



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.

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, December 17 9:30 AM Service and 11:00 AM Dialogue:** All are welcome to join us on this Third Sunday in Advent for a morning service at 9:30 AM. Following the service at 11AM we will have a morning dialogue in the basement lounge or via zoom using the link below.
 - ♦ Zoom Link for 9:30 AM Service & 11:00 AM Dialogue & 7PM Carols by Candlelight
 - ▶ [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
- **Sunday, December 17, 7:00 PM:** All are invited to attend our annual Carols by Candlelight service which will take place at 7PM in the Sanctuary. Can't make it in person? You can also watch the service online via zoom:
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- **Peace Offering - Month of December:** Our peace offering will be received until December 31st. 75% of the offering will go to the PCUSA national peace efforts and 25% of the offering will stay local. Session has voted that this years local portion will be given to the **Teller Elementary Backpack Friends**. You can donate to the Peace Offering in person, by mail, or online using this **PayPal link**. When the opportunity to "add a note" arrives please put "Peace Offering" in the note or memo line of the check so Charlie knows how to direct the funds.

According to a survey completed in April 2021 by Hunger Free Colorado, 1 in 6 children are not receiving adequate nutrition. Backpack Friends and The Teller Pantry are a hyper local, community supported option for any family that is in need. We offer food and supplies at no cost to community members and strive to offer fresh, nutritious, and desirable food options for all families.

- **CHPC Online Donation:** Would you like to donate to CHPC online or set up a recurring donation? You can do so via **PayPal at this LINK HERE**.
- **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.

- **Fr Hugh of Our Lady of Mt Carmel** called to report that Fr Mark Franceschini passed on Saturday, December 9th at 6:40 pm. His wake and rosary will be on Tuesday the 19th at 7pm. The funeral and reception will be on Wednesday the 20th at 10am. Both these days will be at Our Lady of Mt Carmel, 3549 Navajo St in Denver. The burial will be at Mt Olivet Cemetery, 12801 W. 44th Ave in Wheat Ridge. Please keep him in your prayers. He was a



Reflections & Quotes for the Advent Season

BYRD BAYLOR from *The Way To Start A Day*

The way to start a day is this -
Go outside and face the east and greet the sun
with some kind of blessing or chant or song
that you made yourself and keep for early morning.

The way to make the song is this -
Don't try to think what words to use
until you're standing there alone.
When you feel the sun
you'll feel the song, too.
Just sing it.

...Some people say there is a new sun every day,
that it begins its life at dawn
and lives for one day only.
They say you have to welcome it.
You have to make the sun happy.
You have to make a good day for it.
You have to make a good world for it
to live its one-day life in.
And the way to start, they say,
is just by looking east at dawn.
When they look east tomorrow,
you can too.
Your song will be an offering -
and you'll be one more person
in one more place
at one more time in the world
saying hello to the sun,
letting it know you are there.

If the sky turns a color sky never was
before
Just watch it.
That's part of the magic.
That's the way to start a day.

WENDELL BERRY From *The Unforeseen Wilderness*

And the world cannot be discovered by a long journey of miles, no matter how long, but only by a spiritual journey, a journey of one inch, very arduous and humbling and joyful, by which we arrive at the ground at our feet, and learn to be at home.

remarkable servant of the Church. And as he wrote in his last letter to us, "I look forward to passing over to heaven, reunited with family, friends and God, though God was ever with me!"

- **We will be having a Jesse Tree this advent season** for the benefit of CHAN. They are requesting \$25.00 Walmart gift card for the immigrants. The gift cards will be collected after each mass 12/10, 12/17 and Christmas eve so that CHAN won't have to wait for the cards. It would be great if you could bring a card each week! Checks will also be accepted. CHAN is a non-profit, 501C3.
- **Community Contribution:** The Community donated \$500 to the rental assistance fund of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.
- **Any Catholic families seeking First Communion** for their children/grandchildren please contact Cristina Palma-Vega Dixon at nanapv@msn.com
- **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

- **Church Parking Update:** Dear friends, when coming to 1100 Fillmore St. by car please be mindful where the driveways are when parking on the street. There are several locations where the sidewalk is interspersed with private driveways and it is important not to block these driveways. **Driveways along Fillmore street in particular** are getting blocked so please check twice before leaving your car. Thank you!
- **Community Transportation and Shelter Volunteer:** Opportunities currently exist to provide transportation and/or shelter for migrant travelers. Please review the available sign ups [HERE](#). The number of available slots is visible under the sign up title. If you would like to go directly to the "Shuttle to Union Station" sign up to see instructions for that volunteer role please follow this [LINK](#).
- **Ways to Support our city and incoming Migrants:** The city is asking for many types of donations to assist incoming migrants. Please see the list below of needed items and note that what is especially needed include winter hats, gloves, scarves, hoodies, thermals, long sleeve shirts, closed toed or winter shoes (children's, and women's sizes 4, 5, 6, 7).

