

Colorado Family Church: June Local Highlights

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We are officially halfway through 2023! We hope you all are able to enjoy your 4th of July Holiday and also had a good month of June. Here are some highlights of the local activities that happened this month.

9-12 Retreat



Last weekend we hosted our second 9–12 Retreat at Snow Mountain Ranch YMCA. We had 21 youth attend. There was great content and fun and many opportunities where the teams had to work together to do things like skits and help with meals and cleaning. A huge thank you to all the volunteers that helped, including Aliza, Kyle, Alisa, Namvan, Dusan, William, David Heppell, Yoshi, and Mitsy! Wouldn't be possible without all of you. [See photos...](#)

New Parsonage Update



On June 5, we officially closed on the new parsonage. Work has been ongoing this month to renovate the house. We are extremely grateful to all the support from the community and especially the council and finance ministry. Also, our Subregion will be loaning us \$40k to make sure we keep our expenses covered. Our goal is to finish the renovations by the end of July. Many people, especially our YAMI team and Dr. Hentrich, have already volunteered many hours to paint and prepare the house. [You can see some of the progress and “before” pictures here.](#)

61st Day of All True Things



We held a simple pledge service and breakfast to celebrate the 61st Day of All True Things this month. Pastor Adonia gave a message on the meaning and value of this Holy Day and we had a nice breakfast and fellowship together afterwards. Thank you to all who came and participated and also everyone that worked hard to prepare the offering table and breakfast.

Youth Ministry Activities



Our youth ministry and youth ministry team have been working hard this month organizing fundraisers to support Camp Journey and other youth activities. They painted the entire dining room, which was a huge project! As an added bonus, this experience helps our teens feel ownership of our church as well as earning partial scholarships for this year's summer camps. Also, they worked hard on a car wash. Soon, our youth will be going to attend summer camps. Some are attending both Camp One Heart in California as well as the upcoming Camp Journey in Utah! [Enjoy more photos here...](#)



Interfaith Activities in Grand



"Women Together Serving the Greater Good" is another project of WFWP and UPF in Grand Junction, Colorado Last night, June 28th, we hosted a women's self defense class at the library. It is the first of a series because to learn and remember the maneuvers of self defense takes time and practice. We know the class will grow.

Our teacher is a black belt of many years. Chuck Norris was one of the judges on the board that graded and awarded Mr. McKenna his black belt back in 1982. Mr. McKenna feels it is his calling and mission to keep women safe. His classes are always free.

Mr. McKenna showed us some maneuvers to break loose if a predator grabbed us by the wrist, or put 2 hands on our arms, or if we are grabbed by both wrists. We practiced on each other and it took us all awhile to get the hang of it. That's why he encourages us to practice until it becomes 2nd nature to us.

He then roll played the predator and it gave us a simulated real-life experience of a man's strong arms grabbing us. We practiced breaking free and running away. That is the point of this training, not to fight, but to get away. We hope and pray women of all ages will take self defense classes.

Two college students participated, the president of Women of Faith of the Methodist Church, Mr. McKenna, Unitarian Church and retired nurse, and Gale Alves, WFWP/UPF representative.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Elvis Daboni and Christian Ngalame on graduating from Generation Peace Academy. Both of these young men invested a lot into their 2 and 1 years on the program and have returned to our community. We are excited to have them both back!



Congratulations to the Christian family! June was a big month for them. Natasha officially became a United States citizen and Divine received a \$2,000 scholarship for winning a local essay contest! Congratulations to you both!



Continued Renovations and Improvements

This month, most of our energy has been focused on beginning renovations on the new parsonage and continuing renovations on the current one. The new parsonage is already about 90% painted thanks to Dr. Hentrich and his team of volunteers. Thank you! We also benefitted from the youth ministry painting our church dining room. They worked really hard and did a great job. Lastly, we have some updates on our solar panels. After many setbacks and delays, the engineering plans for the panels have finally been stamped and submitted to the city for approval. We are hoping they will be able to begin installation in September or October at this point.





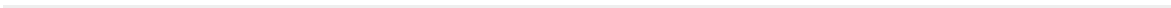
Sunday Sermons

Through the Sunday services this month, we had some very powerful messages this month, including a message by Mitsy Kuramoto on Recognizing God's Love and a message by Sungmi Holdhus on how to "Let Go & Let God." If you missed any of them, you can find them all on our [Facebook page](#) and [Youtube channel](#). For quick reference, this month's recordings are below.

