6 There will be NO class this Sunday as we will be at the 11:00 mass celebrating the First Communion service with Porter.

Bread Baking for the First Communion Service will be Saturday, May 5 at 3:00 PM; and the First Communion Service will be Sunday, May 6 at the 11:00 AM mass.

Every Kid in a Park: The 2017-2018 free 4th grade National Park and Federal Lands park pass is good through August 2018. If you or a 4th grader you know still need a free pass you can get one from Debbie or Sonya.



Community Service Opportunities

Saturday Lunch 10:00-12:00 Sep-May
4/28 Dignity Denver hosts
5/5 CHPC hosts
5/12 CHPC hosts
5/19 10:30 CC hosts

If interested to volunteer speak with Mark Meeks (CHPC) 303-816-1454 / mkenosha@aol.com; Pat Foster (10:30 CC) 303-721-9570 / foster_patsteve@hotmail.com; Rick Proctor (Dignity) 303-593-0498 / rickochet789@comcast.net.

WHI - every Wed-Thur in April

Volunteer roles include:
Church set-up 5 PM
6-8 PM Dinner & Greeting crew
9 pm-6 am Overnight Guardian Angel (Women only)
6:30-8:00 am Thur morning clean-up
Wash and fold linens and return them to the church (reimbursement is available.)
Make 25 Breakfast Bags

If interested to learn more about volunteering speak with Mary Gould (720-563-1048, ejgmef@gmail.com), Anita Poole (303-506-9183, icmoose49@gmail.com), from 10:30 CC, or Bibiana Hager from CHPC.

enjoy some spring weather, see old friends, and make new friends!

Community Service Volunteer Opportunity: El Porvenir is an international nonprofit organization that works to improve the standard of living for Nicaraguans through water, sanitation, health education, and watershed management projects. Volunteers work closely with rural villagers to fund the construction of wells, latrines, washing stations, fuel-efficient stoves and health education training. They also fund reforestation initiatives to replace forest cover and improve local watersheds. Areas of greatest need are donations, and volunteers to help with annual fundraising dinner held each fall. Interested donors and volunteers can contact Katie Theisen, 303-756-0507, or via email at ktheisen@aol.com or Dave Arnolds, 303-330-4910, dmarnolds@yahoo.com

Members of 10:30 CC and CHPC had a wonderful evening in dialogue with Dr. Bernard Sabella and his wife Mary from Palestine. We are very grateful to the 10:30 community for sponsoring dinner at Shells and Sauce for the Sabella's plus nine additional community members. Sonya bought a copy of Dr. Sabella's book for our community. The book, *A Life Worth Living: The Story of a Palestinian Catholic*, is in our church library and bears the following inscription:

To Capitol Heights & To 10:30 Catholic Community,

Thank you for hosting me and do please persevere with your work and witness to issues of peace and justice in Palestine and worldwide.

~Dr. Bernard Sabella, April 17, 2018

Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church

We are part of an old tradition, made new with each person who comes to us. We witness to a greatness that transcends what we now say, know, or do, but is graciously made present in acts of kindness, hope and peace. We are called to be a community of such hope for the sake of the God of all, and we delight in all who choose to join us.

Sunday, May 6 11:00 a.m. Katie Little will join us in our Dialogue to discuss her work in advocacy for environmental causes.

Prayer Request from Denver Presbytery: It is with deep sadness and heartfelt condolences we share with you the news of the passing of Rev. Tinashe Gono Chemvumi, the immediate past moderator and former clerk of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe. Rev. Chemvumi died unexpectedly on 4/25. Please keep his wife, Blantina, their family and our dear partners in the Presbytery of Zimbabwe in your prayers.

Grocery Cards that support CHPC are available to Safeway, and King Soopers grocery store. As you put money on your card(s) and use it to buy your groceries a portion of your weekly grocery purchases will support CHPC. If you are interested to participate talk with Charlie Fiser (303-770-6362) and he will provide you a card to the store of your choice.

As always, Mark is available following our morning activities for further conversations with anyone who might desire it regarding our Christian faith practice, witness, and the life of our congregation. Feel free to share with him as you might wish in dialogue.

10:30 Catholic Community

We are a Christ-centered, Spirit-directed Catholic worshipping community. In response to the teachings of Vatican II, we come together, searching for ways to reflect the person and work of Jesus Christ in our time, to our world.

Saturday, May 5 *3:00 p.m. Bread Baking for the May 6th First Communion service will take place in the kitchen. *NEW TIME

Sunday, May 20 12:00 p.m. The 10:30 Catholic Community General Membership Meeting will be held in the sanctuary immediately following mass.

Treasurer's Report: The April 15 and 22 offerings totaled \$913 and \$481, respectively.

Community members donated a total of \$842.59 to Catholic Relief Services (Operation Rice Bowl). The Community itself contributed \$150 to Catholic Relief Services.

Dignity Denver

Dignity Denver envisions and works for a time when gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Catholics are affirmed and experience dignity through the integration of their spirituality with their sexuality and as beloved persons of God.

Mass in the Sanctuary at 5:00 p.m. every Sunday.

This Week

Sunday

9:00-12:00 Nursery ages infant - 8 years old
 9:30 am CHPC Worship in Sanctuary
 10:30 am CHPC Fellowship in Social Hall
 11:00 am Adult Dialogue in Lounge
 11:00 am Children's Ministry/CRE rm 202
 11:00 am Ten-Thirty CC Mass in Sanctuary
 12:00 pm Ten-Thirty CC Fellowship in Social Hall
 5:00 pm Dignity Denver Liturgy in Sanctuary
 6:00 pm Dignity Denver Fellowship in Narthex

Monday

7:00 pm Spiritual Voices Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Tuesday

5:45 pm Narcotics Anon. Youth Rm.

Wednesday

6:30 pm CHPC Choir rehearsal in Sanctuary

Thursday

6:00 pm Thursday Women's AA Rm 104
 8:00 pm One Long Road Rehearsal

Friday

5:45 pm Narcotics Anon. Youth Room

Saturday

10:30 am Saturday Lunch in Social Hall
 10:30 am Primary Purpose Narcotics Anon. Youth Room
 10:30 am SLAA Rm 104

Leaders of the Capitol Heights Faith Communities

Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church

Session Elders:

Bibiana Hager	(Class of 2018)
Sonya Yeager-Meeks	(Class of 2018)
Jeanne Jeffas	(Class of 2019)
Erik Sabina	(Class of 2019)
Nicki Kearns-Beattie	(Class of 2020)
Lara Newton	(Class of 2020)

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Jeanne Jeffas	Commissioner to the Presbytery of Denver	
Sonya Yeager-Meeks	Co-Director of Music	
Debra Yeager	Co-Director of Music	
Debra Yeager	Children's Ministry	

10:30 Catholic Community Council

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