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CONCERTS & SERVICES

Denver Women's Chorus
June 3 | 2:30pm & 7:30pm

Denver Gay Men's Chorus
June 15 and 16 | 7:30pm
June 17 | 2:00pm

Adri Norris Exhibit
Coffee Hour Open House
July 9 | After Worship

Adri Norris Watercolor
Exhibit Open House
July 14 | 5:30pm

Confirmation Class 2017

The Confirmation Class of 2017 will be celebrated during worship on June 4! Our class this year consisted of eight youth as well as mentors for each of the youth and prayer partners.

Ellery Adams

Lauren Kenney as mentor
Kent and Freddy Groff prayer partners

Ellen Clark

Timi Davenport as mentor
Bill and Judy Jones prayer partners

Remi Daniel

Stacy Malone as mentor
Margaret and Ernie Cubbon prayer partners

Olivia Ernest

Natalie Hanlon-Leh as mentor
Pam, Chris and Claire Wineman as prayer partners

Wiley Adams

Adam Brown as mentor
Zach, Beth, Will and Eva Kreider

Alfredo Cortez

Jack Westfall as mentor
Bryan, Gina and Bryson Brooks as prayer partners

Karl Dreux

Bear Redmon as mentor
Amy, Chris and Mikey Poche as prayer partners

Jackson Malone

Steven Erhart as mentor
Rob and Celeste Habiger as prayer partners

Between January and June they participated in retreats, the Marade, gatherings about the church and applying the Bible to their lives and individual experiences in worship, mission and religion with their mentors. These bright young people wrestled with tough questions and thoughtfully considered their faith journeys and how God is at work in the world. They met with the Session of Central to give statements about their faith. On June 4 we will mark their commitment to the process of confirmation and we will show our gratitude to the faithful adults in their lives that supported them along the way.



Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, **June 4** after worship at Congress Park (8th and Josephine).

The All-Church Picnic is brought to you by **Central Men's Night Out** group. Burgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers and drinks will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish to share.

SAVE THE DATE

Free 'n Free

Sunday, **June 25** and **July 11** at 5:00pm in the Narthex

The theme of June's Free 'n Free is *Alignment*. Parker Palmer said "Before you tell your life what truths and values you have decided to live up to, let your life tell you what truths you embody, what values you represent." We will explore what it means to align our lives with these values, discerning the ways we are disconnected from our authentic selves and bodies. This Free will include a beginner-friendly yoga and meditation session to help us reconnect with what it means to live more fully and wholly. Please bring your own yoga mat if you own one.



July's Free 'n Free theme is *Intuition*. French mathematician Henri Poincaré once said that "It is through science that we prove, but through intuition that we discover." Sometimes we only discover those intuitive nudges with the benefit of hindsight. In a world that relies so much on fact and being able to prove things, how do we make room for, recognize, and trustfully rely on the still, small voice of intuition?

Join us for a Spirit filled and thoughtful dialogue. Refreshments will be provided. Bring a friend or come alone. All are welcome. Free 'n Free curates contemplative space for expansion of the soul through dialogue the arts & sacred literature. For more information contact preenfree@gmail.com

Domestic Mission Trip

July 8 - 12 in Alamosa, Colorado

Please mark your calendar for this year's domestic mission trip to Alamosa, Colorado. We will embark on an intergenerational partnership with **La Puente**, an organization serving Colorado's San Luis Valley by providing food, shelter, and advocacy for the homeless and community members in crisis. La Puente endeavors to meet immediate needs and to empower people to live independently with dignity. Potential activities include working with PALS (Positive Activities Lead to Success) children's program for at-risk youth, gardening projects, clean-up activities and educational activities. There will be several different housing options, from individual to group formats.



