



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



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, June 4, 11:00 AM Ecumenical Service:** The second Ecumenical Service of the year will take place on June 4th. Please note our later service start time of 11:00 AM that Sunday morning. The service, prepared for us by our volunteer Ecumenical Committee, will be a reflective and prayerful response to racism.
 - ♦ **Zoom Link for 11:00 AM Ecumenical 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
- **June 3, 2:00 PM MDT Stefanie Fiser Kleven** will be giving a vocal recital with her friend Katie Lane at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Minnesota, lucky for us in Denver this recital will be live streamed! All are welcome to attend this brief afternoon of art songs, duets, and musical theatre selections. You can watch the live stream [HERE](#), in real time or later.
- **June 25, 11:00 AM Social Service Sunday Rice and Bean Bag Break Down:** The 10:30 Catholic Community once again invites us to take part in preparing rice and bean bags for Metro Caring. We will meet at 11AM in the basement Social Hall.
- **News from Presbyterians for Earth Care:**
 - ▶ “**The Climate Crisis & Empowering Hope**” is our theme for our 2023 national conference, held as a hybrid gathering from September 21-23. The conference will deal with the greatest moral issue of the day and practical ways that our faith can guide us to act for creation care. [Learn more and Register HERE](#).
 - ▶ **Presbyterians are seeing good** results planting native species on their sacred grounds. A Presbyterians for Earth Care webinar put on by the National Wildlife Federation looks at how to get started. You can read more about it in the recent Presbyterian News Service article about the webinar [HERE](#). **To watch the National Wildlife Federation Sacred Grounds Webinar** and access the resources shared at the presentation [VISIT this Presbyterians for Earth Care WEB PAGE](#).
- **You can catch up with work being done** at our National Presbyterian Office of Public Witness by reading the latest *Compassion, Peace and Justice* newsletter [HERE](#). News from our local Denver Presbytery can be seen in this [Friday E-News from Beth](#).
- **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.

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- **Beginning on Sunday, June 11th** Mass will take place at “Little Cheesman Park,” the



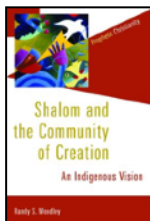
Community Bookshelf

A highlight of theological books being read in the community

Shalom and the Community of Creation:

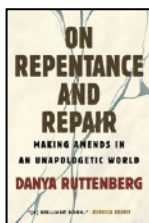
An Indigenous Vision - Materialism.

Greed. Loneliness. A manic pace. Abuse of the natural world. Inequality. Injustice. War. The endemic problems facing America today are staggering. We need change and restoration. But where to begin? In *Shalom and the Community of Creation* Randy Woodley offers an answer: learn more about the Native American 'Harmony Way, a concept that closely parallels biblical shalom. Doing so can bring reconciliation between Euro-Westerners and indigenous peoples, a new connectedness with the Creator and creation, an end to imperial warfare, the ability to live in the moment, justice, restoration -- and a more biblically authentic spirituality. Rooted in redemptive correction, this book calls for true partnership through the co-creation of new theological systems that foster wholeness and peace.



On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World -

Winner of the National Jewish Book Awards in Contemporary Jewish Life & Practice Myra H. Kraft Memorial Award. A crucial new lens on repentance, atonement, forgiveness, and repair from harm... Rooted in traditional Jewish concepts while doggedly accessible and available to people from any, or no, religious background, *On Repentance and Repair* is a book for anyone who cares about creating a country and culture that is more whole than the one in which we live, and for anyone who has been hurt or who is struggling to take responsibility for their mistakes.



Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works - Reader's Edition Set - A classic,

eminently thoughtful exposition of what it means to follow Christ---and lead his people---in a fallen and hostile world. Featuring new introductions from noted scholars, these modern editions have been adapted to a more accessible format using the acclaimed DBWE translation. Includes Discipleship, Life Together, Ethics, and Letters and Papers from Prison. 1300 pages total, four softcovers from Fortress.



south-east corner of 7th Avenue and High Street. Mass will take place at 11:00 AM.

