

# THE VOICE

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## CONCERTS & SERVICES

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Presbyterian Church  
January 15 | 10 am

Confirmation Lock-In  
January 15 | 7 pm

David LaMotte Concert  
January 26 | 7 pm

Congregational Annual  
Meeting and Breakfast  
January 29 | 9 am

Soup-er Bowl of Caring  
February 5 | 11:30 am



APCE Annual Event 2017

## APCE COMING TO DENVER

Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) is coming to Denver from January 22-28, 2017! **Stephanie Fritz**, the educator at Central, has been serving on the Annual Event Team of APCE for 7 years. This national (and international) event has been happening for nearly 50 years. Over 600 educators, pastors, youth leaders and volunteers will gather together at the

Marriott in the Tech Center to worship, hear inspiring speakers, attend workshops and network with one another. Youth Director, **Bear Redmon** and Program Assistant, **Liz Becze** will also be attending the event as scholarship recipients. Although most of the event will take place at the hotel, there are a few events happening at Central!

\*January 26 at 7:45 pm: **David LaMotte** concert. David is a folk artist who is also an author and peace fellow. He will offer up a night of storytelling and music from his albums. **Wil Smith** will collaborate on a few pieces. Concert is open to the public and Central members are encouraged to sign up for ushering. Visit [centraldenver.com](http://centraldenver.com) to buy a ticket.

January 27: 9 am-1 pm: When Helping Hurts, workshop. Central's mission partners will all be present as part of this workshop and discussion time about how to partner with our communities. Participants from the event will be present, as well as it is open to anyone in Denver Presbytery. Email [stephanie@centraldenver.com](mailto:stephanie@centraldenver.com) for more information.

If you'd like to hear more about this event or if you'd like to find out how you can help with hospitality, contact Stephanie Fritz

# FROM YOUR PASTOR

*And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been.*

According to a Google search on “best new year’s quotes,” this observation by Rainier Maria Rilke is the favorite. There is something about a new year that kindles hope. We have faith that the “things that have never been” are going to be good---or at least better than last year. We count down the seconds, pop the champagne cork, and celebrate . . . possibility, anticipation, renewal. We make resolutions to reinforce our intentions to make it a better, healthier, more peaceful year.

Part of us knows, however, that the “things that have never been” will be a mixture of good and bad. So much seems uncertain on the national and global fronts. As I write this, a fragile cease-fire in Syria is holding, after more than 500,000 deaths. More than 16,500 of Colorado’s children face food insecurity every day. If we’re like most, our resolutions will last through early February. What lies ahead in 2017 may seem a whole lot like what we see in the rearview mirror of the departing year.

Christian faith is more than positivity thinking. It is a clear-eyed realist, knowing that the humans made in the image of God are capable of selfishness, hatred, and fear. We look to the future with hope not because we’re optimists, but because we trust that future to the One who said “Behold I make all things new.” God is still at work to bring heaven to earth. We dare to believe that God invites us to participate in remaking the world to reflect Divine justice, peace, and love.

We don’t know what the future holds, but we trust the One who holds the future. So “Happy New Year!” I hope you will join us to worship, learn, serve, and grow in 2017.



Yours in faith,

Pastor Louise Westfall



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# January Worship Schedule

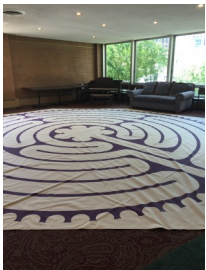
January 1 | Communion, Prayer stations that offer thanks for the past and hope for the future. **Louise Westfall** preaching.

January 8 | Renewal of Baptism  
Louise Westfall preaching on Matthew 3:13-17 "A Hero's Journey"  
Congregational meeting follows worship to elect officers and approve the pastor's terms of call.

January 15 | Worship at People's Presbyterian Church on this Martin Luther King Jr. birthday commemoration. **Note the time: 10 am**

January 22 | 9 am Congregational breakfast and Annual Meeting 10:30 Ordination/Installation of new officers. Louise Westfall preaching on I Corinthians 1:10-18 "Not with Eloquent Wisdom"

January 29 | Parish Associate, **Stan Jewell**, will preach a sermon entitled, "God on Trial" based on I Corinthians 1:18-31



*Remember that the labyrinth is available every Wednesday from 11:30 – 1 for walking prayer and meditation.*

Central's prayer room is open every Sunday, 8:30 – noon for personal prayer and a quiet reflection space.