All Church Retreat

Highlands Presbyterian Camp

Labor Day Weekend, **September 1 - 3**
1306 Business Highway 7, Allenspark

Make plans now to join your church family and invite a friend to the Labor Day Weekend Retreat at Highlands Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center in Allenspark, CO. There will be opportunities to attend the entire weekend or just come up for the day! The beautiful camp provides the perfect back-drop for recreation and relaxation. The retreat planning team has plans for group hikes, a book club, a mission component, dancing and more! Saturday of the retreat will include a lunch cook-out with camp-style worship. Lodging ranges from camping to rustic lodges to limited hotel-style retreat center rooms. Watch for registration to open in early May. If you have questions or would like to help, contact Stephanie stephanie@centraldenver.com.

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Summer Worship Schedule

June 4 | Pentecost (wear red!) and Communion | Celebration of confirmation Recognition of high school graduates | All -Church Picnic follows immediately in Congress Park

June 11 | Pastor Louise Westfall preaching *The Science of Creation*

June 18 | Pastor Louise Westfall preaching

June 25 | Guest preacher, Bill Calhoun Commissioning domestic mission trip

July 2 | Communion | Pastor Louise Westfall preaching

July 9 | Guest preacher, Holly Inglis

July 16 | Guest Preacher

July 23 | Pastor Louise Westfall preaching

July 30 | Pastor Louise Westfall preaching



Congratulations Stephanie!

The Office of the General Assembly has appointed 9 members to the **Special Committee to Study the Reformed Perspective of Christian Education in the 21st Century**.

This task force, commissioned by the 222nd General Assembly, will study the historical role of educational ministry in the church, the current state of Christian education as well as current trends, and explore means of creating awareness and increasing value in the field of Christian education, to be reported at the next General Assembly in 2018.

Stephanie Fritz, Director of Mission and Faith Formation here at Central, has been selected to be the moderator of this task force. She asks for your prayers over the next year as she leads this dynamic team through the process.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Happy Summer! I hope this season will provide many opportunities for relaxation, recalibration, and rest. What a gift you can give yourself and your loved ones by pulling away from work and refocusing on relationships, both human and divine! There's a reason for the commandment *Remember the Sabbath, and keep it holy. You shall not do any work.*



Some people find a slower pace makes Sunday worship attendance easier. Come at 9am for a stimulating TED talk and conversation with others. In worship we'll be exploring creation spirituality and our relationship to Earth and its creatures and the marvelous interconnections that sustain life. Each Sunday will offer us a "moment of awe" when we examine something from the natural world (an object or photograph) you have brought that reminds us of God's creative hand. We'll consider the sacred task of earthcare. Later in the summer we'll participate in making mosaic art (under the direction of a pro, **Jean Herman!**) with the bottle caps you've collected.

Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads wrote Henry David Thoreau. Let's enjoy discovering heaven together at Central. Your soul will thank you. So will planet Earth. *Praise God! I will give thanks to God with my whole heart, for great are the works of God, studied by all who delight in them. [Psalm 111]*

Yours in faith,



Pastor Louise Westfall



Cuba Partnership Update

The Cuba team at Central plans to engage the entire congregation in a summer of learning about the people and ministry needs of Cuba. There will be an ongoing display in the conference room off of the Narthex beginning mid-June where you can pray and learn.

July 30 there will be a Cuba adult education class led by the team. Reverend **David Cortes-Fuentes** and Christian Educator, **Josey Suarez** will be worshiping with us on **August 6**. They are currently serving in Cuba with the Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba. They will lead adult education at 9am and speak in worship. We will also have a Cuban Festival after worship!



Help spread this news to others in and outside of Central as this will be a special time for us to learn about their work in Cuba.

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00AM. Adult Education 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 East Room



La Puente
Alamosa, CO

June 4

La Puente is an organization serving Colorado's San Luis Valley by providing food, shelter, and advocacy for the homeless and community. Learn more about the community of the San Luis Valley and how Central will partner with La Puente on our domestic mission trip to Alamosa this summer. Led by **Amanda Pearson**, La Puente staff.

