

# *Garden Park Ward Newsletter*

*January 2, 2022*



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*Happy  
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Year!*

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### First Presidency Message on Covid-19



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Official Church Announcements



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We find ourselves fighting a war against the ravages of COVID-19 and its variants, an unrelenting pandemic. We want to do all we can to limit the spread of these viruses. We know that protection from the diseases they cause can only be achieved by immunizing a very high percentage of the population.

To limit exposure to these viruses, we urge the use of face masks in public meetings whenever social distancing is not possible. To provide personal protection from such severe infections, we urge individuals to be vaccinated. Available vaccines have proven to be both safe and effective.

We can win this war if everyone will follow the wise and thoughtful recommendations of medical experts and government leaders. Please know of our sincere love and great concern for all of God's children.

The First Presidency  
Russell M. Nelson  
Dallin H. Oaks  
Henry B. Eyring

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### Sacrament Meeting Program—January 2<sup>nd</sup>

## GARDEN PARK WARD

*Sacrament Meeting Program*  
THE CHURCH OF  
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January 2, 2022, 10am

Conducting..... Chris Furstenau  
Pianist ..... Samuel Johnson  
Chorister ..... Juliet Chapman  
Opening Hymn..... Come, Let Us Anew, No. 217  
Invocation ..... Lisa Paulsen  
Ward Business ..... Brother Furstenau  
Sacrament Hymn ..... How Great the Wisdom and the Love, No. 195

#### Administration of the Sacrament

#### Bearing of Testimonies

Closing Hymn ..... Come unto Jesus, No. 117  
Benediction ..... Mori Paulsen

#### Zoom broadcast is concluded

*"I have found that in my own life, when a loved one or a friend suggests things that I need to change, the natural man inside of me sometimes responds first:*

***"You are not seeing it from my point of view. Who are you to judge?"***

*However, when I kneel humbly before my Heavenly Father and ask in the depth of sincerity,*

***"Father, what do I need to change? Where am I lacking?"***

*a calm feeling comes upon me. And at the appropriate time, I hear Him and the truth penetrates my heart.*

*At times it is uncomfortable.*

*But if I do not reject the spiritual insight, hearing His honesty with me allows me to be honest with myself."*

— Neil L. Anderson, I Hear Him through Sincere Prayer and Reflection, 12/27/21 Blog

[Click here to join zoom January 2<sup>nd</sup> Sacrament Meeting](#)

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## Relief Society Message

A big thank you to Dianne Orcutt for enabling us to contribute to the food security of school children! Thanks to all who donated! I was thrilled to see the VA bin full as well! I love this ward!

Dianne forwarded this email sent to her. It captures the joy of giving as we celebrate our greatest gift, Jesus Christ.

Happy Holidays!

Love,  
Kathy

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**From:** D Orcutt

Hello everyone,

Final numbers are in, and this year we distributed a total of 3852 holiday bags! They went to 38 schools across the valley.

Numerous schools have responded with their thanks and asked that we pass their gratitude on to you. The challenges these kids face really create character, grit and kindness in them as they grow up. As one Principal said: "We can all learn so much from these kids".

One teacher reported back the following: "Yesterday every student at our school received a bag of food... Today, one child was so excited to tell me he brought me a gift. While one child handed me chocolates, and another a gift bag, he handed me a roll of Ritz crackers and a dessert treat from a hostess box. When I realized it was from food that he may need over the break. I didn't want to take it. But I also didn't want to deny the one gift that child could have given me. I asked do you really want me to have it, and he said yes. I took it. I was touched but heartbroken at the same time. When a child gives you something, it really is from the bottom of their heart"

Not only did we provide for these kids this season, but we gave them the ability to pay it forward, and to give a small gift to someone they love.

Here is an article that KSL ran on our project while we were distributing at one school

<https://www.ksl.com/article/50313227/utah-companies-provide-food-to-make-sure-students-have-enough-to-eat-over-holiday-break>

Thank you ALL for your generosity in supporting these kids in our community, for your support of our programs, and for your big, kind wonderful hearts. We are truly blessed to know such amazing people in our community!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to each of you and your families,

Lots of love from the Kids Eat/Usana Foundation team!

Michelle Benedict

Director of USANA Kids Eat

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## 2nd Hour Meeting

This week's 2nd hour meeting will be hosted by our Sunday School and will be held live in the Relief Society Room.

