

# OLYMPUS COVE CONNECTIONS

From the editor... -

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I am pleased to be able to have several items in this newsletter about the excellent service project for the Utah Refugee Connection. This is part of the ongoing work for this group which is organized by Kathy and Stu Peterson and their committee. I appreciate hearing about the work of ward members to make a difference to so many people who are trying to make a home and a life for their families under the difficult circumstance of seeking a safe haven in a new country. I appreciate that we are trying to offer ongoing opportunities to served this refugee organization when we are also having lessons about chapters in the Book of Mormon that discuss peoples who had to flee their homes or seek refuge in times of war. I find

the most value in my study of scripture when it helps me apply lessons for my life today. I am trying to consider different views of the stories told in scripture, and I try to consider this when I learn of those in circumstance different from my own in this world. I can't imagine what it would be like to be driven from my home. I am so grateful Kathy and Stu and so many others are helping us have the opportunity to serve people face to face, and become friends at a time when they need it so much. Because we need this as well. It is one way I learn when I am curious to learn from new friends through service, and I get to consider ways God is working in their life. Please look for information in this issue about great service work we, as a ward, are and 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](mailto:hansen_home@comcast.net). Thank you for your help!

## Inspirational message for July - Jeff Simmons

This past week, many in the ward and citizens from our immediate area, were able to assist in helping refugee families and, specifically, their children get backpacks, a water bottle and school supplies for this upcoming school year. Some of us acted as guides to help the children through the process. Others served as translators, and still others dispensed a little joy for the children in the form of creamsicles, cotton candy, pizza and ice water on the sweltering 103-degree day. One of the families I guided through the process was brought to the event by their older sister Yasmin... a 20-year-old. They were all refugees from Somalia and had been in the U.S. for 12 years. These children were beautiful... each with dark black hair, radiant black skin, and beaming eyes which radiated the excitement for their "Christmas in August". They patiently filed through crushing lines which often swelled to 200-300 long and 5 deep, just to receive their backpack, a water bottle and school supplies.

What good will these simple things do? And what good will the small acts of service rendered by those volunteers bring about? Perhaps, Yasmin provides an answer. In her 8 years here, Yasmin has become totally fluent in English. She has graduated from high school. She is now in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year at the University





## August Birthdays

### Happy Birthday!

August 2 - Steven Lavigne  
 3 - Matt Lowe  
 5 - Jacob Young  
 7 - Alisha Van Wagoner  
 9 - Josie Larson  
 11 - Reed Nelson  
 12 - Darren Bolingbroke  
 14 - Craig Christensen,  
 Steve Scott  
 15 - Edith Murdock  
 16 - Brian Smith  
 17 - Cynthia Sheeran  
 18 - William Harker, Oliver  
 Randle  
 20 - Dean Sapp, Karen  
 Rose Johnson  
 21 - Ally Dahlstrom, Riley  
 Davis  
 22 - Aksel Lamprecht, Luke  
 Hardin  
 23 - Aiden Phillipps  
 26 - Torr Hardin  
 27 - Stephen Black  
 29 - Aaron Daybell, Brett  
 Mann, John Markosian,  
 Nyah Young  
 30 - Henry Randle  
 September 1 - Dave Black,  
 Doris Memmott  
 3 - Linda Schoepf  
 5 - Meg Madsen  
 6 - Phil Johnson  
 9 - Todd Johnson

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.

of Utah studying business management. Her younger siblings are on a similar path.

In our orientation for this day's event, our chief organizer remarked: "What we do today and the service we are providing now might not help the first generation of refugees, but it can help and change the lives of the second generation and that is what we hope to do". Surely these backpacks, water bottles and school supplies delivered with Christ like love, are good examples of what Alma taught his son Helaman... "by small and simple things are great things brought to pass...and the Lord God doth work by means to bring about his great and eternal purposes." Jasmine is one of those great purposes and so were the 2000 plus served that day. May we each remember to add our own shoulder to those small and simple things that can bless the lives of God's children.

### Gratitude to the Outgoing Relief Society Presidency, and welcome to the new Relief Society Presidency -

Thank you so much, Sister Alisa Hamblin and all who served with you, for your years of devoted ministry to the Relief Society and Ward!

Welcome to President Brooke Black, our new Relief Society President. And her counselors Bethany Callister and Kristin Sapp, and Secretary Marilyn Taft. We are grateful for your willingness to serve!

### Relief Society announcements -

RS Temple Trip - August 15 - please meet at the church at 8:30 am to travel together to the Jordan River Temple for the 9:30 session.

The RS Temple trip for September will be on September 26th. Relief Society dinner for birthdays in July, August and September. This will be 6:30 pm at Jen Staggs Home.

There will be a dinner for all of Relief Society on September 10 at 6:30 at the Church House.

On September 19th at noon there will be a special Elect Ladies Luncheon for those wonderful sisters 75 years or older.

### Message and Announcements from Primary President Robyn Roberts...

#### Upcoming Primary Events:

Aug.18, 2024 Stake Baptism Preview at 3 p.m. at the Stake Center for those turning 8 in Sept. thru December, 2024.