June 11 and 18

Racial differences pose a serious challenge for us all, but laughter can do a lot to bridge gaps. Join us as we explore this deep topic through **Trevor Noah's** humorous bestselling book, *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*. It promises to be thought provoking and fun. Led by **Gina Batali-Brooks** and **Gene Ross**

June 25 Learn about what the Music and Arts Committee is doing to engage the community through concerts, transforming the Sturgeon Room into an art gallery, and more. Director of Music, **Wil Smith**, will lead this class.

July 2

Coffee and Chat. Bring your Sunday newspaper or a recent article and we will discuss the issues of the day over some morning coffee.

July 9

What is meant by a worldview? This word is a recent addition to our popular lexicon. How do our religious convictions contribute to our worldview? Come and join us as we explore and attempt to clarify what a worldview is and examine some of the contributing factors. How much of our inability to sympathize with people we disagree with is directly tied to our inability or unwillingness to encompass their worldview? Led by **Gene Ross**

July 16

TED Talk: What's it like to grow up within a group of people who exult in demonizing ... everyone else? **Megan Phelps-Roper** shares details of life inside America's most controversial church, Westboro Baptist Church. In this extraordinary talk, she shares her personal experience of extreme polarization, along with some sharp ways we can learn to successfully engage across ideological lines. Led by **Cheryl Fleetwood-Adams**

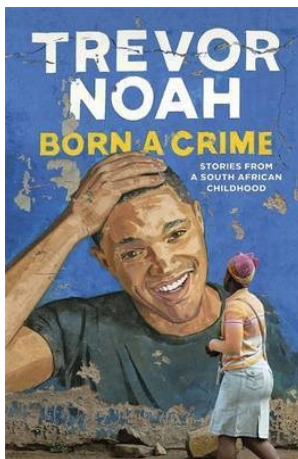


July 23

Join **Sherry and Andy Kenney** as they share experiences and observations from their recent trip to Israel/Palestine. They will share what they've learned about the reality of the Christian Palestinian community.

July 30

As Central begins its efforts to partner with a sister congregation in Cuba, we will also want to learn about the social and political issues that impact our new global partnership. Join us to learn about Cuba and how the partnership is progressing. Led by **Steven Erhart** and the Cuba Mission Team.



Take me out to the ball game

Eighteen men from Central and **People's Presbyterian Church** gathered April 27 at Breckenridge Brewery for a pre-game lunch, then crossed the street to watch the Rockies take on the Washington Nationals at Coors Field. Although rain was forecast, the weather cooperated, and the sun came out--but so did our opponents' big bats! The "Nats" bested the "Boys in Purple", 16 -5. Even so, it was a great afternoon outing and opportunity for the men, from thirty-somethings to 80's, to share their own stories of growing up with baseball and other life experiences. And, as of this writing, our Rockies are back in first place!

The game tickets were provided by **Larry Armstrong** and his company, **Reverse Mortgage Funding, LLC**.

New Date for Photo Directory

The Deacons are pleased to announce the scheduling of a new Photo Directory for Central.

Our last photo directory was published in 2011, so it will be a great time for you to get you and your family photographed. There will be no obligation to purchase any photographs and you will receive one free photo for just participating. If you wish, you may bring extended family members for the photo shoot.

Mark your calendar for the initial photo shoot dates: **September 7 - 9**. More information and online sign ups will be available soon. Join us and stay connected through our new photo directory. Our goal is 100% participation.

Family Missions and Summer of Service

Service is Central! The missions committee at Central provides a variety of service opportunities and ways to connect and learn more about our mission partners every summer. This is our 3rd annual Summer of Service. Families of all ages and stages are invited to take a look at the calendar and participate. Choose from an inter-generational domestic mission trip to Alamosa, cookie baking gatherings, a skills camp in a refugee community, and many other activities. There are ways for children, youth and adults to serve and connect all summer. Even if you are a weekend traveler, there will be plenty of opportunities to serve along-side your church family and stay connected.