Where you can donate: Until further notice, the donation site has changed from the Richard T. Castro building to the below locations:

Community Ministry (Children's clothing only)

1755 S Zuni St.
Denver, CO 80223
Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Para Ti Mujer

150 Sheridan Blvd.
Suite 200
Lakewood, CO 80226
Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Colorado Changemakers Collective

12075 E 45th Ave.
Denver, CO 80239
Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Please call [\(720\) 385-9173](tel:7203859173) before dropping off donations.

Needed Items		
Most needed items are listed in bold text on the table below:		
Item	Sizes	
Pants	Children, Women, & Men	All Sizes
Shirts: T-Shirts, Long sleeve & Thermals	Children, Women, & Men	All Sizes
Sweatshirts / Hoodies	Children, Women, & Men	All Sizes
Coats	Children, Women, & Men	All Sizes (Toddler-Adult)
Gloves / Mittens	Children, Women, & Men	All Sizes
Scarves	Children, Women, & Men	
Winter Hats	Children, Women, & Men	
Underwear	Children, Women, & Men	Children: All Sizes Women: All Sizes Men: Medium and Large
Women's Sports Bras	Women	All Sizes
Closed Toed and Winter Shoes	Children, Women, & Men	Children: All Sizes Women: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Men: All sizes

Community Events

Sunday

CHPC Sunday Schedule

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

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

7:00 PM Carols by Candlelight

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Holiday Market in the basement Social Hall

10:30 CC Sunday Schedule

11:00 AM Ecumenical Service (Sanctuary / [Zoom](#))

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 Diddy" (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 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

6:30-8:30 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 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)

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

Mike Owen Preservation Services Manager & 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

Diana Flahive, *Executive Director*; 303-832-4188 | 303-257-8588 (cell) | flahive@flahive.us

Leadership Team Members

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)

Position Open

(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

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Jean Demmler

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Deacon

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Children's Ministry

10:30 Catholic Community Council

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Treasurer

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Kristen Insana

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440-223-0101

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Co-Liaison

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Driver Overview for Transportation

Thank you for your willingness to provide transportation support for migrant travelers! The current routes for transportation are from the Intake Center at 3815 Steele St. to Union Station. (1701 Wewatta St.) or to the 40th & Colorado RTD Station (4220 Garfield St.). No other destinations are permitted. Google Maps, Apple Maps, and Waze can provide the best route for the time of day. Printed directions will be available at check-in.

Steele Street Check-In

You should park in the small parking area on the Northwest side of the DHS Building at 3815 Steele Street. This is the back side of the building, marked "Entrada" with a street sign. Knock at the double doors off the patio and identify yourself as a driver for transportation. The driver should be prepared to share information about the organization/church making the transport and the number of passengers they can accommodate.

The driver should check in at the Emergency Operations table within the DHS building. Let the EOC staff know that you will coordinate with the transportation liaison, who will determine how best to organize the trip schedule for the day, as well as pair you with a coordinator if necessary. You can expect to handle 3-4 trips during your shift, depending on the traffic in the intake facility.

Union Station Drop Off

The drop off location is 1701 Wewatta (in front of Whole Foods). Your estimated arrival time will be communicated to partner staff at Union Station. They will be there waiting to escort your passengers to the next leg of their journey. It is our intent to not bring individuals back to the Steele location without prior authorization, for the safety of the drivers and coordinators.

40th & Colorado Drop Off

The drop off location is 4220 Garfield St. This drop off is only for travelers headed to Denver International Airport who hold an A line ticket. Passengers can be dropped off in the cul-de-sac next to the station at the end of Jackson St. EOC staff on site will provide special instructions to any passengers being dropped off at this location.

Disclaimer

Indemnification/Limitation of Liability: Volunteer shall indemnify and hold harmless City (including but not limited to its employees, elected and appointed officials, agents and representatives) against any and all losses (including without limitation, loss of use and costs of cover), liability, damage, claims, demands, actions and/or proceedings and all costs and expenses connected therewith (including without limitation attorneys' fees) that arise out of or relate to any claim of infringement of patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or other intellectual property right related to this Purchase Order or that are caused by or the result of any act or omission of Volunteer, its agents, suppliers, employees, or representatives. Volunteer's obligation shall not apply to any liability or damages which result solely from the negligence of City. Liability for claims for injuries to persons or property arising from the acts, omissions, or negligence of the City, their departments, boards, commissions committees, bureaus, offices, employees and officials shall be controlled and limited by the provisions of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, Colorado Revised Statutes § 24-10-101, et seq; the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. Pt. VI, Ch. 171 and 28 U.S.C. 1346(b); and the City's limitation on liability for torts, Denver Revised Municipal Code § 1.1.7.