# THE COLORADO TRUST, A HEALTH EQUITY FOUNDATION

**Pastor Louise** has been selected as one of nine trustees of the Colorado Trust. Established by the sale of Presbyterian/St. Luke's Hospital to Health One, the Trust manages funds in excess of \$460 million dollars, and builds partnerships with communities throughout Colorado to address health access and equity. The Presbytery of Denver receives an annual grant for its operations. Last year over thirty-seven million dollars was distributed in five health equity areas: Health and Well Being, Health Data, Community Partnerships, and Health Equity Investments. Pastor Louise is looking forward to this service, so resonant with Central's historic commitment to health care access and community service.

## SOUP-ER BOWL OF CARING

It's time for our annual Souper Bowl of Caring church event and soup lunch on Sunday, February 5! The High School and Middler groups at Central will help to host this day of collection for Metro CareRing and all church soup lunch. You are invited to bring non-perishable food items and/or monetary donations for Metro Caring. Lunch will take place after worship in the Sturgeon Room where you will be able to try all the soups prepared by our youth and vote on your favorite. Last year's winner was **Lukas Groff**. Can he make a repeat win this year? Find out on February 5. For more information please contact youth director, **Bear Redmon** (bear@centraldenver.com).



# ADULT EDUCATION

**SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00AM.** Adult Ed at Central asks questions, goes deeper, delights in diverse perspectives, pursues truth, honors all people, trusts God. Expect to be challenged, provoked, inspired, amazed and grateful.



## In the West Room...

### Bible in an Hour

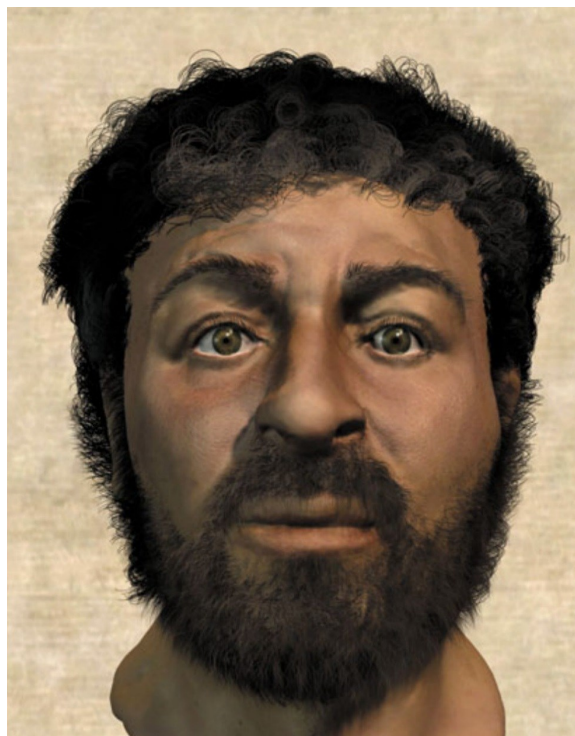
*January 8*

Begin the New Year with a God's eye view of the sweep of the Biblical story using a very visual presentation. When you have the big picture the individual stories can be seen in the context of the God's over-arching purpose. Parish Associate, **Stan Jewell** leads the discussion.

### One Book for One Church

*January 29*

The two Co-Moderators for the 222nd General Assembly, **Rev. Jan Edmiston** and **Denise Anderson**, set a series of goals for the Presbyterian Church during their two-year term. One was for the church to engage in conversations about race. As part of this work, our Co-Moderators ask the church to be part of "One Book for One Church" program by reading and exploring Debbie Irving's book *Waking Up White*. While Rev. Edmiston agrees that our "book" is the Bible, she invites us to think of Irving's work as a "bonus book to read alongside the Bible." Join us as we introduce Central to this book and look ahead to further exploration of subjects of race and privilege.



### Women's Thursday Bible Study: Who is Jesus?

Who is Jesus? This study explores the question through the lenses of Mark, Matthew, Luke, John, Paul, Hebrews, the non-canonical gospels, the Abrahamic Faiths, and contemporary cultural interpretations. It notes that each of us who reads the New Testament is an interpreter of the text, and that how we interpret depends in part on who we are. Join the women of the church from 10 am – 11:30 am on the first Thursday of every month at the home of **Sue Wilcox**. Contact Pastor **Louise Westfall** for more information: [louise@centraldenver.com](mailto:louise@centraldenver.com).

**THERE WILL BE NO ADULT EDUCATION ON JANUARY 15 AS WE WORSHIP AT PEOPLE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND ON JANUARY 22 DUE TO THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST.**



## MUSIC NOTES

Our post-holidays January isn't going to be a quiet month at all, with several special events coming up! First, Central will be once again closing its doors on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 15, to celebrate at People's Presbyterian Church. Join us for worship at 10 am with the combined choirs of Peoples and Central to celebrate a wonderful day with special music.