[The Truth Shall Set Us Free by Poppy Richie](#)
[God's Love: A Law to Live By](#)
[Happy Father's Day!](#)
[Why a Life of Faith?](#)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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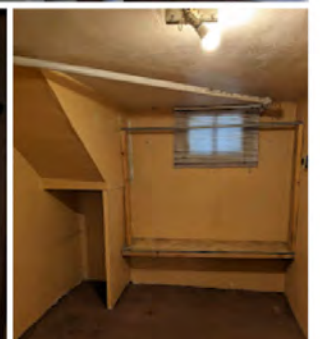
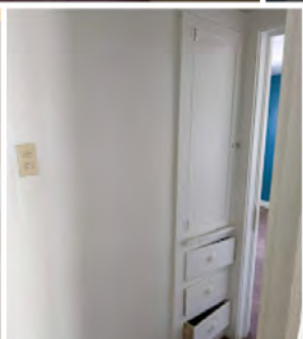
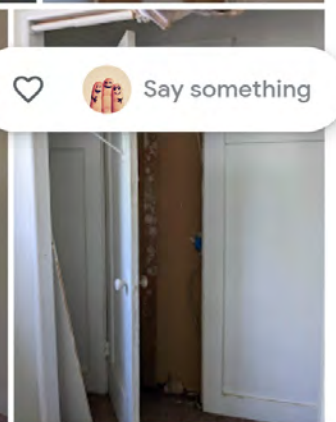
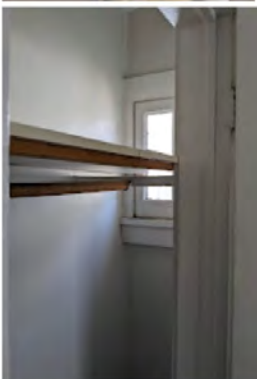
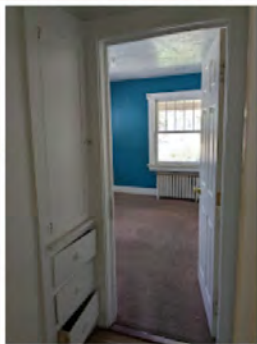
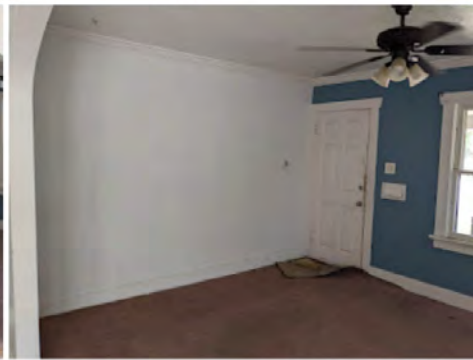
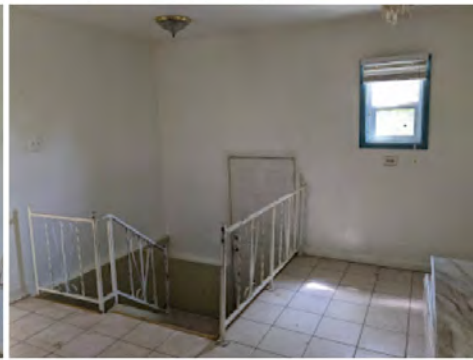
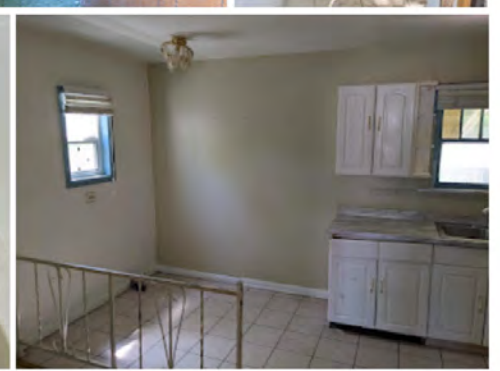
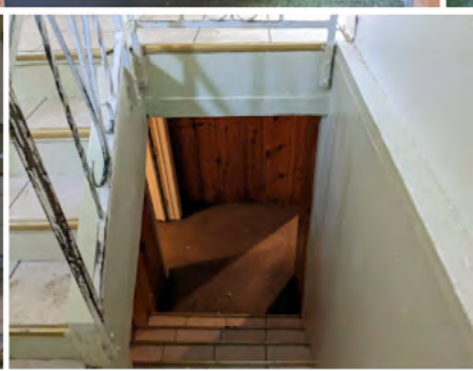


