



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, August 27, 9:30 AM Service:** All are welcome to join us for a 9:30 AM service held in the sanctuary or online via zoom. There will be no dialogue today, but our 11AM dialogues will resume next Sunday, September 3.

Sunday, September 3, 9:30 AM Service & 11:00 AM Dialogue: All are welcome to attend the 9:30 AM service or 11:00 AM Dialogue in person (in the sanctuary) or online via zoom.

♦ Zoom Link for 9:30 AM Service & Dialogue August 27 - September 3

▶ [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

- **Season of Creation, September 1 - October 4:** The beginning of the Season of Creation is quickly approaching on September 1st! On September 1 there will be a worldwide Ecumenical Opening Prayer Service that can be viewed online. A closing prayer service will take place October 4th and can also be seen online ([details HERE](#)). Capitol Heights will have a special Season of Creation worship service on September 3 at 9:30 AM



- **September 24, 9:30 AM Peace Service:** From Sept 21 to Oct 2, 2023, (Int'l Day of Peace to Int'l Day of Nonviolence), CHPC will join tens of thousands of people in calling for a culture rooted in nonviolence. For 10 years, Campaign Nonviolence has organized an unprecedented movement for a culture of peace and active nonviolence. As part of the season's events, CHPC will hold a special Peace Service at 9:30 AM on September 24th.
- **Special Offerings:** Capitol Heights is currently receiving donations for a Special Offering that will support the work of our Mission Partnership *Journey with Migrants*. If making a donation, please mark "Journey with Migrants" or "JwM" in the comments so Charlie knows how to direct the donation.

Additionally, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is providing financial aid and support to Maui, HA in response to the devastating fires. Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000165, which supports the church's response to wildfires in the U.S. Gifts can be made online by clicking [HERE](#), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "DR000165-Hawai'i" written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

- **Denver Presbytery** recently held their August Assembly at the Wild Animal Sanctuary. Capitol Heights was represented at the Assembly by Jeanne Jeffas (filling in for Commissioner Jean Demmler) and Mark Meeks. Bonnie, David, and Debbie joined them in attending the meeting. [Click HERE](#) to read more of the assembly highlights.
- **Celebration of Ordination:** August 9th marked the 36 year anniversary of our Session Moderator, [Bill Sanders](#)'s, ordination. Bill was ordained on August 9, 1987. We are grateful for Bill's ministry and celebrate his ordination with him. To send Bill a congratulatory message, click on his name above.
- **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).



“Books Worth Reading”

Reviews from the Christian Century

Did you know that *Christian Century* has a “shop” on Bookshop.org that includes all of the books we have reviewed in the magazine since 2020? Every purchase from our shop results in a small commission to the Century. You can [check it out here](#) (and even if you don’t buy anything, it’s a great way to see the variety of books covered in CC).

The Christian Century is an ecumenical magazine committed to thinking critically and living faithfully, exploring what it means to believe and live out the Christian faith in our time.

News from around Denver

Ride Free RTD for Denver Area Youth

Free fares for youth 19 and younger riding RTD buses and light rail system will begin September 1st. This follows the summer free fare for everyone which will continue through the end of August. For free rides for youth, drivers may ask kids to show a school- or government-issued ID. Read more about the program [HERE](#).

Denver Art Drop Day On Tuesday, September 5, hundreds of Denver creators and artists will drop their art around the city to be found by residents. To find art, look for clues on social media using #ArtDropDenver and #ArtDropDay. Anyone can hide and find art! You don’t need to be a professional artist to participate in this delightful event. [Learn more about participating HERE](#).

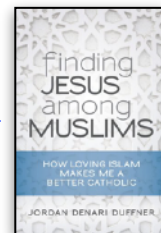
District 10 Town Hall The Faith Communities at Capitol Heights recently hosted a town hall with Mayor Johnston and Councilmember Hinds around the Johnston administrations Homelessness Initiative. The event was well attended and gave residents of District 10 the chance to ask questions and make comments on the Initiative. [Click HERE](#) for news and updates or to make further comments on the Mayor’s Homelessness Initiative.



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.

