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## EVENTS & SERVICES

Cuban Festival  
August 6 | After Worship

Photo Directory Shoot  
September 7, 8 and 9

**Make sure to look over the Summer of Service calendar in this issue of the VOICE and online at [centraldenver.com](http://centraldenver.com)!**

Habitat Build Day  
August 19

## 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. Highlands is accessible for all levels of mobility. Registration is open now at [centraldenver.com/all-church-retreat-2017](http://centraldenver.com/all-church-retreat-2017)

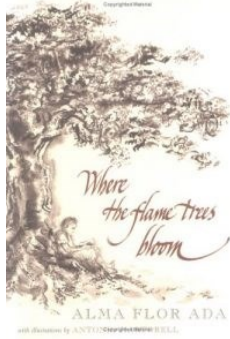


### Schedule at a Glance

Friday -Arrival after 4pm. Dinner on your own followed by campfire.

Saturday -Early morning hikes and breakfast followed by activities starting at 9am. Lunch cook-out at noon followed by worship. Kids' Camp (childcare) provided in the afternoon with more opportunities for hiking, relaxing, camp activities and crafts. Dinner provided for those staying the night, followed by campfire-style worship.

Sunday -Closing worship at 10am with check-out by 11am.



Our activities will include a mission project for all ages, Peace Poles for your yard or container garden, and an all-ages book club, featuring the book **Where The Flame Trees Bloom** by Alma Flor Ada is a collection of stories used to create a vivid memoir of Ada's childhood in Cuba.

Lodging ranges from camping to rustic lodges to a limited number of hotel-style retreat center rooms. Spaces are filling up so register soon for your choice of accommodations. If you have questions or would like to help, contact **Stephanie Fritz** at [stephanie@centraldenver.com](mailto:stephanie@centraldenver.com).

## Cuba Festival Sunday!

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 is an ongoing display in the Tower Conference Room off of the Narthex where you can pray and learn.

**Reverend David Cortez-Fuentes** and Christian Educator, **Josefina Suarez Acevedo** will be worshipping 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.



# SAVE THE DATE

## Pree 'n Pree

Sunday, **August 13** at 5:00pm in the Narthex

*We are fundamentally alone, and there is nothing anywhere to hold on to. Moreover, this is not a problem. In fact, it allows us to finally discover a completely unfabricated state of being. Our habitual assumptions—all our ideas about how things are—keep us from seeing anything in a fresh, open way. We say, 'Oh yes, I know.' But we don't know. We don't ultimately know anything. There's no certainty about anything. This basic truth hurts, and we want to run away from it. But coming back and relaxing with something as familiar as loneliness is good discipline for realizing the profundity of the unresolved moments of our lives. We are cheating ourselves when we run away from the ambiguity of loneliness.*

-Pema Chödrön

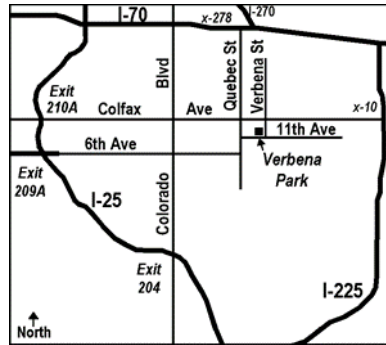
We enter this world by ourselves and we exit this world by ourselves. And yet, so much of our time is spent avoiding the feeling of being with ourselves or being alone. But what new insights can be gleaned by finding communion with our deepest self? Who are we outside of our family and friendships and professional personas?

This idea of being with ourselves is what we will explore in our next Pree n Pree gathering. As usual, light refreshments will be provided.

## Families with Young Children Gathering

Sunday, **August 20** | Noon | **Verbena Park**, 1151 Verbena St, Denver, CO 80220

Central has had new arrivals over the past couple of years—and we have new preschool and toddler aged friends as well. If you are a household with younger children (infant through young elementary) and would like to meet and spend some time with other families—join us at this gathering! The park is across the street from the home of **Tom, Teresa and Owen Crane**. We'll be able to use their facilities or inside space if necessary. The church will provide main dish, drinks and all table service—please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We'll pop up a shade tent and have some chairs—bring along a blanket or a camping chair or two. This gathering will give us a chance to get to know one another, as well as talk about future gatherings and other ideas for meeting the needs of Central's families. RSVP to **Stephanie Fritz** at [stephanie@centraldenver.com](mailto:stephanie@centraldenver.com).



