

OLYMPUS COVE CONNECTIONS

From the editor...

I appreciated the wonderful testimonies shared in Sacrament Meeting last Sunday. I felt the testimony shared by Bishop Randle at the beginning of the meeting set a wonderful tone. He mentioned the way some might think the bishop is responsible for increasing someone's faith. But that is not something a bishop can do. He mentioned the call from the Book of Mormon, that we are to be agents to act, and not objects to be acted upon. He encouraged us to see that each of us is an agent with the ability to actively seek inspiration and knowledge through the Spirit, rather than merely being passive recipients or objects who are acted upon or told what to do.

This especially caught my attention because I have been thinking about the power of agency, being an agent, in recent weeks, and discussing it with others. I have felt more centered during these chaotic times when I remember that, while I can't control anyone else's agency, and I can't control most circumstances, I can control how and who I am

going to be in those circumstances. I find this in Christ's example. Even in the most challenging times, even when so many resisted his love and mercy, He chose to be the greatest example of love and mercy. He did not live in reactionary mode, depending on people agreeing or things working out to make it easy. His lifelong practice of being love and mercy led him to reveal the ultimate act of the Atonement, becoming one with all of us in our pain and sorrow and loss and hope, being able to do this because he loves us so completely. This act, this revelation of God's love and mercy for us, no matter who we are, no matter what we do, has power to save, not because it overrides my agency and demands compliance, but because I am overcome by this love, my heart is broken open by it, and filled with inspiration and transformative hope. I am inspired to be an agent to choose to follow this example, even when much challenges it. Even in the darkest, most difficult moments, when I feel the presence of God's love, the choice to follow it is clear, and stronger because it is my choice.

This is why I have come to cherish the message of Easter, and the observance of the events of Holy Week. I am including some ward and stake events in the newsletter (especially with music) for gaining a deeper experience as we approach General Conference, Holy Week and our Easter Program.

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. Thank you for your help!- Jody Hansen



Inspirational message for April - by Kim Roberts

The more I study the life and attributes of the Savior, the more I am amazed and humbled by the impact His Atonement has on our life. I bear witness that He knows each of us, loves each of us. That He is Savior and Redeemer to each of us individually.

In his book "The Infinite Atonement", Brother Tad Callister gives this wonderful description of the atonement:

"At some point the multitudinous sins of countless ages were heaped upon the Savior, but his submissiveness was much more than a cold response to the demands of justice. This was not a nameless, passionless atonement performed by some detached, stoic being. Rather, it was an offering driven by infinite love. This was a personalized, not a mass atonement. Somehow, it may be that the sins of every soul were individually (as well as cumulatively) accounted for, suffered for, and redeemed for, all with a love unknown to man." (Chapter 14, pg. 140)

As our Savior, He has extended an invitation to each of us to "Come, follow me." King Benjamin in his sermon to the multitudes asked "For how knoweth a man the master whom he has not served, and who is

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April Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

April 1 - Jacob Boyden,
 George Fishler, Brad Romney
 2 - Melanie Decker, Sara
 Romney, Bart Warner
 5 - Isabelle Davis, Judy Hanks
 6 - Mimi Silverstein
 9 - James Goodwin, Rebecca
 Simmons
 10 - Nate Fredrick
 11 - Brittini Schoepf
 14 - Gary Hart, Paul Rets
 15 - Tiffany Hardin, Matthew
 Murdock, Liz Smith, Liz
 Warner
 17 - Ruby Stagg
 18 - Cade White
 19 - Lynn Collins
 20 - Brooke Black
 22 - Kelly Trimble
 23 - Mae Callister
 24 - Nathen James Fredrick Jr.
 25 - Shirley Bailey
 26 - Reb Bennett
 27 - Sarah Bird, Britton
 Gardner, Marilyn Taft
 28 - Louise Zabriskie
 May 1 - Linda Olson
 3 - Adam Fredrick
 4 - Tyler McComas
 5 - Courtney McBeth
 6 - Stuart Larson
 7 - Hayden Wilde
 8 - Scott Jones, Stewart
 Landau, Warren Bell

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.

stranger unto him, and is far from the thoughts and intents of his heart?" (Mosiah 5:13). If we change the question into a statement we see that we can come to know Christ by serving Him, and we serve Him by serving others. As we serve, we come to know and love the Lord more, and we acknowledge His love by serving those around us as we follow His example.

