

# *Garden Park Ward Newsletter*

*November 14, 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



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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 14<sup>th</sup>

### GARDEN PARK WARD *-Sacrament Meeting Program-*

THE CHURCH OF  
JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

November 14, 2021, 10am

Conducting ..... Brother Chris Furstenau  
Pianist ..... Lois Waltman  
Chorister ..... Roger Thompson  
Opening Hymn ..... *Hope of Israel*, No. 259  
Invocation ..... John Evans  
Ward Business ..... Brother Furstenau  
Sacrament Hymn ..... *God Loved Us, So He Sent His Son*, No. 187

#### Administration of the Sacrament

Speaker ..... Judianne Peterson  
Violin Duet ..... *How Great Thou Art*, arr. Larry Beebe  
Eloise Etherington and Millie Waltman  
Accompanied by Lois Waltman  
Speaker ..... Bruce Woolstenhulme  
Closing Hymn ..... *Be Thou Humble*, No. 130  
Benediction ..... Matt Lund

Zoom broadcast is concluded

*"[W]hether we are coming home or going home, God is coming to meet us.  
In Him we can find faith and courage, wisdom and discernment to trust again."  
— Gerrit W. Gong, Trust Again  
General Conference October 2021*

[Click here to join November 14<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Thanksgiving Floral Arranging**

#### **November 16<sup>th</sup>**

Our November activity will be floral arranging and decorating ideas for Thanksgiving. For those that signed up to make an arrangement, please meet at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. If you didn't sign up to make an arrangement, please join us and learn more about floral arranging. We look forward to seeing you!

#### **Service Opportunity**—[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!

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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

Our Relief Society and Elders Quorum meetings will continue to be held separately.

Sister Jessica Patch will lead the discussion for the Relief Society from the following October 2021 general conference talk by President Russell M. Nelson.

### [The Temple and Your Spiritual Foundation](#)

Elders Quorum will meet in the chapel for their 2nd hour discussion.

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!

November 2—Eli Johnson  
November 3—Steven Baugh  
November 8—Hannah Donohoe  
November 8—Bruce Hekekoa  
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  
November 27—Jim Duke  
November 28—Theresa Duke  
November 30—Rob Jones



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### 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.

**Sacrament Meeting** is being held in person and will also continue to be broadcast through Zoom.

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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**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.

Beginning **Friday, November 26th**—see an animated nativity projected on the ceiling of the Salt Lake Tabernacle for the first time. This new presentation, entitled "Peace on Earth". Showings begin Friday, November 26 and will continue daily every 15 minutes from 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The presentation lasts about four minutes and will alternate between Spanish & English.

**Sunday, November 28th** at 6:00 p.m. MST on [ChurchofJesusChrist.org](http://ChurchofJesusChrist.org) kicks off the Christmas season with the musical presentation "Witnesses of Christ."

**Friday, December 3rd**—Our annual Nativity in the Glen, 6:00–9:00 p.m. in the Bonneville Glen, 1035 South 1500 East. It's not too soon to invite your family, friends & neighbors to a magical evening in Bethlehem!

**Sunday, December 5th**—The First Presidency Christmas Devotional will be live streamed at 6:00 p.m. on MST at [ChurchofJesusChrist.org](http://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.

Stay up to date with happenings on Temple Square this Christmas season at [TempleSquare.org](http://TempleSquare.org).

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## Ward Announcements

**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](#).

**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.