## New Photo Directory Shoot

Friday - Saturday, **September 7-9**

Our new photo directory is scheduled for this Fall on September 7 through 9. This is a terrific opportunity to get a new family photo taken. You can bring friends and/or extended family, even pets for your photo shoot. There is no obligation to purchase any pictures, and you receive one free 8 x 10 portrait just for participating.

The new photo directory is an important part of church life as it brings people closer together. We all know we see people every time we come to church but can't seem to remember everybody's name. A complete photo directory helps make those connections. We encourage everyone to participate and help us bring our church family closer together.

To schedule your photo session, go to [centraldenver.com/all-events](http://centraldenver.com/all-events) and click the link on your preferred date or call the church office at 303.839.5500

## THE VOICE

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Worship | **BJ Eaton** (Chair 2019)



# August Worship Schedule

**August 6** | Communion | **Reverend David Cortez-Fuentes** preaching | Cuban Festival follows worship

**August 13** | **Reverend Kent Ira Groff** preaching on Genesis 28:10:17, 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10, and Matthew 19:30 *Living Creatively with Diminishments* | Blessing of backpacks

**August 20** | **Pastor Louise Westfall** preaching on Revelation 21 and 22 (selected verses) | *Creation Spirituality: The End: God Ordained or Human Made?*

**August 27** | **Pastor Louise Westfall** preaching on Zechariah 14:8-9 | *Creation Spirituality: Water for All*, with James Eklund, Central member and former "Water Czar" of Colorado



## FROM YOUR PASTOR

Photographs from Antarctica, revealing melting glacial snowpack. . . the miracle of backyard gardens. . . .geodes. . . enormous pine cones seeding Colorado's forests. . . these are a few of the "moments of awe" we've experienced during our summer exploration of creation spirituality. That focus continues through August, so please continue to bring your items and photographs to worship. In addition, artist and Central member **Jean Herman** will direct the production of creation mosaics from the plastic bottle caps you've collected this past year. And the Sturgeon Room exhibit space will feature art made from recycled objects.



More than one of you has teased about considering creation spirituality out in nature instead of in church. And honestly, that's great! There's nothing like immersing oneself in the beauty and intricacy of creation to fully appreciate it. And as guest preacher **Holly Inglis** reminded us, leave no child inside! I hope you've had opportunity this summer for many moments of awe outdoors, and rest for body and soul. Our first mandate from God was to care for the earth, and we must acknowledge our failures and renew our commitment to do so.

Please join us on Sundays for worship. **Reverend David Cortez-Fuentes**, mission co-worker in Cuba, will preach on August 6 and we'll enjoy a Cuban festival with food and games, as we continue to develop a partner church relationship there. **Reverend Kent Groff**, spiritual director and author of best-selling books on spirituality, will preach August 13, and we'll bless backpacks and brief cases in anticipation of another school year. And I hope you'll plan to join us for the all-church retreat at Camp Highlands September 1-3. How appropriate that our final worship of this summer of creation spirituality will be outdoors!

