Colorado Family Church: June Local Highlights

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Dear family,

June was another very exciting and very busy month for our community. Some big highlights were definitely Camp Journey and the Spring/Summer Refresh. Please take a look at those and the many other things that happened this month!

Camp Journey



Slideshow with Music

Camp Journey, one of our regional summer camps, was held at the end of June and we had a number of our 13+ youth attend. Seeing them coming back with positive testimonies and deeper bonds of friendship and faith has been incredible inspiring to see. It wouldn't have happened without all the investment of the staff, so we are so grateful to them for all their dedication to our youth. Participants came from all over the western part of America as well as even Canada. Here is a link to the photo album.

7th Annual Spring Refresh



This year's Spring Refresh almost didn't happen, but despite the gloomy weather, we decided to push through anyway. The result was better than we could've expected. At least a hundred visitors came to check out the festivities and get food and clothes from the clothing swap. All the children had a lot of fun on the bouncy houses, we had delicious food, and everyone worked hard to get all the projects finished. Thank you so much to everyone for all the hard work and support. You can see more photos here, and we have a full list of projects done in the renovations section of this email.

Date Night



Our elder's group organized another young couple's date night this month, with special effort made to make sure the children all had top quality care and a nice meal while all the couples could go and nurture their relationships. Thank you elders and everyone else who made it possible.

Ongoing Interfaith Activities In Grand Junction



On Sunday, June 19th, Antonio and Gale representing Peace Road, supported the 3rd Juneteenth celebration in Grand Junction.

Gale gave the history behind the Black National Anthem and introduced "Lookin' Up." Before they performed, "We Shall Overcome," she reminded the audience that not only Black people need to "overcome." but white people have a responsibility to work on "overcoming" our prejudices and preconceived notions of people of color.

Everyone held hands and sang," We Shall Overcome" together. Other speeches, proclamations, and awards were part of the Juneteenth celebration.



Waterfall Hike



Roger Fuehrer organized a small hike this month to Nederland and Boulder Falls. Everyone had a good time, and we are grateful to Roger for continuing to organize these outings.

Strings Of The Heart

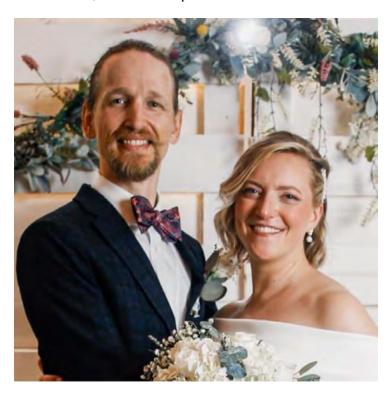


Marjorie Buessing has been hosting regular Strings of Heart gatherings after church, where everyone works together to make squares for blankets, which are then sent to families grieving a recent loss or hardship. Here you can see the culmination of many months of work from people sending in squares from all over the country. These blankets are being prepared to be sent out soon.

Congratulations And Prayer Requests



Congratulations to Yoko Ngalame for writing the best essay in her 5th grade class at University Prep. She received a \$2,000 scholarship.



We are excited to welcome Sungmi Holdhus to our community. She has moved to Colorado Springs to join her husband Kristian.

Continued Renovations And Improvements

This month's projects focused mostly around the Spring Refresh. We got a lot of simple projects done, as you can see below. On top of that, we made some safety related improvements as requested by the fire department, including hard-wired smoke detectors, improvements to our furnace room, and more. Lastly, we made some great progress on getting solar panels installed on our building. We look forward to sharing some exciting announcements on that in the next couple months.

Spring Refresh Projects:

Refilled Sandbox

Cleaned and re-polyurethaned outdoor kitchen play set

Replaced trampoline mat

Painted parking lot blocks

Painted shelves and cubbies for school

Clothing swap

Cleaned out garage and donated remaining pews

Replaced bench in cry room

Cleaned out remainder of apartment renovation debris

Cleaned out and added fire blocking to furnace room

Trash pickup













Through the Sunday messages this month, we shared a variety of messages on a wide range of topics. 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.

Beauty in Challenges

Our Potential As God's Children

Embracing the Moment: A Father's Day Message

Bringing Vitality to My Spirit