



# Garden Park Ward Newsletter

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## Bishopric Message

Dear Garden Park ward,

My grandfather Ted Peterson was a B-17 pilot during World War II. During a bombing mission over the Nazi submarine pens in St. Nazaire, France, his plane was shot down, and he parachuted into a small village called Saint Quay. For three terrifying months, he was pursued by German forces, evading capture by hiding out in ravines, cellars, and even a tuberculosis asylum. It was a horrific experience for a young man in his early twenties, who spoke no French or German but understood the potential lethality of his situation. Ted had the good fortune of connecting with a French family that was involved with the French Resistance. They helped smuggle him under a truckload of potatoes to Southern France, where he began an 11-day hike over the Pyrenees Mountains to freedom in Spain.

Ted's terrifying months in France have given rise to a deep and beautiful friendship between my family and the French family who helped Ted escape. The relationship has spanned four generations, with families on both sides of the Atlantic naming children after individuals on the other side. I was reminded of that dramatic shift from terror to warmth and beauty this week when I discovered a poem by Rainer Rilke that reads in part:

God speaks to each of us as he makes us,  
then walks with us silently out of the night.

These are the words we dimly hear:

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Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror.  
Just keep going. No feeling is final.  
Don't let yourself lose me.

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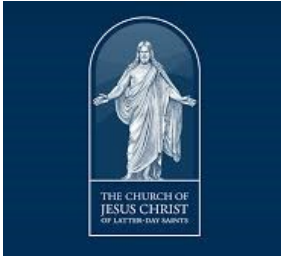
Give me your hand.

All of the feelings we experience—beauty and terror, triumph and exhaustion, jealousy, peace, anger, and doubt—are part of the human experience for which we were made. None of them is permanent, and as we are taught in D&C 122, "all these things shall give thee experience, and shall be for thy good. The Son of Man hath descended below them all."

I'm so glad my grandfather just kept going, not only through those months in France, but throughout his life. Through trials and triumphs, he never let himself lose touch with his maker.

As a bishopric, we are so grateful for the examples of love, faithfulness, service, and perseverance we see in your lives. Please let us know how we can better serve you. Have a wonderful week, and we'll look forward to seeing each of you soon.

Warmly,  
Randy Peterson and the Garden Park bishopric



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## Relief Society

This week we will be hearing from Jessica Patch and her lesson on the conference talk "An Especially Noble Calling" by the primary general president Joy D. Jones. This lesson has inspired some wonderful thoughts on the importance of our contributions in our communities and our society. We do have an important part to play and Heavenly Father will guide us through personal revelation to reach our potential.

Dear sisters, our influence matters, our thoughts matters, our actions matter. Being a woman is a wonderful calling full of intersectionalities of being a mother, a daughter, a friend, a caregiver, a teacher, a worker, and so on. This also can be overwhelming. Let us remember to always be mindful, as well as rely on prayer and scripture study to nourish our spirits, consequently keeping us strong on the path towards Him.

Love,

The Garden Park Ward Relief Society

- ◆ A 2 bedroom apartment will be available soon in the ward. Contact Alli (801.205.9001) or Sean (801.833.6660) for more information.
- ◆ Upcoming Welfare Assignments:
  - ◆ Friday, May 22nd at Welfare Square Cannery 7:30—11:30 a.m. (3 people needed)
    - *All assignments for the Cannery are continuing as scheduled.*
    - *All volunteers age 16 - 64 are encouraged to participate.*
    - *Long pants and closed-toe shoes are required.*
    - *Volunteers are welcome to bring and wear their own mask but it is not required.*
- ◆ **Cancelled:** Wednesday, May 20th at Bishop's Storehouse 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

## Front Porch Portraits

Jenny Hobbs will be coming around in the next week or two to take Front Porch Portraits of your entire family, on your porch. We want to put together a video of our Ward Family, sheltering at home on the front porch, to share with the ward. Why? Because we miss you! We want to see everyone's face (or eyeballs if you choose to wear masks) and we think the rest of our ward family will love seeing you, too.



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## Relief Society (continued)

We'll let you know in advance when we'll be coming through your neighborhood so you can plan ahead. If you are willing, you can gather your family (or yourself if it's just you right now) and come out to your porch for a quick picture. We'll keep a safe distance away, and it will just take a few seconds. (If uncut hair or uncolored roots is not your favorite look, please leave a picture in your mailbox for us to pick up.)

Once we have a picture of everyone who is willing (please be willing!) we'll assemble it into a Ward Family Portrait video and share it with everyone. This way we won't forget what we all look like! We will also print them to put them on the bulletin board that Jenny decorated at the ward when we happily return.