We encourage you to invite friends and family to be a part of Summer of Service. Each year, we have seen a significant increase in non-member participation. This is one way you can share how Central is witnessing in the community and the world!

The Summer of Service has been lovingly dedicated in memory of Reverend **Stan Jewell**. Consider honoring Pastor Stan with an act of service this summer. His servant heart will live on through our work in the community.

Make sure to look over the Summer of Service calendar in this issue of the *VOICE* and online at centraldenver.com.



CREATION SPIRITUALITY

Multi-Generational Summer Theme

“Where do we see God in creation?”

Beginning on **June 11**, we will explore the topic of Creation Spirituality in our worship services throughout the summer. We will dress the Sanctuary, hear readings and scripture as well as sermons about our amazing universe and engage in a special multi-generational “Moments of Awe”. Here are some opportunities for you to participate

Moments of Awe will be during the traditional Time for Young Disciples.

The entire congregation is invited to bring something that shows where you see God in creation. This can be an actual piece of the outdoors or a photograph. Bring up your item during the Moments of Awe time!

Do you capture creation best through the lens of a camera?

Email us the photos for our bulletin and email blast. frontdesk@centraldenver.com with “Creation photo” in the subject line.



Greening of the Sanctuary and Harvest

You are encouraged to bring in plants or fresh flowers and your garden harvest to add to our chancel beginning June 25. Plants should have a dish underneath and after worship your garden goodies can be distributed!

The Art Table in worship will have changing materials that help tactile worshippers engage in the theme of creation.

Bottle Cap collection is back on!

In June and July we will resume collecting bottle caps. In early August, the entire congregation will participate in putting the mural together. Beginning August 10, there will be a recycling exhibit in the Sturgeon Room Gallery.



MUSIC NOTES

In June, there will be no Chancel Choir, but look for special guest soloists during our services throughout the month. Summer Choir begins on **July 2** at 9:30am. The choir is open to everyone, and rehearses all music for the first time on the morning that they sing it in services. It's a great, low-commitment way singing in a choir!

Concerts this month feature the Denver Women's Chorus and the Denver Gay Men's Chorus. On Saturday, **June 3** at 2:30pm and 7:30pm, the **Denver Women's Chorus** present *I Want To Be A Cowgirl's Sweetheart*, a tribute to the fierce and fearless women of country music including Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton, The Dixie Chicks, Taylor Swift, and many more. On **June 15 and 16** at 7:30, and **June 17** at 2:00pm, the **Denver Gay Men's Chorus** will present *The Big Gay Sing*, an opening to Pride Weekend and a celebration of their 35th Anniversary.



Central is Hiring!

We continue the process of fulfilling the new staffing plan with the posting of two positions from the Children, Youth and Families Committee.

We are hiring a Youth Ministries Assistant and a Children's Ministries Assistant. Both positions would ideally start in August. These are part-time positions that will be 10-12 hours a week with the heavier workload during the program year.

We're asking Central members and friends to help us get the word out! Job descriptions and instructions for applying can be found on centraldenver.com under the Connect menu (Careers). Email Stephanie Fritz stephanie@centraldenver.com with any questions.

Adri Norris Watercolor Artist Exhibit

Adri Norris is an Afro-American artist whose work exudes happiness. She has had an eclectic background moving from Barbados to New York to New Mexico, a 5 year stint in the Marines and finally settling in Denver graduating from *The Art Institute of Colorado*.



She has built a name for herself in the Denver art community. She is known primarily as a watercolor artist using the medium in eclectic ways creating fabulous portraits that capture your imagination and draw you into them.

She will be exhibiting her work at the **Sturgeon Gallery at Central Presbyterian Church** **June 18 – August 14**.

The church will host a coffee in her honor after church on **July 9** at 11:30am. There will be an artist reception Friday night, **July 14**, 5:30-7:30pm.



