

OLYMPUS COVE CONNECTIONS

From the editor...

I offer many thanks to Kristi Sapp, all our primary workers, and especially our wonderful primary children who gave us such an exceptional primary program last Sunday. It really was such an excellent meeting. And thank you to Marsha Smith and her committee for the lovely mix and mingle they arranged after the program. I always enjoy the time we have to socialize. It is a form of ministering for me. We are grateful to be in this ward, and we will say again what has been said before - when we moved here 10 years ago, we needed a soft place to land, and we found it here. From the warm welcome, the kind outreach and embrace, and even the building with the light and

view coming in the large windows that line the chapel and all the rooms, we feel bathed in light. We love our ward family. If you are new to the ward, or have not yet felt connected, please let me know if I can help introduce you to the good people here.

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 for September - by Kristi Sapp

Dear Ward Family,

In our fast-paced and often divided world, it can be easy to lose sight of the simple, transformative power of Christlike love. As members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, we covenant to take His name upon us. To bear His name means to emulate His character. When we look closely at the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ, we find a consistent, beautiful pattern: **He loved everyone, He included everyone, and His kindness knew no boundaries.**

The scriptures remind us that God's love is not selective. In the Book of Mormon, Nephi beautifully captures the universal scope of the Savior's grace:

"He inviteth them all to come unto him and partake of his goodness; and he denieth none that come unto him, black and white, bond and free, male and female; and he remembereth the heathen; and all are alike unto God, both Jew and Gentile" (2 Nephi 26:33).

Every soul we encounter is a beloved child of heavenly parents. Every person, regardless of their background, their choices, or how different they may seem from us, is "alike unto God." When we truly



October Birthdays

October 1 - Danielle Nielson,
Ann Tempest
2 - Aiden Lowe
3 - David Bird
4 - Megan Moss
5 - Cynthia Grant
7 - Gary Atkin, Darlene Packer
8 - Brad Moss, Eloise Romney
9 - Isaac Zabriskie
10 - Lisa Madsen, Kirk Winward
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 2 - Sophia Johnsen
3 - Kary Hymas, Vivienne Stagg
4 - Maxwell McBeth, Holly
Morris, Robyn Roberts
5 - Bruce Kipp
6 - Jeffrey Wells
7 - Jen Markosian
9 - Tyler Lamprecht, Warren
Wadsworth
10 - Caroline Romney
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.

understand this, our hearts soften. We begin to see others not through the lens of judgment, but through the eyes of the Savior.

Jesus did not just teach love; He lived it in the details of His daily life. He reached out to the marginalized, healed the outcast, and sat with those whom society rejected. On the night before His crucifixion, He gave His disciples a blueprint for how to build His kingdom on earth:

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another"(John 13:34–35).

Our discipleship is not measured by the strength of our opinions, but by the depth of our charity. We show our love for the Savior by how we treat the people right in front of us—in our families, our wards, our workplaces, and our neighborhoods. Kindness is love in action. It is a warm smile to a stranger, a listening ear to someone who is lonely, or a text message to check on a friend who hasn't been feeling well. It means choosing patience when we are frustrated and extending grace when others fall short. When we intentionally practice kindness, we create a sanctuary where everyone feels safe, valued, and wanted.

As the autumn leaves change and the morning brings the crisp reminder that the holidays are soon upon us, let us challenge ourselves to actively expand our circles of love. Let us look for those on the periphery and invite them in. By offering a listening ear and an open heart, we can become the answers to someone else's prayers. As we strive to love all and lift all, we bring ourselves closer to the Master, becoming true instruments of His peace.

With love, Kristi Sapp

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

Please make an online reservation for the October 29, 9:30 am endowment session or the 9:45 Initiatory session at the Taylorsville 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! It is a beautiful season to attend the temple together.

Relief Society Service Activity

Many thanks to Lisa Monson and all those who helped her organize the wonderful service activity on September 10. come on September 10. We enjoyed a light supper, wonderful company, and then helped assemble 150 General Kits for The Refugee Connection. These are much needed items for those who are trying to start a new life here in our beautiful state, especially at this time when so much funding has been canceled.







Stake Relief Society Event -

October 7 at 7:00 pm at the Stake Center. Shima Baughman will speak to us, followed by refreshments.

Ward Harvest Party Activity -

Please plan on the wonderful annual Harvest Party in the Fortuna Building Parking Lot. October 13th at 5:00 pm.

Youth Service activity on September 12 - Thanks to Rebecca Simmons and Bishop Randle for the photos! It is wonderful to see our youth make a difference!







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 excellent, and we can look forward to adding a wonderful spirit to our meetings.

