

OLYMPUS COVE CONNECTIONS

From the editor... -

I struggled to write a message for this issue. This has been a difficult time, and marginalized and at-risk groups with which I work are being impacted in difficult ways. I have been thinking much about scriptures and teachings which inspire me, confront and challenge me to keep ministering, and remind me of what makes the greatest difference in life. I find myself turning daily to Matthew 25:31-46. Christ gives his last and great parable of the Sheep and the Goats. He describes the final judgement, when he welcomes his sheep on his right hand, saying "Come, ye blessed of my Father ...". And he describes what he sees in their hearts. They fed the hungry and thirsty, they took in the stranger, clothed the naked, visited the sick and imprisoned. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

We had an excellent lesson last Sunday, led by Alisa Hamblin and Stuart Larson, about Zion Society. I really appreciated the way they discussed multiple ways we can be or become a Zion people. I see this great parable as a guide for me. And as a guide when I seek inspiration about learning from the scriptures and church leaders, including their recent counsel to be an informed and involved citizen.

I am grateful for the work of Kathy and Stu Peterson with the Service Committee. They have organized regular service opportunities that will help us learn about feeding, clothing and welcoming the stranger. I appreciate service that brings us in contact with those we seek to help. I have learned so much about how God shows up for me in the faces of those in need. I always receive more than I give.

Please look for information in this issue about great service work we will be doing with the Refugee Connection. 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 for July - By Stuart Larson Building Zion!

This past Sunday, June 30, during a 5th Sunday combined adult meeting, I had the privilege of leading a discussion with our wonderful Relief Society President, Alisa Hamblin. In that meeting, we talked about how to build Zion in the Olympus Cove Ward.

As we shared experiences with Zion-like communities in our pasts and from the scriptures, the Spirit was palpable! And it felt as though everyone was filled with a genuine desire to reach for Zion right here and now in our own ward!

It almost felt to me like the people of Alma at the Waters of Mormon, where Alma asked those who had come to believe in their Savior Jesus Christ if they wanted to become part of His fold and to be numbered with His people. Then, he explained what that would mean. It would mean being willing to:

- Bear one another's burdens', that they may be light,





Mourn with those that mourn,
Comfort those that stand in need of comfort, and
Stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things,
and in all places. (*Mosiah 18:8-9*)

And the people's response to this was not a half-hearted, acquiescence. No! The scripture says that: "...when the people had heard these words, they clapped their hands for joy, and exclaimed: This is the desire of our hearts!" (*Mosiah 18: 11*)

In other words, the people were genuinely excited to be part of that Zion community! But why wouldn't they be excited? Remember what kind of community they were coming from under King Noah and his wicked priests. What a relief the people of Alma must have felt at the Waters of Mormon to know that there was a *much better* way to live and that they could be part of that community! It felt like we experienced a sample of that same enthusiasm on Sunday!

So, what would it really take to build a Zion-like community right now in the Olympus Cove Ward?

To help answer that, Alisa led a beautiful discussion about one of the key characteristics of a Zion community as described in Enoch's time, namely that in addition to having "one heart, one mind, and living in righteousness", there were "*no poor among them*" (*Moses 7: 18*). She pointed out that although there are not many temporally "poor" in our neighborhood, there are many who may be poor in spirit, poor in health, poor in friendship, poor in confidence, poor in faith, or poor in understanding. And that in order to build a Zion community, it is incumbent on each of us to reach out to those around us who may be poor in any way.

President Nelson said:

"God wants us to work together and help each other. That is why He sends us to earth in families and organizes us into wards and stakes. That is why He asks us to serve and minister to each other. ... We can accomplish so much more together than we can alone.

"God's plan of happiness would be frustrated if His children remained isolated one from another..."

