

OLYMPUS COVE CONNECTIONS

From the editor...

Last week I was sitting on my front deck, taking a break from yardwork, sipping some cold watermelon juice while enjoying a view of Mt. Olympus that never gets old. Even though much is in upheaval in the world, and many groups I volunteer with are in great need - as I considered what inspired me and gave me hope, I felt deep gratitude in that moment. I had been thinking about the video from church leaders that was presented in Sunday School last week. Some things about it that impressed me in the message are that our country was founded on and thrives on pluralism (this is a land where people of many faiths, lands, interests, abilities, needs, heritage, etc. have and can come to offer, contribute and benefit from the great melting pot of community), and the founders were humans who responded to divine inspiration and created a constitution that could be changed and adapted as people grew in understanding and knowledge, and our leaders gave examples of the importance of the Constitution being a living document by mentioning how the amendments to end slavery, and to extend the vote to women have made a huge difference in our country, even with the complex history of what it took. I appreciate the parallels with the history and structure of our church. We strive to be a community where all feel welcome, to come and contribute and be fed, promising to comfort all in need of comfort, mourn with those who mourn, and bear each others burdens. We are reminded by our leaders and each other that we are human, subject to weakness and failure, trying to seek and follow inspiration from God in trying to build the Kingdom of God on Earth. So I appreciate that our church is a living church, with the constant possibility of revelation when we are willing and able to receive greater light and knowledge, even and especially when it might challenge us. And, I realized, especially now... Just as the true greatness of our country lies in We the People, and how we as citizens live the principles that inspired the founders, as well as those who lived the complex and messy history of learning from what worked and what didn't, who fought against forces that would deny the rights and freedom hard won through deadly conflict at home and abroad (this week is the 82nd anniversary of the invasion of Normandy, a deeply moving and sacred place), who never give up on the idea of a country where all truly are equal and able to have a say in their life - I thought of how the real truth of the Church is in how we as members live the Gospel of Christ. I have been touched to hear leaders declare that the Church is its members. I do not minimize the importance of our name, and that we honor what an official name means. And...nothing will let the world or each other know that we are Christian more than how we live our lives as Christ invited when he said, "By this shall men know ye are my disciples, if ye have love, one to another."

Thank you to all who helped with this issue. I really appreciate both Brooke Black and Nathan Fredrick getting the inspirational thoughts to me to make up for missing an issue while I was traveling. I will be preparing the next issue the last week of June. 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 for June - by Nathan Fredrick



There are moments when we may feel small, ordinary, or even insignificant in the grand scheme of things. Yet Heavenly Father wants us to understand a profound and comforting truth: He knows each of us personally, and He loves us deeply.

Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf taught this truth with beautiful clarity: “While we may look at the vast expanse of the universe and say, ‘What is man in comparison to the glory of creation?’ God Himself said we are the reason He created the universe... This is my work and my glory, to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.”

The great paradox of man is this: Compared to God and the endless wonders of creation, we are nothing — yet we are everything to Him. The infinite universe and worlds without number were created for our benefit, so that we, His sons and daughters, might grow, progress, and reach our divine potential. Every part of Heavenly Father’s work is centered on blessing and exalting His children. Truly, “the worth of souls is great in the sight of God.” He is not distant or detached — He is intimately aware of you, your needs, your struggles, and your righteous desires.

Take time today to ponder how deeply Heavenly Father knows and loves *you*. Pray with real intent. Ask Him to help you feel His personal love and watch for the quiet ways He shows you that you matter to Him.

You are not invisible to God. You are not forgotten. The Creator of the universe knows your name, watches over you, and is personally invested in your eternal happiness. As you turn to Him, He will draw near to you and guide you as His beloved child. - by Nathan Fredrick

Inspirational Thought for May - by Brooke Black

Over the past few years, as the Relief Society and Elders Quorum lesson curriculum has changed to study General Conference talks, I have grown to appreciate these semi-annual messages from living prophets and apostles more and more. The words only take a moment to say, but the teachings guide us throughout our lives. When I truly study the Conference messages, I feel the power of the Holy Ghost in their words.

In April’s Conference Elder Matswagothata taught that Heavenly Father knows each us by name. He knows us and wants us to know him and make covenants with him. Through these covenants, He gives us power to rise above mortality’s challenges. Trust His promise that you are never lost in a crowd. He knows how to heal your broken heart and make you whole again.

