

# OLYMPUS COVE CONNECTIONS

## From the editor...

When I was listening to conference this last weekend, I heard the perfect message for this newsletter from Elder Patrick Kearon. His talk focused on finding joy in Jesus Christ, which is very inspiring to me. He offered wonderful specifics about creating this in the community of our ward family. I know that it is important for us to know we can bring our whole self to church, even and especially when we are sorrowing, mourning, or weighed down. I hope we don't minimize that as we listen to Elder Kearon's invitation to also find and offer joy when we can. He said, "we are members of the church of joy. And nowhere should our joy as a people be more apparent than when we gather together each Sabbath."

Weekly sacrament meetings offer those who assemble with their ward and branch families, he said, a chance to "to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, our deliverance from sin and death, and the Savior's powerful grace. Here we come to experience the joy, refuge, forgiveness, thanksgiving and belonging found through Jesus Christ." Everyone who comes together can "contribute, no matter our age or our calling, to making our sacrament meetings," Kearon said, "the joy-filled, Christ-focused, welcoming hour they can be, alive with a spirit of joyful reverence." Worshipping is so much more than simply attending, the British apostle added. "There is a significant difference between the two. To attend means to be present at. But to worship is to intentionally praise and adore our God in a way that transforms us." True worship shows in facial expressions, in singing (I especially like that part) and in welcoming all to this "sacred time for spiritual renewal." And taking the emblems of the sacrament is more than "thinking only about all the ways we messed up during the week before," the faith's newest apostle said, but also to "ponder the many ways we have seen the Lord relentlessly pursue us with his wonderful love that week."

I hope we can feed and be fed in any way we are able to offer or receive as we live our covenants to comfort, mourn and share. I think of the amazing moment described in the Book of Mormon when the people gathered at the Waters of Mormon, and shouted for joy when they made these covenants. Few things have brought me greater joy than being a part of a community that does this. 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!- **Jody Hansen**

## Inspirational message for October- Kim Roberts

As Robyn and I sat having lunch a few weeks ago with Lynette Russell who used to live in our ward, I remembered a time sitting in bishopric meeting with her husband Richard, a former Bishop of the ward. Bishop Russell told us the well known story of the two brothers who lived on adjoining farms who had reached a point where they fell into conflict and no longer spoke with each other. The younger brother had





## October Birthdays

### Happy Birthday!

October 8 - Brad Moss, Eloise Romney  
 9 - Isaac Zabriskie  
 10 - Lisa Madsen, Kirk Winward  
 12 - Lex Newman  
 13 - Gary Crocker  
 14 - Lan England, Max Fredrick  
 15 - Eric Edelman, Joshua Fredrick, Merrill Wall  
 16 - Maya Grant  
 17 - Luke Callister, Sue Lundberg  
 19 - Kenneth Atkin  
 20 - Darlene Chytraus, Marcus Dahle  
 22 - Gary Davis, Robert Graham  
 24 - Kelly McKean, Stephen Woodward  
 27 - Kathleen Peterson  
 30 - Tom Cannon, Jacque Poore  
 31 - Grace Callister  
 November 3 - Kary Hymas, Joseph Scowcroft, Vivienne Stagg  
 4 - Robyn Roberts  
 5 - Bruce Kipp  
 6 - Jeffrey Wills  
 7 - Jen Markosian, Stephen Wright  
 9 - Tyler Lamprecht, Warren Wadsworth

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.

eventually destroyed a river levee which created a large creek between the farms.

One day a carpenter knocked at the door of the older brother and asked for work. The older brother directed him to build a tall fence between the two farms so he wouldn't have to look at his younger brother or his farm anymore. The older brother then went into town for the day on business, leaving the carpenter to do his work.

When he returned, he found not a fence but a beautifully crafted bridge across the creek. As he saw the bridge, to his great surprise he also saw his younger brother crossing the bridge with his hand outstretched. His brother told him how wonderful it was that the older brother had commissioned a bridge between the two farms after all that the younger brother had said and done. They embraced and then turned and saw the carpenter leaving down the dusty road. Both of them called after him and begged him to stay longer. He turned and said "I cannot stay for I have many more bridges to build".

In 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi the Lord spoke to the Nephites saying "For, if ye forgive men their trespasses your heavenly Father will also forgive you". All of us understand that the forgiveness inherent in the Lord's Atonement is conditional on our forgiveness of our fellow men. What we forget from time to time is that His Atonement alone is sufficient reason for our forgiveness of others. As each of us bend to His will and accept His Atonement, we naturally reach out to those who we feel have wronged us in some way, and the former carpenter, our Lord and Master, finishes another bridge as he continues on his way. My hope and prayer is that each of us will seek to know the true meaning of His Atonement in our lives, and allow the Lord to build a bridge between us and those we carry hard feelings for, that we might all receive our Father's forgiveness in return.

-Kim Roberts

### Primary Program -

Special thanks goes to our wonderful Primary Presidency, and all the primary worker, especially the extraordinary choristers and accompanists, and all our amazing primary children for the excellent Primary Program we enjoyed on Sunday, September 29.

And we really appreciate the wonderful and delicious food and time afterwards at the linger longer. It was a superb day for getting to know our ward members of all ages.

