



OPEN LETTER

Capitol Heights Presbyterian | 10:30 Catholic Community | Dignity Denver | White Forest Sangha



CAPITOL HEIGHTS FAITH COMMUNITIES

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

WFS Tuesday Meditation
7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

WFS Wednesday Meditation
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

WFS Saturday Meditation
9:15 - 11:20 a.m.

Send all announcements for the OPEN LETTER to the Church Administrator (capheightsoffice@gmail.com) by 12 PM Thursday

To schedule a meeting or event, please call the church at 303-333-9366 or send an email to capheightsoffice@gmail.com.

To view the Open Letter online visit capheightspres.org or scan the QR code

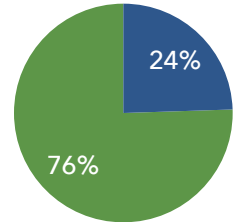


Colorado State Historic Grant Matching Funds

The kickoff meeting to initiate work for the Phase 2 CHPC building grant project will take place on February 11. The \$229,019 grant from the Colorado State Historic Fund will enable the restoration of the West Façade and Tower Parapets on the church building. **We are still raising the 25% matching funds for this project and look to have secured the match by the middle of February. We now have only \$14,019.63 to go in securing the matching funds needed for our South-West tower and window restoration project!** You can make a **Donation to the Historic Building Fund online** or with a check made payable to "CHPC - Historic Building Fund" and given to Debbie Yeager.

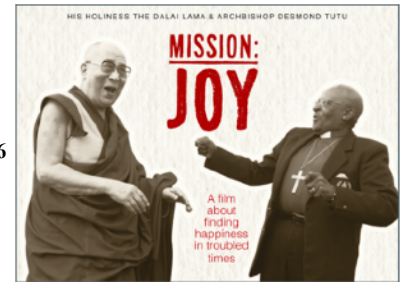
Historic Denver will once again be our grant manager under the able leadership of **Shannon Stage**. Shannon will work closely with church community representatives Debbie, Sonya, and Dan. The team will also be working with architect **Natalie Lord, Jonas Landes & Graham Johnson of Spectrum General Contractors; & Jane & Phil Watkins of Watkins Stained Glass**. (Fun fact, it was Phil Watkins' grandfather who originally made the stained glass windows in our building back in 1911!)

- Matching Funds Needed
- Matching Funds Secured



Community News

February 4-6 Mission Joy Film Viewing: Mark your calendar for another opportunity to view the film *Mission Joy: Finding Happiness in Troubled Times* featuring Archbishop Desmond Tutu and His Holiness the Dalai Lama. CHPC will have a 72 hour access link February 4-6 allowing folks to watch the film online. We invite all the Faith Communities at 1100 Fillmore to join us in watching the film. If you're not already on the list to receive the link from CHPC, send us an email at chpcnews@gmail.com and we will add your name so you can watch the documentary from home.



Holocaust Remembrance Day - a word from Together CO: On January 27 we honor the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and millions of other victims of Nazism. We commit to fighting against antisemitism and hate of any kind, which includes taking action in our backyard. This day strikes a different chord this year as we are still feeling shockwaves from the hostage situation at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas and continue to experience the impact of rising antisemitism and attacks at synagogues over the past few years. We are not immune to such events in Colorado: [this op-ed](#) from the Denver Post reveals the harsh reality that there were 60 anti-semitic incidents in Colorado in 2020, and even this weekend, **antisemitic flyers were distributed in Denver and Arvada**. The authors of the op-ed, representing the Anti-Defamation League, Temple Emmanuel, and JEWISHcolorado, write: 'As the leaders of two of the largest Jewish advocacy organizations and the largest synagogue in Colorado, we fear that violence is never far behind the normalization of antisemitism. We ask everyone... to do a better job of timely speaking out against antisemitic events when they occur.'

Together Colorado will not stand for hate or violence perpetrated against any group of people. We will boldly denounce such acts and commit to taking action until we live in a world where we can all live and worship safely. As a multifaith organization, we stand in solidarity with our Jewish siblings who have so much to process today. For community members who are not Jewish, we encourage you to read the above articles and **watch a recording** of the January 18 community event "Responding to Antisemitism: An Interfaith Call to Action," hosted by the Anti-Defamation League, JEWISHcolorado, and the Rocky Mountain Rabbis and Cantors.

