



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



CHPC's 127th Anniversary Celebration

& Ecumenical Social Service Sunday January 29, 9:30 - 12:00 PM

All friends of the 1100 Fillmore Faith Communities are invited to join Capitol Heights in worship at 9:30 AM on the last Sunday in January to celebrate **Capitol Heights' 127th Anniversary!** For this annual celebration we have made it a practice to honor the service and ministry of individuals among us with our *Walt and Janet Clark Honor in Ministry Award*. This year we are delighted to honor 10:30 Catholic Community's own steadfast and faithful Mary Gould. (Sorry Mary, there's no way out of this - it was a unanimous Session vote to nominate you!) Following the service we look forward to participating in an Ecumenical *Social Service Sunday* hosted by the 10:30 Catholic Community. We will meet in the basement Social Hall for a "Rice and Bean Bag Breakdown" close to 11:00 AM. Large bags of rice and beans will be broken down and put into smaller bags that will later be distributed at MetroCaring. We hope to see you there!

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 29, 9:30 AM:** All are welcome to join us in worship at 9:30 AM on January 29th as we celebrate **Capitol Heights' 127th Anniversary!** Following the service we look forward to participating in a "Social Service Sunday" in collaboration with the 10:30 Catholic Community. We will meet in the basement Social Hall for a "Rice and Bean Bag Breakdown" following the service.
- **Zoom Link for CHPC 9:30 AM Service**
 - ▶ [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
- **February 1, 8:00 AM MST From the PCUSA Office of Public Witness:** In the third and final webinar of the series *Drone Warfare: Mobilizing for Change*, panelists will focus on putting knowledge into action, providing tactics for how to raise ethical questions and advocate for changes to drone warfare policies. The webinar will consist of a 45 minute panel discussion, followed by a 30 minute Q&A session. [Register HERE](#)
- **February 6 - 7, 6:00 PM MST Faith in Public Life:** Join Rev. Jen Butler, founder in residence of Faith in Public Life and author of *Who Stole My Bible?*, for the Faith in Democracy Tour. The tour will be live-streamed from Unitarian Universalist Church West in Brookfield, WI on February 6th ([register HERE](#)) and from First Baptist Church of Madison, WI on February 7th ([register HERE](#)).
- **Wednesday, February 8 at 5:00 PM MST:** The next McClendon Scholar Program will feature Rev. Jimmie Hawkins in a discussion of his new book *Unbroken and Unbowed: A History of Black Protest in America*. Rev. Hawkins is Director of the Office of Social Witness for the Presbyterian Church USA. Register [here](#).
- **Saturday, February 25 11AM - 1PM An Invitation to participate in Guns to Gardens from Denver Presbytery:** On Saturday, February 25 a drive-thru Guns to Gardens event will be hosted at Columbine United Church (6375 S. Platte Canyon Rd., Littleton). You can participate by **VOLUNTEERING**, making a **DONATION** to support *Guns to Gardens*, or **DISMANTLING** (bring your unwanted and unloaded gun(s) in the trunk of your car to Columbine United Church anytime between 11-1 - no reservations needed! All gun owners who bring a gun for dismantling will be given a \$50+ gift card while supplies last.) PRAYERS are also invited to cover our volunteers and gun donors on February 25th. *This event is in honor of 13 year old Jayden Hoyle, a youth of Peoples Presbyterian Church who was killed in a drive by shooting on April 8, 2022.*
- **Community donations** are being received online, by mail, or in person. 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.





In Memoriam

With great sadness we report that

Kendrick King has passed away. She died on Saturday, January 7th. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. We are hopeful that we can have a service for her in the park late in July.

[Click HERE](#) to read the obituary for Kendrick

With deep sorrow and sympathy we pass along this news from Dave Arnolds:

"Please inform the Community that we lost Eileen last Thursday morning [January 12]. She passed in her sleep at home. She had been in the hospital for about three weeks in December, including Christmas. We had 24 hour care for her during the two weeks she was home. The girls and grandchildren were all here the night before she passed and she was aware of them. We plan to have some memorial service in the Spring or Summer. Thanks. Dave"

We send our condolences and blessings to the Arnolds family and pray that Eileen rest in God's loving peace and life eternal.

Dick Lechman passed away on the evening of January 15. He was at the nursing home in Longmont in hospice care. Our condolences to Mary and Dick's family. May Dick rest in peace.

