



SERVICE IS CENTRAL



SUMMER OF SERVICE 2019

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Central Presbyterian has been partnering with the downtown community for over 150 years! Service is at the heart of our ministry. We continue to learn about and grow with this changing community while expanding our reach in the city and into the world. Summer of Service includes service opportunities for all ages and time commitments. *We challenge you to participate in two service activities between Memorial Day and Labor Day.*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I sign up for Summer of Service activities?

Email service@centraldenver.com, or call the church office at 303.839.5500.

Who can volunteer?

Anyone can volunteer! Be sure to sign-up for each activity so that you have accurate information.

How old do children have to be to volunteer?

Many of our activities do not have an age minimum. Check the descriptions. Small children may not understand that they are "volunteering" but often their smiles and presence are gifts in and of themselves.

Unless otherwise noted, every child/youth will need to have adult supervision with them.

NEW GENESIS MEN'S TRANSITIONAL SHELTER BBQ

Wednesdays, June 26 and August 14, 5:30pm

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. Join us on June 26 and August 14 on the front "porch" of the church at 5:30pm.



CARPENTER'S HELPERS OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Saturdays, June 1 and August 24, 8am-4pm

The Carpenter's Helpers is a faith coalition of ten Presbyterian churches in the Denver metro area. They work alongside Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver in building homes, raising funds, and creating awareness about the need for safe and affordable housing in our community. In our Summer of Service, we will have opportunities for two different builds. No experience necessary! Come and swing a hammer with us for the day! Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older.



URBAN PEAK BREAKFAST

Friday, June 7, 8:15-10:15am

Urban Peak, founded in 1988 is the only non-profit organization in Denver that provides services for youth, ages 15-24, experiencing homelessness or being at imminent risk of becoming homeless. One of the services offered is a Drop-In Center that serves breakfast Monday - Friday. Central will participate in this breakfast on June 7, 8:15-10:15am.

WOMEN'S HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE

Wednesday, June 5 and August 7, 5:30-7:30pm

Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church provides 25 homeless women with a hot meal and a warm, safe place to spend the night twice a month. Central will prepare and serve dinners on Wednesday, June 5 and August 7. We serve the meal, eat and visit with the women. All ages are welcome to participate.

PRESBYTERY OF HAVANA, CUBA PARTNERSHIP

June 3 - 10

Central continues to be in partnership with Havana Presbytery in Cuba, twelve individuals will travel to Cuba from June 3-10. Though the registration for this trip has already passed, it's not too late to express your interest in future trips. Cuba meetings continue throughout the year to expand and strengthen our relationship with our Cuban friends. The Cuba team asks that you keep them in your prayers as they are traveling in June.



HOPE IN OUR CITY (HIOC)

July 15 - 19, 9am-12pm

Located in the Sun Valley neighborhood of Denver, HIOC supports refugees who have permanently relocated to Denver to build bridges and nurture cross-cultural friendships of all ages. Central will be the leadership for Music Week! Eight volunteers are needed for the week to lead a lesson or shepherd groups of children. Youth are invited to volunteer with or without their parent. Volunteer Hours: 8 am - 1 pm. Children ages 3 years-5th grade are welcome to attend the camp. Cost is \$25 per camper. Camper Hours: 9am-12pm. To register a camper: www.fellowshipdenver.org/kidsclub

CENTRAL VISITATION PROGRAM (CVP)

Sunday, July 21, 12-1pm

CVP provides services for supervised parenting time and for people who are seeking supervised exchanges. CVP continues to meet this extraordinary need in metro Denver with its main site at Central Presbyterian on the third floor. Please join us for a Lunch 'n Learn on Sunday, July 21 from 12-1pm at CVP. We will learn about CVP's mission and expansion plus ways to volunteer.

RAINBOW ALLEY (RA)

Dinner and a Movie Night Friday, August 9, 5:30pm
Cookies ongoing throughout the summer

RA provides a safe, welcoming drop-in center for LGBTQ+ youth. Join Central volunteers on August 9 at 5:30pm for Dinner and a Movie. This is an opportunity for adult and/or teen volunteers to provide a balanced meal for approximately 30 LGBTQ+ youth, and hang out and watch a movie. As another way to support the youth at RA, Central members can deliver homemade cookies and snacks for the youth to enjoy. Organize a cookie baking party for your household and others during the summer and deliver the cookies to the front desk at Rainbow Alley. (Maximum of 7 volunteers for Movie night)



LA PUENTE

June 22 - 26

On June 22-26, 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, Flats outreach and educational activities. There will be several different housing options, from individual to group formats. The registration deadline is June 8. Please bring school supplies to fill backpacks for the PALS kids by Sunday, June 16.

Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. Martin Luther King, Jr.



WOMEN'S BEAN PROJECT

Wednesday, August 14, 9am-1pm

This local nonprofit addresses chronic unemployment, recidivism, welfare dependency, and other challenges faced by women. Using a social enterprise model, women with significant barriers to employment succeed in the economic mainstream. WBP needs help maintaining its yard this summer! Bring your work gloves, sunscreen, water bottle, and brown bag lunch on Wednesday, August 14 from 9am-1pm. All ages are welcome to join a tour of WBP and then tidy up their yard in the Curtis Park neighborhood.

METRO CARING

Tuesdays

Do you keep hearing about Metro Caring - maybe even donated a few canned goods - but have never visited their facility? Now is your chance! Come with us on a Tuesday evening to check out Denver's largest food bank serving families with nutritious and fresh food, get a tour, and package spices to fill their shelves. Spots are limited to 15 persons, children over 12 are welcome. Can't make it to the event, but still want to help? Bring bulk spices or other donated food items to the church during our regular collections on the first Sundays of each month (June 2, July 7, and August 4).

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Sundays, July 14, 21, 28

This is a fun opportunity to bring items that are often collected during the month of December for the New Genesis Shelter and the Making Choice Program. Please bring hygiene items along with small snacks. No need to sign up, just bring your items to church on Sunday, July 14, 21, and 28 and place at the Christmas display.

CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY AT WORK: MAKING CHOICES

The Center for Spirituality at Work is committed to providing backpacks to women being released from correctional facilities who have been abandoned by their families. These women will walk out the front door of the prison to the bus stop with only the clothes on their backs. Central will collect items for these survival backpacks in its Mission Central Room (just off the Narthex Lobby.)

WORLD VISION

Matthew 25 Challenge September 8-15

Rock 'n' Roll Race October 19 & 20

This organization partners with children, families, and their communities to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. World Vision is partnering with Central and other faith communities to run in the Rock n Roll races October 19/20. *World Vision leaders will be onsite at Central in June and September to pump us up and offer training opportunities!* Runners will secure pledges to benefit World Vision. Also, Central will participate in World Vision's Matthew 25 Challenge September 8-15. This week long discipleship experience invites us out of our comfort zones through one daily sacrificial challenge bringing to life Jesus' call in Matthew 25.

MISSION SUNDAY

October 13

We will celebrate our Summer of Service accomplishments and continue our commitment to Mission on Sunday, October 13. Join us after Worship with a BBQ on the front "porch" of church with New Genesis.

