

Colorado Family Church November Local Highlights

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Dear family,

We've now fully entered the Holiday season and the final month of 2019. We look forward to celebrating Christmas together and welcoming in the New Year of 2020. For now, here are some highlights of some of the activities that happened in this past month of November

Interreligious Sharing In Palisade, Co



Four faiths met in the United Methodist Church in Palisade, CO. The topic was, "What is your faith's understanding of life after death?" Everyone sincerely shared and listened respectfully. Many

people were wowed by the richness of True Parents' teaching of life in the spirit world and the purpose of life.

Fall Festival and Children's Day Celebration



This year, we combined our Fall Festival and Children's Day Celebration. We had a super fun costume contest, photo backdrop, and delicious apple cider station. Afterwards, we all went to the Golden Community Center for swimming, rock climbing, basketball, and dinner altogether. [See more photos here...](#)

Youth Outing and Sharing Night





Thank you Sarah and Cobe for visiting our community and loving our high school and middle schoolers. They really loved the escape room, dinner, sharing and sleepover :)

Grand Valley Interfaith Network Thanksgiving Celebration



Gale Alves spoke at the annual Grand Junction Thanksgiving Celebration sponsored by the Grand Valley Interfaith Network. 12 faith traditions and their congregations participated. The theme was "Gratitude" and she read excerpts from Rev. Moon's speech on "Gratitude." About 150 people attended. Some people shared afterwards about their enthusiasm about the content of the reading.

Bridging the Divide and State Leader's Meeting in Washington D.C.



Pastor Mike attended the recent "Bridging the American Divide" event held at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. Christian Clergy and Unificationist Pastors from all over the country attended and

participated in this event.

Concluding another Successful Marriage Course



This month we concluded another successful Marriage Course. Five couples were able to participate and enrich their relationships. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped out with cooking, cleaning, childcare, and especially to Gelo and Kazuyo for running it.

Memorial and Life Celebration For Veronique Wantete



We were blessed to host a celebration of life for Rev. Wantete's mother, the late Veronique Wantete.

Pastor Adonia shared a beautiful message for all that attended and there was delicious food and dancing to celebrate her full life.

Thanksgiving Sleepover and Lunch



We had an amazing Thanksgiving lunch hosted by our older Sunday school students. They did a fantastic job preparing all the delicious dishes and were also able to spend quality time together at the sleepover playing games, hearing internal guidance and testimonies, and more. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time and energy to help make this happen! It is a wonderful annual tradition. [Click here for more photos.](#)



This month, we finished up our series on, "[Attitudes of a Life of Faith.](#)" This series was all about how a true life of faith should be expressed in our lifestyle and attitude. The final message was on [Joyful Attendance.](#) We also had a great guest message by Yongil Fleisher on [Focusing on the Fundamentals](#) as well as a message on [What Is Thanksgiving?](#) by Pastor Mike and [Time and True Love](#) by Pastor Adonia. If you missed any of them, you can watch them on our [YouTube Channel](#) or [Facebook page.](#)

Special Recognitions



Congratulations to Ole Evensen on his graduation from the Grand Junction Peace Police Academy with high marks and awards in scholastic achievement and overall fitness.