

OLYMPUS COVE CONNECTIONS

From the editor...

This has been a week of many emotions. The Primary program last Sunday was so beautifully done, and I felt it was a fitting time to have such a wonderful meeting at a time when we are Mourning the loss of President Nelson. The children and primary leaders did an excellent job, and I really appreciate the months of preparation and countless hours of practice. And, within moments of getting home after attending another meeting to see a friend, I saw the news about Grand Blanc. Every act of violence diminishes all of us, no matter the target. But, as I saw the church building in flames, I thought of how familiar the design of that building is, and I felt as though I was watching my own go up in flames. I read that there were people who rushed



toward the crash thinking it was an accident and they wanted to help, and I thought of those in our ward who quickly rushed to help when a member was in distress. I read that there were those injured while shielding children, and I thought of how any of us would do the same. This is so deeply personal when the setting is something so familiar to us all. This made some of the final teachings of President Nelson even more poignant, as he exhorted us to be peacemakers. I hope that I can seek to practice seeking peace enough so that if I am faced with a sudden circumstance that defies peace, I would know how to be one who follows the example of Christ. I think of how he saved the woman who had been entrapped by those trying to use her to trick Jesus. He did what he needed to invite them to look within so they would drop the stones they were ready to throw. He did what he needed to save her life, and invite her to greater life. I have been thinking about how the story describes him writing something in the dust before he responds to the accusers. I wonder if he was taking a moment to center his thoughts and words, taking a moment to possibly control any impulse to lash out at those who were so quick to seek violence and condemnation. I know I often need to check my impulse, and consider what would be an effective way to further the work of God, rather than to react to harmful words and actions. That, to me, is courageous peacemaking. I am grateful for those who emulate that in these troubled times. It takes many Christlike examples to cause people to put down stones they considered throwing.

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 Thought - by Bart Warner

Last week I was invited to tag along with the Young Woman to their activity participating in the “**Walk of Faith**” and the Heber Young Women’s Camp facilities. Briana Larsen had lined up tickets and we were all blessed to have this experience. It took about an hour and a half to make the mile plus walk through a dozen presentations teaching us about how much the Savior loves us and how much we can depend on him if we choose to do so.

The most powerful and insightful stop on the trail for me was reading the words written on the papers each one of us were asked to write at an earlier station with pens that could only be seen when illuminated by black lighting. The station before displayed digital photographs that were taken at the beginning on dozens of TV screens in the dark of everyone on the walk. The words that were now visible by the black lights showed the pain, confusion, worry and concerns of each of the participants in the walk.

It was humbling to read how many felt “inadequate”, “not good enough”, “suffering from addictions, loneliness, worries about jobs, marriages, divorces and concerns that I never imagined. It reminded me of



October Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

October 1 - Ann Tempest,
Danielle Nielson
2 - Aiden Lowe
3 - David Bird
5 - Cynthia Grant
7 - Darlene Packer, Gary
Atkin
8 - Eloise Romney, Brad Moss
9 - Isaac Zabriskie
10 - Kirk Winward, Lisa
Madsen
12 - Lex Newman
13 - Gary Crocker, Jacob Sapp
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, Halle Morris
22 - Gary Davis, Robert
Graham
24 - Stephen Woodward
27 - Kathleen Peterson
30 - Tom Cannon, Jacque
Poore
31 - Grace Callister
November 3 - Kary Hymas,
Vivienne Stagg
4 - Maxwell McBeth, Holly
Morris, Robyn Roberts
5 - Bruce Kip
6 - Jeffrey Wells
7 - Jen Markosian
9 - Tyler Lamprecht

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.

the quote by Tom Peters that, **“The greatest form of arrogance is thinking that you know what is going on in someone else’s heart or mind”**.

As I thought about all of problems that others had, it made me realize how important the opportunity we all have in this ward and neighborhood to get to know each other, share each other’s burdens, and help each other and learn from their life lessons and wisdom.

One way we can do that is to participate in the **Cove Connection Podcast**. Bishop Randle has asked me and Brad Romney to interview as many of you as possible and put the recording on a platform that we can all share and view. President Kimball has taught of the importance of recording our personal histories to help us think about and ponder what is most important to us in our lives and to have a record for our posterity to read or view to let them know what those things are to help them in their lives. Think how valuable it would be if you had a video recording of your great grandparents letting you what shaded their lives and what they thought was most important to pass on to you!

