

# Garden Park Ward Newsletter



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Writing the following Bishop's report for our Ward History for Ward Conference brought me some peace. I hope it will for you as well.

Garden Park Ward started 2020 impressively in January. Coming off the most highly attended Sacrament meeting with over 330 in attendance in December 2019, we started the year by reorganizing the Bishopric and a new Primary Presidency was called. All looked forward to a wonderful year of service, joy, and growth.

Less than six weeks later, the Garden Park Ward Bishopric and Organization Presidencies, in tandem with the Bonneville Stake Presidency and Stake Organization Presidencies, readied for a 2020 Ward Conference on March 15. We were aware of incredulous rumors of a strange disease from China, and then as Covid 19 descended on our community, they were no longer rumors. On March 11, we cancelled all visits for that Thursday evening and shortly afterward, cancelled Ward Conference and Sunday services for Sunday, March 15. At worst, I believed we would be back in a couple of months, surely by summer.

Instead, our Ward and neighbors mobilized to help one another as gathering in any form became more and more restricted. For a time Covid touched every part of us from our livelihoods to our very lives. In the midst of such turmoil, we found a resilience to not only survive, but to thrive.

In our neighborhood, you could not walk too many steps without someone yelling "hello" from across the street with waves and smiles. We had a great neighborhood and Ward. It became even better.

We discovered hidden talents in people with technology expertise who helped us create weekly Sunday Zoom lesson broadcasts. Our wonderful Wendy Carroll helped us create a weekly Sunday Newsletter that kept us connected. We felt the power of music through the efforts of Roger Thompson, Lois Waltman, Juliet Chapman, and the music committee, and the talents they recruited. Ministering brothers and sisters made connections through porch visits, calls and Face Time. A new YW presidency, called in the midst of Covid, and YM leaders and youth created bi-weekly Sunday lessons and weekday activities. We attended our zoom meetings as families, including our primary children. Our Bishopric and Ward Council met regularly through zoom to coordinate and support every effort. We found greater connection with neighbors by sponsoring community wide Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Christmas gift-giving to every household within our borders. Isolated and trapped inside, we actively promoted our ward grounds and gym for community family use and small wedding ceremonies. Darrell Privett and his team did regular deep building cleans to keep us all safe. I saw one of our most senior neighbors walk three miles to drop tithing off at my door. I saw Ward and community members reach out to serve and support each other through the earthquake and windstorm emergency situations. We grew closer to other communities as we shared our stories and solutions. Finally, we returned to services in our beloved chapel on September 27, with a small Fast and Testimony gathering of 27, conducted by Chris Furstenau.

Through it all, families grew closer in love and action, new friendships formed, and old friendships deepened. A stronger bond of community purpose and kinship emerged. Together we lived a trial that strengthened individuals and families. We learned that we could worship God in our homes in new ways, and we felt the love and hand of God in our lives.

I am profoundly grateful for our leadership team of the Ward Council, and the bishopric and their spouses. Personally, I could not have survived this year without the support of my dear wife Cathy, and the dedication of Randy and Judianne Peterson, Chris and Amy Furstenau, Mark and Susie Hindley, Ralph and Jean Robbins, Kathy and Norm Younker, Doug and Cindy Bunker, Anne Woolstenhulme, Rheim Penman, Mori Paulsen, Jess Anderson, and Wendy Carroll. Each significantly impacted our success. And as I list these names I know they represent each of us.

Last week, in anticipation of Ward Conference, I interviewed some of our young people for advancement in their programs. Even as we acknowledged that Zoom is the word, and facemasks are the new fashion rage, they inspired me. One remarked that "they looked forward to new opportunities to be more empathetic", another, "to take more opportunities to serve others". I admire our young people. I admire their parents. I admire our friends and neighbors. I am even more grateful to live, serve and grow among you. It's not over yet, but this too shall pass. Its darkness will open new pathways of love, light and joy."