*"If you know of anyone who is alone, **reach out**—even if you feel alone too! You do not need to have a reason or a message or business to transact. Just say hello and show your love. Technology can help you... Each precious child of God needs to know that he or she is not alone!" (*What We Are Learning and Will Never Forget – April 2021, General Conference*)*

To that end, the Bishopric, the RS Presidency, and the Elder's Quorum Presidency would like to invite every person in ward

July Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

July 2 - Peggy Plumb
3 - Daniel Ellis
4 - Carol Lavigne, Mark Sansom
6 - Jeffrey Hardin, Carrie England
8 - Ellie Black, Olivia Lowe
9 - Michael Young
12 - Curt Crowther
13 - Joshua Van Leeuwen
15 - Tom Fredrick, Garr Vincent
17 - Ron Hanks, Evan Madsen
18 - Scott Shannon, Colette Winward
19 - Bret Wilde
21 - Grace Fredrick, Lisa Monson
22 - James Birch, Romaine Marshall, Kay Randle
25 - Ethan Willhite
27 - Mitchel Johnson, Victor Miller
28 - Barbara Fredrick
29 - Steven Lovelady
30 - Grey Randle
31 - Derek Dahlstrom
August 2 - Steven Lavigne
3 - Matt Lowe
5 - Jacob Young
7 - Alisha Van Wagoner

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.

who has a ministering assignment to **meet with each of their assigned individuals or families in a Face-to-Face visit at least once during the months of July and August.** We want every family or individual in our ward to know who their ministering brothers and/or sisters are and know that they care about them. This may seem like one small step, but it feels like what we need to do to begin to build and sustain the moment we have felt toward making the Olympus Cove Ward a true Zion community on earth today!

I testify of God's reality and His divine love for each and every person! And, I echo President Nelson's comments – that we are not organized into groups on accident. Our Heavenly Father knows that when we can learn to truly love and serve each other our hearts will be lifted, and we will find the excitement, the joy, and the peace we have been promised in Zion!

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Message and Announcements from Primary President Robyn Roberts...

Stake Primary Choir: The Stake Primary Choir is taking a break for the summer and will start back this fall. We do however want to thank the Smith's & Daybell's for representing our ward Primary well in their June 2, 2024 program. Sina Dalley is the Stake Primary Choir Director at 801-201-9471.

Mother's Day & Father's Day: Our Primary kids had a fun time in the past few months as they recognized their mother's & father's. For Mother's Day they sang the classic, "Mother, I Love You" by Lorin F. Wheelwright in Sacrament meeting and then made their mother's bracelets and painted their hand prints on cards. For Father's Day, they sang "That Someone" by Shawna Edwards and Linda Urquhart. It's a wonderful new song that gives us thanks for those who encourage, lift and support us through life. The kids gave their fathers a real "tool" inside a tool box card and they each wrote how much they loved their fathers. The Primary kids also carried on the tradition of making special ties for our new Bishopric as "Fathers of the Ward". Bishop Dave Randle, and his counselors Nathan Callister & Nate Frederick each got a a "thumbs" up tie and a "thank you" card. We appreciate all they are doing to lead our ward.

Family History Sheet: In May & June as we prepared to celebrate Mothers & Father's Day, our Primary kids each had the homework assignment to list their parent's & grandparents names and to tell 5 things they knew about them. They interviewed their parents and grandparents to find out more if they needed to. The kids who participated learned more about their family history. If you haven't had a chance to do this, we encourage you to jot a few things down that you know about your parents or grandparents and share it with your family. As our Prophet, Russell M. Nelson said, "When our hearts turn to our ancestors (our family), something changes inside us. We feel part of something greater than ourselves."



Hymns for July.

Please raise your voices and sing!- from Chorister Jody Hansen

Here are the hymns for the next few weeks. I invite you to please take a look, and possibly play the recording of any that are unfamiliar to you. You can pull the recordings up on the Gospel App under Sacred Music/Hymns for Home and Church. I love to hear you participate when we worship through song.

July 14 we will be singing one of the new hymns, which has actually been around for many decades, and has been sung regularly by the Tabernacle Choir on Temple Square. #1003 - It Is Well With My Soul (When Peace Like A River) is a beautiful hymn, written at a time of great loss, when the author was seeking comfort and strength. I hope you will find strength in these turbulent times from our sacred music.

I greatly appreciate each of you.

And please remember, when I invite you to stand during the intermediate hymn, please only do so if it is comfortable for you. There are reasons that some need and want to stand, and reasons that some need and want to remain seated. I hope everyone will appreciate that each is participating in a way that works for them.