Sanctuary Flowers

Beautify our historic Sanctuary by providing floral arrangements in honor or in memory of loved ones. The cost is \$75 per arrangement. Contact the church office at frontdesk@centraldenver.com or call 303.839.5500 to sign up!

Order forms may be found in the hutch across from the water coolers on the first floor.



Pentecost Special Offering

Investing in our Greatest Resource – Young Adults and At-Risk Children Pentecost offering will be received on Sunday, **June 4**. We will contribute 60% of the offering to PCUSA General Assembly which supports the development of young people and the needs of at-risk children. This special offering will also help PCUSA support young adult volunteers, ministries of youth and child advocacy.

The remaining 40% will go to Presbyterian Mission: Colfax Community Network. CCN serves families and children living in motels along Colfax, and provides meals and educational activities for kids in this area of Denver, many of whom are refugees.

To learn more about the Pentecost offering, visit www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/specialofferings/pentecost-offering

Give toward a more Promising future *For the promise is for you, for your Children, and for all who are faraway... –Acts 2:39*

The goal as a congregation is to raise **\$1,500!**

Did you know?

As an avenue of hope formed to reach the transient motel population along Colorado's roughest stretch of avenue, **Colfax Community Network (CNN)** seeks to not only provide needed services, but create a deep sense of community. In poverty, isolation and despair are the greatest obstacles to transformation.

At CCN, we come alongside children, parents, and individuals to recognize their value and offer tangible resources to encourage stability.



OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

Central Men's Night Out | Thursday, **June 29** at 7:00pm. For more information contact **Bruce Heagstedt** at 609.658.5657 or heagstedt@mac.com.

Central Prayer Shawl Ministry | Monday, **June 12** at 6:30pm in the **Sturgeon Room**. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. For further information please contact **Celeste Habiger** at 720 398 8025 or rchabiger@gmail.com

Lunchbreak Vinyasa Yoga | Every Thursday from 11:30am to 12:30pm in the **Shepler Heritage Center**.

Serendipity, an informal group welcoming all women, will meet June 22 and July 27. **June 22** is our annual summer potluck picnic at 6:30pm at the home of **Janis Mourer** (1266 S. Jackson Street, Denver 80210). RSVPs to Janis at 303.756.296 or jdmrnc@gmail.com.

On **July 27**, we meet at 7 pm at the home of **Nileen Hart** (9851 Upham Court, Westminster 80021). RSVPs to Nileen at 303.807.4520 or nileenh@comcast.net. We build friendships through fellowship, so please join us!

Walk the Labyrinth | Every Wednesday from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the **Narthex**.

Friends of New Genesis

The month of May has a wonderful day, celebrating Mom's from all over. Father's Day is just around the corner and we hope you will come out and celebrate with us. What better way to celebrate than with a baseball game, Rockies vs. Giants.

Not a high pressure fundraiser but a fun family friendly event. There are two ticket price levels and you can also purchase tickets for the residents to come to the game. Please follow the instructions below to purchase tickets. The game is Saturday, **June 17**, - we hope to see you there!!

The funds raised through this event will directly benefit the men, women and kids living at **New Genesis**, please help spread the word by passing around the flyer at work, with friends, Church groups and etc... We greatly appreciate it!!!

Thank you,

Tammie Carroll, New Genesis CEO

Please visit: <https://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/corockies/EN/link/promotion/home/35edb656d507ec11feb61d6ba2e71cf3468ae323> and use promo code **NEWGENESIS** to purchase tickets:



YOU'RE INVITED



Coors Field
Saturday, June 17th
@ 1:10pm



Up to 50% of Each Ticket Purchase will be donated to New Genesis!

New Genesis provides housing, food and social services to men, women and families striving to become self-sufficient. Our blueprint for achieving this includes sobriety, stable employment and savings.