For now, there will not be any presentation about the new hymns during sacrament meeting. I will try to include some information in the program. But I encourage you to go to the home page of the gospel app, and click on the music link. If you select the hymn number, and scroll to the bottom of the page for that music, there will be an option that says "About this hymn." I encourage you to take a moment and learn a bit about the hymns we are singing.

It really does make a difference in our worship when there is participation in the singing. I hope some of you will consider preparing any arrangement of the new hymns to perform for the music number.

I am very grateful for the hymns that help us appreciate the great variety of experiences in countless faith journeys that shape our communities all over the world.

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.

October 4 - Enjoy the beautiful music during General Conference!

October 11 - 223, 171, 1041

October 18 - 148, 193, 1025, 89

October 25 - 141, 188, 153

November 1 - 91, 191, 96

November 8 - Stake Conference

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

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

Oct. 3: General Conference (no cleaning)

Oct. 10: Matt & Katie Lowe and Mitchell & Courtney McBeth

Oct. 17: Stuart & Briana Larson and Aaron & Cynthia Moffett

Oct. 24: Bennett & Bailey Moffit and Gordon & Lisa Monson

Oct. 31: John & Holly Morris and Brad & Sarah Moss

Senior Luncheons -

Thank you to Robyn and Kim Roberts, for organizing these wonderful luncheons. Please join whenever you can. The next will be on October 20th at 11:30 at the church house.

Also November 3rd at 11:30.

On December 10th at there will be a Single Senior Christmas Dinner.

Missionary Updates -

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

Please follow news from Sister Hillery

at charliecehillery.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.

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.

Excerpts from Sister Josie Larson emails...

Transferred to Durango last month...

September 15 email.

- I feel like Im with my people! Everybody in Durango skis and bikes and climbs and smokes weed and I do most of the same things! Its just the cutest mountain river town and everybody has been so nice :)
- we had our first district council on Wednesday and it was 12 sisters and 2 elders #womenintheworkforce
- the ward here is so nice and by some random miracles I happen to know some of them because of exchanges!!
- went to a high school football game to support a kid in our ward and turns out me and sister Hatch were both in charge of the student sections in high school!! The Durango Devils student section was lacking and we weren't impressed but we both felt right at home :)
- sister Hatch is just the cutest :) we party hard and are secretly the same person in a lot of ways! Its been a fun week and Im excited for the rest of the transfer ❤️

- used my emt skills on our ward mission leader today after he passed out at church! He started choking on himself after he went unconscious so I opened his airway and got him breathing again. He started coming to and then a doctor showed up and we got him all situated. Im so grateful for the spirit because I know the Holy Ghost kept me calm and helped me remember what to do!! His life was literally in my hands but thats when God tends to speak loudest

- ITS SO PRETTY HERE Im just in heaven. AND THE LEAVES ARE STARTING TO CHANGE ARE YOU KIDDING ME 🍁🍂🍁

- September 22 email

❤️ Miracles ❤️

❤️ - we had a very long lesson with Victoria and Alex and while he was kind of bashing us she kept trying to stand up for us! At the end of the conversation she told us she had just remembered a story about a time she got "prayer over by the bishop"! She got a priesthood blessing a long time ago and told us all about how it made her feel so good and gave her the relief she really needed at the time.

❤️ - we had our second lesson with our friend Sophia and she told us she read the chapter we gave her and then KEPT ON READING!!!! HOW EPIC IS THAT she said she just loved how it sounded like the same Jesus in the Bible (pssst thats because it is!)

❤️ - our district has FIVE baptisms scheduled for this sunday!! You can't tell me the Lords work isn't hastening ✨ spiritual tidbit ✨

I just restarted the book of mormon so ive been busy rediscovering all my favorite verses in 1 Nephi :) But I love this scripture in 1 Nephi 21:15-16

15 For can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee, O house of Israel.

16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

I love this scripture!! Because the scriptures teach us that our ressurected bodies are perfect. But Christ's body still had the scars. Why? I have to believe its because he didnt want to forget us. And it made me rethink my definition of perfect!

Perfect does not mean flawless.

Perfect does not mean you dont have scars.

Perfect means whole

Im so grateful for a savior who has a constant reminder of us in his hands. He never wants to forget us! And im so grateful that all he asks is that we keep trying. We dont have to be flawless, just trying to be whole. And that makes those scars worth it to Him.

I love Jesus Christ :)

What a guy

September 29 email highlights.

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🥪 BEST SANDWICH OF MY LIFE 🥪

 Toasted baguette

 smoked ham

 BIG HUNK OF GOAT CHEESE

 smoked ham again



arugula

 honey Dijon dressing toasted baguette

I could've cried it was amazing. Changed my life for the better.

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

1st and 2nd Thursday 7:00 to 9:00 pm

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)