

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

November 28, 2021



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Dear Garden Park Ward,

Happy November! I love this month because of the joys of Thanksgiving, and I'm trying to make it a month filled with gratitude. One of the things I am deeply grateful for is being part of our wonderful ward community. I feel blessed to be experiencing life and my faith journey side by side with such kind, insightful, loving people. Gratitude has blessed my life enormously. In hope it will help you have a month focused on gratitude, I'm sharing here some quotes by great philosophers, writers, and of course country music singers. Have a great November!

Sincerely,

Randy Peterson and the Garden Park Bishopric

"Gratitude is riches. Complaint is poverty." Doris Day

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude." A. A. Milne

"I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and the new." Ralph Waldo Emerson

"When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself." Tecumseh

"He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has." Epictetus

"Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for." Epicurus

"O Lord that lends me life, lend me a heart replete with thankfulness." Shakespeare

"When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around." Willie Nelson

"I don't have to chase extraordinary moments to find happiness - it's right in front of me if I'm paying attention and practicing gratitude." Brene Brown

"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." Albert Schweitzer

"Sometimes we should express our gratitude for the small and simple things like the scent of the rain, the taste of your favorite food, or the sound of a loved one's voice." Joseph B. Wirthlin

"When we focus on our gratitude, the tide of disappointment goes out and the tide of love rushes in." Kristin Armstrong

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First Presidency Message on Covid-19



THE CHURCH OF
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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—November 28th

GARDEN PARK WARD *-Sacrament Meeting Program-* THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Fast & Testimony Meeting, November 28, 2021, 10am

*Conducting..... President Marty Patch
Pianist Lois Waltman
Chorister Juliet Chapman
Opening Hymn..... Prayer of Thanksgiving, No. 93
Invocation Ralph Robbins
Ward Business President Patch
Sacrament Hymn Thy Will, O Lord, Be Done, No. 188*

Administration of the Sacrament

Bearing of Testimonies

*Closing Hymn Come, Ye Thankful People, No. 94
Benediction..... By Invitation*

Zoom broadcast is concluded

*"What was true during the days of Alma is certainly true for us:
'And thus, in their prosperous circumstances, they did not send away any who were naked,
or that were hungry, or that were athirst, or that were sick, or that had not been nourished;
and they did not set their hearts upon riches; therefore they were liberal to all,
both old and young, both bond and free, both male and female, whether out of the church
or in the church, having no respect to persons as to those who stood in need.'"*

*— Sharon Eubank, I Pray He'll Use Us
General Conference October 2021*

[Click here to join November 28th Sacrament Meeting](#)

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Relief Society Message

I have never heard someone say, "I feel over appreciated" or "I wish people would stop telling me thank you all the time." As a teacher I constantly see people work countless hours for little gratitude. But on the other side I see how a teacher's eyes light up or how tears well in their eyes when a student gives them a thank you card, a hug, or a simple thank you for helping me learn.

I am not saying that we all need to get the crafts and stickers out and get to work. What I am saying is that if we feel love and thankfulness for a person we need to let them know. I think this includes our Heavenly Father. I saw this quote earlier this week and it really got my brain turning.

"Silent gratitude isn't very much to anyone." – Gertrude Stein

How many times could we brighten someone's day by just expressing our gratitude? We could even take this one step further and provide service or a little extra love as a thank you for their service.

I offer you this challenge!

If you only have a minute...

I challenge you to right now to pull out your phone (which you are probably already reading this on) and text someone who you are truly grateful for and make sure to tell them why.

If you have more time...

I challenge you to put an alarm in your phone at the same time everyday and call it Thankful Tell. Make sure to do it at a time when you know you will have 1 free minute. When the alarm goes off you tell anyone around you what you are thankful for that day. If you are alone take it as a time to think what am I grateful for. Feel free to talk to yourself about it, that is my favorite thing to do.

When I hear how others are grateful it makes me then think of all I have to be grateful for. So let others know you're grateful for them, let your Heavenly Father know you're grateful for all His endless blessings, and remind yourself of all you are grateful for.

Happy Thanksgiving
Love Karli and the Relief Society

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Relief Society Announcements

Service Opportunities

[USANA Kids Eat](#)

More than 56,000 kids on the Wasatch Front regularly experience food insecurity. The problem is worse on weekends and during extended breaks from school. USANA Kids Eat, a local nonprofit, is collecting holiday meal bags to bridge the food gap many of these children will face over the two week winter school break. Our Relief Society is sponsoring 10 bags (more if there is interest!) of these bags for children here in SLC. We would love your help collecting the needed food items for each bag. We will send a sign up sheet around on Sundays for specific items needed. To learn more about the organization or the holiday bag project go to [UsanaKidsEat](#). Thanks for your willingness to serve the community!

VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION MEDICAL CENTER
WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Please join us in collecting clothing for the Veteran's Association Medical Center. Items needed include underwear (medium, large and extra large), Outdoor gloves (shelled, not just knit), socks, sweatshirts, pants, coloring books and colored pencils.

VA

VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION MEDICAL CENTER

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Please join us in collecting clothing for the VAMC

Items needed include:

- Underwear (medium, large and extra large)
- Outdoor gloves (shelled, not just knit)
- Socks
- Sweatshirts
- Pants
- Coloring books and colored pencils

A box for donations will be available in the RS room
Sunday, November 28th - Sunday, December 19th

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Relief Society Spotlight



~ JANET ROMNEY ~

On October 24, 2021, Janet Romney celebrated her 90th birthday. She enjoyed the evening by gathering with her 6 children and their spouses, 28 grandchildren, and 61 great-grandchildren for an evening of fun and connecting.

Janet grew up in Salt Lake City. She was the only girl in a family with 5 brothers, She attended South High School and then the University of Utah. She was a very accomplished pianist and had a gorgeous soprano singing voice, which allowed her to be involved in many musical endeavors. Janet was invited to go to San Francisco to perform with the Metropolitan Opera there but she decided that that life would not be compatible with the family that she planned to have so she turned it down. Even while raising a large family though, Janet always pursued excellence in all that she did. In fact, she continued studying voice with a prominent vocal teacher in the area (probably until she was in her sixties) and was well known for singing in literally hundreds of church meetings and funerals and other events.

Janet has resided in the Garden Park Ward since 1960 and has served in so many capacities over those years. She loves all the wonderful friends she has in our Relief Society and looks forward to being able to return to Church and visit with you all again.

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2nd Hour Ward Meeting

This week's 2nd hour meeting will be hosted by our Relief Society and features Patricia Doxey as our presenter.

Sister Doxey will lead our discussion from Elder Michael Dunn's General Conference Talk, ['One Percent Better'](#).

[One Percent Better](#) by Elder Michal A. Dunn *of the Seventy*

Please Note:

- Relief Society and Elders Quorum will meet together in the Relief Society room this week.
- 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!

November 28–Theresa Duke

November 30–Rob Jones

December Birthdays

December 1–Nicholas Heiner

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December 2–Tilda Wilson

December 3–Anne Roberts

December 5–Pamela Miller

December 8–Carol Phillips

December 8–Quinton Ruiz

December 10–Eames Patch

December 12–Sophie Shenkal

December 15–Jasmine Linam

December 17–Ralph Robbins

December 17–Lauren Zollinger

December 19–Nikki Peterson

December 20–Geoff Parker

December 25–Lark Galli

December 27–Aaron Cummings

December 28–David Hopkins

December 28–Emily Merchant

December 29–Paul Richardson

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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.

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.

Sunday, November 28th - Christmas on Temple Square launches this year with a musical tribute: "[Witnesses of Christ.](#)" Join a virtual broadcast on Sunday, November 28, at 6:00 p.m. MST through [THIS LINK](#)

Friday, December 3rd— Our annual *Nativity in the Glen*, can be enjoyed from 5:30–9:00 p.m. in the Bonneville Glen, 1035 South 1500 East. Invite your family, friends & neighbors to a magical evening in Bethlehem!

December 4 & 5—*Bonneville Stake Conference* will be held in person at the Stake Center.

Saturday, December 4—Adult Session at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 5—Bonneville Strings at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 5—General Session at 10:00 a.m.

Note: Saturday adult session and all Sunday sessions will all be available via Zoom

Monday, December 6th— *Garden Park Ward Christmas Party*. Monday, December 6th from 6:00–8:00 on the ward grounds. Invite your neighbors to join us for a cup of cheer and to celebrate the Christmas season.

Be sure not to miss the special surprise at 6:30 p.m.!

Tithing Settlement starts Sunday, November 14th and will run through Sunday, December 19th. Sign up sheets will be available on the bulletin board outside the clerk's office. If you need to have a phone appointment, please contact Mark Hindley at 801.599.8175 to coordinate an appointment.

Stay up to date with happenings on Temple Square this Christmas season at [TempleSquare.org](https://www.temple-square.org).

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Sunday, December 5th—*The First Presidency Christmas Devotional* will be livestreamed at 6:00 p.m. MST at [ChurchofJesusChrist.org](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org). The program will include Christmas messages by General Authorities and General Officers of the Church. Music will be provided by [The Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square](#). There will be no public attendance this year.

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 FamilySearch 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.

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 of-fices. 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/temple](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/temple). 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.