[Click HERE](#) to read the obituary for Dick.

Upcoming Memorial Services:

Friday, February 3, 2023 at 12:00 PM Celebration of Life for Alex Sena - We will gather in the Sanctuary of Capitol Heights Church for a memorial at noon. Following the memorial we will enjoy some New Mexican fare, story telling and memory sharing. Many of you will remember Debbie's brother-in-law Alex & sister Sharon from their frequent attendance of ecumenical events. Alex passed away on Monday night, January 16. The Sena Family appreciates all the condolences that have been expressed and the prayers that surround them at this time.

[Click HERE](#) to read the obituary for Alex

February 11, 11:00 AM Memorial Service for Martha Fiser: Dear Friends, A memorial service for Charlie's sister Martha Fiser will take place at Montview Presbyterian Church (1980 Dahlia St. Denver 80220) on February 11 at 11:00 AM. The service will also be available to watch online and we will share the livestream link with you once we receive it. Thank you for the condolences that have been expressed as we continue to hold the Fiser and Diamond family in our prayers.

[Click HERE](#) to read the obituary for Martha

- **Grocery cards that support CHPC** are available for Safeway grocery stores - please contact Charlie Fiser if interested. The King Soopers program is tied to their loyalty card program. Go to customer service and ask how to tie your loyalty card number to benefit Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church. Call Charlie Fiser with any questions (303-875-5129).

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.

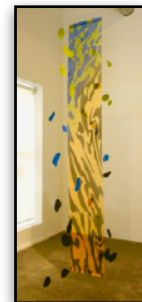
- **Sunday, January 29:** There will not be a Mass on the 29th of January, but instead, the 10:30 Catholic Community is invited to join Capitol Heights to celebrate their 127th Anniversary in a Service at 9:30 AM. After the service all are invited to participate in our first Social Service Sunday when we will have the "Rice and Bean Bag Breakdown." **The service can be joined on zoom using this LINK.** The Social Service Rice and Bean Bag breakdown will be in person only.
- **To View the 10:30 Catholic Community** February Calendar [click HERE](#).
- **The Social/Racial Justice Film Series continues Friday, February 3** at First Universalist Church of Denver, 4101 E. Hampden Ave, Denver 80222 with the showing of *The Letter*, a film by Laudato Si' Movement's featuring Pope Francis as the protagonist and among five leaders representing the voices of Indigenous people, the youth, the poor and the wildlife of our planet. The event will be a Snacks & Sweets Potluck! At 6:30 p.m. we will meet for snacks and sweets, and then enjoy the documentary. Green First, the First Universalist "green team" brings this film to our Film series. They will help us with a discussion after the film and give us ideas how to take meaningful and impactful actions moving forward.

This film tells the story about the Pope's call to care for our planet. In 2015, Pope Francis wrote *Laudato Si'*, a letter to the world confronting the looming calamity of human impact on Earth and ourselves. It is one of the most ambitious and revolutionary papal statements in history and outlines the most critical environmental and social issues that we collectively face. The film features often unheard voices as well as U.S. scientists in a global dialogue about our planet. As Pope Francis states in the film, "The cries of the earth and the poor can't go on. Nature is screaming stop. It's like a choir, we have to sing together."

- **Community Contributions:** Contributions have been made by the Community to the following: (a) \$200 to El Porviner (for its work in Nicaragua on water and sanitation projects) and \$200 to Miguel Pro Mission (a ministry led by Father Peter Urban that provides a variety of social services in Juarez).
- **COVID Safety Protocol:** Council requests that 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 News