Get ready--we'll be sweeping through your neighborhood soon to document this historic time in our lives! If we have any ward photographers that would like to help Jenny with this major project, please contact her at (505)301-0629 or [jennyhobbs@gmail.com](mailto:jennyhobbs@gmail.com).

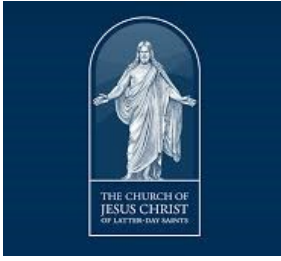
## Service Opportunity

The First Presidency has recently approved, and the Utah Area Presidency supports, a project to sew **5 million** urgently needed medical-grade face masks for health care providers in hospitals and other medical facilities. The Relief Society is a cosponsor of this project, which is a partnership between Latter-day Saint Charities, Intermountain Healthcare, and University of Utah Health.

**Ten thousand** volunteers per week are needed to sew 100 masks from precut, medical-grade fabric, distributed in kits at selected Deseret Industries stores. This will be repeated for five weeks and begins next Tuesday, April 21.

Those who are available for 10-15 hours during the week and have sewing skills and a sewing machine are invited to sign up!

**Registration will be available beginning Friday, April 17.** Details and instructions can be found at [ProjectProtect.health](https://ProjectProtect.health).



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## Young Women

**Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

Zoom Baking—Peanut Butter Bread  
Let's see if all the hype is true!

You'll need: Flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, milk, peanut butter & a loaf pan

**YW Camp is August 11-14, 2020.** Stay tuned! It will not be a traditional overnight camp.

Have an awesome week!

Love,  
GP YW Presidency



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## Young Men

Seven months ago, in the October General Conference, President Nelson and Elder Cook outlined changes to the Young Men's organization, that the bishopric would now constitute the Young Men's Presidency. Elder Cook states, "These changes align our practice with [Doctrine and Covenants 107:15](#), which reads, "The bishopric is the presidency of this [Aaronic] priesthood, and holds the keys or authority of the same."

As Quorum Advisors (Jess and Samuel), and Activity Specialists (Hunter and Sean), we are glad to support the bishopric and enjoy associating with the great young men of our Ward.

In November, a Young Men's theme was introduced (for the first time), which we recite at the beginning of each Quorum Meeting:

*I am a beloved son of God, and He has a work for me to do.*

*With all my heart, might, mind, and strength, I will love God, keep my covenants, and use His priesthood to serve others, beginning in my own home.*

*As I strive to serve, exercise faith, repent, and improve each day, I will qualify to receive temple blessings and the enduring joy of the gospel.*

*I will prepare to become a diligent missionary, loyal husband, and loving father by being a true disciple of Jesus Christ.*

*I will help prepare the world for the Savior's return by inviting all to come unto Christ and receive the blessings of His Atonement.*

### **Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.**

Joint Zoom Priesthood Meeting with Sam Wilson providing instruction.  
Zoom Meeting ID will be sent out through Quorum text chain

### **Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

Quorum Zoom Game Night  
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## Sunday School

### **A few lessons relevant to our times, from this weeks Come Follow Me study. Mosiah 18 through 24**

In Mosiah 18:8-10, Alma and his people are gathered at the waters of baptism. We are reminded of the covenant that we make at the time of baptism:

8 And it came to pass that he said unto them: Behold, here are the waters of Mormon (for thus were they called) and now, as ye are desirous to come into the fold of God, and to be called his people, and are willing to bear one another's burdens, that they may be light;

9 Yea, and are willing to mourn with those that mourn; yea, and comfort those that stand in need of comfort, and to stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places that ye may be in, even until death, that ye may be redeemed of God, and be numbered with those of the first resurrection, that ye may have eternal life—

As the consequences of the pandemic effect those around us, some are fearful, some have lost loved ones, some are ill, and some have lost employment.

We, as the people of God can be there to bear one another's burdens, mourn each other's losses and comfort as needed.

As we do so, he will pour out his Spirit more abundantly in our lives and in the lives of those we serve.

In Mosiah 21 and 24 the people of Limhi and the people of Alma are in bondage to the Lamanites. In these Chapters, we learn some of the ways that God delivers his people from their iniquities.

Mosiah 21:13-17

13 And they did humble themselves even to the dust, subjecting themselves to the yoke of bondage, submitting themselves to be smitten, and to be driven to and fro, and burdened, according to the desires of their enemies.

14 And they did humble themselves even in the depths of humility; and they did cry mightily to God; yea, even all the day long did they cry unto their God that he would deliver them out of their afflictions.

15 And now the Lord was slow to hear their cry because of their iniquities; nevertheless the Lord did hear their cries, and began to soften the hearts of the Lamanites that they began to ease their burdens; yet the Lord did not see fit to deliver them out of bondage.