As people of faith, Black, white, and brown- Jewish, Christian, and Muslim- we make the way for a future where we can all worship freely and without fear.

With hope and gratitude for our multifaith community,
Lee McNeil, Board President, Together Colorado

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is asking for input to identify 10 top locations on CDOT roads in the Denver Metro Area to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety. The survey will be open through February 18, 2022 in English at <http://metroquestsurvey.com/hl86> and in Spanish at <http://metroquestsurvey.com/mc7a7r>.

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 is held in the sanctuary at 5:00 PM most Sunday's. Visit Dignity's website for current schedule.



Celebrating 50 Years of Diversity at 11th & Fillmore

This October will mark the **50th Anniversary** of when the 10:30 Catholic Community joined Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church in sharing worship space in our beloved church building. That fall, when a group of Catholics were “invited in from the cold,” started an ecumenical partnership of mutual support that has enriched our lives and created lasting friendships for 50 years. In the 1980’s our ecumenical commitment was further blessed when Dignity Denver joined in the shared use of the building. Together we have sought ways to learn, work, and worship together while respecting our differences and celebrating our common engagement with the world. From welcoming immigrants, making lunches for the homeless, providing shelter and hospitality to neighbors, to surrounding our **Nation’s Capital city with a ribbon of peace**, these past 50 years have been rich, varied, and blessed and we have truly come to see that diversity is not a threat, but a celebration!

Throughout 2022 we will celebrate our Ecumenical life through varied programs giving us the opportunity to study, worship, and serve together. Below are some of the early upcoming Ecumenical Opportunities for 2022:

February 4-6 Film Viewing of *Mission: Joy* with a 72 hour access link. (Link will be emailed to the Communities.)

March 6, 11:00 AM Ecumenical Worship Service on the first Sunday in Lent

Children’s Ministry

For younger children & families: Check out some stories and prayers that we have made available [online HERE](#).

Looking for ways to give back to the community? Check out the opportunities to participate in the **CHUM Jan-April 2022 breakfast & lunch sign up sheet** to provide lunches to our partner organizations that serve the homeless.

CHPC Historic Building Matching Funds Challenge

CHPC grant request of \$229,019 has been approved by Colorado State Historical Fund (SHF) to restore the south-west tower and restoration of the windows on the west façade.

You can help us raise the 25% in matching funds by **MAKING A DONATION TO OUR HISTORIC BUILDING FUND HERE**. Checks can be made payable to “CHPC - Historic Building Fund.” (We have only \$14,019.63 left to raise in matching funds.)



Scan to Donate
via PayPal



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 Services: Mass will be held in the Sanctuary at 11:00 AM.

January 30 Special Community Meeting: In light of (a) the pressing need to raise the matching funds required to receive the latest grant for critical building repairs and (b) the extraordinary generosity of Community’s members in December, the Council believes a special (very short) business meeting of the Community after mass on Sunday, January 30, is in order to consider an amendment to the Community’s 2022 budget to allow for a contribution to the CHPC’s historic building fund for use in meeting the match requirement. The Council is still in the process of gathering information and formulating a recommendation for the amount of such a contribution. A specific proposal will be circulated before January 30.

COVID Safety Protocol: The Council is suggesting that we ask members who test positive for COVID and attended mass (or another 10:30 community function) at a time when they may have been infectious to pass that information along to the Chair so that other members can be informed and supported.

Community donations are still being received and can be mailed to the following address: c/o Gene Lang, 10:30 Catholic Community; 1100 Fillmore Street; Denver, CO 80206.

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.

January 30, 9:30 AM Service: Recently Together Colorado hosted a special gathering to discuss the practice of Land Acknowledgements, in which are recognized those who’ve long lived before us on these lands. We will raise that question in worship, drawing on the excellent work of Sarah Augustine who has written *The Land Is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*. Our worship will feature the theme of “Promise Land” and call us into kinship with all God’s creation and lives that extend God’s promise. **The Dialogue at 11AM** will provide opportunity for all to share your views on what a vision of Land of Promise requires and how we should consider holding a Land Acknowledgement. I hope to see or hear you in the gathering.

