Colorado Family Church: December Local Highlights

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2023 has come and gone and we are already well into the new year. Please enjoy some of the highlights from December as well as the music video we put together to highlight everything that happened throughout the year. Thank you for a great 2023, and we look forward to 2024 together with all of you.



Enjoy this fun video recapping all of 2023.

Christmas Celebration



This year's Christmas party was a lot of fun. We had our first ever Christmas concert, and all the musicians did a great job providing quality music for all of us, many baked goods were brought for the baking contest, Santa came and entertained all the children, and we had some great crafts. A big thank you to everyone that made it all possible. We made a <u>fun slideshow with music</u> for you to watch and you can see the <u>photo album</u> here.

Camp True North Winter Workshop



A number of our youth attended the Camp True North winter workshop this year. They were able to participate in activities such as worship night, testimonies, and many bonding and faith deepening experiences. Also, Anisa and Yoshi went to help staff the camp. Click or tap on the photo above to see more pictures.

Why I Joined Podcast Featuring Pastor Adonia



In this new season of the "Why I Joined" podcast, Pastor Adonia was featured in a recent episode in December.

Ongoing Interfaith Activities in Grand Junction



In late November 2023, Antonio and Gale were able to highlight Father and Mother Moon as part of their Interreligious Sharing mini-series, "Celebrating our Spiritual Founders." They explained clearly who they are, the Second Coming of Christ and the Only Begotten Daughter. Our long awaited True Parents!

They shared about their many peace organizations and initiatives, a brief overview of the Divine Principle, True Parents' work against communism and our church's matching and Blessing ceremonies.

"This is soo fascinating!" one LDS participant exclaimed.

Our Bah'ai, United Methodist, and LDS friends all gave us hugs and left smiling.

Heartland Academy Children's Business Fair



Heartland Academy's annual children's business fair was featured in Denver 9 News last week, and we just wanted to share this short clip with you. Many of our youth participated in the fair as well as many others from all around the state.

Golden Age Luncheon



Our elder's group initiated our first ever Golden Age Luncheon. It was a big hit and they are planning a second one on February 11.

Continued Renovations and Improvements

We made some very notable progress this month with various renovations. For one, Genti, Sergii, and Eugene all worked very hard to replace our main 200 amp circuit breaker panel for the church. A number of people have told us that the old panel was a liability, so we were grateful to have this upgrade and to have the upgrade capacity for future additions. Also, some of our youth ministry and YAMI worked together to paint a large part of the upstairs in the YAMI house. They worked all day and got a lot done. Thank you! Lastly, in December, we finally got the heat pump central heating system working in the new parsonage. Thank you Dariusz for coming through to make that happen.











Through the Sunday services this month, we had messages on a variety of subjects that we hope were meaningful and inspirational. If you missed any of them, you can find them all on our <u>Facebook page</u> and <u>YouTube channel</u>. For quick reference, this month's recordings are below.

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