

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

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Dear Garden Park Ward,

A few years ago, my son Luke and I joined a scout group on an eight-day, 80 mile backpacking trip through the Sierras. It was a strenuous route through several high mountain passes and the tallest mountain in the continental US, but we had been careful to bring only the most essential items and the lightest gear so we'd be able to make it to the end of the route. Everyone did reasonably well except for Peter, a strong young man who should have been able to keep up, but who kept falling behind the group. We were constantly waiting for him to catch up, to the point where we began to worry about making it out of the mountains in time to catch our flight home. Someone volunteered to carry his tent, and someone else carried his sleeping bag, but still he couldn't keep up.

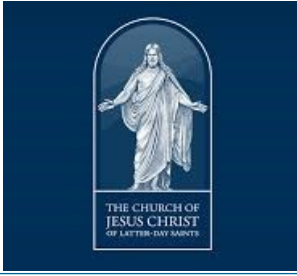
On the third night, one of the leaders turned Peter's pack upside down and dumped the contents on the ground. In addition to all the usual camping items, out tumbled a very large glass bottle of peanut butter and five hardcover novels. Incredulous, the leader asked why Peter had brought such heavy items on an endurance backpacking trip. Peter explained that he really liked peanut butter, and that while packing, he had struggled to decide which book he wanted to read, so he just brought them all.

I get a good chuckle every time I think of Peter struggling over those mountain passes with a tub of peanut butter and a small library on his back. But at the same time, I suspect I'm guilty of similar foolishness. How often do my appetites, habits, and hobbies limit my progress? Would I be closer to my destination if I got rid of the superfluous and focused on the essentials?

Sister Michelle Craig from the Young Women General Presidency said, "When we come to understand what is essential in this life and in the next, it becomes easier to lighten our load. We eliminate excess, set priorities, and reduce distractions that could get us stuck in the mud while other hand-carts and wagons move on. If we are weighed down with guilt, despair, sin, and sadness, it is time to set these things aside and fill our carts with faith, hope, and a regular renewal of our covenants with God."

Wishing you all lighter burdens, an easier climb, and greater joy by focusing on what is truly essential in this life and the next.

Warmly,
Randy Peterson and the Garden Park Bishopric



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Ward Business

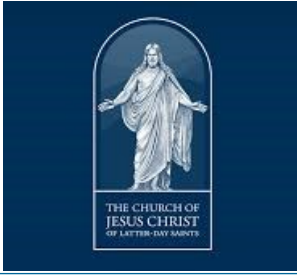
The Garden Park Ward Bishopric releases with gratitude and deep appreciation for their service the following individuals in the Young Women's Organization:

President: Judianne Peterson
1st Counselor: Lisa Paulsen
2nd Counselor: Lois Waltman
Secretary: Susie Hindley
Advisors: Colleen Thompson, Karli Gillette, and Rachel Romano

The Garden Park Ward Bishopric has extended and the individuals have accepted the following calls in the Young Women's Organization:

President: Anne Woolstenhulme
1st Counselor: Susie Hindley
2nd Counselor: Lisa Paulsen
Secretary: Emily Crozier
Advisor: Rachel Romano

Request for sustaining votes will occur when we meet together as a ward.



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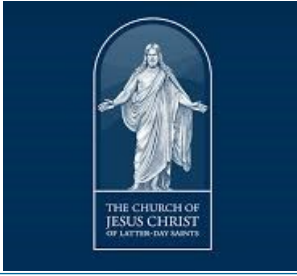


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Ward Council Message Update on Reopening our Sunday Worship Services

We miss meeting together. We feel lucky to live in our beautiful neighborhood among wonderful people. We look forward to the day when we can gather together again.

As described by Dr. Angela Dunn, our state epidemiologist, we seem to be in the middle of an acceleration phase of Covid-19 along the Wasatch Front. While other portions of the State have been moved to the Yellow or even Green designations, Salt Lake City remains in the Orange designation, as case numbers are daily rising. In response, our Ward Bishopric and Ward Council will continue monitoring the situation, and will discuss our current options when we meet next Sunday. For now we are staying the course. In the meantime, we encourage all to wear masks, and maintain at least the 6 feet social distancing practices in public spaces. Stay well.