Zoom Link for CHPC Events:

- [Click here to Join Zoom Meeting with video](#)
- **One tap mobile with a Smartphone:** +13462487799,,82045841954# OR +16699009128,,82045841954#
- **Or Call:** (+1) 253 215 8782; enter MEETING ID when prompted: 820 4584 1954 #; PASSCODE 1 2 3 4

Some Examples of Active Land Acknowledgment:

Opportunity to ADD your voice to support Wildlife Corridors on Tribal Lands: Tribal nations own or influence the management of tens of millions of acres of land and water and have been at the forefront of developing conservation strategies to reconnect and maintain these crucial migration corridor areas. Despite a track record of success, Tribes face a huge challenge when trying to implement wildlife corridor projects because there are few resources available to support this critical work. The Tribal Corridors Conservation Act will ensure Tribes have a process for identifying and maintaining wildlife corridors on Tribal lands and provides critical funding to support on-the-ground projects, and directs federal and state agencies to coordinate with Tribes on projects that overlap management boundaries. [You can add your Voice in support of the Tribal Corridors Conservation Act HERE.](#)

Redwood Forest in CA returning to Tribal Guardianship: [Save the Redwoods League](#) and the [InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council](#) in December 2021 finalized key transactions in their partnership to permanently protect 523 acres of coast redwood forestland within Sinkyone traditional territory. To ensure lasting protection and ongoing stewardship, the League donated and transferred the forest to the Sinkyone Council, and the Council granted the League a conservation easement. Through this partnership, the Sinkyone Council returns Indigenous presence to a land from which Sinkyone people were forcibly removed generations ago. This forest will again be known as Te’ih-Léh-Dūñ (pronounced tsih-ih-LEY-duhn), meaning “Fish Run Place” in the Sinkyone language. You can watch a short [video on the partnership HERE](#).

Ongoing News & Upcoming Events

Community donations are being received online or by mail: To mail a donation send your contribution to Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church, 1100 Fillmore St., Denver, CO 80206. To donate online visit capheightspres.org/donations.

Grocery cards that support CHPC are available for Safeway and King Soopers grocery stores. As you put money on your card and use it to buy your groceries, a portion of your weekly grocery purchases will support CHPC. Call Charlie Fiser (303-770-6362) if you are interested in participating.

Denver Presbyterian Friday, January 28 E-Newsletter - VIEW HERE

News from CHPC’s Collaborative Partners

January 31 is the Last Day to Sign Faithful Thursdays Call To Action Petition: There is still time to sign the Faithful Thursdays coalition **CALL TO ACTION** that commits to provide “a public witness of our faith traditions throughout the 2022 legislative session of the Colorado General Assembly.” **The CHPC Session authorized** Capitol Heights to sign the petition as an organization. If you would like to **sign on as an individual you can do so HERE**. Signatures will be given to the 2022 Legislative body. You can watch the **Faithful Thursdays Blessing Ceremony HERE**.

February 9, 4:00 PM Ocean Equity Collective Public Launch Event with Creation Justice Ministries: Creation Justice Ministries has been part of an effort to start the Ocean Equity Collective: A Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) led and focused coalition of organizations and people in the ocean conservation space. You are invited to attend the webinar to learn more about the collective and their mission, vision, and goals. [Webinar Registration HERE](#).

You can read Interfaith Immigration Coalition’s most recent edition of *The Latest* [HERE](#) with information on how to “catch up, show up, and take action” on behalf of immigrants.

Community Events

Sunday

CHPC Sunday Schedule

9:30 am Service (Sanctuary / [Zoom](#))

11:00 am Fellowship & Art Project (Basement Social Hall / [Zoom](#))

10:30 CC Sunday Schedule

11:00 am Mass (Sanctuary)

Dignity Denver Sunday Schedule

5:00 pm Dignity Denver Mass *check website for Sunday Mass schedule*

Sunday AA

9:00 am Basement Social Hall or South Garden Benches as weather allows.

Tuesday

5:45 pm NA - "Don't Know Diddly" (Social Hall)

7:00 pm - "Beginner's Mind Zazen," meditation with White Forest Sangha

Wednesday

5:30 pm CHPC Music Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

White Forest Sangha Meditation (Basement Meditation Room)

6:00 - 6:15 logon/seating in the zendo

6:15 - 6:55 zazen

6:55 - 7:15 chanting service

7:15 - 7:25 prepare for discussion

7:25 - 8:00 Dharma discussion

8:00 p.m. Bodhisattva vows and closing gathering

7:00 - 8:30 pm Comedy Therapy with Dr. Alison Sheesley for people struggling with social or generalized anxiety. (Nursery) [More information HERE](#)