July 7 - 130, 195, 273

July 14 - 247, 196, 58, 1003

July 21 - 30, 192, 34, 228

New Service Program from Kathy and Stu Peterson

Here are the details for the excellent service opportunities arranged by the Service Committee.

Those able to volunteer, please look for the sign up sheets at church, or contact Kathy at

KathyPeterson2002@yahoo.com

Our July service effort will be to support Utah Refugee Connection. We will do a focused collection drive for three current needs in this community; socks, disposable diapers, and electric fans. Donations can be made in 2 ways. You can scan the QR code on the flyer, and it will take you to the giving site on Amazon for the Utah Refugee Connection. You can then select items on site to purchase, and have delivered directly to the Connection.

OR...

You can bring socks and disposable diapers of any size, and working electric fans to 3959 E. Viewcrest Dr. at the following time. Or arrange for pick up.

Collection will take place on Saturday, July 13th 10-12pm and Sunday, July 14th 3-5pm. We are hoping to get the electric fans to refugee families as soon as possible because of the current temperatures.

We are looking for support and help July 15 to load trucks with our supplies and deliver them to the Utah Refugee Connection.

If anyone has access to a pick up truck, and can help load items the are collected on the 13th and 14th, that help is needed.

We have been invited by Utah Refugee Connections to lend support at their Back to School Fair. This will be held on August 6th.

The Fair will run on August 6 from 4:00-7:30.

They hope to serve 2000+ people.

Donate for Refugees

We are part of the **Olympus Cove community**, and we need your help with donations for refugees. **Our needed items are:**

- **Electric Fans**
 - Must be electrically sound, and safe
- **Disposable Diapers**
 - In packaging, all sizes
- **Socks**
 - New, unused, all sizes

Or make Amazon Donations with this QR:



Questions? Contact :

- KathyPeterson2002@yahoo.com

Drop-off/Collection site:
Saturday, July 13th
10-12pm and Sunday,
July 14th 3-5pm: @ 3959
E Viewcrest Drive.

The purpose is to outfit refugee children and their families with backpacks, supplies, immunizations and a happy encouraging celebration for back to school.

It will be a little chaotic and a lot of fun.

It would give a direct opportunity to make friends and serve in the refugee community.

Needed - 10 adults who can help parents navigate the stations with families as they pick up items for their children. The youth cannot fill this assignment.

Needed - 3 youth and 2 adults to manage the Ice Cream/Creamy Station. If we can bring a couple of coolers with ice blocks, that would be very helpful.

We invite everyone to include, in your prayers, the immigrant and refugee community and those who are working to serve them. The need is great.

Relief Society Temple Day for July-

We are looking forward to our Relief Society Temple Day on Thursday, July 18th. We will meet at 8:45 in the church parking lot to ride together to the Jordan River Temple for the 10:00 session.

If you have any questions

about registering for the session, please contact Susan Smith.

Ward Building cleaning assignments for August -

Thank you, Brother Warren Wadsworth, for organizing this and making sure our building is clean. The following is the list of families scheduled to clean the church in August. We will begin each Saturday morning at 9:00 am, unless the building is scheduled for another activity such as a funeral. The alternate time to begin cleaning will be 4:00 pm. If you cannot fulfill this assignment for any reason, please arrange for someone to take your place.

August

3rd— Bishop & Lindsey Randle, and Jeff & Cathie Randle

10th— Kim & Robin Roberts, and Brad & Sara Romney

17th— Dean & Kristin Sapp, Steve & Shannon Scott, and Jeff & Rebecca Simmons

24th— Rich & Liz Smith, Jonathan & Jennifer Stagg, and Kyle & Marilyn Taft

31st— Seth Sunderland, Jeff & Alison Wadsworth, and Jeff Wells

Fantastic Ward Activity - Medieval Evening - on June 22!

Thank you to the Activities Committee and everyone who made this such a wonderful evening of visiting, games, and great food!

Photos from Robyn Roberts and Jody Hansen











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.

Dear Stake Family,

The Adult Religion class with Armand Johansen will continue on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the stake center chapel.

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)