



OPEN LETTER

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



CAPITOL HEIGHTS FAITH COMMUNITIES

1100 Fillmore Street
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Websites

www.capitolheightspresbyterian.org
Facebook

www.1030catholic.org
Check out Facebook

www.dignitydenver.org
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Dignity: 720-515-GLBT

Sunday Worship Services

Presbyterian 9:30 a.m.
10:30 Catholic 11:00 a.m.
Dignity Denver 5:00 p.m.

Children's Ministries

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

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

Send all announcements for the
OPEN LETTER to the Church
Administrator by *Thursday NOON*,
capheightspres@gmail.com

*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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**Carols by Candlelight 7:00 p.m. on
Sunday, December 16th in the
Sanctuary.
All are welcome!**



Community News

THE 2019 WOMEN'S RETREAT AT ST. BENEDICT'S MONASTERY IN OLD SNOWMASS will be held from:

**Thursday January 31st beginning at 2:00 p.m.
through Monday, February 4th at 10:00 a.m.**

Registration is open to community members from December 1 - January 6th. After January 6 registration will be open to non-community members as well. THE DEADLINE FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS IS JANUARY 15. Nicole Walravens is accepting registrations at 722 Adams St., Denver, CO 80206. A \$50.00 check made out to St. Benedict's Monastery is required. Please include your phone number, email and address. You may also register at church with Missy Ellis (303-399-4361) or Nicole Walravens (303-859-1839.) As always, preference is given to newcomers. Housing, carpooling and meals will be assigned once we have finalized the list of retreatants. For questions call Peggy Reagan, [303-565-7092](tel:303-565-7092) or email her at mmr80211@yahoo.com.



A Request from Cary: Friends, we NEED house animal care, house sitting, a staycation guest to help us out from 12/25 through 1/3. Please call Cary if available and interested at 303-908-8202.

We are very grateful to Peggy Anderson who helped us acquire two new outdoor banners to use for our annual craft fair and Carols by Candlelight service. You will see these new banners hanging on the 11th Ave. stairs. Todd Anderson of Desktop Studio did the graphics and Annie's Cafe financed the project.



Join the American Friends Service Committee, faith leaders, and communities across the country for a [week of action as we stand in solidarity with the migrant caravan](#) and all who seek refuge in the U.S. Together, we are calling on the U.S. to end the detention and deportation of immigrants, respect the human right to migrate, and end the militarization of the border. Our "Love Knows No Borders" week of action begins on Dec. 10, International Human Rights Day, and ends on Dec. 18, International Migrants' Day.

Monday 12/17 6:00-7:30pm 5209 Montview Blvd. Denver, CO This vigil is part of Love Knows No Borders, a week of action standing in solidarity with the migrant caravan and all who seek refuge in the U.S. Araceli Velasquez, a leader in sanctuary fighting for her life and her family, invites the community to stand with her as an asylum seeker and call on the US to offer peace and safety to those seeking refuge. Clergy from Temple Micah and Park Hill United Methodist Church will lead the vigil alongside Araceli. *Together, we are calling on the U.S. to end the detention and deportation of immigrants, respect the human right to*



Children's Ministry

December 16, 11:00 a.m. A season for nonviolence *Choosing Peaceful Actions*

December 23, 11:00 a.m. A Christmas Story

December 30, 11:00 a.m. No class, we will meet again in 2019.

January 6, 2019 11:00 a.m. Class resumes! We will meet in room 202.

Nursery Care is provided every Sunday from 9:00-12:00 in room 103 on the main floor for ages infant - 8 years. Parents, please be sure to sign your child in when dropping them off and to sign them out when you come to pick them up. Thank you!

Community Service Opportunities

Women's Homeless Initiative

Every Wednesday in December volunteers will help set-up cots, prepare dinner, and spend the night with about 20 women in need of shelter.

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 (303-322-0402.)

Saturday Lunch Program

12/8 CHPC hosts
12/15 10:30 CC hosts
12/22 Dignity hosts
12/29 CHPC hosts
1/5 CHPC 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 / ricketchet789@comcast.net.*

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We Are very Grateful for the gifts we have already received for the Historic Building Fund. Remember, any gift given to the fund is tax deductible.

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.

Sunday, December 23: The annual Dignity Holiday social will be after mass.

Monday, December 24 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve mass will be held in the Sanctuary.

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.

Sunday, December 16 9:30 a.m. The 10:30 CC Men's group will enjoy another meeting at the church.