### Primary News:

**Can you contribute?:** Stu & Kathy Peterson, our Community Service organizers in the ward, have asked the Primary to run a service project to gather **Turkey size disposable aluminum roasting pans, boxes of Mac and cheese, and boxes of stuffing** for needy families so they can have Thanksgiving dinner. Utah Community Action is sponsoring this drive and one of our own Primary teachers, Sara Romney, works for this non-profit organization so we have a close connection. Donation boxes will be set up in the church foyer before

Sacrament meeting this month so you can drop off any of these items then or you are welcome to contact Robyn Roberts to donate and we'd be happy to buy the items for you in bulk instead. We have been given so much; it is wonderful that we have the opportunity to give as well.

**Baptisms Coming Up:** During the Primary program last week, 3 of our beautiful Primary girls spoke about preparing to be baptized. Gemma Shelley, Vivie Stagg, and Millie Smith all have baptisms this fall. We are so proud of their decision to belong to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and we wish them well.

**Welcome New Primary Teachers:** Dave & Sue Lundberg and Gary & Ann Crocker have recently joined our teaching team in Primary and we are so grateful to have them. Our Primary children have such beautiful spirits and energy that is a blessing to be on our Primary team.

**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.

**Please help with this service opportunity!**

It is a wonderful thing when our youth take on making a difference with service work. Please help with this project organized by Genevieve Romney. This Costume Drive is part of her Service Scholar Project at Skyline, and will benefit the Utah Refugee Connection. You can contact her at 801-783-8703 to arrange pick-up, or drop items off at her house - 3789 Viewcrest Dr.

**Olympus Cove Community Holiday season Service Opportunity -**

This project is also being run through the Primary. Please help in any way you are able.

Dear Olympus Cove Community,

We have an opportunity to collect food to help people in Utah facing severe poverty and food shortage this holiday season. This includes seniors who are shut-in, and families.

The project is called "Stuff-a-Tummy".

these donation will be distributed by the non-profit "Utah Community Action".

Our friend and neighbor, Sara Romney, is our liaison with Utah Community Action.

There are 3 types of donations we are collecting:



- Aluminum Roasting Pans
- Mac & Cheese mix
- Stuffing mix

Our goal is to accumulate the following totals by our combined effort sometime before the first week of November:

- 30 Roasting Pans
- 150 Boxes of Mac & Cheese
- 150 Boxes of Stuffing

Below is a QR code you can use to access an online form where you can sign up to contribute. We will also be sending around paper sign-up sheets for the next few weeks during second hour.

You may deliver your donation anytime to the home of Kathy and Stu Peterson, or drop off donations to the bishop's office on Sunday, or hold your donation until event are announced for donation drop-offs.

Please keep donations to the items on this list because these items are a small part of larger meal plans for hundreds of people in our valley who are served by Utah Community Action and who face severe conditions of poverty and need for food assistance.

### Relief Society Social-

Thank you to all who made the September 10 Relief Society Social a wonderful time to gather and get to know each other better while enjoying good food. It was a great evening!



**Stake Patriotic Day BBQ and Picnic**

On Monday, September 23rd the Stake sponsored a wonderful gathering at the Stake Recreation Center. Thank you to all who helped make this happen.





**Relief Society announcements -**

The RS Temple trip for October will be on October 24th. The 10 am session in the Draper Temple. Please meet in the church parking lot at 8:30. Please make a reservation online. All are enthusiastically welcomed!

**Longer Longer after the Primary Program**

After the wonderful Sacrament Meeting program provided by the Primary, we were able to enjoy exquisite food prepared by our treasured sister, Marsha Smith. We really appreciate her and her family for feeding us such glorious refreshments.



**In Memoriam -**

We mourn the loss of Jeanne Taft, who passed away on September 25, 2024. Graveside services were held on October 1, 2024.

Our love and prayers go to her family, especially her son, Kyle Taft, and all his family.

We are saddened to announce the passing of Dr. Amie Nielsen, life-long member of the stake and former member of the ward, on September 19, 2024, at the age of 51. He funeral was held on October 4, 2024 at the Stake Center on Oakview.

**Worship through Sacred Music -**

Thank you, again to all who participate in worshipping through sacred music. Another batch of new hymns and songs for worship was released in September. I am especially thrilled to see Amazing Grace and My Shepherd Will Supply My Need included among them.

I invite you to check out these new hymns on the gospel app or on the church website. I look forward to introducing these for congregational singing and worship in Sacrament Meeting.

**Hymns for October.****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.

October 13 - 1010, 182, 141

October 20 - 17, 1016, 144, 109

October 27 - 148, 170, 58, 1014

November 3 - Stake Conference

**Stake Meetings and Activities -**

Stake Conference will be Saturday, November 2 at 4:00 pm for the Stake Leadership Session, and 6:30 pm for the Saturday Evening Session.

Sunday, November 3 at 10:00 for the General Session

**Stake Seminary Fireside**

Sunday, October 27, at 3:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Stake Center Chapel for all Seminary age Skyline students.

**Worldwide Event for Youth**

Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 6:00 pm on the Church Broadcast webpage.

**Ward Building cleaning assignments for October -**

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

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)