Elder Matswagothata testifies, “As we choose to walk with Jesus Christ, everything begins to change. He is no longer a casual acquaintance but a trusted heavenly friend. May I invite you to choose to remember Him and follow Him- not casually or occasionally but

June Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

- June 1 - Faun Marshall
- 3 - Chanin Christensen
- 4 - Kelly Landau
- 6 - Cynthia Stallsberg
- 7 - Marsha Smith, Denise White
- 8 - Lisa Rector, Jeffrey Simmons
- 12 - Michael Vincent
- 13 - Lily Boyden
- 14 - Spencer Grant, Briana Larson
- 15 - Thomas Boyden, Dakota Treweek
- 19 - Claudia Frenndt, Kellyn Monson
- 20 - Max Burbidge
- 22 - Amelia Phillipps
- 25 - Mike Hansen
- 26 - Cathie Randle, Daniel Young
- 30 - Jonathan Stagg
- July 2 - Peggy Plumb
- 3 - Daniel Ellis
- 4 - Mark Sansom
- 5 - Sheri Greene
- 6 - Carrie England, Jeffrey Hardin
- 7 - Luke McBeth
- 8 - Ellie Black, Olivia Lowe

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.

deliberately and always. May we become the kind of disciples who notice, reach out and lift as the Savior did.”

Heavenly Father and the Savior know us. This is one of many truths taught at Conference. As we continue to study conference messages through the year, we can receive personal revelation and renewed spiritual strength. The word of God, whether found in the scriptures or in the teachings of His servants, has the power to guide our decisions, bring peace to our hearts, and draw us closer to Jesus Christ. I hope we can revisit and study these inspired messages often and let them influence our lives. - by Brooke Black

Please contribute to the service project organized by our wonderful Primary!

Calling all ward family members and friends!

Did you know you can follow Jesus by serving our neighbors in Salt Lake City? Our Primary is teaming up with My Hand to Yours to make a difference!

We are collecting the following travel-size items to help local families:

Sunscreen

Chapstick with SPF

Hand Sanitizer

Water bottles (full size)

Face wipes

Granola bars (no chocolate or ingredients that melt)

Deodorant

A box has been placed in the church foyer for donation. You are also welcome to provide a monetary donation to Kristi Sapp (phone 253-468-4194). The Primary children will be putting packages together with these items at our service activity on June 12th. We would like to have all items collected by June 8th.

Let's use our helping hands to share the Savior's love.

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

Please make an online reservation for the June 18, 9:30 am session, in the Jordan River Temple. There is also Initiatory available at 9:45. Please make an appointment online.

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!

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

Seniors Lunch Bunch times for the Summer!

Come mingle, have a light lunch & enjoy a brief spotlight. It will be fun!

Tuesday June 23, July 28, August 25 - 11:30 - 12:30 at the Fortuna Building.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need a ride to any of these events. – Kim & Robyn 801-718-5335

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.

June 14 - 1028, 190, 1025, 52

June 21 - Father's Day - 292, 180, Primary music numbers, 296

June 28 - 1033, 193, 1010, 14

July 5 - 338, 195, 60

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.

June 6: Kirk & Colette Winward and Norm & Louise Zabriskie

June 13: Steven & Ann Benton and David & Laurie Bird

June 20: Dave & Brooke Black and Nathan & Bethany Callister

June 27: Craig & Kathleen Clifford and Gary & Ann Crocker

NOTABLE!

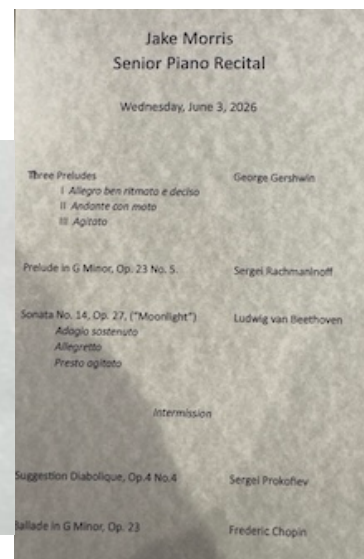
I like to include mentions of notable events and accomplishments in connection with our ward family. Please let me know when there is something of interest you would like to include.

- Faun Marshall is 96! I was able to take her some flowers and visit with her and her lovely daughter, Francie last week. She has lived in this neighborhood longer than anyone else in the ward. It is wonderful hearing her share her memories of this area. Happy Birthday to Faun!



- Jake Morris provided an extraordinary performance at his solo recital last Wednesday. His

years of practice are very evident. I enjoyed speaking with him about his love of playing the piano. I am so glad we were able to attend this in his home. I am including the program.



- Olivia Lowe has achieved great success in playing LaCrosse for the University of Utah. She has been chosen by The Women's Collegiate LaCrosse Associates for the Division 1 All American 2026 Second team. Congratulations, Olivia!

- Aiden Lowe is at Army Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO until the end of July. This photo was taken by the military liaison missionaries a few weeks ago on the first Sunday Aiden was allowed to go to church. Thank you for your service, Aiden!



- Charlotte Hansen Terry (Mike and Jody Hansen's daughter) is a professor of History at Utah State University. She was chosen to lead one of the presentations for Utah in their series for America250, in honor of the 250th birthday of the Declaration of Independence. Not that I am biased, but she did an excellent presentation. It is now on PBS Utah and available to stream.

Domínguez-Escalante and Spanish Mapping of the North American West

Charlotte Terry



Missionary Updates -

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

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)