

# OLYMPUS COVE CONNECTIONS

## From the editor...

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I will be traveling most of February and March, so I combined the newsletter for those months into this one issue.

I have been deeply concerned by the efforts of some to end humanitarian work in helping with nutrition needs and health research in many places in the world. Something that I am constantly inspired by from the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, is that we are all connected, we are all sharing a place in this family of God. In a sense, what happens to any of us has an impact on all of us. I am also constantly inspired by the compassionate service work of so many, in this ward and in this world, often in ways that I can't comprehend.

During one of our upcoming trips, Mike and I will be visiting a children's school in South East Asia, and we have a chance to donate some much

needed supplies to them. We plan on gathering sets of colored pencils, and graphite pencils with erasers that are needed by the children. If any of you would like to add to the supplies we will bring, I know it would be greatly appreciated. They also welcome any working tablets (with charge cords). We have always been impressed, and very moved when we visit elementary schools in some of the countries we visit. The teachers are incredibly dedicated and creative in finding ways to teach so many children with limited resources. I am so grateful for the amazing opportunity our children currently have for education in this country.

If any of you want to send donated supplies with us, please bring them to church on February 16th. We leave on this trip the morning of the 18th. Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped with this issue. **Please send me information for the ward newsletter.** 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 February - by Nate Callister

### The Power of Testimony

We live in a world filled with loud and persuasive voices—voices that seek to pull us away from the gospel of Jesus Christ. More than ever, our testimonies need to be heard. They should echo in our families, our communities, and our wards.

President Russell M. Nelson has urged us: “I plead with you to take charge of your testimony of Jesus Christ. Work for it. Own it. Care for it. Nurture it so that it will grow. Make it your highest priority. Then watch for miracles to happen in your life.”

One of the great truths about testimony is that we never fully know the impact it may have on others. In the Book of Mormon, Abinadi bore testimony before King Noah and his wicked priests. Though it seemed that no one listened, his words changed the heart of one man—Alma. That one convert became the foundation of a spiritual legacy that shaped Nephite and Lamanite history for generations.

I experienced a similar lesson during my mission in Samara, Russia. My companion and I struggled to find people interested in the gospel. For the longest time, I felt that first year of my mission had been a waste. We taught several families, but none were baptized.

Then, nearly 20 years after my mission, I received an email from a woman in Russia who had tracked down my contact information. She told me that my companion and I had found her family in a park and taught them just one lesson in their apartment. The next day, I was transferred to another city far away.



## February and March Birthdays

### Happy Birthday!

Feb 6 - Esther Sapp  
 7 - Davis Grant, Kim Roberts  
 8 - Callin Randle  
 9 - Gabriel Phillipps  
 10 - Bailey Randle  
 14 - Walter Plumb  
 15 - Ericka Weissman  
 19 - Linda Buchanan, Aaron Murdock, Norm Zabriskie  
 22 - Henry Moss  
 23 - Rebekah Grant  
 24 - Jenny Christensen  
 25 - Marcia Ferrin, Sarah Moss  
 27 - Emily Gardner  
 28 - Phil Osborne, Addison Smith, Jacob Willhite  
 March 3 - Henry Hart, Gordon Monson  
 5 - Steven Benton, Kathy English  
 6 - Carrie Davis  
 7 - Bethany Jones  
 8 - Laila Wadsworth  
 9 - Laurie Bird, Robert Tucker, Dawn Daybell, Scott Evans, Raymond Sudbury, Tiffany Young  
 10 - Jennie Ferguson  
 11 - Aaron Moffett  
 12 - Sylvie Andrews, Karen Collins, Alison Wadsworth  
 14 - Christian Feinauer  
 16 - Nathan Callister, Elaine Daybell, Jared Madson, Jennifer Stagg  
 17 - Katie Lowe, Karen Peterson  
 18 - Joong Yul Kim  
 20 - Anna Stagg  
 23 - Roan Hardin  
 25 - Susan Dahlstrom  
 26 - Beverly Frank, Benjamin Moss  
 27 - Jong Im Kim  
 28 - Bethany Callister  
 29 - Alisa Hamblin  
 30 - Keith Romney, Alison Wilde  
 31 - John Birkinshaw, Natalie Fredrick, Carrie Stephens

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.

She wanted to write to let me know that she and her mother had joined the Church a couple of years after that first meeting, she attended BYU, married in the temple, and now has three children all members of the Church. She had spent years trying to find me just to say thank you for sharing my testimony that day in the park and for helping change the course of history for her family.