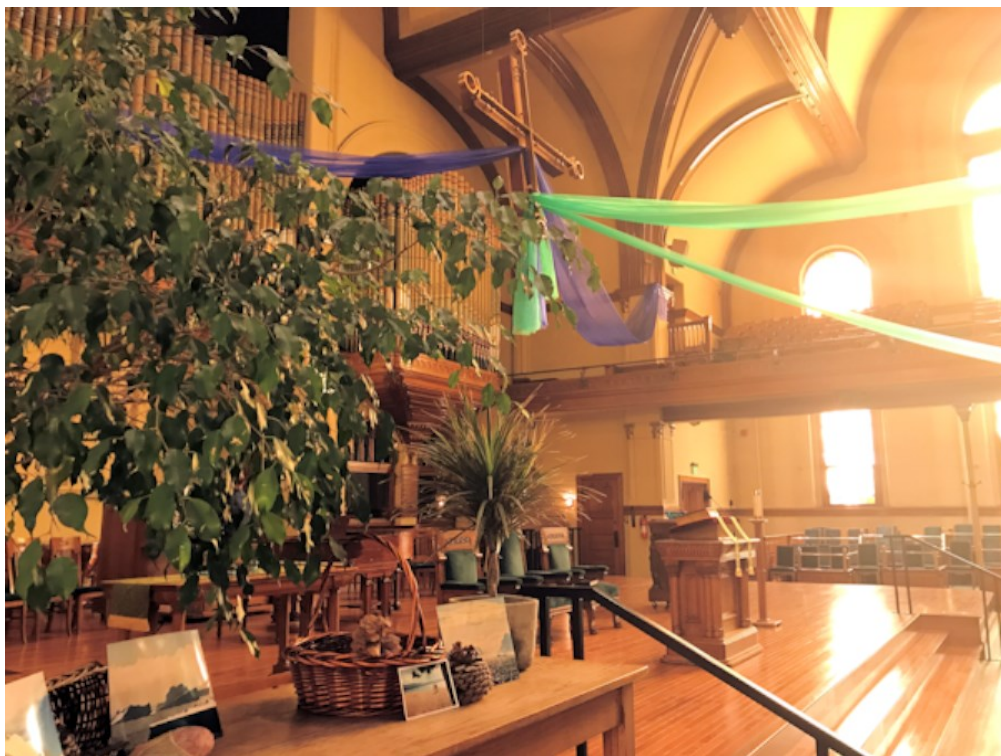
*The world is charged with the grandeur of God. . . .* wrote poet Gerard Manley Hopkins. O taste and see, and find yourself re-charged with the spirit of life!

Pastor Louise Westfall

## Stated Clerk Visit

The Presbyteries of Denver and Plains & Peaks invite you to celebrate our faith and affirm diversity on September 17 and 18.

On September 17 at Shepherd of the Hills Church, **Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II**, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA), will be here to celebrate with us and give us reports of who we are and where we are as PCUSA. There will also be a time of celebration through diverse music and food (choirs, praise teams, and other musical groups are invited to perform). On September 18, Dr. Nelson will lead a breakfast discussion on the Sanctuary movement at First Aurora Church. Plan now to be part of these events. For more information or to say you can share your church's musical gifts, please contact the Co-Chairperson of the Racial Ethnic Diversity Work Group, **Reverend Joe Mares** at 303.513.3680 or [fpcaurora@gmail.com](mailto:fpcaurora@gmail.com), or **Reverend John Yu** at 512.699.7892 or [pastorjohn@truelight.church](mailto:pastorjohn@truelight.church).





# 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

### August 6

Cuba

Visiting mission co-workers from Cuba, **Reverend David Cortez-Fuentes** and **Josefina Suarez Acevedo** will be with us this morning to share about their ministry in Cuba.



### August 13

The Presbyterian Church in Zimbabwe: Some Reflections For over ten years, Presbyterians in Denver and Zimbabwe have partnered in ministry in both presbyteries. Join **Rob Habiger** as he shares his recent experience as a partnership delegate to Zimbabwe and his observations on the state of the Church in that nation.

### August 20

Not about guns, about loneliness

School violence statistics are disturbing. How do we explain the increase in mass shootings in not only our schools, but in our wider communities (177 YTD)? We will consider and discuss Simon Sinek and Malcolm Gladwell's thoughts around this alarming trend and consider what our Christian response should be. Led by **Mark Williams**.

### August 27

Science and God

*Evolution vs. Creation.* Why must it be one or the other? Let's talk about why this is a false dichotomy and consider that the "facts" of evolution pose no real threat to the "truths" of Creation and how we can talk about this with others.