Sept. 8, 2024 Stake Temple Prep. Classes from 2-3 p.m. at the Stake Center for those turning 12 in 2025.

Sept. 29, 2024 Our Ward Primary Program will be held at 9 a.m. during our Sacrament meeting hour (instead of the originally scheduled Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> date). Each ward in our entire Mt. Olympus Stake will

be holding their Primary Program on this date and it should be a wonderful day.

**The Children's "Friend"**: Did you know that you can get the Children's "Friend" online or a hard copy at no cost delivered to your home. The online version is found at: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/2024/06?lang=eng>

To order hard copies, see the church website at: <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/learn/church-magazines-at-no-cost-faq?lang=eng> . The Primary Children love reading the Children's Friend so check these links out if you are interested.

### **Worship through Sacred Music -**

Thank you to all who participate in worshipping through sacred music. I always love hearing your voices, no matter how soft or loud, no matter what key, during singing time in Sacrament Meeting.

And, I am especially grateful for the young people who have provided such beautiful and inspiring prelude music before Sacrament meeting. It has been a wonderful experience to sit and listen to Josie Larson last month, and Jake Morris last Sunday, provided for us. It brought a great spirit, and helped us prepare to share testimonies and receive the sacrament in our Fast and Testimony meeting.

### **Hymns for August.**

**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.

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.

August 11 - 143, 177, 9, 242

August 18 - 117, 169, 29, 158

August 25 - 115, 191, 45, 15

September 1 - 50, 194, 14

September 8 - 52, 171, 125, 49

### **Youth Activity -**

The youth enjoyed a swim party and barbecue activity that was generously hosted by the Plumbs.

Thank you,  
Rebecca  
Simmons for  
the photos.



### Wonderful Experiences with the Service Program from Kathy and Stu Peterson

Thank you to Kathy and Stu Peterson, and their committee and all who volunteered with the projects in July and August. Here are a few highlights. Thanks to Rebecca Simmons, and the Petersons for the photos.

There will be ongoing opportunities to serve. Those able to volunteer, please look for the sign up sheets at church, or contact Kathy at [KathyPeterson2002@yahoo.com](mailto:KathyPeterson2002@yahoo.com)

### Our July service effort to support Utah Refugee Connection by collecting and delivering fans and diapers.

The collection took place the weekend of July 13-14. People could also donate by scanning a barcode and donating directly to the organization. The fans and diapers were delivered by July 15th, and were immediately distributed to those in great need. Your generosity made a difference right away.

**Special thanks to Paul and Elizabeth Rets for their amazing work on the flyer and the technology. Their efforts and contribution are ongoing.**

**And special thanks to Kristin Sapp for her doing so much to gather and deliver the contributions.**



### Here is Kathy's report on the August 6th Utah Refugee Connection Back to School Fair.

We appreciated help at the Creamie stand from youth, Josie Larson and Brian and Stuart Larson.

14 ward members and their families served tonight, plus others who donated school supplies.

Craig Clifford served as translator.

Kyle Taft was on the team distributing backpacks to school children. He said "We all made some new friends. Abdullah, helping with backpacks, speaks six languages (as does his sister who was helping as a guide). and is learning two more. Such marvelous people. Thanks for letting us get involved!"

Serving as hosts and helpers to the visiting families: Marilyn Taft, Kristin Sapp and her son Gave, Jeff Simmons, Mike Hansen, Kathy and Stu Peterson.

Countries from which we made friends: Honduras, Ukraine, Iraq, Somalia, Afghanistan, Sudan, various African Countries.

This was a remarkable experience and privilege to serve.

Please remember this experience and share your stories.

We felt joy as we saw you all serving our new friends.

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



This is what leaders of the Utah Refugee Connection reported -  
Over 2000 people were served on August 6th.

Our new friends waited over two and a half hours outside on a hot day at the entry of Granite Park Junior High without complaining before they could enter the building and participate.

People from many different origin countries and with many different native languages participated.



### 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

### Stake Family Campout - August 2-3

The Stake Family Campout was held at the Aspencrest East Campground. The wards provided dinner. And there were yard games both days, ice cream treats and line dancing on Friday evening. Then breakfast provided by the Stake on Saturday morning.

Thank you to all who helped provide food and activities. And thank you, Rebecca Simmons, for providing photos.



**Stake Youth Fireside -**

On August 25 at 3 pm, the Stake Presidency will host the annual Youth Heart-to-Heart Fireside. Please help the youth plan on being there.

**Stake Blood Drive**

Dear Members and Friends,

The Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for August 20th from 12:30 to 6:30pm.

The Red Cross is relying on our incredible participant rate to help make up for a very slow Summer participation from other sources.

Please see the attached document that includes the dates and time and, most importantly the QR code to select a time for your participation.

I am so impressed, and the Red Cross is impressed with our past participation rate.

All the best,

Dan Harding, Stake Blood Drive chair.

**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)