

OLYMPUS COVE CONNECTIONS

From the editor...

Yes, I am aware I used the same image as last month. I appreciated being able to attend and sing in the choir for Stake Conference last Sunday. I especially liked hearing some excellent talks from young people. I really appreciate the way Naomi Sparks spoke of the covenants we make at baptism, referring to the promises made by those at the Waters of Mormon - to comfort those who stand in need of comfort, to bear one another's burdens, to mourn with those who mourn. I remember lessons about this at the time I was preparing to be baptized, and in the many years since. These covenants inspire every part of my life - how I seek to live, to serve, to vote, to connect and to relate, to interact, to learn of and grown nearer to God. This is often challenging, for many reasons. I was discussing this with a friend last week, and the word I used to describe the practice of keeping these covenants is "wrestle." And it is a practice that can strengthen, just as playing scales or running drills will strengthen a muscle. This has been a difficult time to practice this wrestle, for various reasons. I find myself turning to the promise Christ offers in John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." In that promise, Christ is teaching me how to comfort, mourn and share.



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 November - by Lan England

In my youth I was introduced to "Walden," one of the great works of Henry David Thoreau. It taught me and spoke to me in inspiring ways.

Thoreau was nearly 28 years old when he decided to live at Walden Pond in central Massachusetts, on a parcel of land owned by his friend Ralph Waldo Emerson. He had experienced many challenges in his young life including the loss of his brother, John, who he considered his best friend. He noted that "Not till we are lost, in other words, not till we have lost the world, do we begin to find ourselves, and realize where we are and the infinite extent of our relations.

Thoreau built a small cabin near Walden Pond and wrote about the two years he lived there. Often quoted is his statement: "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived." In Walden, he describes living deliberately as a life of solitude, self-reliance, and connecting with nature.



November Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

- 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
 10 - Emerson Randle, Caroline Romney
 11 - Samuel Moss
 13 - Darya Dahle, Jim Dickson
 15 - Nate Zabriskie
 17 - David Baird
 18 - Kyle Taft
 20 - Amelia Smith
 21 - James Black, Charlie Randle
 25 - Elie Callister, Ed Wall
 26 - Holly Daybell, Matthew Phillipps, Jeff Randle
 29 - Robert Barnes
 December 2 - Kathleen Clifford
 3 - Celia Scowcroft
 4 - Bill Bailey
 5 - Jody Hansen
 11 - Olivia Heiner

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.

Quite interestingly, are the challenges that Thoreau journaled that keep us from living deliberately. They are: (1) The distraction of information, rather than meaning, (2) The hollow nature of busy-ness and (3) The cycle of materialism and consumerism. Amazing insights, considering that these obstacles presented over 170 years ago remain the same for us today!

What does it mean to live deliberately? For me, it means to try and live my life fully in the moment. It means trying to live deliberately with my present surroundings, relationships, and tasks at hand. It means being mindful of my actions and decisions and considering the consequences of my choices. A quick internet search on “ways to live deliberately” yielded the following: (1) Be clear about your values, (2) Make choices with intention, (3) Reduce clutter, (4) Make time for what’s important, (5) Be conscious of your actions and (6) Be patient and respectful. Those are pretty good instructions from AI!

Living deliberately is essential to our wellness and wholeness. When we practice deliberate living, we feel contentment and gratitude.

President Russell M. Nelson stated that: “Each day is a day of Decisions and Decisions Determine Destiny.” I would like to add: “Deliberate Decisions Determine Destiny.”

May we all live more Deliberately! - Lan England

In Memoriam -

We are sad to make you aware of the passing of Joyce Rice, a longtime member of our ward. Her funeral will be held at the Holladay 27th Ward building at 5450 S. Holladay Blvd on Saturday November the 9th, 2024. There will be a viewing on Friday November the 8th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Holladay 27th ward building, and a viewing from 9:00 am to 10:30 am on Saturday November the 9th with the service following at 11:00 am. Here is the link to her obituary.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/millcreek-ut/joyce-rice-12058868>

Primary News: from President Robyn Roberts

Thank you for all the Thanksgiving food donations: We had such a wonderful outpouring of love from our community as we gathered aluminum roasting pans, boxes of mac and cheese and stuffing for needy families. Special thanks to all who donated as well to our Primary members, Ward Community Service Organizers Stu & Kathy Peterson, and Sara Romney from Utah Community Action for their help in reaching our donation goals and even going beyond this to help. Everyone was so generous. Service projects like this remind us that we have been given so much and it is wonderful that we have opportunities to give as well. May we remember to be truly grateful not only this month during Thanksgiving, but all year through.