TICKET INFO

Visit the link in your email!

Promo code: **NEWGENESIS**
Lower Level \$40
Upper Level \$23

If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate, please visit:
newgenesis.org

If you'd like to purchase tickets for the residents, please email:
tcarroll@aol.com

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JULY 4 IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

Communion

Communion will be served on **June 4 and July 2**. Please remember canned goods or a monetary gift in support of hungry families served by Metro Caring.

Deaths

It is with heavy hearts we announce the death of the **Reverend Stan Jewell**, Central's Parish Associate, following a stroke on Tuesday, May 30. Though officially retired, Stan accepted the invitation to serve as Parish Associate following Jacqueline Decker-Vanderpol's departure in October 2016, and was a vital, active minister overseeing congregational care, mission and justice ministries. It was a special joy for him to sing in Central's choir. Stan had a distinguished career in ministry, serving six parishes in Illinois and Colorado, including Arvada Presbyterian. In addition he provided outstanding leadership to the Presbytery of Denver as moderator, Care Response Leader, and Committee on Ministry. Stan participated in three short-term ministries in Zimbabwe through the Presbytery partnership. Stan was married to Marty for 41 years, and they are the parents of a daughter Rebekah and son Aaron. Stan and Marty had recently returned from visits with both children, including their newest grandchild, McKenna.



Services will be Saturday, **July 8** at Central.

Again

So here I am low
Again. Hello again, Lord.
Again is the operative word.

If I ever lose the again
I stay stuck and lose what gain
I might learn from reinventing
The wheel, so much venting
Same issues, same places
I have been around, seen these faces
Looking at me full of pride,
 Chagrin or shame,
 Sometimes mine,
 Sometimes theirs—always
An invitation to the same
Beginning again:

-Kent Ira Groff ©



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Summer of Service 2017



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DESCRIPTIONS OF SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Making Choices Prayer Partners: MC partners women incarcerated in Denver Women's Correctional Facility with mentors who lead them through a 12-week course in decision making skills. Participation in this course reduces the recidivism rate from 54% to 8%. If you would like to be paired with an incarcerated woman and her mentor, so you can pray for them during the summer, contact Jo Culbertson at joculbertson@gmail.com.

Dinner for Homeless Women: Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church provides 25 homeless women with a hot meal and a warm, safe place to spend the night. If you're interested in helping prepare and serve the meal on June 7, please contact Teresa Crane at tcrane10@gmail.com. Or, to help with the meal on August 2, contact Betsy Clark at eaclark422@gmail.com. All ages are welcome to participate.

New Genesis BBQs: Join us for a grill-out with the men from New Genesis shelter. Volunteers will help with set-up, grilling, serving and clean-up. All ages are welcome to participate, and participants are encouraged to eat with the men. If you are willing to assist with the meal on June 28 please contact Beth Groff at bethgroff@yahoo.com. If you want to help on August 23, contact Joyce Coville at fjcoville@msn.com.

Central Visitation Program (CVP) Toy Cleaning & Purging: CVP provides supervised visitation that allows non-custodial parents to visit their children. Since the staff spends their time interacting with the families, they could use our help cleaning toys and removing excess toys. Volunteers of all ages are invited to this event after church on August 13. Please contact Janis Mourer at jdmrnc@gmail.com to sign up.

Central Visitation Program (CVP) Scan and Shred-Fest: One of CVP's goals this year is to scan records in order to store them electronically. Then, after the scanning takes place, their paper files can be shredded. You will have the opportunity to help with scanning or delivering boxes to shred. To volunteer (adults only), please contact Janis Mourer at jdmrnc@gmail.com.

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Hope in Our City (HIOC) Kids' Skills Workshop: Located at Fairview Elementary school in Sun Valley, the poorest neighborhood in Denver. HIOC ministers to refugees who have permanently relocated to Denver. During the Skills Workshop, you will help kids learn practical and fun skills for their age group. Focus on cooking skills for K-2nd grade and shape and color recognition with preschoolers. To volunteer, contact Stephanie Fritz at stephanie@centraldenver.com.