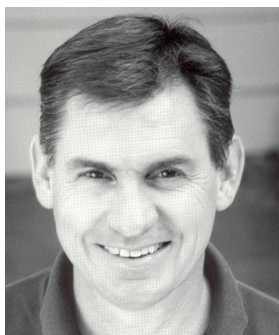


## Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

As part of our 2017-18 all-church theme 'Life Together,' based on the classic book on

Christian community by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, join us for worship on September 10 when **Al Staggs**, pastor and performing artist, will present his highly acclaimed, original one-person dramatization entitled *A View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*. He'll help us understand who Bonhoeffer was, and how he continues to speak to us today. Bonhoeffer is remembered as an outstanding 20th Century German theologian whose resistance to Hitler and the Nazi regime landed him in prison and eventually martyred, just days before V-E Day.

We are grateful for the Cockrill Distinguished Visitor fund of Central's endowment for underwriting the costs of this memorable program.



## La Puente Trip

Over a period of four days, a group of families and individuals from Central journeyed to Alamosa, Colorado, to work with La Puente. La Puente is an organization dedicated to helping those in need in the rural San Luis Valley. The people in the valley live in poverty and hunger, and oftentimes, homelessness. La Puente has many branches, including PALS (Positive Activity Leads to Success) for children who have been neglected and abused. Part of our group went for two days to help and do activities with the kids. We played at parks and organized painting and other crafts. We were called 'Big Buddies' by the kids and made multiple connections with them. We will be thinking of the kids for a long time.

I met a little girl named Katina. Despite her clinging to me, I enjoyed helping her and playing with her. Her mother worked at Day's Inn and I never saw her father. She was five years old and a little bossy, but as I got to know her, I discovered that all she really needed was someone constant to give her attention. Maybe she wasn't receiving proper attention from her family, or maybe she was just the kind of person who needed the spotlight, but once she figured out my name she was holding my hand and insisting I sit next to her. Katina, I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers and hope you grow to become a wonderful person.

The rest of our group did work around the community. They built a covered structure in a garden and helped install garden boxes for two veterans to plant vegetables. Their work will encourage people to spend time outside and maintain gardens. Alamosa is a town in the middle of nowhere. It's run down but at the same time filled with life. People lived in run-down houses and trailers and many are homeless and/or unemployed. But with the help of our church and others, La Puente can achieve their many goals and help to improve the lives of those living under the poverty level in the San Luis Valley.

By Ellen Clark





## ....and Thy Staff, They Comfort Me

Central's chief assets include our magnificent building and outstanding staff. In April 2017, the Session adopted a new plan that supports the congregation's high-priority mission initiatives and utilizes the exceptional talents and commitment of the staff. The plan expanded positions held by **Joe Martell** and **Stephanie Fritz**, and addressed a long-standing need for greater administrative support. As we head into fall, here's a summary of the new plan, with areas of responsibility outlined for each position.



### Director of Operations (FT)

**Joe Martell** moves into a more administrative role overseeing all building maintenance, functionality and improvements; coordinates use by outside groups; supervises administrative assistant and facilities assistant; manages church financials, coordinating with accountant **Kathy Henkelman**; serves as staff resource to Building and Property and Budget and Finance Committees; participates in the Capital Campaign Guidance Team; serves as liaison to New Genesis and Central Visitation Program.

### Administrative Assistant (PT)

**Kathleen Eckert** - front desk reception, bulletin and Voice production, maintains church calendar, maintains church data base, follows church brand guidelines in the production of marketing materials, annual report, weekly email blasts, website, and social media.

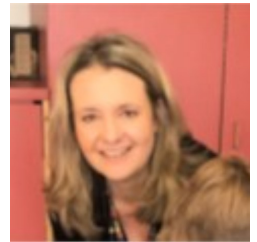


### Facilities Assistant (PT)

**Lou Scott** - general custodial, maintenance, and security detail.

### Director of Mission and Faith Formation (FT)

**Stephanie Fritz** coordinates hands-on mission including mission trips, Summer of Service, and year-round opportunities for service; serves as liaison to Central's mission partners and communicates their mission and needs; coordinates the four church-wide offerings and manages the mission budget; oversees learning experiences for all ages, including adults; serves as staff resource to Mission, Adult Education, and Children, Family, Youth Committees; supervises Youth Assistant and Children/Family Assistant (whether filled by one or two persons).