May God bless each of you as we go forward together,  
Bishop Rick Graham and the Garden Park Ward Bishopric

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Sunday Service Program—February 28<sup>th</sup>

## GARDEN PARK WARD

*-Sacrament Meeting Program-*  
THE CHURCH OF  
JESUS CHRIST  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

*Ward Conference, February 28, 2021, 11am*

<i>Conducting</i> .....	<i>Bishop Rick Graham</i>
<i>Organist</i> .....	<i>Judianne Peterson</i>
<i>Opening Hymn (organ only)</i> .....	<i>Dearest Children, God Is Near You, No. 96</i>
<i>Invocation</i> .....	<i>Chris Furstenu</i>
<i>Ward Business</i> .....	<i>Bishop Graham</i>
<i>Sustaining of Church Officers</i> .....	<i>Steve Elliott</i>
<i>Speaker</i> .....	<i>Bishop Graham</i>
<i>Musical Selection</i> .....	<i>"I Need Thee Every Hour"</i>
<i>Piano and Organ duet</i>	
<i>Lois Waltman &amp; Judianne Peterson</i>	
<i>Speaker</i> .....	<i>President Brad Romney, Bonneville Stake</i>
<i>Closing Hymn (organ only)</i> .....	<i>Children of Our Heavenly Father, No. 299</i>
<i>Benediction</i> .....	<i>Randy Peterson</i>

*Zoom broadcast is concluded*

*Sacrament Hymn* .....

*While of These Emblems We Partake, No. 173*

### *Administration of the Sacrament*

*"God will rarely shout to try and get our attention.*

*Instead, as we take time to pause, feel, and ponder, we show Him that we are listening and desire answers through the Holy Ghost.*

*The next time you kneel in prayer, instead of jumping up after saying 'amen,' wait for a few moments. Stay on your knees and just listen."*

*--Mark L. Pace, Learning to Recognize the Holy Ghost, For the Strength of Youth 02/2021*

[Click here to join February 28<sup>th</sup> Sacrament Meeting](#)

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## Relief Society



[In remembrance of Barbara Ralphs 1918-2021](#)

Barbara Ralphs was an optimist through and through. Perhaps that is the secret to living a healthy productive 102-year-life. She saw infinite goodness in people and situations. As a small child I spent warm summer evenings on her front porch as the women in the neighborhood gathered and the children played. She always made me feel welcome, valued and loved.

Barbara was always intellectually engaged in the world around her. She was a voracious reader and always had several books going. She worked at the University of Utah and retired when she 84 years old. She was physically active, attending exercise classes a few times a week until recently. She was a mighty oak and she will be missed.

*by Carrie Gaykowski*

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The Stake Center still has it's beautiful stained glass window of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. WenDee Russon, our Stake Relief Society President is making an 11"x14" print of it available to those who are interested for \$4. You can order one from her by texting 801-706-8686 or emailing her at [wendeeruss@yahoo.com](mailto:wendeeruss@yahoo.com).

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## Elders Quorum

"Everyone of us is more beloved to the Lord than we can possibly understand or imagine. Let us therefore be kinder to one another and kinder toward ourselves. Let us remember that as we wait upon the Lord, we are becoming saint[s] through [His] atonement,... submissive, meek, humble, patient, full of love, willing to submit to all things which the Lord seeth fit to inflict upon [us], even as a child doth submit to his father."

Robert D. Hales, Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, "Waiting Upon the Lord: Thy Will Be Done," General Conference, October 2011

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have a welfare assignment coming up. Please let Doug Bunker know (801-910-7128) if you can help out.

Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> (**1** volunteer needed)  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Welfare Square Cannery (Applesauce)  
700 South 751 West

Welfare Square has shared the following guidelines for serving in 2021:

Please **Do**:

- Wear mask to and during scheduled shift.
- Wear close-toed shoes.
- Wear long pants. (No shorts or capris)
- Be sixteen years or older to serve. There is no age cap.
- Sign in and out when serving.

Please **Don't**:

- Wear jewelry, watches, rings or bracelets.
- Wear earbuds.
- Wear hearing aids.
- Volunteer if you are sick, have been sick or within close proximity to someone who has been sick within the past fourteen days.

