

Garden Park Ward Newsletter



October 31, 2021

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A few weeks ago, in Ward Council, we discussed what topic the Bishopric might choose to focus on for our 5th Sunday second hour block lesson. One topic seemed to resonate with all of us. We are concerned that many of us may be facing the dilemma of friends and family stepping away from our faith. The suggestion was made to use this lesson block to talk about how to continue to share our love and support, keep our relationships strong, and stay connected with important people in our lives, while walking separate faith paths. On the basis of that the discussion, the bishopric decided to make that the topic of our upcoming 5th Sunday second block lesson, and is in the process of preparing it.

Perhaps that is why two messages from this recent General Conference particularly touched me.

First, when President Nelson began the conference by stating, "There has never been a time in the history of the world when knowledge of our Savior is more personally vital and relevant to every human soul."

And second, when President Cordon said, "Come unto Christ, and don't come alone."

President Nelson shared God's love for us through his words, through others' thoughtful remarks, and invited us to participate through our own preparation and attentive listening. I hope you found messages that touched your hearts, increased your joy, and lightened your burdens.

What an opportunity we have to savor Christ's love, and to follow His example of never giving up on us, never leaving us alone, and loving us into His Light. Please consider pondering how we might, individually and collectively, be His hands as we extend His Love and Light to all within and beyond our circles.

May God bless you,

Bishop Graham and the Garden Park Bishopric

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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—October 31st

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

October 31, 2021, 10am

Conducting..... Chris Furstenuau
PianistSamuel Johnson
Chorister Roger Thompson
Opening Hymn..... O My Father, No. 292
Invocation Bryce Ward
Ward Business Brother Furstenuau
SpeakerNicole Choules Paul
Musical SelectionCome, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Rebecca Owen, piano
Speaker Adam Paul
Closing HymnThe Iron Rod, No. 274
Benediction..... Dianne Orcutt

Zoom broadcast is concluded

Sacrament HymnThere Is a Green Hill Far Away, No. 194

Administration of the Sacrament

*"The Savior's love for us is unending—even when we fail!
Nothing can separate us from the love of God."
— Bonnie H. Cordon, Come unto Christ and Don't Come Alone
General Conference October 2021*

[Click here to join October 31st Sacrament Meeting](#)

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Relief Society

Dear Sisters,

We hope you are all doing well and staying healthy.

A wonderful time was had by all who came for our Book Bonanza last month; great company, good treats and some wonderful book recommendations. We wanted to share these gems that have a little something for everyone.

- ♦ Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day by Winifred Watson
- ♦ A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
- ♦ Essays by E. B. White
- ♦ What Is the What by Dave Eggers
- ♦ Know My Name: A Memoir by Chanel Miller
- ♦ The Persian Pickle Club by Sandra Dallas
- ♦ A Place to Belong by Cynthia Kadohata

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are" - Mason Cooley

That quote has never rung more true than in these past 18 months.

We love you and hope you enjoy the books that our fellow sisters shared with us.

If there is anything you need please don't hesitate to reach out.

With much love,
Barbara Lund and The Garden Park Relief Society

Upcoming Activities

Floral Arranging & Decorations—*Date Change!*

Our November activity will be floral arranging and decorating ideas for Thanksgiving **November 16th**.

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Relief Society–Trunk or Treat Recipes

A spooktacular time was all that were able to join in for the Trunk or Treat last Thursday evening! The games, trunks, treats, costumes and soup were packed full of fun and brought us together in neighborliness and friendship.

Our deepest appreciation to everyone that contributed to a successful party and a cauldron full of thanks to the sisters who shared recipes for their delicious soups!

Quick Chicken Noodle Soup from Tia Harrison

4 chicken breasts

Boil chicken in water for 20 minutes and cut into small pieces

5 carrots sliced

1 stalk celery, sliced

1 onion, chopped

2 quarts water

4 chicken bouillon cubes (or 4 teaspoons chicken bouillon granules)

Boil veggies, bouillon and water together for 15-20 minutes. Add cut up chicken

1 (10 3/4 oz) can cream of chicken soup

1 teaspoon basil

Pepper to taste

1 cup frozen peas (optional)

1/2 of (11 oz) package of Grandma's Frozen Homemade Noodles, thawed

Add cream of chicken soup, basil and pepper and bring to a boil again before adding defrosted noodles and peas. Cook for an additional 5 minutes. (You can use 2 quarts of chicken broth instead of water and bouillon)

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Trader Joe's Harvest Chili from Randi Patch

1 package of Ground Chicken
1 small onion (chopped)
1 can of Cannellini Beans
2 jars of Fall Harvest Salsa
1 can corn

(You can add more vegetables to your liking)

Saute' Ground Chicken until NO pink remains.

