OLYMPUS COVE

From the editor...

One of the many things I appreciate about the Restored Church is that it began with a young person seeking guidance, and asking a sincere question. Seeking personal guidance is foundational to my life. I have long appreciated the teachings of church leaders that emphasize the need for all of us to pray for personal answers. A few weeks ago, the full time missionaries visited Relief Society, and asked us to think of someone we would like to have sitting next to us at church. There are so many that come to mind. Lately, I have been thinking of loved ones who do not feel welcome or wanted at church. I have learned to listen to their heartache in feeling a lack of belonging, for themselves or their children, and I can only sit with them and mourn with them. When I pray to know what to do, I am led to turn to calls to live the great commandments, to show my love to God by loving my neighbor, and seek to deny none. I think of Elder Renlund's talk from 2021 April Conference where he said, "Brothers and Sisters, not throwing stones is the first step in treating others with compassion. The second is to try to catch stones thrown by others." There are those who seek compassion, but are not sure where to find it. Here are a few phrases



that have come to my mind as I consider what is most important in ministering to the one, especially at this time when that is a particular request from President Nelson.

"We could cover the Earth with members of the church, put a meeting house on every corner, dot the land with temples, fill the earth with copies of the Book of Mormon, send missionaries to every country, and say millions of prayers. But if we neglect to grasp the core of the Gospel Message and fail to help those who suffer, and turn away from those who mourn, if we do not remember to be charitable, we are as waste which the refiners to cast out." - Dieter F. Uchtdorf.

"The Savior's job is to heal. Our job is to love - to love and minister in such a way that others are drawn to Christ." - Elder Dale Renlund - 2024 April General Conference.

"One of the easiest ways to identify a true follower of Christ is how compassionately that person treats other people... The Gospel net is the largest net in the world. God has invite all to come unto him, "black and white, bond and free, male and female." There is room for everyone. However, there is no room for prejudice, condemnation or contention of any kind." - President Nelson, April 2023 General Conference.

And a touchstone that inspires me in every reading, 1 Corinthians 13. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal... Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away... For we know in part, and we prophesy in part... But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away... For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known... And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

greatest of these *is* charity." These are just a few of the teachings that I have been led to in my prayers as I try to keep my covenants to comfort those in need of comfort, mourn with those that mourn, and bear one another's burdens.

I am especially grateful for how I have experienced so much compassion in this ward. I ran into a friend of mine this weekend, and she told me she had attended my ward in May, when I was out of town. She had been seeking compassion. She said she felt it very much that day when she attended the Olympus Cove Ward. She told me something I already know. I live in a very good ward. I have great love and appreciation for you.

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!- Jody Hansen

Inspirational message for September - Robyn Roberts

Dear Ward Members, Neighbors, & Friends,

I am so blessed to work in Primary and to be surrounded by such amazing children, teachers, leaders and team members. If you catch some of us with tears in our eyes on Sunday, Sept. 29th during our annual Primary Sacrament Meeting Program at 9 a.m., or even the weeks preceding this, it's because our wonderful Primary kids are preparing a beautiful program that will bring you pure joy! Some people feel God's love in nature, others in



September Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

September 1 - Dave Black, Doris Memmott

- 3 Linda Schoepf
- 5 Meg Madsen
- 6 Phil Johnson
- 9 Todd Johnson
- 10 Paul Allison, Ann Benton
- 12 Tate Cannon, Jeremy Joseph Grant
- 14 Brock Gardner
- 15 Abby Sunderland, Halle Sunderland
- 16 Rebecca Cannon, Rick Frendt
- 17 Jan Murdock
- 18 Xander Cornaby, Aiden Smith, Natalie Winward
- 19 Lindsey Randle, Marie Rets
- 20 Ryan White
- 21 Stuart Peterson, Merle Strong
- 26 Bruce Decker, Bennett Alan Moffit
- 27 Barbara Slaymaker
- 28 Dana Baird
- 29 Heather Daybell, Dennis

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30 - Phyllis Krantz, William Moss

October 1 - Danielle Nielson,

- Ann Tempest 2 - Aiden Lowe
- 3 David Bird
- 4 Curtis Ward
- 5 Cynthia Grant
- 7 Darlene, Packer, Gary Atkin

8 - Brad Moss, Eloise Romney 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.

scriptures, etc. Music is one of those things that touches my heart deeply and I feel the love God has for each and every one of us as we sing.

Growing up, I know Primary and church songs, inspirational quotes, scriptures, etc. have helped me over and over in my life. For example, I remember as a teenager hearing people say swear words or bad words in the halls at school. I hated hearing these words and didn't want them repeated in my mind. So, to help me, I remember singing songs like "I am a Child of God" or other hymns that brought peace to my mind and my soul to block out the bad words.