I love this song, "Grateful" by Brian Stokes Mitchell. We are so blessed to know Christ and His light.

"Grateful" by Brian Stokes Mitchell (John Bucchino)

I've got a roof over my head
I've got a warm place to sleep
Some nights I lie awake counting gifts
Instead of counting sheep

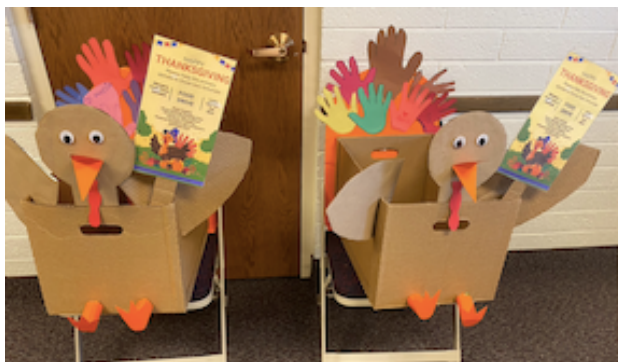
I've got a heart that can hold love
I've got a mind that can think
There may be times when I lose the light
And let my spirits sink
But I can't stay depressed
When I remember how I'm blessed

Grateful, grateful
Truly grateful I am
Grateful, grateful
Truly blessed

Baptisms Coming Up: Congratulations to Vivie Stagg who will be baptized on Sunday, Nov. 10th. Gemma Shelley and Millie Smith also have baptisms coming up. We are so happy for them and know that their decision to be belong to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will help them the rest of their lives.

Upcoming Primary Events:

- Sun., Nov. 10, 4 p.m. Vivie Stagg's Baptism at the Stake Center
- Fri., Nov. 15, 2 p.m. Boy's Activity Day at the ward.
- Sun., Nov. 17, 10:30 a.m. Ward Temple & Priesthood Prep. Mtg. for youth turning 12 in 2025 and their parents in the Primary room.
- Sun., Nov. 24, 3 p.m. Final 2024 Stake Temple Prep. mtg. for youth turning 12 in 2025.



Thank you, Robyn Roberts, for providing photos of the activities in October. Including the wonderful service project work, the Fall Ward Social, and the Trunk or Treat at the Stake Center!





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Relief Society Temple Outing - from Susan Smith

The RS Temple trip for November will be on November 21st. The 10 am session in the Bountiful Temple. Please meet in the church parking lot at 8:30. Please make a reservation online. All are enthusiastically welcomed!

Worship through Sacred Music -

Thank you, again to all who participate in worshipping through sacred music. 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 November.**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.

November 10 - 165, 81, 1014

November 17 - 119, 178, 58, 122

November 24 - 92, 1007, 94, 95

December 3 - 202,185, 1202

Stake Blood Drive

Please donate blood at the Stake Book Drive if you are able.

Just a quick update regarding the Stake Blood Drive, Tuesday Nov. 19th 12-7pm.

We have filled 12 of our 69 allocated time's.

Please consider donating. The instructions are attached.

Thank you,

Daniel Harding, Stake Blood Drive Chair

Ward Building cleaning assignments for October -

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

The following families are scheduled to help clean the church in December. We will begin each Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., unless the building is scheduled for some other activity like a ward brunch. In that event, we will begin cleaning at 4:00 p.m. If you cannot fulfill this assignment for any reason, please arrange for someone to take your place. Thank you for your service.

Dec. 7th— Gary & Ann Crocker, Chris & Michelle Davidson, and Aaron & Heather Daybell. We will begin cleaning at 4:00 p.m., because of the Fortuna Ward Christmas brunch.

Dec. 14th— Bruce & Melanie Decker, Eric Edelman & Lisa Tecklenburg, and Lan & Carrie Sue England.

Dec. 21st— Nate & Natalie Fredrick, Tom & Barbara Fredrick, and Jeremy & Cynthia Grant.

Dec. 28th— Todd & Alisa Hamblin, Mike & Jodie Hansen, and Tyler & Carrie Lamprecht.

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)