Thursday

6:00 pm Women's AA (Room 104)

Saturday

White Forest Sangha Morning Meditation

(Basement Meditation Room)

9:15 - 9:30 arrive and take seat in zendo

9:30 - 10:10 zazen

10:10 - 10:20 kinhin

10:20 - 11:00 zazen

11:00 - 11:20 service

11:20 informal tea

For more information contact Steve Mushin Crisman (303-324-0365 / mushin@whiteforestsangha.org)

10:30 am SLAA (Room 104)

10:30 am NA - "Primary Purpose" (Social Hall)

1:30 pm 10:30 CC Music Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

ONGOING EVENTS:

Every Fourth Thursday of the Month

7:00 PM Journey with Migrants Mission Partnership meeting (held on zoom)

Leaders of the Capitol Heights Faith Communities

Faith Communities at 1100 Fillmore Joint Leadership

Shared Operations Leadership:

CHPC Session • 10:30 Catholic Council • Dignity Denver Board

Charlie Fiser
Debbie Yeager
Charles Norton

Treasurer, Shared Operations
Building Administrator
Insurance, Rental Agreement Consultant

Historic Building Team

Debbie Yeager
Sonya Yeager-Meeks
Dan Jacobs
Shannon Stage & Historic Denver

Ecumenical Worship Committee

Bibiana Hager
Jeanne Jeffas
Mary Sullivan
Sylvia Sullivan

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10:30 CC
10:30 CC

Garden Team:

Mary Lou Fenili
Liz Pinckard
Bibiana Hager
Debbie Yeager
Sonya Yeager-Meeks
Jax & Lindsey of *Remedy Permaculture Design*

Outdoor Kiosk Manager:

Mary Hupp

Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church

Session Elders:

Jeanne Jeffas
Erik Sabina
Charles Norton
Sonya Yeager-Meeks
Mary Hupp
Rodney Shuff

(Class of 2022 - 2nd Term)
(Class of 2022 - 2nd Term)
(Class of 2023 - 1st Term)
(Class of 2023 - 1st Term)
(Class of 2024 - 1st Term)
(Class of 2024 - 2nd Term)

Rev. Mark Meeks
Louise Westfall
Bonnie Jensen
Charlie Fiser
Jean Demmler

Spiritual Leader
Moderator
Clerk of Session
Treasurer
Commissioner to the Presbytery of Denver

Bibiana Hager

Deacon

Sonya Yeager-Meeks
Debra Yeager
Debra Yeager

Co-Director of Music
Co-Director of Music
Children's Ministry

Pastoral Life Committee:

Fran Adams
Cary Mead
Lillian Shuff
Mark Meeks

10:30 Catholic Community Council

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Bill Dixon
Gene Lang
Kristen Insana
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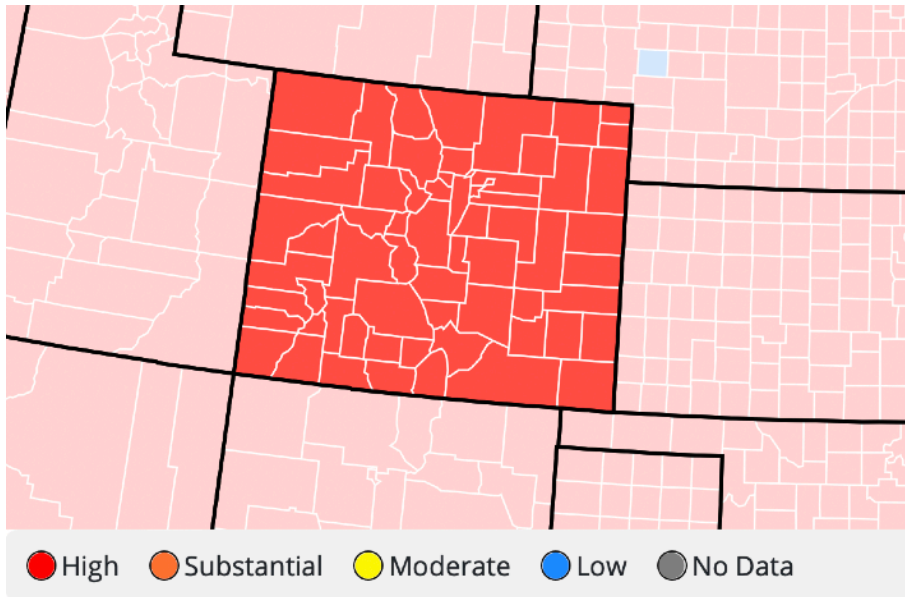
COVID-19 NEWS

CDC Guidance for FULLY VACCINATED Individuals:

- If you are fully vaccinated, to maximize protection and prevent possibly spreading COVID-19 to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of **substantial or high transmission**. (DENVER is currently in an area of high transmission and therefore we ask anyone attending a public event at the church to wear a mask. Click on the map below to see current level of community transmission.)

