

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

July 25, 2021



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Happy 4th and soon to follow 24th of July!

I am grateful for those upon whose valiant shoulders our liberty stands, in a nation freed through their great sacrifice. I am grateful to live in a state built on a pioneer spirit of ingenuity, generosity, and dedication, including that of my own great, great grandmother Julia Hill. Her sister described their valiant and harrowing experience in the Wiley Handcart company through the hymn we know today "As Sisters In Zion." What a heritage every American shares, and all are pioneers in one way or another.

May I take this opportunity to let you know that the bishopric and ward council are thrilled to be meeting with so many of you again in our beloved building and grounds, as well as continuing to zoom with those who are not yet able to join together. We are grateful for our country's and our community's progress towards health collectively and individually. We ask for your prayers and good works on behalf of those across the globe still in the middle of the worst of the pandemic. In our own ward, we ask for continued diligence in social distancing and masking while singing, as the Delta variant is causing an increase in case numbers and hospitalizations throughout Utah and in our own neighborhood.

One of the good things to emerge from this crazy pandemic is an increase in closeness among families, neighbors and friends, even as we needed to be separate. We Facetimed, we walked our neighborhoods, we visited family through windows and doors, and stayed in touch in a variety of new ways. For many, the forced distancing made us more intentional and regularly present for one another. I, for one, treasured my grandchildren's hugs all the more, after months spent waving through windows.

In the absence of meeting together, our ward family discovered the power of a weekly Newsletter. The bishopric would like to express our profound gratitude to Wendy Carroll for generously sharing her time, talent, and patience as she shepherded us--working with almost every ward organization--through its creation and growth into the wonderful communication instrument it is now. We also express our appreciation to Allison Drinkwater Johnson for creating our weekly Sacrament Meeting Program and the coordination it required between the bishopric, the Music Committee, and Sister Carroll.

Our Ward Council voted to continue the Newsletter's joyful News in a slightly modified form. Going forward, it will continue to be emailed weekly with our Sacrament meeting program and with timely announcements of Garden Park Ward and Church events and information. However it will include only monthly instead of weekly messages from the bishopric and organizations.

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On a lighter note, I am spending this holiday weekend with my family. Yesterday, I enjoyed the wonderful experience of participating in a local Independence Day Parade with my grandchildren. I appreciate creating a new tradition of expressing love for our great nation in a new way, and one that I think my family will never forget. It is powerful to carry our flag, to hear the young and the young at heart together wish friends and neighbors "Happy 4th, Happy Independence day" and all that it means.

In preparation for our ride in the parade in my grampa bike that holds five of my grandchildren, I took them on a warm up ride around our little island away from home. After a delightfully successful spin (meaning none of my five grandchildren ranging in age from 2 - 5, fell or jumped out of the bucket bike) around multiple twists and turns, when we rounded the last bend, I said, "we are on the home stretch." One of my little ones said, "what does that mean?" Her equally young cousin said, "Let me explain. It means we are almost home."

His earnest explanation made me realize that I hope that my ward family, after multiple not so delightful twists and turns, is in the home stretch, that we are coming home again to our ward building and grounds, to our extended family, to friends and neighbors, I hope we are arriving home again with an increase in love, light, and joy. I hope that our challenges faced together across the globe gave us greater wisdom, kindness, and tolerance, and deeper gratitude for our Savior's love. And I hope we more clearly see our path Home through His example and Light.

May God bless you,

Bishop Graham and the Garden Park Ward bishopric

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Sacrament Meeting Program—July 25th

GARDEN PARK WARD

-Sacrament Meeting Program-

THE CHURCH OF
JESUS CHRIST
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

July 25, 2021, 10am

Conducting.....	Chris Furstenu
Pianist	Lois Waltman
Chorister	Juliet Chapman
Opening Hymn.....	Put Your Shoulder to the Wheel, No. 252
Invocation	TBA
Ward Business	Brother Furstenu
Speaker	Joanne Narus
Intermediate Hymn.....	Come, Come, Ye Saints, No. 30
Speaker	Richard Rasmussen
Closing Hymn	There Is Sunshine in My Soul Today, No. 227
Benediction.....	TBA

Zoom broadcast is concluded

Sacrament Hymn

As Now We Take the Sacrament, No. 169

Administration of the Sacrament

*"Jesus Christ is the light that we should hold up even during the dark times of our mortal life (see 3 Nephi 18:24). When we choose to follow Christ, we choose to be changed."
—"Ye Shall Be Free," Elder Thierry K. Mutombo, April 2021 General Conference*

[Click here to join July 25th Sacrament Meeting](#)

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Relief Society

When I was in a therapy session I was there because of the constant stress of everything in life, plus plenty of other reason ha-ha. But I did this exercise and it really made me think. She told me to take these 7 things and order them in my order of importance to me in my life right now. I challenge you to try this right now and see how you do.

