

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

May 24, 2020



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Bishopric Message

Amidst the perils and possible cabin fever of the Corona Virus, we are blessed to look forward to a wonderful holiday Monday, Memorial Day. What an opportunity to celebrate the legacy of family traditions, love, light and joy of our forebearers.

Do you remember what President Uchtdorf said in his October 2012 general conference talk about our lives on earth, and how to resolve to live lives of holiness and happiness instead of regrets? He said, "My dear brothers and sisters, my dear friends! We are all mortal. I hope this does not come as a surprise to anyone.

None of us will be on earth very long. We have a number of precious years which, in the eternal perspective, barely amount to the blink of an eye. And then we depart. Our spirits 'are taken home to that God who gave us life.' We lay our bodies down and leave behind the things of this world as we move to the next realm of our existence."

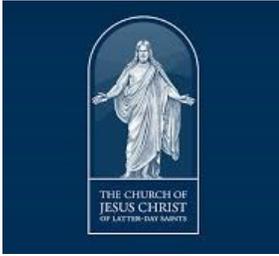
My mom died just over a year ago, and my dad died in 2009. They lived lives devoted to each other, to their family, and to the Gospel. On Friday evening, I joined my siblings and their spouses at my parents' graveside where we shared our love and appreciation for our parents and each other. We also compared notes about how life with Covid 19 continues to unfold. We all chuckled as we expressed aloud to mom and dad that we hoped things might be less chaotic in their sphere.

As I drove home, a sweet family memory came back to me. Years ago, on a school break, Cathy and I took a staycation with our children to a treasured family cabin. When Sunday came, we held our own Sacrament meeting. As naïve young parents, we asked each of our young children to say the prayers, lead us in a primary song, and our oldest, Sarah, to give us a short talk. Her eye rolls, and sighs clearly expressed her thoughts about the assignment. However reluctantly, she took it on, and asked us what she should talk about. We suggested that she talk about her heroes, the remarkable people who inspired her to do remarkable things.

She took a few minutes to prepare. When she was ready, I think her brother Tom gave a four word opening prayer, and her little sister Beth led us through the fastest version of "I am a child of God" I've ever heard. Thinking our Sunday plan might be a complete disaster, I felt completely unprepared for what came next. My twelve year-old daughter brought tears to my eyes, and quiet gratitude and joy to my soul when she listed all the reasons that her grandparents were her greatest heroes. Hands down, I thought it would be her esteemed soccer coach. But there she stood, describing how she loved the gospel because of how loved and important they made her feel, that she could do anything, be anything she chose, that she could make a difference in other's lives.

I see my parents' legacy of love and to devotion to family, friends and the gospel in my children and grandchildren. Our bishopric hopes that in between the daily disasters you may be experiencing, you may also be blessed with tender moments of the legacy of love, light and joy of your forebearers.

Warmly, Bishop Graham



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Relief Society

Dear Sisters,

"How thankful we all must be for the women in our lives" - Gordon B Hinckley

We miss you, we love you, we are grateful for you. We hope that you and your loved ones are well.

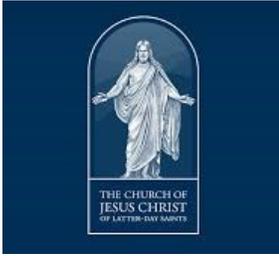
We are especially thankful and excited, to be able to welcome Jennie Wilson and Scarlett Williams to Relief Society! We look forward to getting to know them and sharing our wonderful sisterhood with them.

Love,

The Garden Park Ward Relief Society

Spotlight—Jennie Wilson

Jennie has been a ray of sunshine in our house since the day she was born! She plans to attend the U this fall where she was awarded the Flagship Scholarship and her major is undecided for now. Since her elementary days at Uintah, she has loved to sing and has participated in school choirs ever since, even performing the national anthem (as a solo!) at several of her swim meets. She swam for East and earned a letter in both swimming and music. She also loved participating in the East theater department for the last two years. Jennie loved Young Women's camp and enjoyed being a YCL. She sends a special shout out and a bunch of love to all the awesome Young Women leaders she has had over the years. Jennie is full of faith and love, which was demonstrated when she finished the rigorous Personal Progress requirements twice (!), the first time for herself and the second time to help her little sister finish it. Jennie loves dogs, sleeping in, having fun with friends, eating sushi, mowing the lawn, and reading. We love you, Jennie, and are so excited for your future!