- **Dear Journey with Migrant friends:** We are helping a new family get settled into an unfurnished apartment offered by the nonprofit West Colfax Lampstand. The father is from Guatemala and was just bonded out of Geo. They have a new baby boy less than 3 weeks old, plus 10 and 4 year old boys. We are looking for **bunk beds, small couches, small tables, chairs, dishware, cooking ware, towels, rugs, toiletries, sheets/comforters, pack-n-plays, or gift cards (Target, Walmart, King Soopers)** to fill the gaps. Please let us know if you have any of these items or other things for setting up an unfurnished apartment and we will make arrangements to collect. With thanks and wishes for a blessed weekend, Rob and Celeste (rhabiger@gmail.com).
- **January 29 is the last day to see our friend Barb Baer's latest Sculpture *Clear Water*.** The 8' tall, cloth-and-music-wire piece is at Spark Gallery, 900 Santa Fe Drive, Denver. We hope you can check it out!
- **Thursday, February 16, 5:00-6:30 PM (MST) *Refugia Faith: An Evening with Debra Rienstra*:** Creation Justice Ministries and the BTS Center invite you to an online evening conversation with Debra Rienstra, as she discusses her book *Refugia Faith* — how it came to be, and how it can be used in communities of faith and beyond. [Register HERE](#). (\$10 event registration • \$30 event registration including a copy of *Refugia Faith*.)
- **Creation Justice Ministries** has released their 2023 Lenten Resource - click [HERE](#) to download the guide. This guide is designed to help you and your community take time during the Lenten season to learn, reflect, repent, ask God for forgiveness, and take concrete steps to change course in order to better care for creation. We have also included the Lenten Resource on the final pages of the Open Letter.



Community Events

Sunday

CHPC Sunday Schedule

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

11:00 am Dialogue (Lounge / [Zoom](#))

10:30 CC Sunday Schedule

11:00 am Mass (Sanctuary)

Dignity Denver Sunday Schedule

5:00 pm Dignity Denver Mass *Every Sunday through Advent*

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

7:00 - 8:30 pm Comedy Is Therapy with Dr. Alison Sheesley for people struggling with social or generalized anxiety. (Nursery)

Wednesday

5:00 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

6:30 - 8:00 pm Comedy Is Therapy with Dr. Alison Sheesley for people struggling with social or generalized anxiety. (Nursery)

7:00 pm Ye Wanton Singers (Sanctuary)

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 / info@whiteforestsangha.org)

10:00 am SLAA (Room 104)

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

Leaders of the Capitol Heights Faith Communities

Ecumenical Leadership at 1100 Fillmore

Shared Operations Leadership:

CHPC Session • 10:30 Catholic Council • Dignity Denver Board
Charlie Fiser - Treasurer; Debbie Yeager - Building Administrator

Historic Building Team

Debbie Yeager
Sonya Yeager-Meeks
Dan Jacobs
Andrea Malcomb & Historic Denver

Ecumenical Worship Committee

Bibiana Hager	CHPC
Jeanne Jeffas	CHPC
Mary Sullivan	10:30 CC
Sylvia Sullivan	10:30 CC



Garden Team

Mary Lou Fenili
Liz Pinckard
Debbie Yeager
Sonya Yeager-Meeks
Linden Snow of *Remedy Permaculture Design*

Capitol Hill United Ministries - Women's Homelessness Initiative

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Bonita Bock (Augustana Lutheran); Cass Cronan (Earthlinks); Charlie Fiser (CHPC); Brian Henderson (1st Baptist); Chris Gilmore (6th Ave. UCC) Mark Meeks (CHPC)

Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church

Session Elders:

Sonya Yeager-Meeks	(Class of 2023 - 1st Term)
<i>Position Open</i>	(Class of 2023 - 1st Term)
Mary Hupp	(Class of 2024 - 1st Term)
Rodney Shuff	(Class of 2024 - 2nd Term)
Charlie Fiser	(Class of 2025 - 1st Term)
Bonnie Jensen	(Class of 2025 - 1st Term)

Rev. Mark Meeks	Spiritual Leader
Rev. Bill Sanders	Moderator
Jeanne Jeffas	Clerk of Session
Charlie Fiser	Treasurer
Jean Demmler	Commissioner to the Presbytery of Denver
Bibiana Hager	Deacon
Sonya Yeager-Meeks	Co-Director of Music
Debra Yeager	Co-Director of Music
Debra Yeager	Children's Ministry

10:30 Catholic Community Council

Bill Dixon	Chair	303-910-2842
Jim Butz	Co-Chair	303-913-3290
Gene Lang	Treasurer	303-399-5692
Kristen Insana	Secretary	440-223-0101
Meg Johnson	Liturgy Liaison	303-399-5692
Estela Bogaert-Martinez	Adult Religious Education	303-618-6617

(Currently Open)

Mary Sullivan	Social Action Liaison	703-371-9105
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Patricia Peterson	Member At-large	303-475-6675

Dignity Denver Board

Brad Cameron	President
Brad Cameron	Co-Treasurer
Mike Misgen	Member at Large