Thank you all for stepping up for ward lockup. It has been such a blessing and a relief.

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Primary



**Primary is Back!**



We are excited to begin Primary again on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month at 12:30 via Zoom! We will start with opening exercises and music and then do a break out to Junior and Senior Primary lessons.

Our next meeting will be held on **March 7th** at 12:30 pm and we so look forward to seeing all of the sweet Primary children again!!

Garden Park Primary Zoom Meeting  
1st and 3rd Sundays of every month  
12:30 pm

<https://utah-health.zoom.us/j/98363898058?pwd=VzlodjZNNXI4b1RaU2dCcXV3RTNndz09>

Meeting ID: 983 6389 8058  
Passcode: 661972

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## 2nd Hour Ward Conference Zoom Meetings

**February 28, 2021 at 12:15 p.m.**

[Click here for the \*\*YW/YM Meeting\*\*](#)

[Click here for the \*\*Adult Meeting\*\*](#)

If you're having challenges connecting to Zoom here's a link to a tutorial to help get connected <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting>.

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## Happy Birthday!

February 29- John Folker

### **March**

March 2-Eva Nicoli

March 3-Sheila Privett

March 3-Benjamin Zuro

March 3-Nathan Zuro

March 6-Brandalynn Davis

March 7-Sherry Taylor

March 7-Priscilla Vaifo'ou

March 9-Cathy Graham

March 9-Peter Harriosn

March 9-Liam Kerig

March 10-David Anderson

March 10- Diane Crotchett

March 10-Harry Daniels

March 11-Thomas Mckean

March 13-Laura Bergen

March 13-Jean Paul Brummer

March 13-Amie Williamson

March 14-John Evans

March 17-Jake Orton

March 18-Kenneth Breinholt

March 18-Caroline Phillips

March 18-James Roberts

March 21-Michael Debenham

March 21-Robert Maxfield

March 23-Helen Davis

March 24-Bennett Curtis

March 24-Kent Orton

March 25-Ann Robison

March 27-Penny Patch

March 29-Christine Mitchell

March 30-Mae Harrison

March 31-John Jensen

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## Ward Announcements

**Ward Conference** – Garden Park Ward is pleased to invite you to our annual Ward Conference to be held Sunday, February 28, with Sacrament Meeting (both in person and by zoom) beginning at 11:00 am. It will be followed at 12:15 by two zoom second hour meetings, one for the youth in the YW/YM organizations, and one for the rest of the ward. Our Sacrament Meeting will feature President Brad Romney and Bishop Rick Graham as speakers. Our second hour speakers are President Marty Patch and President Ann Parkin, Bonneville Stake YW Second Counselor for YW/YM, and Sister Bonnie and Brother Brent Wilson for the Ward zoom. We look forward to seeing you in person or across the web.

**Feed Utah Food Drive**– Saturday March 20th, volunteers needed from ages 8 & up to distribute door hangers, collect nonperishable donations and deliver donations to designated drop-off sites.

**2021 Youth Music Festival** Youth from around the world are invited to watch this virtual global concert on March 17th at 6:00 p.m. MT. Messages, music & performances are focused on the 2021 youth theme, "A Great Work". The pre-recorded concert can be viewed on [Strive to Be YouTube channel](#) or the [Church's Live Broadcasts page](#).

**GP Ward music committee** Please reach out to Roger Thompson at (385) 226-3317 if you or your loved ones would like to share a musical number for Sacrament meeting. Currently we are recording the music beforehand and then playing the recording over zoom.

**2021 Come Follow Me Manuals** The distribution of "Come, Follow Me" manuals for 2021 is underway. If you haven't received a manual and would like one please contact Ralph Robbins by text or phone, 801-664-6700.

**Temple recommends** – We encourage all members 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, Garden Park Ward Executive Secretary (801.599.8175) to set up a phone interview with the Bishop. For your stake interview, please contact Scott Hagen, Stake Executive Secretary, to schedule an interview (801.824.0640).

There are many great resources available at [churchofjesuschrist.org](http://churchofjesuschrist.org) for enlightenment and studying the gospel.