

Colorado Family Church: March Local Highlights

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With spring (and second spring) in the air, we had an exciting March filled with youth and young adult activities, visitors, Easter, and much more. Enjoy the highlights below.

Easter Sunday



We had a really packed Easter Sunday. We had the Johansen family visiting and Yun-A shared the Easter message with us. The 13+ Sunday school ran the classes for everyone and the Easter egg hunt. Sergii organized the

Humpty Dumpty competition again and it was a huge hit! We also had family conversations around the Blessing after service and a special acapella offering song. We didn't take almost of any photos of anything unfortunately, but it was a memorable day and we are grateful to everyone that helped make it possible.

Faith and Career Fair



Our youth ministry team hosted our first ever Faith and Career Fair. We had a packed schedule, with Elvis emceeing and running an ice breaker and Sammi Vanderstok sharing an inspirational message about her life and professional journey and how her career supports her life's purpose today. Afterwards, David Fortune led a panel of young professionals and delved into questions and testimonies about how the panelists have navigated the journey of career, family life, and faith, with Q&A at the end. Then we had individual booths so that the youth could learn more about the different opportunities and ask questions, and we wrapped everything up with a delicious lunch. Thank you youth ministry team for putting on this valuable program for us all! I know we wish we had something like it when we were younger. [See more photos here.](#) PC: Yoshiro Watanabe

Special Song Offering by 5-8 Sunday School



Our 5–8 year old Sunday School class worked very hard to prepare this beautiful offering song for us. They did such a great job! This song was written by a young second generation Unificationist from Austria.

Song Lyrics:

In a world so vast and wide where darkness sometimes hides
We stand together side by side as heroes of God
We are brave, strong and wise We are bold, smart and nice
With a helping hand we share our love as heroes of God

Chorus:

All of us are heroes no matter who you are
big or small young or old we're heroes of God.
All of us are heroes no matter who you are
big or small, young or old we're heroes of God.
We solve problems with a plan,
We reach out with a helping hand,
We bring hope to those around us,
As heroes of God.

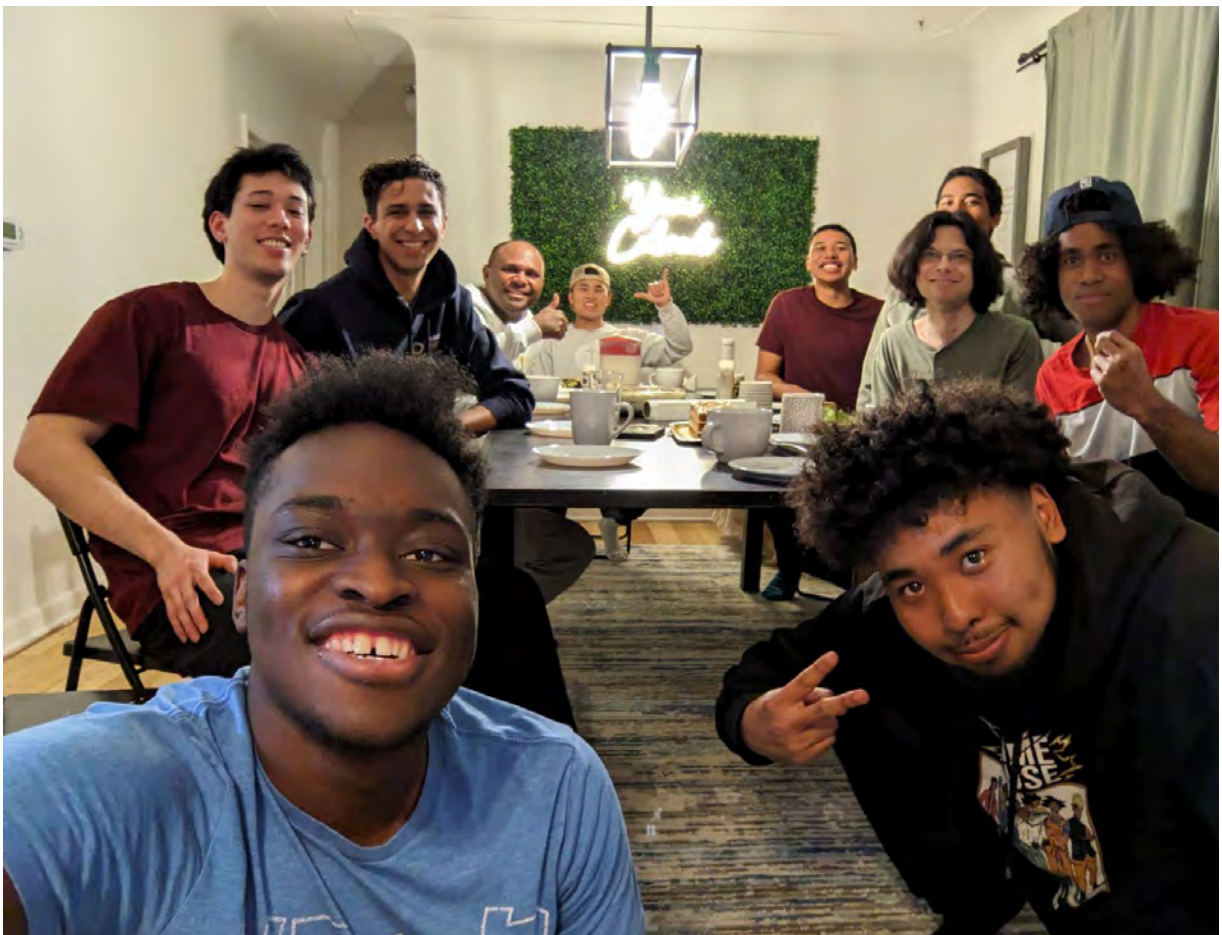
Our vision is for peace,
Hate and conflict shall cease
We give our bests to heal God's heart
As heroes of God.