Monday December 24, Christmas Eve, Nativity of the Lord Music in the Sanctuary at 5:00 pm followed by Mass at 5:30 pm. CRE students are invited to participate in the liturgy. There will be no Christmas Mass held on December 25th.

We have several people who are willing to bring the Eucharist to any who can't make it to Mass on Sunday. Please call Mary Gould at 720-563-1048.

Treasurer's Report The December 2 and 9 offerings totaled \$935 and \$1,369, respectively. Additionally, the Community received a \$1,000 contribution in memory of Mary Ann Surges.

The Council approved a \$250 contribution to each of Samaritan House (homeless shelter) and Stout Street Health Clinic (medical assistance for the homeless).

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.

Capitol Heights will receive our annual Peace Offering on December 16, 23, and 30th. This annual offering supports both the work of our National church as well as local peace building organizations. The Presbyterian Church USA will receive 75% of the offering and the remaining 25% will be distributed locally to Casa de Paz. Sarah Jackson, founder of Casa de Paz, spoke at our October Ecumenical service and told us more about her work to offer hospitality to families separated by immigrant detention. To learn more of her story and more ways to support Casa de Paz please visit their website casadepazcolorado.org.

Grocery Cards that support CHPC are available to King Soopers and Safeway grocery stores. 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.

Want to keep up with events happening at church, distribute information with the larger community, or share articles and thoughts that matter? Then remember to "like" and follow Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CHPC).

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.

Presbyterian Justice and Peace is a monthly Compassion, Peace and Justice newsletter devoted to sharing the Church's work on issues such as the environment, hunger and food, human rights, social welfare, disaster assistance, and much more.

To read the December edition follow this [link](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/). To sign-up to receive the newsletter you can visit <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/>.





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November 26, 2018

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I wanted to let you know that Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church has launched a *Historic Building Fund* to support and maintain the structural integrity of the church building where we hold partnership with numerous organizations in service to the community. We hope that you will consider supporting this fund with a year-end gift.

Some of you have met Dan Jacobs, one of our new office tenants, who is both an expert on historic building preservation and a committed partner in these efforts for care at 1100 Fillmore. He joins existing participants and tenants who share an interest in the building as a community asset and a place that houses a legacy of good works in our community. With Dan's help, Capitol Heights has committed to a partnership with Historic Denver to expand community contacts with others who can aid us in this effort.

The *Historic Building Fund* Capitol Heights is developing will be used to match grants sought on behalf of projects for building care, such as renewing stained glass throughout the church. It will also be on hand for quick response to urgent needs that may arise, as happened this summer when a portion of our foundation had to be protected from water damage. This fund follows on resources Capitol Heights has received from the Anschutz Foundation to enable window repair and restoration projects underway this year. We have already exposed and restored 5 of the 18 windows covered over by previous remodeling and Capitol Heights is under contract with Colorado Historic Millwork, LLP to restore six historic casement windows at the second level of the south elevation, and to restore the window frames, louvres and replacement of broken glass at the upper level south sanctuary windows. Capitol Heights is grateful for the many participants in our community life and for the neighbors who support services rendered in our building. We want all of you to know of this additional opportunity to keep sound and healthy this historic structure in our beautiful, historic Denver neighborhood.

Gifts can be sent to **Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church at 1100 Fillmore Street, Denver, CO 80206** with a note indicating that the gift is for the *Historic Building Fund*. Please feel free to contact us with any additional questions or thoughts about this effort. We welcome collaboration and community guidance in offering the resources our building can provide and the care it requires. Thank you very much for your consideration of our efforts.

Sincerely,

Debbie Yeager
Church Administrator

This Week

Sunday

9:00-12:00 Nursery ages infant - 8 years old

9:00-10:30 AA Youth Room

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 a.m. 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

7:00 pm Carols by Candlelight

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:

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| 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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| Rev. Mark Meeks | Spiritual Leader | 303-816-1454 |
| Louise Westfall | Moderator | |
| Bonnie Jensen | Clerk of Session | 720-962-5645 |
| Charlie Fiser | Treasurer | 303-770-6362 |
| Jeanne Jeffas | Commissioner to the Presbytery of Denver | |

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| 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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| Philippe Walravens | Chair | 303-884-4558 |
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| Chris McGuire | Secretary | 303-940-9197 |
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| Missy Ellis | Member At-Large | 303-399-4361 |

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