- **11:00 AM Mass will be held in** Little Cheesman Park (7th and High St.) throughout the summer months unless otherwise noted.
- **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.
- **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

- **Saturday, August 26, 1:00 PM: Ken Keller, long time member of the 10:30 Catholic Community**, died peacefully August 13, surrounded by his family. Ken had been in hospice for several weeks. Ken's wife, Lyla and their daughter Cathy are planning a memorial service for Saturday, August 26 at 1:00 pm at the church. If you would like to make a donation in his memory, please direct it to [Metro State University of Denver](#) or the [Parkinson Association of the Rockies](#). The family would like to establish an endowed scholarship at Metro that would last in perpetuity if donations reach \$25,000. If the total reaches a lesser amount, several scholarships will be awarded in the next scholarship cycle or two. **Please note “in honor of Ken Keller” in the comments section for your donation to be applied to the scholarship fund.**
- **CHUM Sack Lunch/Breakfast Volunteer Sign Up:** You can now [sign up to provide breakfasts and lunches \(September-October\)](#) to unhoused members of our community. You can also sign up for [November-December](#). Please be sure to visit our [breakfast/lunch project details page](#) as some delivery sites and contacts have changed. *Capitol Hill United Ministries (CHUM) and the Women's Homelessness Initiative (WHI) work with eight beneficiary agencies, including Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Outreach, Delores Project, Denver Public Library Outreach, EarthLinks, St. Francis Center Outreach, Urban Peak, Warren Residences, and CVC/West 13th Ave. Safe Outdoor Space (SOS). Do you have friends who you think might be interested in The Women's Homelessness Initiative, our breakfast and lunch sign up, and deliveries to help our unhoused neighbors? Please send us their names and email addresses, and we'll put them on our email list so they'll be notified to help. Thank you!*
- **September 6 - 7 Climate Democracy Initiative 2nd Annual Gathering:** This year, the Climate Democracy Initiative will convene a gathering of thought leaders in sectors of Education, Media, Government, Business, Finance, Legal, Non-Profit, and Faith. The gathering will be held in person. At the CSU Spur Center (4777 National Western Drive). More information and registration for the event can be found [HERE](#).
- **September 14, 6:00 - 8:30 PM Cornucopia with Metro Caring:** **Cornucopia** – Metro Caring’s annual signature fundraising event will take place on Thursday, September 14 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Denver Botanic Gardens (1007 York Street). We would love to welcome as many of our faith community partners and their members as possible! [Click HERE to learn more about the event or purchase tickets.](#)
- **2023 Climate Wellness & Resiliency Workshops with 350 Colorado:** Every week for four weeks 350 Colorado will offer workshops that combine teaching, personal explorations, and group activities. The activities come from *The work That Reconnects* by Joanna Macy (author of *Active Hope*). Articles/video/podcast resources for the group will be sent out to engage with ahead of time. [Click HERE to register.](#)



Community Events

Sunday

CHPC Sunday Schedule

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

11:00 AM Dialogue (Sanctuary / [Zoom](#)) - NOTE: There is no dialogue August 27th. The 11AM Dialogues will resume September 3rd.

10:30 CC Sunday Schedule

11:00 AM Mass (Little Cheesman Park 7th & High Street throughout the summer)

Dignity Denver Sunday Schedule

5:00 PM Dignity Denver Mass, Every 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sunday

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 PM logon/seating in the zendo

6:15 - 6:55 PM zazen

6:55 - 7:15 PM chanting service

7:15 - 7:25 PM prepare for discussion

7:25 - 8:00 PM Dharma discussion

8:00 PM 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 OM 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 AM arrive and take seat in zendo

9:30 - 10:10 AM zazen

10:10 - 10:20 AM kinhin

10:20 - 11:00 AM zazen

11:00 - 11:20 AM service

11:20 AM 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)

1:00 PM, August 26 - Memorial Mass for Ken Keller (Sanctuary & Social Hall)

Leaders of the Capitol Heights Faith Communities

Ecumenical Leadership at 1100 Fillmore

Shared Operations Leadership:

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10:30 CC

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10:30 CC

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Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church

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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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(Class of 2025 - 1st Term)

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(Class of 2025 - 1st Term)

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10:30 Catholic Community Council