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Relief Society

A Fond Farewell to some families in our ward that are moving.

Mandi Anderson, thanks for always being kind, thoughtful and real! We miss your comments in Relief Society but are thrilled that you met and married fun Phil to teach primary with you! We are sad to see you go but happy for you to be buying a bigger house in another "Garden Park Ward"! Love to you both!

Ali Scheil-Hair. We got to know you just enough to miss you. We are indebted to you for our Zoom meetings that have kept us connected these last few weeks (and hope that you won't abandon us while we continue to meet virtually.) Thanks to you and Sean for making adorable baby Hugo. We're happy to see you move on-ward and upward...(just wishing it was within the Ward.)

Wendy and Scarlett Williams and the other amazing Williams women. Who knew that this family of brilliant beauties could have so much spirituality, service and heart? We have been so blessed by your lessons and testimonies Wendy!

We're glad that Channing and Kennedy may still be around (with some super cute dogs) for awhile! Preston is a lucky man!

David Rishton, your exceptional talent and testimony has touched us deeply!

The Campbells are considering leaving the ward to move up to Idaho to be closer to other family. Sweet Kathy has helped in primary for many years, Michael has been a fine patriarch and provider and Josh has some of the best hair of all of our young men. There has been a Campbell presence in the ward for decades that will surely be missed!

Thank you! Love and best wishes to you all!

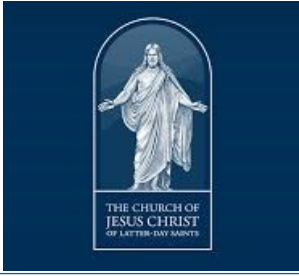
Losing so many ward members in one month is not ideal and I feel that the bishop would support me in suggesting that no one else leave the ward...ever.

Thanks again to all those who helped to sew masks! The church provided almost 6 million! A tremendous effort and accomplishment! Here is a link to the [thank you video](#).

We hope you all enjoyed Jenny's wonderful ward family video link last Sunday. I'm sure you realized that we only got about a third of the ward. We would like very much to include the rest of you! Please text a family photo to her at (505)301-0629 or send her one at jennyhobbs@gmail.com if you can/want to. We'll continue to reach out to you at your homes. Thanks so much Jenny!

Click on the link below to view the Garden Park Ward Family video:

<https://youtu.be/48rAwgJqz9w>



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Young Men

Reminder to continue working in your individual Personal Development Guide Book, which contains the following topics:

1. You Have a Purpose
2. You Are a Precious Child of God
3. You Can Follow the Savior
4. A Pattern for Growth by:
 - Discover what you need to work on.
 - Plan how you will do it.
 - Act on your plan in faith.
 - Reflect on what you have learned.
 - Consider creating goals in each of the four areas to keep your life balanced.
 - Spiritual
 - Social
 - Physical
 - Intellectual

With love,

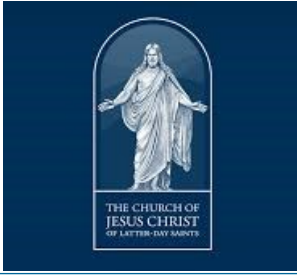
Quorum Advisors Jess and Samuel, and Activity Specialists Hunter and Sean

Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Priesthood Zoom meeting hosted by the Deacon's Quorum
Zoom Meeting ID will be sent out through Quorum text chain

Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Joint Young Men's Activity
Details will be sent via text as the time draws closer



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Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting is sponsored by our Elders Quorum and features Doug Bunker as our presenter.