### Children/Family Assistant (PT)

-search in process. Will carry out Sunday learning, fellowship, and service opportunities.

### Youth Assistant (PT)

-search in process. Will carry out youth learning, fellowship, and service opportunities. Will assist the Pastor and Director of Mission/Faith Formation with confirmation.



### Director of Music (FT)

**Wil Smith** leads an outstanding program of music ministries, choir, worship and special services, and community outreach; promotes visual arts in worship and in-house exhibits; primary point of contact with outside musical groups including the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra; with staff, develops communications and marketing strategies; supervises Music Assistant and Events Coordinator; staff liaison to Music and Arts, Communication and Marketing Committees,

and participates on the Capital Campaign Guidance Team.



### Music Assistant (PT)

**Sarah Eaton** directs the Children's Choir; rehearses chancel choir in Wil's absence; provides soprano section leadership.

## Pentecost Offering

Thank you for your generous support of the Pentecost Special Offering! We collected **\$1,514** on Sunday, **June 4**.



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# MUSIC NOTES

Exciting things are in the works for next season at Central! Read below to find out more!

## Chancel Choir

The Chancel choir officially kicks off with its first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 6, from 7:00-9:00pm. We have an exciting season coming up, including another Bach Cantata with orchestra, premieres of new choral works, collaborative services with **People's Presbyterian**, and more! Each Wednesday rehearsal will be important in order to put together all of the challenging and rewarding things planned for the season, so please mark **September 6** on your calendar, and stay tuned for a detailed calendar coming out in August.

Also, we are looking for new choir members who love to sing, no formal musical training or audition required. If you're interested or know someone who is (high school age or above), please email music director **Wil Smith** at [wil@centraldenver.com](mailto:wil@centraldenver.com) for more information.

## Music Concerts

Currently, we have 29 concerts scheduled for the next year, including welcoming two new groups that will be performing all of their Denver concerts at Central: The **Denver Pops Orchestra** and the **Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado**. The Denver Pops will perform five concerts over the year, and the BCOC will perform three. Over the 2016-2017 season, we had 34 concerts at Central, and at this time last year had only booked ten, so we expect our 29 concerts to rise significantly over the year.

The concert season officially begins on September 29, when the **Denver Philharmonic Orchestra** performs Octoberfest, kicking off their 70th season. We are in need of ushers for these concerts, who are primarily responsible for hospitality. All ushers are welcome to watch the concerts for free. Please consider helping in this important ministry!



# Children and Youth Music Program

Informational and Parent Meeting—August 27 at 11:45am in the choir room

We have some exciting changes to share for our children's music program, involving ages 3 years through high school! Children's Music Director, **Sarah Eaton** and Director of Music, **Wil Smith** will hold an informational parent meeting on **August 27** at 11:35am in the choir room to talk about the changes, the additions, and the upcoming calendar. We value the feedback of our families and would like to also hear what your family will be committing to this next program year.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to hear more, please email **Wil** at [wil@centraldenver.com](mailto:wil@centraldenver.com) or **Sarah** at [sarah@centraldenver.com](mailto:sarah@centraldenver.com).







# OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

**Central Men's Night Out** | Thursday, August 24 at 6:45pm at the home of **Larry Armstrong** (747 Newport St., 80220). A-L; bring a Vegetable/Chips, M-Z; bring Dessert/Beverage. Our friends from Peoples Presbyterian Church will join us and we'll finish plans for our October Men's Retreat. For more information contact Larry Armstrong at [LAmstrong@ReverseFunding.com](mailto:LAmstrong@ReverseFunding.com).

**Central Prayer Shawl Ministry** | Monday, **August 14** 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](mailto: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 August 24 at 7 pm at the home of **Laurie Hergenrader** (2229 Blake St., Apt. 705, 80205). RSVPs to Laurie at 303.588.7316 or [lhergenrader@comcast.net](mailto:lhergenrader@comcast.net). Laurie will have two parking spaces available in her garage. The Coors field MVP parking lot is next door (\$5.00) and metered parking out front are available. We build friendships through fellowship, so please join us!