Testimonies are not just meant for the pulpit; they are meant for our homes, our friendships, and our daily interactions. A testimony unspoken is an opportunity lost. Elder David A. Bednar asked: "Each of us already knows we should bear testimony to the people we love the most. But what we know is not always reflected in what we do. When was the last time you bore your testimony to your eternal companion or children?"

As we share our faith in Christ—whether in word or deed—we become part of His great work. Our testimony, no matter how small it may seem, can change lives in ways we may never fully realize, especially in the lives of those we love the most.

With Love, Nate Callister

### Inspirational Thought for March - by Brooke Black



This Brian Kershisnik painting titled "Burdens Seen and Unseen" has

quickly become a favorite of mine. Not only is it relatable, but it is also a good reminder that everyone is struggling with something. The more I look at it, the more I like it. This painting also reminds me of a ministering quote I recently read where Elder Holland invited us to "labor side by side in the vineyard, giving the God and the Father of us all a helping hand with His staggering task of answering prayers, providing comfort, drying tears and strengthening feeble knees." I am so grateful for the ministering program that would surely help the subjects of this painting as it has helped me. I am grateful for every member of our ward and the ministering you all provide to your own families and to each other. I love our ward and feel connected by a common love for our Savior, Jesus Christ who asks us to "love one another; as I have loved you." THANK YOU for all that you do. ❤️ - Brooke Black

### Stake Relief Society Events for February - Relief Society Temple Outing

There will be a Stake Relief Society temple trip, and all Relief Society Sisters are invited to attend the Jordan River Temple on February 13th.

### Stake Relief Society Birthday Celebration and Service Project

One Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 4:00 til 9:00 pm, at the Adonis Building, all sisters are invited to honor the birthday of the Relief Society and participate in a service project.

### Ward Relief Society Temple Trip for March - Thank you, Susan Smith for this information.

Please make an online reservation for the 10 am session in the Draper Temple. Please meet in the church parking lot at 8:30. Thank you, sisters, for the love you feel for service in the temple. All are enthusiastically welcomed!

### Message and announcements for the Primary - from President Robyn Roberts

Newsletter Items: A new Primary "[Friend to Friend](#)" episode, "[Sharing Jesus's Love Through Service](#)", streams on February 15, 2025, and features special guest Elder [David A. Bednar](#) of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles and his wife, Susan... This episode is about how a group of Primary friends planned, invited and participated in a wonderful service activity," said Sister Browning from the Primary General Presidency.

### Activity Days for February:

Feb. 7, 2025	Girl's "Heart Attack Door Posters" Activity Day, 11 a.m. at Anna Hansen's (4421 S. Crest Oak Cir)
Feb. 28, 2025	Boy's Act. Day, 2 p.m.

### Primary Songs to Practice at church & at home (where possible):

January Songs: Follow the Prophet (110), Search, Ponder & Pray (109)

February Songs: Dare to Do Right (158), A Child's Prayer (12)

March Songs: Every Star is Different (142), When I Am Baptized (103)

Articles of Faith: Each month we review & discuss an Article of Faith. For example, in January it was the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> ones. February is the 3<sup>rd</sup> and March is the 4<sup>th</sup> Article of Faith. We hope that each Primary child will be able to not only recite these articles, but will also know what they mean and can apply them to their lives. Thanks for your help in encouraging them to learn the Articles of Faith in Primary & at home.

We are so blessed to have the gospel in our lives and to be a part of this wonderful Primary together. – The Primary Presidency.

### Stake Primary Choir Rehearsal -

Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 2:25 til 3:30 pm at the Adonis Building Primary Room for children in the stake who would like to join.



### Worship through Sacred Music - Hymns for February and March.

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

I will be out of town for several of the Sacrament Meetings during February and March. I am so grateful for the wonderful people who generously step in and substitute to lead the hymns during those meetings. I invite you to support them and lift your voices during our worship service.

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.

February 9 - 52, 178, 73, 63

February 16 - 5, 187, 242

February 23 - 295, 196, 277, 302

March 2 - 299, 176, 219

March 9 (Ward Conference) - 241, 169, 264, 266

March 16 - 308, 194, 220, 163

March 23 - 222, 1016, 9, 68

March 30 - 221, 191, 64

### Stake Blood Drive

On Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 1:00 til 7:00 pm, at the Adonis Building for all stake members eligible and willing to donate blood.

### Ward Building cleaning assignments for February -

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.

1st— Stewart & Kelly Landau and Stuart & Briana Larson.

8th— Matt & Katie Lowe and David & Sue Lundberg.

15th— Mitchell & Courtney McBeth and Aaron & Cynthia Moffett.

22nd— Gordon & Lisa Monson and Brad & Sarah Moss.

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

Family History Center 2024 Hours

HOURS

Sundays - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Mondays - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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)