June 28, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Read: ["Prayers of Faith"](#) by President Henry B. Eyring, *Second Counselor in the First Presidency*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98319278898?pwd=MW1xTW5VZFFFN1QxcHNLTE1DcU56dz09>

Meeting ID: 983 1927 8898

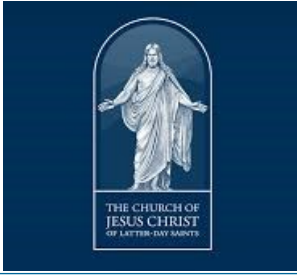
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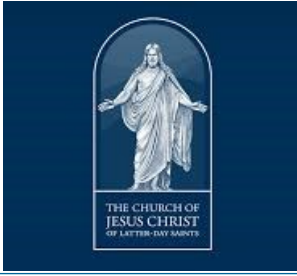
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Ward Announcements

- ◆ Our Stake Presidency invites us to join them in fasting on our regular monthly fast day, Sunday, July 5th, for relief from the rising impacts of the current pandemic in our wards, stake, city and state. They invite us to join them in praying that conditions will improve enough in the near future to allow us to return to our Sacrament Meetings, and, eventually, to additional meetings within our buildings.

They invite us to join them in fasting and praying that our local, state and national governmental leaders will earnestly seek ways to improve the equity and fairness of our social, governmental and justice systems, and will seek to heal divisions among us and to unite us all as caring equals. We invite you to fast and pray that the Lord will help each of us, individually, to be more loving and more welcoming to all of our brothers and sisters, and to do our best to overcome Covid-19, and the social diseases of bigotry and racism.

- ◆ We have two newly assigned missionaries, Elder Haddock and Elder Kember who can be reached at (801) 833-8084. Welcome!
- ◆ **Sacrament Administration** from our Area President, Elder Holzapfel: "The sacrament can be offered to families who have not had the opportunity in their homes . . . The First Presidency has authorized the administration of the sacrament at least monthly." The sacrament may still be blessed and passed by your own family members that are able to do so. If you would like the sacrament brought to your home, please contact Relief Society President Kathy Younker (801.971.1504) or Elders' Quorum President Doug Bunker (801.910.7128), and they will help make arrangements for you to receive it.
- ◆ The Bountiful Temple has been reopened for live sealing temple ordinances for those previously endowed, by appointment only. See churchofjesuschrist.org for additional information.
- ◆ Temple recommends continue to be available. Even though temples are currently closed, our Stake Presidency is encouraging all to keep their recommends current. Recommend interviews are being held by phone at this time, both at the ward and stake level. If yours is expired, please contact Mark Hindley at (801) 599-8175 to set up a phone interview with the Bishop.
- ◆ Although Garden Park Ward building is closed for ward activities, we understand that families occasionally use the gym for their family activities of fewer than 10 people. The bathroom under the stage may be used if necessary. Please wipe down all door knobs, and surfaces that you touch with the wipes on the kitchen counter, before and after use. Thank you for keeping each other safe.
- ◆ Reminder for all ministering brothers and sisters to continue weekly contact and prompt reporting to Relief Society President, Kathy Younker and Elders Quorum President, Doug Bunker.
- ◆ There are many great resources available at churchofjesuschrist.org for enlightenment and studying the gospel.



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★ Happy Birthday ★

June 29—Tyler Case

June 29—Amanda Dixon

June 29—Lewis Furstenau

June 29—Milliani Hopokingi

June 29—Adam Paul

JULY

July 1—Grace Lund

July 5—Simone Furstenau

July 6—Becky Hailes

July 6—Aubrey Parkinson

July 7—Gabrielle Linam

July 7—Elliot Mattsson

July 8—Annabelle Nicoli

July 9—Spencer Christiansen

July 9—Peter Hardy

July 10—Andrew Lechtenberg

July 10—Jonathan Penman

July 12—Emily Hardy

July 12—Brooke Pederson

July 12—Mark Stevens

July 12—Jerry Winkler

July 13—Joseph Hatch

July 14—Spencer Ashby

July 14—Julie Morriss

July 15—Cassie Crotchett

July 15—Marci Eggett

July 15—Judith Jarrow

July 16—Robert Evans

July 18—Dorian Crozer

July 18—Cheryl Fuller

July 20—John Miller

July 22—Isabelle Lund

July 22—Wendy Williams

July 25—Meghan Donohoe

July 25—Norm Younker

July 26—Cary Chapman

July 29—Olivia Curtis

July 29—Faye Walch

July 31—Kara Hargrove

July 31—Susie Hindley

July 31—Don Thorpe

July 31—Claire Wilson