Tomorrow's lesson from the Come Follow Me study manual is linked below:

[Come Follow Me: Moses 1; Abraham 3, "This Is My Work and My Glory"](#)

Please note, zoom links have **not** been planned for these meetings. If you'd like one set up to attend remotely, please contact Kathy Younker or Jeff Merchant who can assist with making that arrangement.

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## Happy Birthday!

January 2–William Maddox  
January 2–Stephen Van  
January 3–Samuel Johnson  
January 6–Synthia Donohoe  
January 6–Margaret Merchant  
January 6–Ashley Perry  
January 8–Allison Drinkwater Johnson  
January 8– Virginia Menlove  
January 9– Evangeline Johnson  
January 9– Judianne Peterson  
January 11–David Crook  
January 11–Daysha Moore  
January 11–James Rabdau  
January 11–Theo Sproul  
January 12–Brock Miskin  
January 13–Marcy Mcdonald  
January 13–Casey Moore  
January 15–Andrea Miller  
January 15– Marty Patch  
January 16–Milo Hobbs

January 16–Ashley Spatafore  
January 17–Ronald Christensen  
January 18–Kris Hale  
January 18–Carly Huchendorf  
January 18–Abe Shaw  
January 18–Richard Young  
January 20–Mary Ann Call  
January 21–Kim Beglarian  
January 21–Brady Pulsipher  
January 22–Eva Harrison  
January 22–Terry Long  
January 23–Jared Hobbs  
January 23–Sophie Jensen  
January 25–Maxwell Musgrove  
January 28–Shelley Young  
January 29–Jill Goorman  
January 29– John Helm  
January 29–Ruby Williamson  
January 31–Henry Cummings  
January 31–Clyde White

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## Ward Announcements

### Temporary Modifications to Temple Operations

"As cases of COVID-19 increase in many areas, we want to do everything possible to allow temples to remain open. Therefore, effective immediately, all temple patrons and workers are asked to wear face masks at all times while in the temple. These safety protocols are temporary, based on COVID-19 conditions, and will be rescinded as soon as circumstances permit."

Please click [THIS LINK](#) to read the full message from the First Presidency.

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### Sacrament Meeting Reminders

Beginning **Sunday, November 7th** the weekly Sacrament Meeting program will resume the administration of the sacrament at its traditional time and place in the program. The meeting will continue to be Zoomed each week, with a minor modification during the administration of the Sacrament.

We are now singing in Sacrament meeting and Primary. We will continue to social distance, and continue to invite all congregants, including children, meeting indoors to mask if not vaccinated. For those who choose not to mask, we welcome you. For all those who join in the singing, please wear a mask, or please refrain from singing and enjoy listening.

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Please visit the grounds often and invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy the peace and beauty of the lighted ward grounds and nativity this holiday season. Lights are on daily from 5:00–10:00 p.m.

**Stake FamilySearch Center** located in the NW corner of the Monument Park Stake Center is open as of October 4th. Masks are strongly encouraged for all patrons and staff. The Family Search Center hours are:

Monday–Friday: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday: 7:00–9:00 p.m.

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**Church Magazines** The First Presidency encourages all members to access church magazines either by print or digital delivery. Church magazines help members learn the gospel of Jesus Christ, study the teachings of the living prophets, feel connected to the global Church family, face challenges with faith, and draw closer to God. Subscriptions for print magazines are available [HERE](#) . Magazine content can be accessed digitally for free [HERE](#).

**Temple recommends** - We encourage all members to keep their recommends current. Ward Recommend Interviews are being held by phone. If your temple recommend is expired, please contact Mark Hindley, Garden Park Ward Executive Secretary (801.599.8175) to set up a phone interview with the Bishop.

Stake Interviews—A member of the Stake Presidency is available each Sunday from 12:30–2:00 p.m. (except on Fast Sundays, Stake Conference and General Conference weekends) at the Stake Center offices. Please center through the doors at the west end of the building. Those who are unable to meet during these times can contact Scott Hagen (801.824.0640) who will help set up an interview with a member of the Stake Presidency.

**TEMPLE UPDATE:** Temples in Utah are again open for proxy ordinances. Patrons need to schedule in advance on-line through [churchofjesuschrist.org/temples](http://churchofjesuschrist.org/temples). Patrons are encouraged to bring their own temple clothing, although Temple clothing is available. We are so blessed to again have Temples open around us; some may have appointments available same day, while others may require more advance planning, but the websites, like the Temples, are patron friendly. The Bountiful Temple can be reached directly at (801) 296-2100 for operating hours and to make appointments.