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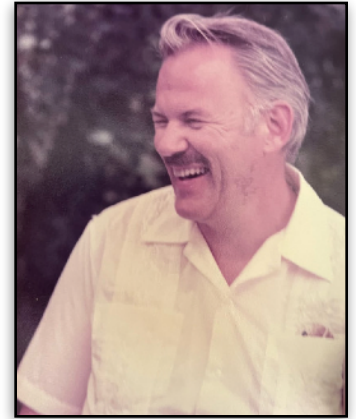
Member at Large

Dr. Kenneth Michael Keller

May 25, 1940 — August 13, 2023 | Centennial

Dr. Kenneth Keller died peacefully at home in Centennial, Colorado on Sunday August 13, 2023 at the age of 83. Loved by all who knew him, Ken was kind, astute, courageous and a lover of corny jokes. He lived gracefully with Parkinson's Disease for 27 years.

Ken was born (May 25, 1940) and grew up in LaPorte, Indiana. After high school, Ken entered the Crosier Order in 1958 and was ordained as a Catholic priest in June 1968. He earned two BA's (Philosophy and Theology) at St. Francis College and a MA and PhD in Anthropology from the University of Colorado as a student of Dr. Gottfried Lang. Between his Master's and PhD, Ken spent two years working with the Asmat in Irian Jaya, Indonesia.



After completing his PhD research in Cultural Anthropology, he began his career teaching Anthropology at Metro State University of Denver. Dr. Keller served the University from the 1970's until his retirement in 2008. During his tenure, in addition to teaching, he chaired the Department of Sociology/Anthropology and served as Associate Dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Science. While at the college, he helped found the Family Literacy Center, turn the Social Work program into a department, and helped build bridges with China through an Academic Scholars Exchange Program, teaching at the Guangxi Normal University in Guilin. Of course he worked with Anthropology and Sociology students, but he also worked closely with nursing students, students seeking teacher licensure, social work students and their respective departments. His ability to empathize and make people feel comfortable and seen brought diverse groups together to meet a common goal. In recognition of his service to students, colleagues and Metro, he was named an Outstanding Faculty Award and was awarded Emeritus Professor of Anthropology after his retirement.

What none of these professional accomplishments capture is his deep dedication to family and friends. Ken married Lyla, the love of his life, 51 years ago (never fear, dear reader, there was a laicization in there). They were true partners at a time when that was unusual, with Ken doing most of the cooking and his half of the parenting. His daughter, Cathy was the apple of his eye. He loved being very involved in her life. Whether it was teaching her to throw a softball, driving her to swim practice at 5am, taking care of her horse while she was at college, discussing philosophy, or giving her professional advice she knew her father was always around, always loving, always gentle and kind.

Ken loved his grandchildren and would play games, trains and read to them from the time they were born. Seeing them grow up into interesting people was one of his life's great delights. Ken formed deep, life-long friendships with many people, like the Hatfields and other members of the "Prayer Group," adopting each other as extended family. He even took in Cathy's college roommate as an extra daughter because you could never have too much family. Many people recently have told us how often he pulled them aside at events to hear detailed updates on their lives. He thoroughly enjoyed singing in the choir at 10:30 Catholic Community.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Donald A. and Marie (Herzog) Keller, his brother Ron Keller, and other members of his extended family. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Lyla K. (Mellor) Keller, and his daughter Catherine M. Keller, son-in-law Ben Edmonds, and 3 grandchildren, Owen, Marshall and Grant Edmonds, many nieces and nephews, and a circle of close friends.

If you would like to make a donation in his memory, please direct it to Metro State University of Denver <https://www.msudenver.edu/giving/msu-denver-foundation/> or the Parkinson Association of the Rockies parkinsonrockies.org. The family would like to establish an endowed scholarship at Metro that would last in perpetuity if donations reach \$25,000. If the total reaches a lesser amount, several scholarships will be awarded in the next scholarship cycle or two. Please note in honor of Ken Keller in the *comments* section for your donation to be applied to the scholarship fund.

Ken will be greatly missed by family, friends, students and colleagues. If you are among those, please join us for a celebration of Ken's life.

Date: Saturday August 26, 2023

Time: 1pm

Location: Ten-Thirty Catholic Community/Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church (1100 Fillmore St, Denver, CO 80206)

Reception to follow.