Later in the month, Central will be hosting a concert in conjunction with the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators conference, presenting a solo concert by acclaimed folk singer and peace activist, David LaMotte. The 75-minute concert will begin at 7:45 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door or on the APCE website.

Also, check out work by artist **Judith Babcock**, now on display in the Sturgeon Room Gallery. The music and arts committee will host an opening reception on January 13 from 5:30 pm – 8 pm with live music and hors d'oeuvres. Please join us!

Stay tuned for more concert announcements, and mark your calendar for the next DPO concert, coming up on February 10!



## Soulful Experiences by Judith Babcock

Come see "Soulful Experiences," Oil Paintings by **Judith Babcock**, now on display in the Sturgeon Room Gallery until February 10. Meet the artist today following the congregational meeting, and at an opening reception with hors d'oeuvres on Friday, January 13, from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.



## DIRECTORY UPDATE

With the new year comes time for reorganization. If you've changed your address, phone number, or even your face please send your new information or pictures to [bear@centraldenver.com](mailto:bear@centraldenver.com) to update our directory. Directories are currently available in the church front office.

## ANNUAL MEETING AND BREAKFAST

On January 22 at 9 am, join us for buffet breakfast sponsored by the Deacons, followed by a meeting which celebrates the accomplishments of 2015 and anticipates God's leading in 2016.

## Worship with People's Presbyterian Church

On Sunday, January 15, we join with Denver Presbytery's only historically black church, for a combined worship service. Join us and People's Presbyterian Church on Martin Luther King Jr. weekend in music, in faith, and in fellowship. People's Presbyterian is located at 2780 York St. and services begin at 10 am.



# JANUARY CHURCH MOUSE



## David LaMotte

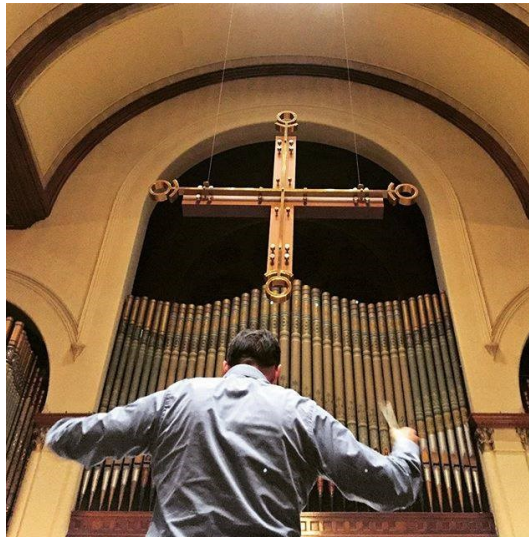
Musician. Speaker. Writer. Activist

David LaMotte will join us for an evening of music and storytelling featuring his new album, *The Other Way Around* that is a fusion of cultural influences, from blues to bluegrass and from Latin to African. The songs are informed by his personal journey—becoming a father, living and working around the world, and exploring his own capacity for positive impact in questions of justice and peace.

January 26 at 7:45 pm. Doors open at 7pm. Event open to the public.

More about David at [davidlamotte.com](http://davidlamotte.com)

Tickets are \$15 or \$20 at the door and can be purchased online or email **Stephanie Fritz** at: [stephanie@centraldenver.com](mailto:stephanie@centraldenver.com)



I may be a mouse, but I still love good music and especially Christmas music. Believe me, my little mouse ears heard some really good Christmas music this year. My spirit was lifted by the wonderful Sunday worship music throughout Advent and my heart was made glad by the festive music provided by the Denver Gay Men's Chorus, the Rocky Mountain Children's Choir, the East High School Choirs, the Evergreen Chorale and Jefferson Symphony, and the Denver Philharmonic, all in our beautiful and resonant sanctuary. It made this season an especially Merry Christmas.

## NEW MEMBERS



**Chris Barker** is a social worker who enjoys running and archery. A quotation Chris loves is by Albert Einstein: "I want to know God's thoughts. The rest are details."

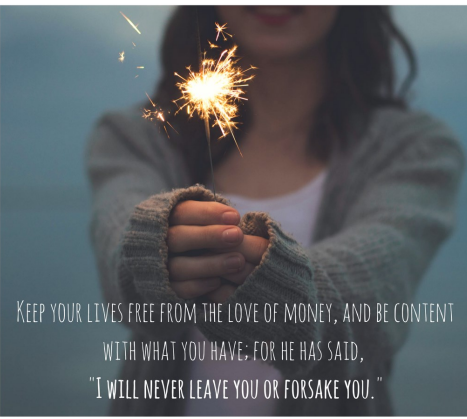


**Nancy Whitesell** is a Public Health Professor at University Colorado - Denver. She has 3 grown daughters that also live in metro Denver.