Christmas In July: This is an opportunity for us all to be proactive in our planning for the holidays. What? Presbyterians being proactive!?! During the month of July, Central will have the opportunity to bring items that are often collected during the month of December. Want to help with decorations or the collection of items, contact Stephanie Fritz at stephanie@centraldenver.com.

Habitat for Humanity Build: Worldwide, Habitat completes a home every 7 minutes and is the most energy-efficient home builder in Colorado. In partnership with other Presbyterian Churches, Central has helped build 19 homes over the last 19 years. To participate in a build on June 24 or August 19, contact Joyce Coville at fjcoville@msn.com. Also, let Joyce know if you are interested in participating in a golf tournament fundraiser.

CUBA Awareness & Relationship: As Central begins its efforts to partner with a sister congregation in Cuba, join us on July 30 and August 6 to discuss Cuba and our role in this forming relationship. Also, contact Steven Erhart at stevenerhart@gmail.com to join the monthly meetings that will occur throughout the Spring and Summer months.

Rainbow Alley (RA) Cookies: RA provides a safe, welcoming drop-in center for LGBTQ youth. As a way to support the youth at RA, Central members occasionally deliver homemade cookies for the youth to enjoy. To sign up to make or deliver cookies during the summer months, contact Gina Batali-Brooks at gina.batalibrooks@gmail.com.

Metro Caring (MCR) Shop to End Hunger: MCR is the largest Denver food bank serving families with nutritious food, 72% of which is fresh. We are kicking off two "Shop to End Hunger" Saturdays this year to ensure their shelves remain stocked. Volunteers will hand out flyers at two groceries as shoppers enter the store with ideas for donations and will collect them as shoppers leave. For a 2-person, 2 hour shift from 10-4pm on June 10 or August 12 (Youth), please contact Teresa Crane at tcrane10@gmail.com.

We challenge you to participate in two service activities between Memorial Day and Labor Day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 28	29	30	31	June 1 CVP - File Scan, 1p-3p	2	3 CVP -,File Scan, TBD
4 Pentecost Offering Metro Caring Collection	5	6	7 Women's Dinner	8	9	10 Metro Caring Shop to End Hunger – Adult 10a-4p
11	12	13	14 Cookie Baking Party 10a-12p @Central for RA	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Habitat Build
25	26	27	28 New Genesis BBQ	29 Christmas in July Decorating 3:30p-5:30p	30	July 1
2 Metro Caring Collection Christmas in July, 9a-12p	3	4	5	6	7	8 Domestic Mission Trip
9 Domestic Mission Trip Christmas in July, 9a-12p	10 Domestic Mission Trip	11 Domestic Mission Trip	12 Domestic Mission Trip	13	14	15
16 Christmas in July, 9a-12p	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Christmas in July, 9a-12p	24 HIOC Camp 12:00p-2:30p	25 HIOC Camp 12:00p-2:30p	26 HIOC Camp 12:00p-2:30p	27 HIOC Camp 12:00p-2:30p	28 HIOC Camp 3:30p-5p	29
30 CUBA - Adult Ed, 9a-10:15 Christmas in July, 9a-12p	31	August 1	2 Women's Dinner	3	4	5
6 Metro Caring Collection CUBA - Adult Ed, 9a-10:15	7	8	9 Cookie Baking Party @Central for RA 6p-8p	10	11	12 Metro Caring Shop to End Hunger – Youth 10a-4p
13 CVP Toy Purge & Clean, 12p-3p	14	15	16	17	18	19 Habitat Build
20	21	22	23 New Genesis BBQ	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	September 1	2

And, during your summer travels, we encourage you collect hotel toiletries and donate them in the bin in the narthex, so they can be given to New Genesis residents.