

OLYMPUS COVE CONNECTIONS

From the editor...

I have been overwhelmed with gratitude for the kindness and help extended to Mike and me last Sunday and this week. We continue to hear from ward leaders and members asking how Mike is doing, and seeing if we need anything. Last Sunday, we had a reminder of how a loving ward family can save us. Mike had been feeling fine for a few days after feeling some flu symptoms the week before. Then, a few minutes before the end of Sacrament meeting, he felt severely ill. I alerted Bishop Randle and he was quickly by Mike's side along with our beloved ward doctor, Jeff Randle. They provided care, and Dr. Jeff gathered information from Mike in the moment that I was able to later share with doctors in the ER to help with their



assessments. Mike began to feel a little better, and took some time to feel strong enough to stand. I really appreciate how quickly Lisa and Gordon Monson prepared to take over Mike's class, and Lisa helped reassure me about it as she helped me get to my car. Then all the help in getting Mike to the car, and the follow up after I took him to Instacare, and then the ER. Even as doctors carried out numerous tests to rule out more serious causes, I appreciated the messages from people letting us know that we were not alone, and prayers were with us. By late afternoon, we finally got the results of the final test, and I was able to cry with relief that it showed that there was no serious heart or neurological issue. It was complications of an ongoing case of influenza, and Mike need to take more time to recover. Soon after getting home, Brooke Black brought dinner, and others promised more in the coming days. When Mike and I sat together going over the day, we were so moved to think of the great love and service we felt from our dear ward family. Mike talked about how this is what community is about. I have been thinking about people I know and love who show up for loved ones and strangers alike, even when it is difficult or dangerous, because they are inspired by the example of Jesus. Mike and I have served others in many different ways throughout our lives. But Sunday was a reminder that we never know when something unexpected might happen, and we find ourselves in the place of needing service. We are the ones who need comfort, and help to carry our burdens. Being in the familiar place of offering care, and food, and comfort, and shelter, is not that far away from being in the place of needing it, sometimes desperately. All of you were there for us, and continue to be. You help us feel loved whether we are the ones offering, or needing. You continue to teach us why God calls us to be a part of this church community, and teaches us to take what we learn out to the world. Because we are all, in some way, at some point, in need. Thank you for being there for us.

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 Jeff Simmons

I confess I have never read the Old Testament from cover to cover. I am not claiming that I will do so this year. But my focus will be different than in years past. That focus is influenced by a thought from Elder Holland and though he is speaking of how we ought to approach our worship in the temple, it has applicability to how we can approach the Old Testament this year. Of our worship in the temple, he said, "Our job is to ensure that the sacred symbols and revealed rituals, the ceremonial clothing, and visual



February Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

February 1 - Mark Langheinrich, Rich Smith
 3 - Jeff Wadsworth
 4 - Euan Lamprecht
 5 - Ann Crocker
 6 - Esther Sapp
 7 - Kim Roberts
 9 - Gabriel Phillipps
 10 - Bailey Randle
 14 - Gwyneth Daybell, 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 - Christian Callister, 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, Robert Tucker
 8 - Laila Wadsworth
 9 - Laurie Bird, Dawn Daybell, Scott Evans, Raymond Sudbury, Tiffany Young

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.

presentations, **never distract but rather point toward the Savior**, whom we are there to worship.

I think that there is wisdom in applying this counsel to our study of the Old Testament. From the time we open the book to read it “**our job is to ensure**” that through our reading and study that we are always searching for how the book can point us toward the Savior. In the Church, we are blessed to have the Book of Mormon and additional scripture, so we sometimes are dismissive of the Old Testament. But the Old Testament, together with the New Testament, have directed and converted millions and millions of people all over the world and throughout history to Christ. It can do the same for us. Perhaps there are stories or events included in the book that could distract us. “**Our job is to ensure**” that the stories we find therein, historical, or allegorical, literal, or figurative do not distract us but rather point us to Christ and strengthen our relationship with him. It is a witness for him and of him and I hope that we will all draw closer to him, as we study and learn from this great scripture. - Jeff Simmons

Relief Society Temple Trip for February 19 - Thank you, Susan Smith for this information.

Please make an online reservation for the February 19, 9:30 am session, or 9:45 initiatory in the Jordan River Temple.

All are welcome to meet at the church at 8:30 to carpool. Thank you, sisters, for the love you feel for service in the temple. All are enthusiastically welcomed!

In Memoriam...-thank you to Susan Smith for this information.

Thomas Anderson, a well respected and loved former Bishop of the Fortuna Ward, passed away on January 21 in St. George. Tom and his wife, Valerie, were long-time, wonderful neighbors in their home on Oakview Drive.

Worship through Sacred Music - Hymns for this month.

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

I am so grateful that, with the help of Craig Clifford, Mike Hansen and support of others in the ward, including the bishopric, we have been able to add copies of the newest hymns recently released by the church, to the new hymn folders in the chapel. Please take a moment to look at the gospel app or church website, and listen to the new hymns. They are wonderful, and we can look forward to adding a wonderful spirit to our meetings.

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.

February 8 - 3, 182, 102, 143

February 15 - 45, 175, 1029, 58

February 22 - 59 (vs. 1,2, and 3), 1016, 67, 61

March 1 - 64, 171, 75

March 8 - 1042, 174, 63, 163

Ward Assignment for Church Building Cleaning - Thank you Warren Wadsworth!

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 church is scheduled for another activity such as a funeral or a family gathering. The alternate time for cleaning will be 4:00 p.m. If you cannot attend on your scheduled Saturday, please arrange to have someone take your place.

February 7– Walter & Peggy Plumb and Jeff & Cathie Randle.

February 14– Kim & Robyn Roberts and Brad & Sara Romney.

February 21– Dean & Kristin Sapp and Steve & Shannon Scott.

February 28– Jeff & Rebecca Simmons and Rich & Liz Smith.

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 - located at the Millstream (north) building

Family History Center 2026 Hours

HOURS

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

Wednesdays - 10 am - 12 noon

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 Old Testament 2026.

[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)