

OLYMPUS COVE CONNECTIONS

From the editor...

This is a season where we are celebrating new life, and remember the hope brought by the resurrection of Christ. Before the resurrection, there was the end of His mortal life. The teaching and message of healing and hope that can come after, that is more powerful than death, that is what draws me to this story. Christ offers a way of living love and connection that can overcome death. And He taught that we can learn that kind of love now, and that we can experience that kind of love from God always.

It is hard to hear the news that our dear Kay Randle is living through her last mortal days. I think of the sacred space around her as her beloved family is there with her, and she is receiving the love and care needed. She has made such a difference to so many of us. I especially appreciated the beautiful poem written by her son, Jeff Randle. He shared this with us today in Fast and Testimony meeting, and graciously gave me permission to share it with you.

Snow Day in March - by Jeff Randle

I watch as the March sun warms the snow from the overnight storm.
The resolute pines have born still another winter's burden in silence.
One drop sparkles in the sunlight and falls.
Then another and another. Like pachinko balls or showers of stars they tumble from branch to branch as they fall.
The sun strengthens and hastens their Brownian dance.
Now and again a bough springs skyward as an entire clump of snow loses its delicate balance and falls in a crystal puff.

Winter is dying by drops.

I sit next to my mother. My wife has cut up her pancakes as my mother used to cut mine. Parkinsonian forkfuls mimic the balancing snow.
Now and again a bite trembles and falls from the fork to her lap.

My mother is dying by drops.

My daughter will marry in May. Of a day in March she will cut pancakes for her child.
And the resolute pines will watch

And bear the snows of winters to come.
And the warming sun will bring Spring again in March.
And one day in March I will need my pancakes cut.

We are all dying by drops.

by Jeff Randle





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April/May Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

April 11 - Brittini Schoepf
 14 - Gary Hart, Rocio Andrews, Paul Rets
 15 - Tiffany Hardin, Matthew Murdock, Liz Smith, Liz Warner
 16 - Preston Moss
 17 - Ruby Stagg
 18 - Cade White
 19 - Lynn Collins
 20 - Brooke Black
 22 - Kelly Trimble
 23 - Mae Callister
 24 - Nathan Fredrick
 25 - Shirley Bailey
 26 - Reb Bennett
 27 - Sarah Bird, Britton Gardner, Marilyn Taft
 28 - Louise Zabriskie
 May 1 - Linda Olson
 2 - Grace Johnsen
 3 - Adam Fredrick
 4 - Tyler McComas
 5 - Courtney McBeth
 6 - Stuart Larson
 7 - Hayden Wilde
 8 - Warren Bell, Scott Jones, Stewart Landau
 10 - William Black, Joseph De Niro
 11 - Ann Johnson
 12 - Tamara Bell, William Richards
 13 - Chris Davidson
 14 - David Randle, Thomas Sunderland
 15 - Darwin Jepsen
 16 - Stephanie Bywater, Cynthia Moffett, Allison Phillipps
 17 - Anton Rets
 21 - Giles Lamprecht
 22 - Benjamin Fredrick, Richard George, David Lundberg, Gail McComas
 23 - Carrie Lamprecht
 24 - Andrew Olson
 29 - Charlie Hillery, J R Johnsen, Elizabeth Rets

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.

Thank you to all who helped with this issue. I will be preparing the next issue the last week of May. 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 Rebecca Simmons

Beautiful Flowers at My Door and the Empty Tomb was working in my home on April 7th when a man delivering a beautiful arrangement of flowers came to my door. I was confused as I watched him walk to the door. Who would be sending me flowers? I am lucky that Jeff often gives me flowers, because I love them, but he usually brings them to me in person. The delivery man told me they were for my neighbor, and he asked if I would hold them until my neighbor came home. My heart sank as I realized this could mean that the woman who lives next door had passed away. She had suffered from dementia for some time.

Later that day I delivered the flowers to my neighbor's home. I learned from her husband and other family members present that after her physical health declined rapidly the week before, she passed away very early on Easter morning. The family had all been together, and they seemed at peace knowing that she no longer had to deal with her illness. I shared with them how I thought it was so wonderful that she chose Easter morning because of its symbolism of the resurrection. I pictured her young and vivacious without any of the physical challenges that she had faced in her last few years of life. I told them if I got to choose, I would choose Easter morning too. We all chuckled because we do not normally get to choose, but they agreed that the timing of her passing was pretty special.

In our recent Conference on Easter Sunday, President Dieter F. Uchtdorf talked about the "empty tomb". He said, "Because of what happened on that Sunday morning, we can speak of Jesus Christ in the present tense. He lives! Today. At this moment. He lives and is an active, ongoing influence in His Church and in the personal lives of those who follow Him. He guides, comforts, listens, calms our fears, and wipes away our tears." President Uchtdorf said, "It began on that Easter morning when these few women became the world's first witnesses of the single greatest event in the history of this world. We must all do the same. We must encounter the empty tomb, experience the reality of what it means, and, in turn, share that witness with others.