Other Youth & Young Adult Activities



In March we had some great youth and young adult activities. Above, we have photo of a sushi competition and movie night for our 9-12 youth. Looks like a lot of fun! [See more photos here...](#)

Below, you will see a photo from YAMI's monthly gathering. They invite other young adults from the community and a guest speaker. This month, David Fortune came and shared with them. Thank you David and YAMI!



Ongoing Interfaith Activities in Grand Junction



On March 9th, WFWP celebrated International Women's Day in Grand Junction with 15 guests from eight different faiths. The Unitarian Universalists graciously allowed us to use their church.

Gale gave opening remarks that explained the background of International Women's Day, including this year's theme of "Invest in women. Accelerate progress. Support women and girls!"

She introduced Mother and Father Moon as the founders of WFWP. And that Mother Moon as the Only Begotten Daughter is guiding everyone to a deeper relationship with God because it is the essential root of all harmonious relationships.

Each person then read a quote of a woman they admire after introducing themselves and the faith they belong to.

The highlight was the Water Ceremony. Goblets filled with many different colors encircled a table. In the middle was a glass bowl on a glass stand. Each goblet of water symbolized a theme or intention we and the world needs. One by one, every person chose an intention, poured the colorful water into the collective bowl and said a prayer.

The intentions were: peace, joy, strength, patience, true love, grace, encouragement, courage, insight, truth, creativity, forgiveness, hope, compassion, perseverance and faith.

We finished the event with a fun drawing.

A pastor from the First Disciple Church, a chaplain, a president of Women in Ministry, a youth director- all from the First United Methodist Church; the president of Catholic Daughters, and a communications director from the Latter-day Saints were some of the participants.



Continued Renovations and Improvements

David Mahardy has been hard at work improving our kitchen at the church and installing a shower at the new parsonage. We are removing the old discolored and damaged wall panels and replacing them with new drywall, while making electrical improvements as we go. Sergii has also put in many hours to put in a new fence section at the 4-plex. It is a huge improvement over the old fence.







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 [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#). For quick reference, this month's recordings are below.

[Hope When It's Hardest by Yun-A Johnson](#)

[Being An Overcomer](#)

[Which Way Will I Choose?](#)

[Overcoming Challenges by Reconnecting To Our Purpose](#)

[God is the Gardener](#)

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