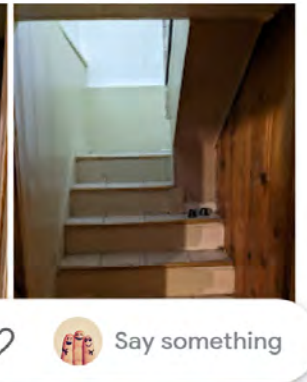
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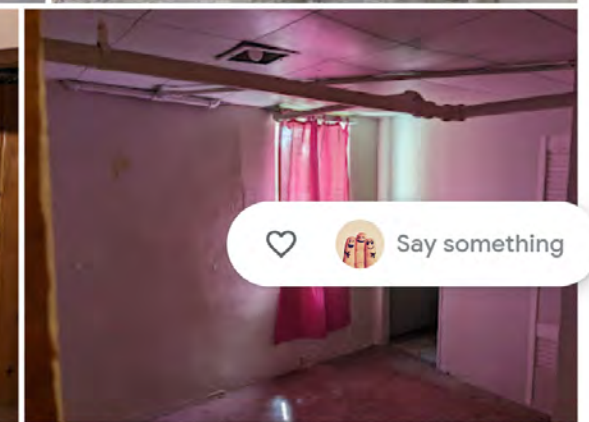
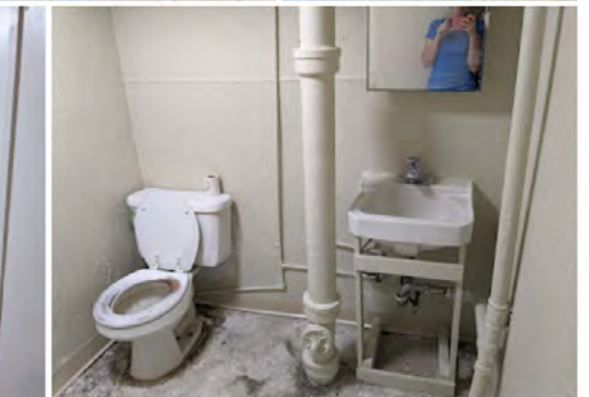
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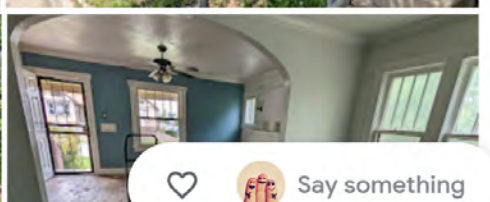




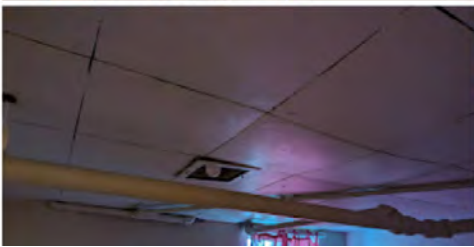
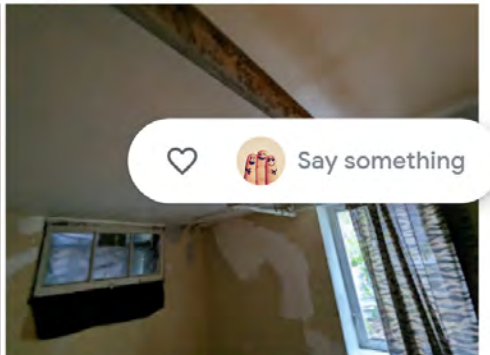
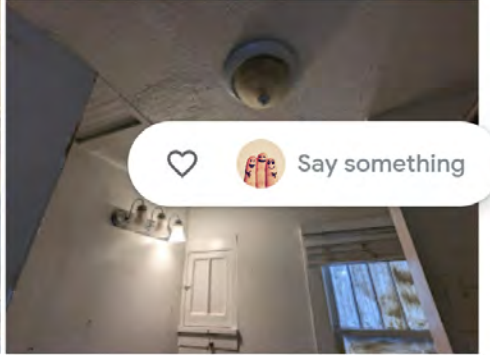
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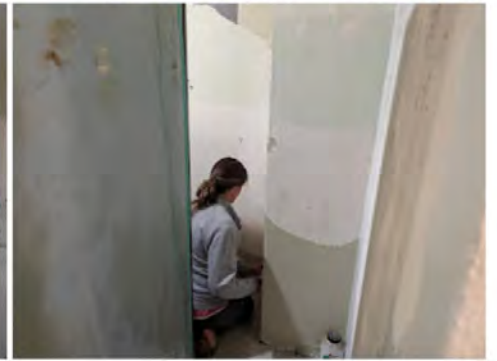
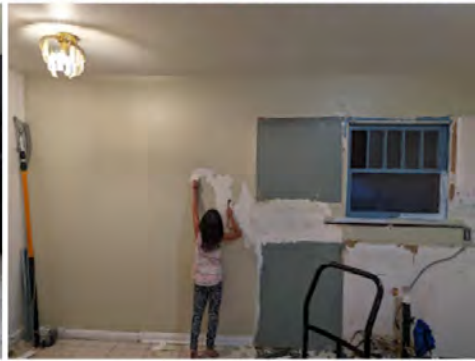


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