**Eleanor Kamke** is the Manager of Catering at the Denver Zoo. She enjoys traveling, food, wine, hospitality, crafting, and the outdoors. She is transferring her membership from First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, NY.





*Youth Fellowship Hour  
Sunday, 12 pm*

# CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

## Children and Families

### January 1

Worship together at 10:30 am. No Breakfast Club

### January 8

9 am Breakfast Club with Mission Activities for All Ages  
Choir at 9:45 am and 10:10 am for ages 3 years-7th grade  
10:45 am Bible Story Room and Bible Trek (3 years-4th grade)

### January 15

Worship at People's Presbyterian Church at 10 am—Nursery provided (no worship or classes at Central)

### January 22

No Breakfast Club—Annual Congregational Breakfast  
10:45 am Bible Story Room and Bible Trek (3 years-4th grade)

### January 29

9 am Breakfast Club with Mission Activities for All Ages  
Choir at 9:45 am and 10:10 am for ages 3 years-7th grade  
10:45 am Bible Story Room and Bible Trek (3 years-4th grade)

## Middler Youth (5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### January 1

No Breakfast Club at 9 am---Worship together at 10:30 am

### January 8, 22 and 29

9 am Breakfast Club and Middler Class

### January 15

Worship at People's Presbyterian Church at 10 am (no worship or classes at Central)

### January 22

12—3 pm Middler Outing. We will be going out for food and bowling at Lucky Strike on 16th St. Please bring \$10 to cover the cost

## High School Youth (8<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### January 15—16

Confirmation Lock-In. Confirmands and their mentors will meet at 5 pm in Cleland Hall for Confirmation class. All other high school youth (and their friends!) are invited to join us at 7 pm for lock-in fun and games. In the morning we will meet to march in the MLK Jr. Parade and should be done by 1 pm.

### January 22

Applications due for Rest Fest.

### February 5

Souper Bowl of Caring. High school and middle school youth will prepare their favorite soups in a showdown that rivals that other thing going on this particular weekend. Please contact youth director, **Bear Redmon**, if you are interested in participating or volunteering.

## High School Youth

Our society is all about being connected and busy. Extra-curricular activities and “hobbies” abound promising to fulfill our lives and bring about true happiness. But too often after the Sunday morning hockey games, the 3 am test cramming, and the technology that just won't let us take a break, we end up exhausted, frustrated, and burned out. We forget that rest is a vital part of creation and the climax of the creation story.

This year, we will be joining with Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Rest Fest, a weekend dedicated to resting and reflecting on how rest fits into God's plan for our lives.

Rest Fest takes place February 17—19 in Boulder, CO at the Millennium Hotel. Cost is \$139 a person but please do not let financial restrictions prevent you from attending. Scholarships are available for those in need.

Applications are available in the church front office and are due on January 22. If you have any questions please contact, youth director, **Bear Redmon** at



# CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

## Communion

Communion will be served on **February 5**. Please remember canned goods or a monetary gift in support of hungry families served by Metro Caring.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

Serendipity, an informal group welcoming all women, will meet January 26 at 7 pm at the home of **Anne Bond**, 140 Elm Street, Denver. RSVPs to Anne, 303.388.7634 or [annewbond@aol.com](mailto:annewbond@aol.com), or to co-host **Judy Heagstedt**, 609-658-6113 or [jwheagstedt@gmail.com](mailto:jwheagstedt@gmail.com). We build friendships through fellowship, so please join us!

Men's Night Out will meet on January 26 at 6:30 pm at **Paul Linton's** home (3835 E Warren Ave, Denver, near S. Colo Blvd and E Evans Ave). The topic: "New Year's Resolutions and Revolutions - How to Improve Your Health, Life Experience and Faith in the Coming Year". All are welcome and invited to bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert to complement a stew, bread and beverages that I will provide. RSVP by email to "[ylzircg@aol.com](mailto:ylzircg@aol.com)" or by phone (voicemail) to (303) 321-7342.

## Jesus in the Temple

When Jesus was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

When the festival was ended... the boy Jesus stayed behind. Luke 2:42

Jesus at twelve in the temple answered with wisdom simple: "Do you not know that I must be about my Father's interests?"

This youth had wandered;  
now his mother pondered.

What are the passages  
of your life  
and what are their messages?

—Kent Ira Groff©



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