



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.

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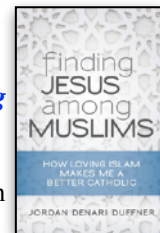
We are part of an old tradition, made new with each person who comes to us. We witness to a greatness that transcends what we now say, know, or do, but is graciously made present in acts of kindness, hope and peace. We are called to be a community of such hope for the sake of the God of all, and we delight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

- **Sunday, July 2 & 9, 9:30 AM Service & 11:00 AM Dialogue:** All are welcome to join us for a 9:30 AM service held in the sanctuary or online via zoom. Following the services, we will meet in the basement lounge for our Adult Dialogue held at 11:00 AM. The dialogue can also be attended on zoom using the link below.
 - ✦ **Zoom Link for 9:30 AM Service & 11:00 AM Dialogue**
 - ▶ [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
- **Thursday, July 6, 7:00 PM First Thursday Bonhoeffer Study:** Our next discussion in our Bonhoeffer's Letters series will take place at 7PM on Thursday, July 6th. The study will focus on the letter from May 18, 1944, which includes Bonhoeffer's "Thoughts on the Day of Baptism" written for his godson Dietrich Wilhelm Rüdiger Bethge. All are welcome to attend this online discussion [via Zoom \(link HERE\)](#).
- **Sunday, July 16, 10:30 AM** Following our service we will take a field trip led by Don and Mary to Clear Creek Canyon. Participants are invited to bring a sack lunch for this day outside. Carpooling will be arranged, and if anyone would like to join us on the outing and needs a ride just let us know!
- **Sunday, July 23, 11:00 AM** Mark your calendars for this special hybrid dialogue that will take place with Dave and Faren. They will share stories and pictures with us about their extensive trip to Asia they took this spring.
- **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.

- **The Religious Education Committee and council** are recommending the following book to the Community with plans for a community discussion at one of our Fourth Sunday Discussions in the fall: *Finding Jesus Among Muslims: How Loving Islam Makes Me a Better Catholic* by Jordan Denari Duffner, 2017, Liturgical Press.
- **Please Note: the Community's Website password** will be changed on July 1, 2023 for the community to access the protected sections of the Community Website (council minutes and community directory). Please watch your email on July 1st for the new code. If you do not receive that email, please ask a council member for the new code.
- **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

- **Every Tuesday 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM: Together Tuesday Language Support for Immigrants with Jamie Laurie at Project Worthmore (1661 Elmira St., Aurora):** Together Tuesday is all about community building and fun. We help facilitate English



CHPC Historic Building Restoration Update

As of June 2023 all masonry work on the tower has been completed! Our roofer was onsite beginning Monday June 26 to begin setting the collector boxes and downspouts. This work is expected to be completed the last week of June and will bring the roofing scope to 100% complete! Our historic building team will have a site walk in early July to review the work at the belltower and identify a final punchlist of that portion of the project, as necessary.

The next stage of the project will be the work on our west side stained glass. Our stained glass crew is working diligently to finish a stain glass project at DU and should be wrapped up this week. The Capitol Heights Community is their next home. Once the stained glass crew start at the church they will remain on our job until it is completed.



language learning, but this isn't your typical English class. Activities include English word games, focused conversation tables, greeting exchanges, group songs, multilingual open mic, and team-building exercises. Volunteers play a key role in facilitating all the fun that we have each week. You also will be invited to begin learning another language! The event begins at 11 and ends at 12:30, but help with setup and takedown is appreciated. To sign up to participate in an upcoming *Together Tuesday* or to register for a *Beyond Babble* first time volunteer training visit <https://projectworthmore.org/friendship-tuesdays/>.

More about Project Worthmore and the International Community they serve: *Colorado is home to over 60,000 refugees. Since 2009, the team at Project Worthmore has worked to respond to the direct needs of this community as they navigate a completely new life. Every family served has a unique story, a steadfast courage, and a resilience to survive and rebuild their lives here in the Centennial State.*

A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee their country because of persecution, war or violence. An estimated 60,000 people who have fled their home countries now call Colorado home. They came to this country as refugees, and from the day they arrive, they are challenged to forge a new life, pay rent within the first few months of arrival, adapt to a new culture, learn English, and navigate complex networks of public services and administration. The very first thing a refugee owns upon entering the USA is debt: They all must reimburse the cost of their plane tickets, a substantial financial burden, especially for large families.

Before arriving in Colorado, our clients lived all over the world. We serve refugees from over 25 countries who come from diverse cultures and backgrounds, and bring unique skills and perspectives to our community. To learn more about the countries and Project Worthmore visit <https://projectworthmore.org/>.

• **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.

• **The Sermon from our June 4 Ecumenical Service** given by Reverend Dr. Ann Rosewall is now available to listen to again on our [YouTube Channel \(link HERE\)](#).

• **Rice and Beans Report from our June Social Service Sunday:** Our inter-faith communities had a wonderful time working together on our June 25th *Social Service Sunday*. A ton (seriously a ton, 2,000 lbs!) of rice and beans were broken down from large bags into smaller ones that will be distributed at MetroCaring. Our helpers ranged from under 8 to over 80 and shared tasks such as carrying heavy boxes, emptying the large bags into containers for distribution, labeling all the bags with the date, filling smaller bags, providing refreshments, and clean up. Gene was back at the building again on Wednesday June 28th to meet the good folks from MetroCaring who collected the fruit of y'all's hard work. Thank you to all our participants!



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) - *on summer break*

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) - *on summer break*

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

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10:30 CC

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10:30 CC

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(Class of 2023 - 1st Term)

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(Class of 2023 - 1st Term)

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