

OLYMPUS COVE CONNECTIONS

From the editor... -

I have been working on the newsletter the last few days, and have watched the weather go from sunny and pleasant, to chilly and extremely windy, to cold and snow. Welcome to Spring in Olympus Cove! I continue to enjoy meeting more people in our new ward boundaries. I am so grateful for the ongoing efforts to meet, and connect and share interests and service with each other. I do encourage all the women in the ward to add the GroupMe app to their phones, and to join the Olympus Cove Sisters group. It is an excellent way to stay current on all the activities and announcements for the ward - BUT ALSO, it is a great way to share information about neighborhood gatherings and information as well. Amy Sunderland has hosted several gatherings in her home recently, and they have been fascinating. I have loved seeing not only friends from the ward, but also meeting friends and family of those friends. So many have been generous in sharing their talents and interests. Amy is going to help me by hosting a gathering where I will be teaching people how to make sculptural, pop-out books and cards. I look forward to sharing this.

In 3 weeks, it will be Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. This is the most important week of community worship for most Christian religions. I have been able to participate in many different ways to observe and remember the events of Holy Week in

various wards and stakes since I was a child. I am grateful I have been able to also observe Holy Week activities with friends in other faith groups. It has deepened my love for the example of Christ's life, and the transformative power of his teachings. When I consider the events of that final week, and how all things led to these greatest and final teachings - His last parable of the Sheep and the Goats that gives the great litmus test to guide us in all things. Then culminating in the greatest acts of love, the At-One-Ment in Gethsemane, followed by His crucifixion and resurrection - showing us by example that His love has power over death. I find great value in finding ways to observe Holy Week. If you need some ideas about how to do this, there are many communities that do this in the area. A friend of mine has written a good guide for church members. Eric Huntsman is the current leader of the BYU Jerusalem Center (on sabbatical during the conflict there). His recent book is "Greater Love Hath No Man: A Latter-day Saint Guide To Celebrating the Easter Season". This is just one of many resources for this sacred season.

One last thought as we approach the Easter season.

The traditional greeting during Holy Week is to say "He is risen". And the response when someone says that to you is "He is risen indeed!" I hope to be able to greet you this way during Holy Week.

Thank you to all who helped with this issue. [Please send me information for the ward newsletter and history.](#) My phone is 303-902-7062 and my email is hansen_home@comcast.net. Thank you for your help!-

Inspirational message - by Alisa Hamblin

For some of us, ministering is not easy. President Nelson said, "The supreme standard for ministering is that of our Savior, Jesus Christ. When you are truly ministering, you follow your feelings to help someone else experience more of the Savior's love." Ministering is becoming more like our Savior.





March Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

March 3 - Henry Hart, Gordon Monson

5 - Steven Benton, Kathy English

6 - Carrie Davis

7 - Bethany Jones, Robert Tucker

8 - Laila Wadsworth

9 - Laurie Bird, Dawn Daybell, Scott Evans, Raymond Sudbury, Tiffany Young

10 - Jennie Ferguson, Gary Venz

11 - Aaron Moffett

12 - Sylvie Andrews, Karen Collins, Alison Wadsworth

14 - Christian Feinauer

16 - Nathan Callister, Elaine Daybell, Jared Madsen, Jennifer Stagg

17 - Katie Lowe, Karen Peterson

18 - Joong Yul Kim

20 - Michelle Murphy, Anna Stagg

23 - Roan Hardin

25 - Susan Dahlstrom

26 - Beverly Frank, Benjamin Moss

27 - Jong Im Kim

28 - Bethany Callister

29 - Alisa Hamblin

30 - Alison Wilde, Keith Romney

31 - John Birkinshaw, Natalie Fredrick, Carrie Stephens

April 1 - Jacob Boyden, George Fishler, Brad Romney

2 - Melanie Decker, Sara Romney, Bart Warner

5 - Isabelle Davis, Judy Hanks

6 - Mimi Silverstein

Please notify me of any preferred nicknames or proper names for the birthday list. I will try to update the official birthday list to honor that.

There is one spiritual gift that I believe will help us all be better ministers to one another and that is the gift of being quick to observe. “When we are quick to observe, we promptly look or notice and obey. Both of these fundamental elements—looking and obeying—are essential to being quick to observe.” David A Bednar

When we take a few extra moments to observe then quickly obey promptings we become the Lord’s hands in helping others. I invite us all to make a conscious effort to look around, observe, and quickly act on promptings as we minister to each other and to all who we observe in our daily activities.

Ward Conference is coming up on March 17th -

In connection with Ward Conference, our Ward Temple Day is on March 14.

General Relief Society Broadcast on March 17th.

A special broadcast for all Relief Society sisters will be held on March 17th at 4:00 pm at the Stake Center. The broadcast will be followed by a special testimony meeting.

