



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 24, 9:30 AM Service and 11:00 AM Dialogue:** All are welcome to join us on this Fourth Sunday in Advent for a morning Christmas Eve 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
 - ▶ [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
- **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.

- **7:00 PM Sunday, December 24: A Christmas Eve Mass** will be held at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary with music beginning at 7:00 PM.
- **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 Contributions:** The Council has approved a Community contribution of \$334 (a total of \$1,002) to each of the following organizations: (a) the Women's Bean Project, (b) Sacred Heart House, and (c) the Newcomers Fund administered by the Rose Community Foundation. Rose is working with the City and County of Denver and a number of non-profits to assist newly arriving migrants.



Reflections & Quotes for the Advent Season

A CHRISTMAS HYMN

by **RICHARD WILBUR**, former US Poet Laureate

"And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto Him, Master, rebuke thy disciples."

And He answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

---St. Luke XIX, 39-40

A stable-lamp is lighted
Whose glow shall wake the sky;
The stars shall bend their voices,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry,
And straw like gold shall shine;
A barn shall harbor heaven,
A stall become a shrine.

This child through David's city
Shall ride in triumph by;
The palm shall strew its branches,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry,
Though heavy, dull, and dumb,
And lie within the roadway
To pave his kingdom come.

Yet he shall be forsaken,
And yielded up to die;
The sky shall groan and darken,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry
For stony hearts of men:
God's blood upon the spearhead,
God's love refused again.

But now, as at the ending,
The low is lifted high;
The stars shall bend their voices,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry
In praises of the child
By whose descent among us
The worlds are reconciled.

- **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

- **CHUM-WHI Volunteer Opportunities:** January-February Breakfast/Lunch Sign Up Now Available: You can **sign up to provide breakfasts and lunches** to unhoused members of our community. We 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). Please be sure to visit our **breakfast/lunch project details page** as some delivery sites and contacts have changed.
- **Access to The New York Times is now available with your Denver Public Library Card!** From a library computer, on DPL's WiFi, or from outside the library you can use your library card number to set up a free New York Times account. **Click HERE to learn more.**
- **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](#))

10:30 CC Sunday Schedule

7:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass, music starting at 7:00 PM

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)

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:

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Charlie Fiser - Treasurer; Debbie Yeager - Building Administrator

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Debbie Yeager

Sonya Yeager-Meeks

Dan Jacobs

Mike Owen Preservation Services Manager & Historic Denver

Ecumenical Worship Committee

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CHPC

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10:30 CC

Sylvia Sullivan

10:30 CC

Garden Team

Mary Lou Fenili

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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)

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(Class of 2025 - 1st Term)

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(Class of 2025 - 1st Term)

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Children's Ministry

10:30 Catholic Community Council

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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.