The goals of the Cove Connections Podcast are two-fold:

1. **Provide a video record of the events of your life, your life lessons & beliefs to pass on to your posterity.**
2. **Teach the rest of us in the neighborhood what you have learned in your life that will help us – while at the same time getting to know each of you better.**

We hope you will help us by participating. We are in the process of editing our first interviews with Dave & Sue Lundberg. We believe you will enjoy watching their interviews and learning what amazing people they are!

Please contact Brad Romney or me if you are willing to let us interview you. We will pass around a sign-up calendar so that you can find a time that works for you. We are also hoping to get others that are not in the ward to participate to get to know them better. Your help in inviting them will be appreciated. Thank you for your help! Bart Warner

Primary Program Sacrament Meeting -

Our annual Primary Program was held during sacrament meeting on September 28. It was moving and wonderful and extremely well done. Thank you to all the children and leaders who made this happen!

And thank you to Marsha Smith and all who helped with the Linger Longer afterwards. It was a much needed feast in more ways than one!

Ward Relief Society Temple Trip for October 23rd - Thank you, Susan Smith for this information.

Please make an online reservation for the October 23rd, 10:00 am session in the Jordan River 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!

Ward Relief Society Social -

The Relief Society Sisters gathered to provide service and also enjoy a meal and good company on September 9. Thank you to all who worked to make this happen!



Please Sign up to help with the Fall Social - from President Brooke Black

The Ward Fall Party is Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30. There will be several fires in the parking lot to gather around and enjoy dinner with friends. If you are willing

to help with set up or bringing food please use this link to sign up. Thank you to those who have already signed up!

[Ward Fall Party Sign Up](#)

Thank you very much!

Stake Family Home Evening and Patriot Day Barbecue -

On Monday, September 8, many of us gathered at the Stake Recreational park for a moving message for Patriot Day, and to enjoy a barbecue dinner together. Thank you to all who contributed to this activity!





Upcoming Activities

Save the dates...

Ward Christmas Party - December 6th at 6:00

Stake Primary Choir

Practices for all children who wish to participate will be in the Stake Center Primary room on Sunday afternoons 2:30 - 3:00

Worship through Sacred Music - Hymns for the next month.

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

Thank you to all who have offered thoughts and feedback about hymns for Sacrament meeting. And I have really enjoyed hearing choirs at General Conference sing some of the new hymns. I hope you will go to the church website and listen to the choir performances. They are beautiful!

I realize new or unfamiliar hymns can be difficult. We will have opportunity to learn some new hymns with more frequent repetition, in an effort to become more familiar with practice. I am hoping that when we sing a new hymn several times in the weeks after they are introduced, more of you will feel comfortable joining in singing.

I really appreciate the willingness of so many to sing new and not yet familiar hymns. It is wonderful to hear old favorites we have not sung in a while, as well as learn the new, beautiful additions.

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 12 - 1019, 196, 1020

October 19 - 141, 187, 125, 131

October 26 - 145, 176, 122, 153

November 2 - 305, 191, 113

November 9 - Stake conference

Ward Assignment for Church Building Cleaning

The families listed below are scheduled to help clean the church in October. We will begin cleaning each Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., unless the building is scheduled for another activity such as a funeral or a

family reunion. The alternate time for cleaning will be 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.

October:

4th— General Conference (no cleaning).

11th— Jeremy & Cynthia Grant, Eric Edelman, Lisa Tecklenburg, and John Evans.

18th— Todd & Alisa Hamblin, and Mike & Jody Hansen.

25th— Heath Jones, Tyler & Carrie Lamprecht, and Stewart & Kelly Landau.

Stake Blood Drive -

This is a reminder that the next stake blood drive will be on November 4, 2025. It will be at the stake center from 1:00 to 7:00PM. You can sign up by going to Red [Cross.org](https://www.redcross.org). If you have not downloaded the Red Cross app I encourage you to do so as it will simplify the process of signing up. If you enter your zip code the app will find the blood drive at the stake center on November 4th and you can sign up at the time you prefer. You will also want to sign up for the "Rapid Pass" which will minimize the time it takes to complete the process on the day you donate.

Please sign up as soon as possible so the Red Cross can make available the amount of resources and manpower needed to handle our group. Thank you for your participation in this important community service.

Tom Fredrick, Stake Blood Drive Coordinator, High Council

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 - The Doctrine & Covenants 2025.

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)