Relief Society Temple Day for March-

We are looking forward to our Relief Society Temple Day on March 7th.

We will meet at 8:30 in the church parking lot to ride together to the Bountiful Temple for the 9:30 session. If you have any questions about registering for the session, please contact Susan Smith.

Please come and join us in celebration of the 182nd Anniversary of the Organization of the Relief Society -

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6 pm in the Olympus Cove Ward Cultural Hall.

Dinner will be served.

There will be a special musical program performed by songwriters Roger and Melanie Hoffman.

Their compositions include “Consider the Lilies of the Field” and “Gethsemane”.

News from Primary President Robyn Roberts -

New Teachers: People have been saying to us lately, things like “Wow! You’ve got a lot of people helping in Primary now.”

Indeed we do and we are finally almost fully staffed which is a wonderful feeling. We have been running lean for quite some time and are glad to have this new influx of both kids and teachers. This 2024 year we have been able to expand to 3 Primary class

age groups to serve our wonderful kids and we are loving it. We recently welcomed Matt & Olivia Lowe, and Shannon Scott to our Primary teaching team and are so happy to have them.

Activity Day's: The Girl's are planning on Friday, March 8th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for a Movie Night at Liz Smith's father's (3965 Mt. Olympus Way) where the girls will wear p.j.'s, bring a stuffie, and enjoy movie fun together. The Boy's are planning two activity days in March at the ward: Fridays, March 1st & March 22nd at 2 p.m. March 1st the boys will be playing sports in the ward gym. We invite all the kids from the neighborhood ages 7-11 to attend as long as they are turning 8 of this 2024 year.

Articles of Faith 13: Primary Parents, Please help your child work on learning Articles of Faith #5 & #6 this month in March. We are trying to memorize all the Articles of Faith this 2024 year.

Ward Youth Activity - Thank you, Susan Smith and Rebecca Simmons, for sharing information and photos about this activity.

On February 28, the Young Women and Young Men met for a Tri-Ward Service Project. The Millcreek, Fortuna and Olympus Cove Youth put together 600+ peanut butter and jelly sandwiches which will be distributed to the unhoused community in Salt Lake City. The sandwiches were delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall. Thanks to the great youth who made this a very fun and productive project!







Temple and Family History resources -
We are here to help you. Temple & Family History Leader
Lynn Collins 385-272-5969. Consultants: Karen Collins
385-272-4094, Gail McComas 801-580- 5468, or Alison
Wilde.

Mt. Olympus Stake Family Search Center
3510 S. 3610 E. on the south east corner of bldg.
(not at the Stake Center)
Sunday: 11:30-12:30, 1-2. Monday: 11-1, 1-3
Wednesday: 10 am - Noon (Gail & Robyn)
Thursday: 7 pm - 9 pm.

Want a 17X24 fan chart printed? They do this at

The Midvale Union Fort Multi-Stake F.S. Center

540 East 7155 South, Midvale, UT 84047

<https://unionfortfhc.org/about>

Family History Center 2023 Hours

HOURS

Sundays - 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Mondays - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wednesdays - 10:00 a.m. – noon (Gail McComas and Karen Collins)

Thursdays - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Missionaries... We really appreciate the service of our full time missionaries. Please send any messages or news from them so I can include a few things in the newsletter.

Ward Building cleaning assignments for December -

Thank you, Brother Warren Wadsworth, for organizing this and making sure our building is clean.

The following is the list of families scheduled to help clean the church in April. We will begin cleaning every Saturday morning at 9:00 am, except as noted below. If the building is scheduled to be used for a funeral or some other event on the Saturday mornings indicated below, we will start cleaning at 4:00 pm. If you cannot fulfill this assignment for any reason, please arrange for someone to take your place.

6th— General Conference (No Cleaning).

13th— Jeremy & Cynthia Grant; Todd & Alisa Hamblin; Mike & Jody Hansen.

20th— Stake Conference (No Cleaning).

27th— Gary & Kristin Hart; Tyler & Carrie Lamprecht; Stewart & Kelly Landau.

Dear Stake Family,

The Adult Religion class with Armand Johansen will continue on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the stake center chapel. (Update - Class is canceled on March 5 due to construction at the Stake Center)

Brother Johansen will teach from [*Come, Follow Me—For Home and Church: Book of Mormon 2024*](#).

We hope you will join us in person or online! And please feel free to pass this information on to anyone else who would be interested in being uplifted and learning with us.

[Click here for the YouTube Live stream.](#) **FYI: Those who are unable to watch the class during the live broadcast can view it later at the same link as above.**

-Temple Recommends - Contact a member of the Bishopric for a phone interview. The stake interview can be arranged with one of the Stake Executive Secretary's (Andrew Olson)

Stake Temple Recommend Interviews: Standing time on Sundays from 1:30 to 2:30pm (the 4th Sunday is skipped)