16 And it came to pass that they began to prosper by degrees in the land, and began to raise grain more abundantly, and flocks, and herds, that they did not suffer with hunger.

17 Now there was a great number of women, more than there was of men; therefore king Limhi commanded that every man should impart to the support of the widows and their children, that they might not perish with hunger; and this they did because of the greatness of their number that had been slain.

Sometimes the Lord seems slow to hear our cries. Sometimes he does not see fit to deliver in the timeframe we expect. Sometimes he answers our prayers in degrees. Sometimes the slow pace of his deliverance teaches us and changes who we are.



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## Sunday School (continued)

In chapter 22, Gideon offers a plan for escape. They are finally delivered.

In chapter 24 we learn of the bondage, suffering and deliverance of the people of Alma.  
Mosiah 24:10-16

10 And it came to pass that so great were their afflictions that they began to cry mightily to God.

11 And Amulon commanded them that they should stop their cries; and he put guards over them to watch them, that whosoever should be found calling upon God should be put to death.

12 And Alma and his people did not raise their voices to the Lord their God, but did pour out their hearts to him; and he did know the thoughts of their hearts.

13 And it came to pass that the voice of the Lord came to them in their afflictions, saying: Lift up your heads and be of good comfort, for I know of the covenant which ye have made unto me; and I will covenant with my people and deliver them out of bondage.

14 And I will also ease the burdens which are put upon your shoulders, that even you cannot feel them upon your backs, even while you are in bondage; and this will I do that ye may stand as witnesses for me hereafter, and that ye may know of a surety that I, the Lord God, do visit my people in their afflictions.

15 And now it came to pass that the burdens which were laid upon Alma and his brethren were made light; yea, the Lord did strengthen them that they could bear up their burdens with ease, and they did submit cheerfully and with patience to all the will of the Lord.

16 And it came to pass that so great was their faith and their patience that the voice of the Lord came unto them again, saying: Be of good comfort, for on the morrow I will deliver you out of bondage.

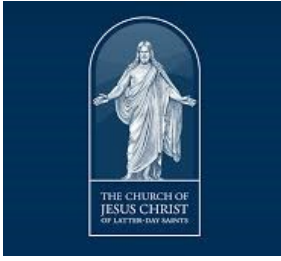
In our day, we cry unto the Lord for relief from the pandemic. We pray for miracles that may not be realized in the timeframe or way that we expect.

God hears our cries. All things are meant for the good of God's children and to draw us closer to Him. If we stop looking for "THE MIRACLE" and begin looking around us at the little miracles that are changing our lives, building our faith and trust in him and demonstrating his love for each of his children, we will see that he is delivering us by degrees.

Alma and his people would not have left Helam had they not faced persecution.

Only God knows where the trials of this pandemic will take us. Let us have confidence that it will be to a better place

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## Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week is sponsored by our Relief Society and features Jessica Patch as our presenter.

**May 17, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Read:** ['An Especially Noble Calling'](#) by Sister Joy Jones, Primary General President

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 983 1927 8898

Password: 063893

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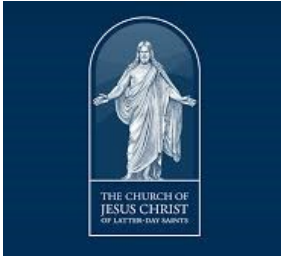
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## Ward Announcements

- ◆ The Stake President gave the presenters the green light to move forward with the "Getting a Better Job" program. Tom Lund, and Mark and Pam Larson will be the facilitators. If you are interested in attending this stake-sponsored course, **please contact Mark Hindley at 801.599.8175** and he will pass your name and contact information on to receive an invitation with the details about the course. They are limiting the group size to 20. If necessary, they will create additional groups to keep each to that size.
- ◆ **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](http://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](http://churchofjesuschrist.org) for enlightenment and studying the gospel.
- ◆ Click [here](#) to learn how President Jean Bingham learned to hear the voice of the Lord.



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## ★ Happy Birthday ★

May 1—Jack Donohoe  
 May 4—Samuel Terry  
 May 5—Lois Waltman  
 May 6—Mark Hindley  
 May 8—Coco Mack  
 May 10—Greta Furstenau  
 May 11—Merilee Kohler  
 May 12—Molly Terry  
 May 14—Cindee Elmer  
 May 14—Jack Hindley  
 May 15—Christopher Russell

May 15—Scott Wilson  
 May 16—Melissa Van De Riet  
 May 18—Lorel Nicholls  
 May 19—Oletta Cummings  
 May 22—Bruce Woolstenhulme  
 May 23—Keith Huntsman  
 May 26—Dannie Davidson  
 May 26—Ron Hale  
 May 28—Hunter Romano  
 May 30—Eloise Brummer  
 May 31—Estee Furstenau

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