Add onion and continue to saute'

Add Beans and Salsa– simmer 20 minutes

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Zuppa Toscana from Jenny Hobbs

6 oz. bacon, chopped
1 lb. Italian sausage, the 'hot' variety
1 medium head garlic , 10 large cloves, peeled and minced or pressed
1 medium onion, finely diced
4 cups chicken broth/stock (32 oz.)
6 cups water (48 oz.)
5 medium russet potatoes, peeled and chopped into 1/4" pieces
1 kale bundle, leaves stripped and chopped (6 cups)
1 cup whipping cream
Salt and pepper to taste
Parmesan cheese to serve, optional

In a large pot or dutch oven (5.5 qt), over medium-high heat, add chopped bacon and sauté until browned (5-7 mins). Remove bacon to a paper-towel lined plate and spoon out excess oil, leaving about 1 Tbsp oil in the pot.

Add Italian sausage, breaking it up with your spatula and sauté until cooked through (5 min). Remove to paper towel lined plate.

Finely dice onion and add to the pot. Saute 5 min or until soft and golden then add minced garlic and saute 1 min.

Add 4 cups broth and 6 cups water, and bring to boil. Add sliced potatoes and cook 13-14 min or until easily pierced with a fork.

When potatoes nearly done, add chopped kale and cooked sausage and bring everything to a light boil.

Stir in 1 cup cream and bring to boil. Season to taste with salt and black pepper then remove from heat. Garnish with bacon and grated parmesan.

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Trunk or Treat Fun!



Thank You to Grace and JP Brummer, the Young Women and Young Men organizations and Relief Society that organized the wonderful Trunk or Treat event this week which was attended by more than a hundred costumed ward and community children and their parents.



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2nd Hour Ward Meeting

This week's 2nd hour meetings will be divided as follows:

The Young Women & Young Men will meet together to enjoy a presentation from Jack Hindley to learn how to INDEX records.

The topic for a combined adult meeting in the chapel will be "Strengthening the Faith of Family and Friends". Randy Petersen will moderate the discussion along with a panel of ward members.

These talks from October 2021 General Conference may be helpful to review in preparation for this timely discussion.

[Pure Truth, Pure Doctrine, and Pure Revelation](#)

by President Russell M. Nelson, *President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

[Come Unto Christ and Don't Come Alone](#)

By Sister Bonnie Cordon, *Young Women General President*

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!

October 31–Tia Harrison

October 31– Margot Butler

November Birthdays

November 2–Eli Johnson

November 3–Steven Baugh

November 8–Hannah Donohoe

November 8–Bruce Hekeka

November 8–Mia Merchant

November 9–Marissa Fisher

November 9–William Henry Ward

November 10–Elisabeth Merchant

November 10– Mori Paulsen

November 12–Jeff Merchant

November 14– Roger Thompson

November 14–Vanessa Walsh

November 15–Michael Paulsen

November 17–Kara Christensen

November 18–Sherry Baugh

November 19–Carlie Kamerath

November 20–Max Smith

November 20–Anne Woolstenhulme

November 22–Craig Etherington

November 23–Carolyn Sherman

November 24–Steven Seals

November 24–Logan Young

November 25–Ronalee Baker

November 25–Valentino Ruiz

November 26–Matthew Blaser

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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.

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 just enjoy listening.

YSA Counselors for 2022 FSJ Conferences— Applications for counselor positions for 2022 FSJ conferences will open in mid-October . To learn more about FSJ (For the Strength of Youth) conferences click [HERE](#) and to apply for counselor and other positions with FSJ, go the application site linked [HERE](#)

Stake FamilySearch Center located in the NW corner of the Monument Park Stake Center will open the week 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](#).

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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. 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.