Being a disciple of Christ can be difficult. Elder Dallin Oaks said, "Following Christ is not a casual or occasional practice but a continuous commitment and way of life that applies at all times and in all places". Our actions make a difference. We do not necessarily need to speak directly about the Lord in our daily interactions with others, but we can and should bring His spirit of loving service into situations where we find ourselves. As I see the many acts of kindness and service performed by the members of the ward on a regular basis, I am inspired to do more.

As we celebrate the Atonement and the Resurrection during this Easter season, I pray that each of us will set aside time to study and ponder the life and mission of the Savior, reflect upon our personal discipleship, and let the Spirit teach us how to do better and be better as we strive to follow Him.

-Kim Roberts

General Conference

Saturday and Sunday, April 5-6, 2025 on the Church Broadcast Page.

Stake Conference -

The Stake leadership Session will take place the week before Stake Conference, on Thursday April 17, 2025, 7-8:15 pm, at the stake center, for all stake and ward leaders.

Stake Conference will take place on April 26th, from 6-7 pm followed by a dinner and social. Babysitting will be provided.

April 27th at 10 am is the final session.

All Stake Conference meetings will take place in the Stake Center on Adonis.

Ward Relief Society Temple Trip for April 17 - Thank you, Susan Smith for this information.

Please make an online reservation for the April 17th, 10 am session in the Oquirrh Mountain 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!

Congratulations!

One of our own, Josie Larson was chosen as one of the nine soloists for Skyline's Concerto Night on March 28th! Josie played a cello concerto composed by Edward Elgar. (Thank you, Susan Smith, for this information.)

Messiah Choir rehearsals -

Saturday, April 12, and April 19th - for all stake members, family, and friends who would like to participate. This is a wonderful way to enhance our Easter worship experience.

Easter Performance of Handel's Messiah

Sunday, April 20, 2025, 7 pm at the stake center, for all stake members, family, friends, and neighbors.

All Seminary Students -

There will be a SkylineSeminary Morningside, near the end of Holy Week. On Friday, April 18, 2025, at 7 - 8 am, at the East Mill Creek Meetinghouse at 3103 East Craig Drive, for all seminary-age youth.

Easter Services -

Sunday, April 20, 2025. Sacrament Meeting only. A special Easter program, followed by a linger longer. Please invite family, friends, and neighbors.

Worship through Sacred Music -

Hymns for April and May.

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

One of my favorite ways to prepare to commemorate and honor the events of the last days of Christ's mortal life, is by worshipping through song. We only have a few opportunities to meet together this month, so I hope you will look at the hymns listed below, and perhaps listen to them on the Gospel app or website. There are some wonderful new hymns that have recently been added to our hymnal. The Stake Presidency has asked that we become familiar with some of them before Stake Conference. Due to limited meeting time, most of that will need to happen outside of church. But I will be including them during the coming months.

The First Presidency has encouraged us to be mindful of and find more ways to observe the events of Holy Week. I have included Easter Hymns beginning on Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. One of my favorites is Hymn #69, a traditional hymn of praise declared as it would have been during the triumphal entry of Jesus through the gate of Jerusalem, when crowds witnessed his divinity.

Here are the hymns for the next few months. 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.

April 6 - General Conference

April 13 - 1025, 195, 69, 1201

April 20 Easter program - 200, 194, 199

April 27 - Stake Conference

May 4 - 247, 1007, 267

May 11 - 293, 182, 1001, 304

May 18 - 285, 171, 72, 1003

May 25 - 75, 173, 2 (verses 1, 2, 4), 1031

Youth Service Project at the Utah Food Bank -

The Olympus Cove Ward and Fortuna Ward youth and youth leaders had a fun night at the Utah Food Bank on February 26th. Everyone helped seal and box black beans to be given to people in need of food to help address hunger in Utah. Thank you, Rebecca Simmons, for the photos!





Youth Temple Trip and gathering -

Thanks to all of the youth who joined together for an evening at the Taylorsville Temple on March 27th! The Fredrick family hosted everyone after with pizza, basketball and other activities at their



home. Thanks, Rebecca Simmons, for the photo.

Ward Building cleaning assignments for April -

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.

5th— General Conference- No Cleaning.

12th— Stuart & Kathleen Peterson and Walter & Peggy Plumb.

19th— Jeff & Cathie Randle and Kim & Robyn Roberts.

26th— Brad & Sara Romney and Dean & Kristin Sapp.

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)