- **Sunday June 25, Gay Pride weekend. No Mass scheduled:** Social service Sunday with a Bean & Rice Bag Breakdown in the social hall at CHPC at 11:00 am.
- **To see the 10:30 Catholic Community June Calendar** [click HERE.](#)
- **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

- **June 4, 11:00 AM:** The 10:30 Catholic Community and Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church invite you to our second hybrid Ecumenical Service of the year. All are welcome to attend this service celebrating our unity which comes *through* diversity! The service can be attended in person in the Sanctuary at 1100 Fillmore St. or by [Zoom \(link HERE\).](#)
 - **Tuesdays, 7:00 PM, Anonymous Recovery Meditation at 1100 Fillmore Street:** The White Forest Sangha, a Zen Buddhist practice community, welcomes persons in recovery from substance abuse to come and experience silent meditation in our zendo - a safe, quiet space designed for meditation and silent contemplation. The meeting begins at 7pm with a short introduction followed by 30 minutes of silent meditation and then fellowship until we adjourn around 8pm. The Tuesday gatherings are open to anyone who is either in recovery or simply wishes to experience meditation in a zendo. It is suggested that you wear loose clothing. If you are interested in joining us, please call or text Jeffrey @ 303.257.0492.
 - **June 6, Denver Runoff Election:** Ballots will be sent out on May 15 and are due by Election Day on June 6. The runoffs will occur in the mayoral race, plus **four Council races** where no candidate received 50% or more of the vote. Need to register to vote or check your registration? [Visit the Colorado Secretary of State website to get started.](#)
 - **Saturday, June 10, 4:00 - 6:00 PM:** You are invited to a happy hour of heavy hors d'oeuvres with music and wine to support *Journey with Migrants*, a Mission Partnership of Denver Presbytery. The gathering will be held in the courtyard of Montview Presbyterian Church (1980 Dahlia St.) *Journey with Migrants* Mission Partnership has accompanied families around the Denver Metro area, assisting with basic living needs and helping navigate the challenges of living as migrants and refugees. Come and enjoy music and an opportunity to hear the stories of those we support, as you pick up some treasures from the silent auction. **\$50 per person.**
 - **June 25, 11:00 AM Rice and Bean Bag Break Down:** **All are invited to join the 10:30 Catholic Community** for a Social Service Sunday Rice and Bean Bag Break Down on behalf of Metro Caring. We will meet at 11AM in the basement Social Hall.
 - **Supporting our City by donating needed items for arriving migrants:** The City is asking for the following items:
 - ▶ Hygiene kits that include soap, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes
 - ▶ Menstrual hygiene products
 - ▶ Diapers sizes 1-6 and baby wipes
 - ▶ Socks (new only)
- The three locations where donations can be dropped off are the following:
- ▶ **The Dream Center at 2165 Curtis St.**
Coordinated drop offs are being accepted Monday to Thursday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the front loading zone of the building. Donations can also be dropped off at the small parking lot next to the building. Denverites can email info@denverdc.org to schedule a drop off.
 - ▶ **First Baptist Church at 1373 Grant Street** (One of our CHUM partners)
The Interfaith Alliance of Colorado is taking donations beginning May 25. Drop offs can only be made Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - ▶ **Servicios de la Raza at 3131 W. 14th Ave.**
Non-perishable food donations can be made at the nonprofit's building Monday to Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m.
- **You can see the latest from CHUM-WHI** by reading the most recent newsletter [HERE.](#) Included is information on how to participate in the next delivery of donations to support our un-housed neighbors on June 9th, as well as a sign up sheet to prepare lunches for neighbors in need June - August.

Community Events

Sunday

CHPC Sunday Schedule

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

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

10:30 CC Sunday Schedule

11:00 am Mass (Sanctuary)

Dignity Denver Sunday Schedule

5:00 pm Dignity Denver Mass

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)

6:30-8:30 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:

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Charlie Fiser - Treasurer; Debbie Yeager - Building Administrator

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Sonya Yeager-Meeks

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10:30 CC

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10:30 CC

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Sonya Yeager-Meeks

(Class of 2023 - 1st Term)

Position Open

(Class of 2023 - 1st Term)

Mary Hupp

(Class of 2024 - 1st Term)

Rodney Shuff

(Class of 2024 - 2nd Term)

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