Songs help provide strength, courage, direction, love, comfort, peace & more. For example, as an adult, during the challenging times of wars, rumors of wars, and Covid when we were all in lock down for a while, I remember singing "There is Peace in Christ" by Nik Day. The chorus says, "He gives us hope, when hope is gone. He gives us strength when we can't go on. He gives us shelter in the storms of life. When there's no peace on Earth, there is peace in Christ."

I know there is peace in Christ. I testify that He wants all of us to return to Him one day. I know that our lives are better if we chose to follow the gospel teachings and try to be like Jesus. It doesn't mean that life is always perfect, but we have a better chance of happiness in this life and in the life to come if we follow Jesus Christ. It is wonderful to know we will be together forever and that He is the one that wins in the end against Satan and evil.

In the song, "The Liahona" by Angie Killian it talks about how God gives us guidance and directs us with love. I know if we listen, He is there for us and will stay beside us. I know as this song says, that He will speak to us through "prophets and leaders, scriptures and teachers", etc. if we listen and want to learn.

We all learning along this journey of life and will make mistakes along the way. We are so blessed that He has put in place a way to repent and to continue just trying to be better each day. One of the newer songs by Angie Killian that the Primary is singing is "Step by Step". I love the part where it says, "If I stumble, If I fall, His love will lead me back. Step by step, I'll walk with Him, along my Covenant Path." I am so glad that He has a plan that helps us all return to Him if we are willing to hang in there and not give up.

I hope that you are able to enjoy this upcoming beautiful Primary program and that you will find songs and talks that resonant with your soul as well. May we really work to know Him, love Him and find the peace in Christ. – Robyn Roberts

Primary News:

As the kids headed back to school this year, we reminded them to "Be Kind" and to reach out to others who looked like they needed a friend, or even to be kind to a person that wasn't being so kind to them. It is so neat to hear their experiences even right after the first week of school. For example, one of our Primary kids told of a how she saw a girl sitting alone and went up and talked to her and made her happy.

In Primary recently, we were singing "I Belong to the Church of Jesus Christ" and one of our kids said that she was asked by a friend, "Are you Mormon or are you a Christian?" Well, this was a great opportunity to discuss why President Nelson has asked us to use the full title of our church's name and to let people know that we love the Book of Mormon, follow Christ, and are indeed Christians. It is amazing how quickly our beautiful Primary kids have opportunities to apply the principles that are taught and they learn so quickly. We appreciate them sharing their experiences with us as they learn and grow.

<u>Upcoming Primary Events:</u>

Sunday's weekly, 2:30-3:00 Stake Primary Choir Practices continue weekly.

Friday, Sept. 13th, 5 p.m. Girl's Activity Day - Hiking

Sunday, Sept. 15th, 3-3:30 Stake Presidency "Back-to-School" Primary Fireside Sunday's, Sept. 15th & 22nd Primary practice in the chapel during Primary time.

Friday, Sept. 20th, 2 p.m. Boy's Activity Day – Hiking

Sunday, Sept. 29th, 9 a.m. Primary Sacrament Meeting Program

<u>The Children's "Friend"</u>: 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, wee 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.

Relief Society announcements -

The RS Temple trip for September will be on September 26th. The 10 am session in the Oquirrh Mountain Temple. Please meet in the church parking lot at 8:30.

There will be a dinner for all of Relief Society on Tuesday, 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.

In Memoriam -

We mourn the loss of our dear Ed Wall, who passed away in early August. His funeral was on August 17, 2024. Here is a link to his obituary. https://www.larkinmortuary.com/obituary/view/dr-edward-carl-wall/ Our love and prayers go to his family, especially his dear wife, Merrill.

Worship through Sacred Music -

Thank you, again to all who participate in worshipping through sacred music. It was wonderful to hear the beautiful piano solo from Halle Morris last Sunday. I really appreciate enjoying the excellent talent that I know requires great effort and practice.

Hymns for September.

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.

September 15 - 145, 173, 223, 123

September 22 - 116, 175, 135, 128

September 29 - 119, 176, 122, 2

October 6 - General Conference

Stake Activity -

Brothers and sisters, families and friends,

Please join us for the Stake Family Home Evening BBQ! Monday, September 23, 2024, at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Stake Recreation Center. (If you haven't been there lately, come see all the new improvements to the property.)

Last year, more than 600 people joined in the fun! More food lines will be added this year to handle the anticipated attendance.

See attached flyer for details. We can't wait to see you there! Stake Presidency

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Stake Presidency Primary Bock-to-School Fireside

Sunday, September 15, at 3:00 to 3:30 pm, at the Stake Center Chapel for all Primary children and their parents.

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 October. 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.

October

5th— No cleaning because of General Conference.

12th— Kirk & Colette Winward, Stephen Wright, and Norm & Louise Zabriskie.

19th—Steven & Ann Benton, David & Laurie Bird, and David & Brooke Black.

26th— Nathan & Bethany Callister, Craig & Kathleen Clifford, and Lynn & Karen Collins.

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

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(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



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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)