

Colorado Family Church: January Local Highlights

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With a new year comes new and exciting possibilities. We hope you enjoy a few photos and updates from what happened in our community this month.

INVESTING IN FAMILIES & PARENTING WITH FAMILY COACH MYRNA LAPRES



Healthy families are the source of a healthy church and ultimately, a healthy society and world. That's why we wanted to start off 2023 well by inviting

Family Coach Myrna Lapres to come to our community and spend a couple days talking about parenting and healing our relationships. It was a great time, and we all got a lot out of the sessions together. We look forward to having her coming again in the future. Check out the [blog post](#) to learn more about the weekend.

Ongoing Interfaith Activities in Grand Junction



Our Interreligious Sharing Series in Grand Junction has been going forward since 2019. We began 2023 with a mini-series entitled, "Celebrating our Spiritual Founders." This month the Baha'is shared about their founders, the Bab and Bah'u'llah with an hour length film.

These founders brought some huge spiritual revitalizations in 1844 in Persia, (now Iran), such as encouraging people to read the holy scriptures themselves, having their own personal relationship with God and the equality of women.

Next month the founder of the Christian Science Church, Mary Baker Eddy, will be presented.

Faith Leaders or representatives who attended: Bahai, Methodist, Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, Christian Science, Catholic and WFWP/UPF.

Everyone is so happy and grateful that we have put this interreligious series together. We are all learning from one another!



Antonio and Gale participated in the Grand Junction Black Citizens and Friends' MLK events: Speeches and proclamations at City Hall, a March to the historic Handy Chapel Black Church and a community dinner. We all took excess food to the homeless.

Goals for the New Year



If you missed it, we re reviewed our goals from 2022 and shared some of our goals for the new year in our first sermon of the year. Included in this plan is to:

- Make significant progress on our exterior renovation plan, including the

- installation of solar panels on the church
- Find a new parsonage in the neighborhood
- Find a dedicated CARP leader and move the current CARP group into the current parsonage with the plan to grow the current group to 10-12.
- Make greater investments into our youth ministry and other family-oriented ministries.
- Continue to grow Heartland Academy

There is much more, so please watch the message if you are interested. Also, Pastor Mike shared in a stewardship message about the investments we've been making into our rental 4-plex and the church, as well as giving a general financial report. Please see that [message](#) if you missed it.

Continued Renovations and Improvements

This month we focused our efforts on renovating the unit that Anton's team vacated at the beginning of the month. We had many deferred improvements, including bringing in a combustible air supply duct for the boiler, improvements to the kitchen, additional lighting, and much more. We are preparing for the Chetverikov family to move in to this unit in February.







Sunday Sermons

Through the Sunday services this month, we decided to kick off our year with a series on Stewardship. 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.

- [Happy New Year 2023 & Stewardship Series Intro](#)
- [Being Stewards of What We Already Have](#)
- [Stewardship of Time](#)
- [Stewardship of Our Gifts and Talents](#)
- [Stewardship of My Limitations by Andrew Love](#)

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