

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

July 5, 2020



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Why do we celebrate July 4th with fireworks? The *History Newsletter, July, 2020*, writes "The tradition of setting off fireworks on the 4 of July began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, during the first organized celebration of Independence Day. Ship's cannon fired a 13-gun salute in honor of the 13 colonies.

The Pennsylvania Evening Post reported: 'at night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated.' That same night, the Sons of Liberty set off fireworks over Boston Common."

As we approached this holiday weekend, I asked Cathy about how she grew up celebrating the 4th. I enjoyed discovering new things about her family tradition tree, that I recognize in some of our own July 4th traditions (except the sweet pickles!).

In Cathy's family, each year after breakfast her mother prepared and packed a picnic of fried chicken, potato salad with sweet gherkins, and lots of chips, cookies, drinks, and fruit; swim gear, games and blankets to stake out the necessary territory for their generous-sized family (five to fourteen after Cathy was born) for a day of fun and celebration.

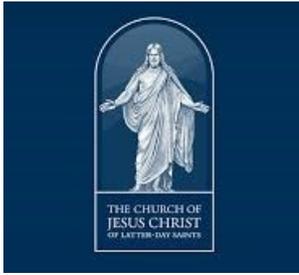
Cathy remembers walking for what seemed like forever—probably less than a mile—to nearby Green Lake in Seattle, to spread out their picnic blankets and to spend the day swimming, playing and picnicking, and finally to watch in exhausted awe, the firework display over the lake to commemorate Independence Day, before sleepwalking back home.

Even before she knew what "Independence Day" was, she knew it was important. From her earliest memories, she noticed that her mother always stood when she heard the Star Spangled Banner played, even on the radio, and placed her hand over her heart. Sometimes her mother's eyes would tear up. Cathy did not understand why at first, but she noticed how much it meant to her mother. In the years to come, and as her understanding of rights, responsibility, and agency grew, so did her appreciation for her country, and the sacrifices of those who devoted their lives to its creation, survival, growth, and the ideals to which its founders aspired, and of her mother's knowing and example.

I love the fourth of July and the traditions. More noble than any one founder's capacity, the self-evident truths and God-given agency outlined in the United States' Declaration of Independence, adopted by each of the thirteen colonies, established in the constitution, and predicted in the Book of Mormon, confirms the worth of God's children, and God's gift of agency, and its supernal position of importance in our coming to earth.

I hope you celebrated this wonderful holiday, perhaps with friends or family and loved ones, with traditions new or old. May we recognize and express profound gratitude for free agency, our country's continuing struggle to provide and protect it for all citizens, and the Atonement that makes it all possible.

God bless you,
Bishop Graham and the Garden Park Ward Bishopric



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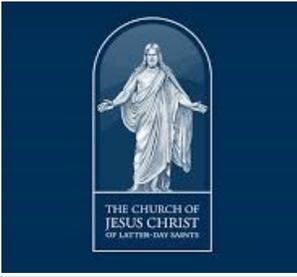


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Ward Council Message Update on Reopening our Sunday Worship Services

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

Happy Independence Day!

For me, the fourth of July is a very special time because it is the anniversary of when I became a citizen of the United States. My naturalization ceremony was held at Bandolier National Monument in New Mexico on July 4, 2012. Getting my American citizenship was one of the key moments in my life.



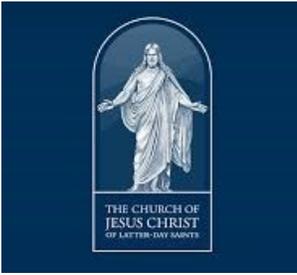
Our country is such a wonderful place full of different cultures, traditions, beliefs, and thoughts. We are so different and at the same time we are one in purpose. We want the same thing: A life full of love, happiness, freedom, dignity, and peace.

I have always felt that being American means "the opportunity to do what is right" which also complements my journey as a follower of Jesus Christ. Being an American comes with a lot of privileges and responsibilities much like being a member of the church of Jesus of Christ entails.

Elder L. Tom Perry promoted patriotism through righteous living in 2011 by teaching us that "being dedicated to freedom and having a desire to follow eternal truths will make us better people and a better nation."

I am so thankful for the opportunity to live in this wonderful country: a country that is not perfect but it is ideal; a country where it's people care for each other; a country of excellence; a country full of hope, religious freedom, and a rich heritage. I am proud of being an American and I hope you are too.

Jenny Hobbs
Relief Society 2nd Counselor



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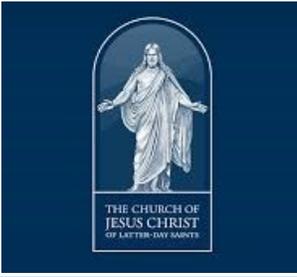
Young Men

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



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Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting is sponsored by our Relief Society and features Emily Lund as our presenter.

July 5, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

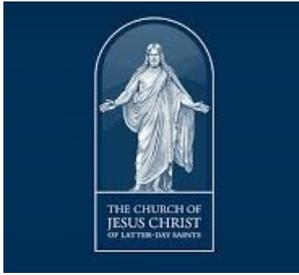
Read: ["Ensuring a Righteous Judgment"](#) by Elder James R. Rasband *of the Seventy*

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 983 1927 8898

Password: 063893



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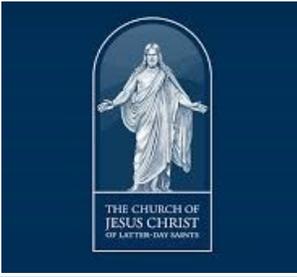


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Ward Announcements

- ◆ 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 ★

July 1—Grace Lund	July 15—Cassie Crotchett
July 5—Simone Furstenau	July 15—Marci Eggett
July 6—Becky Hailes	July 15—Judith Jarrow
July 6—Aubrey Parkinson	July 16—Robert Evans
July 7—Gabrielle Linam	July 18—Dorian Crozer
July 7—Elliot Mattsson	July 18—Cheryl Fuller
July 8—Annabelle Nicoli	July 20—John Miller
July 9—Spencer Christiansen	July 22—Isabelle Lund
July 9—Peter Hardy	July 22—Wendy Williams
July 10—Andrew Lechtenberg	July 25—Meghan Donohoe
July 10—Jonathan Penman	July 25—Norm Younker
July 12—Emily Hardy	July 26—Cary Chapman
July 12—Brooke Pederson	July 29—Olivia Curtis
July 12—Mark Stevens	July 29—Faye Walch
July 12—Jerry Winkler	July 31—Kara Hargrove
July 13—Joseph Hatch	July 31—Susie Hindley
July 14—Spencer Ashby	July 31—Don Thorpe
July 14—Julie Morriss	July 31—Claire Wilson