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

## 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](mailto: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.

## ...and Thy Staff -continued from page 5

### Events Coordinator (PT)

**Nileen Hart** provides support before, during, and following concerts and music events by outside groups.



### Parish Associate (PT)

-search in process. Will coordinate congregational care and visitation; lead ministries of social justice and witness; be a weekly presence in worship and preach at least 9x/year. Will teach and resource adult learning as requested.

### Pastor/Head of Staff (FT)



**Louise Westfall** provides vision and strategic leadership towards the accomplishment of Central's mission. She is the primary worship leader and preacher; supervises staff and promotes collaboration and team spirit; moderates the Session; conducts weddings, funerals, baptisms, and the Lord's Supper; encourages faithful stewardship of time, talents, and financial resources; with Director of Faith Formation, plans and teaches Confirmation; other teaching as requested; visits in hospital and

home; represents Central in ecumenical, interfaith, and presbytery settings; staff liaison to Worship, Stewardship, and Personnel Committees; participates on the Capital Campaign Guidance Team.

The Personnel Committee (chaired by **Eric Bartczak, Lisa Winnecke, James Eklund, Marcie Laporte, and Hugh Brown**) has worked smart to develop a staffing plan responsive to the needs of a changing community and sensitive to the leading of the Spirit. We believe this plan best serves our congregation's growth aspirations while being fiscally responsible. Please contact one of us with your comments and questions at any time.

And remember, job descriptions tell only part of the story. Each staff member carries out her/his role in ways unique to her/his personality and faith, and imparts a special spirit to the Central community. Their leadership inspires faithful ministry by every one of us! We're blessed by our staff, and for their service!



## Births

Meg and Casey Daker welcomed a daughter, **Bailey Gaines Daker** on June 7, 2017



## Communion

Communion will be served on **August 6**. Please remember canned goods or a monetary gift in support of hungry families served by Metro Caring.

## Deaths

**Jaromir (Jerry) Barabas**, Central member since 1961, died on April 14, 2017.

## Thanks

Dear Central Family,

We can't thank you enough for all the love and support you showed us after Brandon died. The cards, messages, meals, visits, and prayers have held us up over the past few months. You have shown us what being the Church really means and we will be forever grateful.

Love, **Sarah and BJ Eaton**

## How Do You Count?

How do you count  
for something, anything?  
Not do you amount  
to some thing, any thing,  
not numbers or dollars.

Ah! If people count on you!  
If the Geist, Spirit, the Christ  
is counting on you then  
you count for some thing—  
for every thing.  
And if you count on Love  
then you'll count forever:  
So plan to count here and there  
doing good on earth.

-Kent Ira Groff ©



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# Summer of Service 2017



Service is Central! Central puts together a variety of service opportunities and ways to connect and learn more about our mission partners every summer. Members and friends of Central are invited to engage in these opportunities! From an inter-generational domestic mission trip to Alamosa to cookie baking gatherings to a skills camp in a refugee community, there are ways for children, youth and adults to serve and connect all summer. Read about all the service opportunities and the contact person for each one here. For general Summer

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:tcrane10@gmail.com). Or, to help with the meal on August 2, contact Betsy Clark at [eaclark422@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:bethgroff@yahoo.com). If you want to help on August 23, contact Joyce Coville at [fjcoville@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jdmrnc@gmail.com).

**Domestic Mission Trip:** On July 8-12th, we will embark on an intergenerational partnership with La Puente, an

organization serving Colorado's San Luis Valley homeless and community members in crisis. Activities will 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. For more information contact Gina Batali-Brooks at [gina.batalibrooks@gmail.com](mailto:gina.batalibrooks@gmail.com).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stevenerhart@gmail.com) to join the monthly meetings that will be occurring 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

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 Drive	14	15	16	17	18	19 Habitat Build

And, during your summer travels, we encourage you to collect hotel toiletries and donate them in the bin in the narthex, so