- Career
- Community
- Relationship with significant other
- Family
- Health
- Religion
- Social

I thought this would be easy, but was quickly proven wrong. Everyone of these things is important, but we don't have enough energy or time to make them all the number one priority in our life, or even number two or three. At different times in our lives this order will look different. I think we need to remember this and take it easy on ourselves. In a spiritual sense religion may not always be the top priority in our life and that's okay. I think the key thing here is that we are trying our best each and every day.

We love you all and are here if you ever need us! Take it easy on yourself and try your best!

Love, Karli and the Relief Society Presidency

We are thrilled to share the news that twins joined the family of Maddie Waltman & Ben Loomis. The twins, a girl & a boy, arrived on July 14th to the delight of their parents & grand parents.



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2nd Hour Ward Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting is sponsored by our Elders Quorum and features Craig Etherington as our presenter.

Brother Etherington's lesson will be presented live in the Relief Society room and can also be seen via Zoom through the link below:

July 25, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.

[Deceive Me Not](#) by Elder Gary E. Stevenson *Of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles*

[Click here to join the July 25th Ward Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 992 8557 5419

Passcode: 378937

Click <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-meeting> if you need help connecting to the Zoom meeting.

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Happy Birthday!

July Birthdays

July 1–Grace Lund
July 5–Simone Furstenau
July 6–Becky Hailes
July 7–Gabrielle Linam
July 7–Elliot Mattsson
July 9–Spencer Christiansen
July 10–Jonny Penman
July 12–Brooke Pedersen
July 12–Jerry Winkler
July 13–Joseph Hatch
July 14–Spencer Ashby
July 14–Julie Morriss
July 15–Judith Jarrow

July 15–Marci Eggett
July 16–Robert Evans
July 18–Cheryl Fuller
July 19–Miles Waltman
July 20–John Miller
July 25–Meghan Donohoe
July 25–Norm Younker
July 26–Cary Chapman
July 29–Olivia Curtis
July 29–Faye Walch
July 30–Amanda Davis
July 31–Kara Hargrove
July 31–Susie Hindley
July 31–Don Thorpe

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Ward Announcements

Sacrament Meeting will be held in person and will also be broadcast through Zoom.

2nd Hour Block Meetings

- Adult Sunday School class will be held in person and also shared via Zoom.
- 2 Youth Sunday School Classes
- Primary

We will now be 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 just enjoy listening.

COVID Diligence Due to the large increase in Covid 19 in cases in Salt Lake City, please be extra diligent in our Sunday meetings to observe seating distancing and wearing of masks during all singing.

Ward Youth Conference will be held August 12, 13 & 14. A service activity is planned for Thursday, August 12th, an overnight on Friday, August 13th and activities on Saturday, August 14th. All YW & YM are invited. Please hold the dates and more information will be forthcoming.

Parents: Please ask youth in your family to inform their leaders if they will or will not be able to attend youth conference.

Garden Park Tennis Tournament Over the course of the summer the Garden Park Ward is sponsoring a neighborhood tennis tournament. It will be a doubles tournament and all members and neighbors are invited to sign up. All skill levels will play in a single tournament. Biweekly each team will be assigned an opponent to play at their convenience. The tournament will start the week of June 7th. Please direct any questions to JP Brummer 801-380-7193. Sign up at: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1euK6UffUrdscwk3Cv-3iqZ2QmmXuYcaf3i7heUkMNEg/edit?usp=sharing>

Temple recommends - We encourage all members to keep their recommends current. Recommend interviews at the ward level 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. For those that are fully vaccinated, Stake Presidency interviews are being held in person at the Stake Center each Sunday from 12:30–2:00 p.m. All others please contact President Parker (801.916.1951) or President Patch (801.455.0181) to arrange a virtual interview.

TEMPLE UPDATE: The Bountiful Temple is now conducting live and proxy ordinances by appointment only. For operating hours and to schedule appointments, please contact our assigned Bountiful temple at (801) 296-2100.