Resources

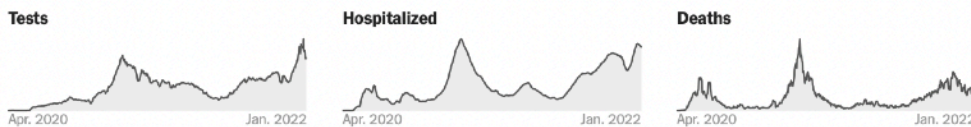
- Colorado COVID Vaccine Information:** Visit COCovidVaccine.org or call our vaccine hotline at **1-877-CO VAX CO (1-877-268-2926)**. Colorado COVID Vaccine information is also available [en español](#).
- Colorado is offering free KN95 medical grade masks at certain public libraries and other community sites across the state. Masks can be picked up (5 per person) at locations found at this [LINK](#).
- Colorado is distributing free rapid COVID-19 over the counter (OTC) self tests directly to people's homes. To order your Rapid At-Home test kit (each kit has 4 tests) visit <https://covidathometesting.colorado.gov>. You can also order 4 free at-home tests from <https://www.covidtests.gov>
- There are more than 100 free community testing sites across Colorado. To find a test near you visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/testing>. You can also view a [list of testing sites by city](#).



Tracking Coronavirus in Colorado: Latest Map and Case Count

Updated Jan. 29, 2022

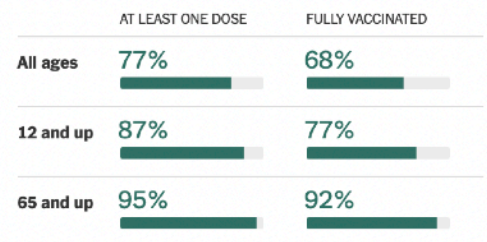
New reported cases



| | DAILY AVG. ON JAN. 28 | 14-DAY CHANGE | TOTAL REPORTED |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Cases | 7,756 | -52% | 1,240,714 |
| Tests | 46,620 | -19% | — |
| Hospitalized | 1,733 | +3% | — |
| Deaths | 35 | +26% | 11,218 |

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Vaccinations



[See more details >](#)

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Mask mandates and guidance

As of Jan. 26, 2022

The New York Times is tracking mask policies at the state level, including current federal guidance by county and where leaders are rejecting such guidance or mandates. [Read more here >](#)

- State officials recommend following CDC's county-level guidance.
- School mask policies are up to local discretion.

MISSION: JOY

FINDING HAPPINESS
IN TROUBLED TIMES



Deeply moving and laugh-out-loud funny, *Mission: JOY* is a documentary with unprecedented access to the unlikely friendship of two international icons who transcend religion: His Holiness the Dalai Lama & Archbishop Tutu. In their final joint mission, these self-described mischievous brothers give a master class in how to create joy in a world that was never easy for them. They offer neuroscience-backed wisdom to help each of us live with more joy, despite circumstances.

Inspired by *New York Times* bestseller *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*, the film showcases the exchange between these two Nobel Peace Prize winners that led to that book.

Consisting largely of never before seen footage shot over 5 days at the Dalai Lama's residence in Dharamsala, the film invites viewers to join these luminaries behind the scenes as they recount stories from their lives, each having lived through periods of incredible difficulty and strife.

With genuine affection, mutual respect and a healthy dose of teasing, these unlikely friends impart lessons gleaned from lived experience, ancient traditions, and the latest cutting-edge science regarding how to live with joy in the face of all of life's challenges from the extraordinary to the mundane. *Mission: Joy* is an antidote for the times.

What: *Mission Joy* Film Viewing
When: February 4 - 6, 2022
Where: **Online** - Email chpcnews@gmail.com to access the 72 hour online viewing link available February 4 - 6.