I remember when one of my grandfathers passed away. It is hard to communicate and describe my sadness. I loved him so much and felt an enormous loss. Coupled with my sadness was a sense of stability as I found myself believing without doubt that he lived on and would be resurrected one day. I believed we would be together again. What a sweet moment of testimony for me. Many of you have had similar experiences where you find yourself believing in the resurrection without doubt after the

passing of a loved one.

I hope the Easter message of an empty tomb brings you peace. Jesus Christ does live. Today. At this moment. We will also live after this mortal experience on earth. That is true for my grandfather, my neighbor, and for you and your loved ones. And as we wait for those reunions, we can find strength in the resurrected Christ as we walk with Him. - by Rebecca Simmons

Thank you to the wonderful sisters who created the excellent food for the Palm Sunday gathering.



Sisters Marsha Smith, Carrie England, and Susan Smith work their magic preparing for the Mix and Mingle after the Palm Sunday Service.



Relief Society Temple Trip joins with Stake Temple Day at the Jordan River Temple - Thank you, Susan Smith for this information.

Please make an online reservation for the April 23, 9:30 am session, 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!

Stake Conference -

The Mt. Olympus Stake will hold Stake Conference this month.

Stake and Ward Leadership Session - Thursday, April 16, 2026, 7:00-8:30

Stake Temple Day - Jordan River Temple - Thursday, April 23, 2026 - We encourage you to participate in any temple ordinance as your schedule allows. Note that we have reserved sealing session in the morning

and evening for our stake. If you would like to participate in one of the reserved sessions, please sign up using the following link: <https://forms.gle/hQU7XHPLGWBaScCe7>
Saturday evening Book of Mormon Session - April 25, 6:00-7:30 - Babysitting and refreshment provided.
Sunday General Session April 26, 2026, 10:00-12:00 at the Stake Center, for all stake members, family and friends.

Stake Messiah Fireside -

The Mt. Olympus Stake is held a special fireside featuring selections from Handel's Messiah on Palm Sunday – March 29 at 4pm.

Thank you to all who participated and helped with the fireside. And to all those who attended. It was a beautiful performance.

Here are a few photos from the last rehearsal. We hope to see more of our ward members there next year. It is a great experience.



In Memoriam -

Dear Ward Family,

We are saddened to share that our talented and dynamic ward member, Beverly Frank, passed away this week. Our hearts go out to her children and family, who will miss her dearly.

Please find the link to her obituary below.

With much love,

Bishop Randle

<https://www.larkinmortuary.com/obituary/view/beverly-jensen-frank/>

Activities for Seniors - Thank you to Robyn and Kim Roberts for arranging these.

Seniors, We are so lucky & blessed! Here is an April Date you might want to be aware of.

Mark your calendar now if you are interested...

(Single Seniors—Please mark Wed., 4/22/26 at 6:30 p.m. for a special night together w/more details to come.)

Please let us know if you have any questions or need a ride to any of these events. – Kim & Robyn

**Worship through Sacred Music -
Hymns for this month.****Please raise your voices and sing!- from Chorister Jody Hansen**

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.

April 19 - 14, 187, 301, 163

April 26 - Stake Conference

May 3 - 1001, 191, 17

May 10 - 1020, 196, 304, 293 - thank you to those who made some requests for Mother's Day.

May 17 - 1032, 1043, 1061, 297

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

The following families are scheduled to help clean the church in April. 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.

April 4th— General Conference— no cleaning.

April 11th— Jonathan & Jennifer Stagg and Kyle & Marilyn Taft.

April 18th— Jeff & Alison Wadsworth and Bart & Liz Warner.

April 25th— Stake Conference— no cleaning.

Missionary Updates -

From Sister Charlie Hillery, currently serving in France...

He is risen! Remembering and celebrating that glorious news is the most important thing I did last week. I learned of the Easter Day tradition of some who greet friends with, "Christ is risen!" and everyone responds, "Indeed, He is risen." That is a message to live with every day of the year, Christ is risen and all of us will live again.

President Oaks spoke at General Conference of how knowing that everyone will be resurrected changes our perspective on this life. I thought of my personal understanding that this life is like leaving home and going away to college, a opportunity to learn and grow and choose a path to follow. And when we complete our course of study, however long or short our personal curriculum, we return home to parents who love us and have been cheering us on. Jesus Christ makes that possible by allowing us to repent and be cleansed through his atoning blood.

Springtime is the annual evidence of the new life that will come to every creature on earth. Barren ground becomes vibrantly green and barren branches burst into bloom. The trees here in Provence are finally clouds of green along the roads, the maples and chestnuts have opened their leaves, the orchards of espalier apple trees are in bloom, and I hear the voices of children playing from the gardens of my apartment complex.

Please follow news from Sister Hillery at charliechillery.blogspot.com. My email is charliece@gmail.com. Please reach out to say "Hello" or if you have family history questions I might be able to help with.

[Link to the livestreams for Sunday Meetings -](#)

SacramentMeeting.OlympusCoveWard.org

ReliefSociety.OlympusCoveWard.org

EldersQuorum.OlympusCoveWard.org

SundaySchool.OlympusCoveWard.org

[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)