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Relief Society (continued)

Announcements

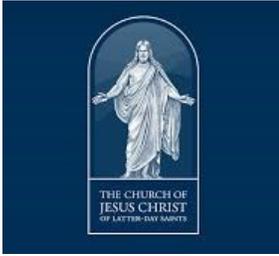
- ◆ A BIG THANKS to all of you who have participated in our Porch Picture Project by sending us pictures or letting us come by to take your picture! We love what we have so far but are finding this to be quite an undertaking. Please help us by sending us a picture or letting us know when it would be a good time to come by and take one. You're also welcome to take your neighbor's picture (with their permission of course) and text, email or snail mail it to Jenny (505) 301-0629 [jen-nyhobbs@gmail.com](mailto:jennyhobbs@gmail.com), 1151 E. Yale Avenue.
- ◆ It's not an easy time to be a missionary. Elders Haddock and Kimber cannot leave their apartment unless they are doing service. They can do any kind of outside work and even work inside if they can practice social distancing. If you need any service, or know anyone who does, they would be happy to help! You can reach them at (801) 414-4152.
- ◆ A 2 bedroom apartment will be available soon in the ward. Contact Alli (801.205.9001) or Sean (801.833.6660) for more information.

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!



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Young Women

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Celebration of our graduating seniors—Jennie and Scarlett! Instead of a roast, we'll hear a tribute to these amazing girls from one of their parents!

Topic: YW Sunday Meeting - Let's Celebrate our Graduates!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://podium.zoom.us/j/95695277036>

Meeting ID: 956 9527 7036

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YW UPDATES

Wednesday, May 27 at 8:30 p.m.

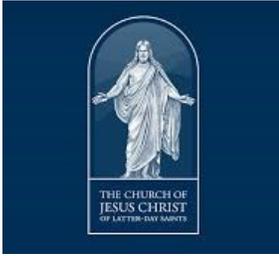
Stake Seminary Graduation—Stake Center lower parking lot (Drive-in style). All EHS Seminary students invited. Congratulations to our graduates—Jennie and Scarlett!

Congratulations to Georgia on being selected to be on East High's Seminary Council next year!

Stake YW Camp is August 11-14. Stay tuned for format!

Please continue to be safe! We're so grateful we've all stayed healthy!

Lots of love,
GP YW Presidency



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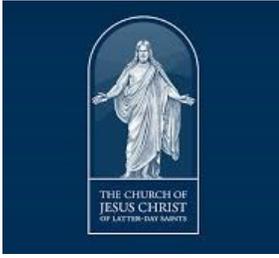
Garden Park Primary Private Facebook Page



We now have a private Facebook page where children, teachers and parents can post and comment and keep us all connected.

If you would like an invitation to this page, please text

Rheim at (801) 259-7835.



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Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week is sponsored by our Sunday School and features Jeff & Emily Merchant as our presenters.

May 24, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Mosiah 25-28

Link to Come Follow Me lesson is [here](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

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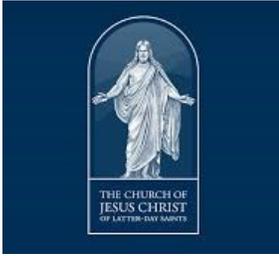
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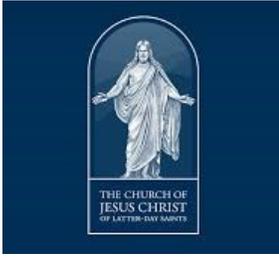
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Ward Announcements

- ◆ The First Presidency has asked each ward to begin to plan towards reopening our ward houses for meeting together, with an abundance of caution, on a limited basis. The Bishopric, with the Ward Council are carefully considering our options. This will be an ongoing discussion, with no immediate plans to reopen. You can read the First Presidency's message on churchofjesuschrist.org.
- ◆ **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 your 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 ★

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

Ward Leadership Contact Numbers

Bishopric		Relief Society	
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Mark Hindley	801.599.8175	Barbara Lund	801.750.3200
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Tanner Barry	801.787.9184	Lois Waltman	801.560.4920
John Jensen	801.655.3902	Susie Hindley	801.631.6249
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Jess Anderson	801.953.2836	Bonnie Wilson	801.712.9424
Samuel Johnson	385.419.9363	Tia Harrison	801.916.8469
		Olivia Curtis	801.793.5929