

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

October 18, 2020



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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Last week, while working around my home, I experienced how important it is to hold to the iron rod of God's light and love. Perhaps like you, with increased time in our homes, Cathy and I are attending to items that have long escaped our attention.

Against the advice of our children, we decided to try our hand at fixing a slow leak created by an old swamp cooler opening in our roof.

Extended family members that reroofed their homes recently shared most of the supplies that we needed, and detailed instructions on how to successfully proceed. We also sought information from a local roofing company. Significantly, they told us multiple times to be careful, that all professional roofers fall. It's not a question of if, but when.

As the project day approached, we became more and more concerned about being on our roof, two stories up, and working near its edge on a slanted surface. The night before we planned to start our project, we called Rob and Michelle Jones, believing that their REI background might include safety tips for managing precarious heights. Fortunately, it did! They had on hand the safety harnesses, ropes, and carabineers we needed, as well as the knowledge to tell us how to use it and navigate the space wisely.

Saturday morning, after firmly advising us one more time against this do-it-yourself activity, our children helped us remove the heavy parts from the roof, and helped us attach plywood as the first step in the patch. When most of them left to attend to their own Saturday activities, we thought we could finish up in an hour or two. We ended up placing the final shingle, cleaning up, and climbing down the ladder by the light of our daughter's cell phone around eight pm. That is not the most foolish thing we did on the roof.

For most of the day, Cathy sat above our workspace and placed shingles or hammered from a seated, relatively safe position, looking towards the perimeter of the roof. She could move from side to side as needed without approaching the edge. Because I needed to work from below, next to the precipice, I wore a safety harness that strapped me to a thick climbing rope that attached to a thick strap anchored around our chimney. The length of the climbing rope allowed me to move, but would catch me if I slipped.

When you patch a shingle roof, after you put down the ice guard and the tarpaper, you need to feather in the shingles, being careful to place new one without damaging the older ones. After laying down the ice guard, the tarpaper layer, and our first round of shingles, we became more comfortable with our surroundings. But it required our focused attention and before we knew it, we needed another pile of shingles. When I stood up, I waved to the Norm Younker in his yard and reassured him that I was strapped in.

Then, standing away from the edge, I unclipped and went down the ladder. With the additional pile I brought up the ladder, our work resumed and we moved quickly along. But I made what could have been a fatal error. I failed to reclip myself onto my safety strap. One or two lines into the new bundle, we discovered the oversight, and I quickly reattached.

I could not help thinking about the loving counsel received during the week, and all day long from our children and neighbors. I thought about the knowledge and skills professionals, family and friends gave us, about the precautions and safety measures we took, and again about the warnings to be careful. This month in General Conference we heard from our leaders, Christ's disciples, devoted to our safe return to our Heavenly Family. Whether it is from General Conference, or from the scriptures, or from loving family or friends, or professionals in the business of life, we receive loving counsel, warnings, and instructions in skills and materials. We all have the iron rod of God's light and love. We can all mindfully anchor ourselves and our families to its sure mooring.

Amidst the chaos of life, beside the precipices of earthly successes and failures, may we identify and hold fast to the tethers that bind us to eternal life and joy. May we remember to check our equipment often. May we quickly reattach to the iron rod when we discover our oversights. May God bless each of you as we navigate these challenging times.

Blessings from Bishop Graham and the Garden Park Ward Bishopric

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Garden Park Ward Council Announcement

Welcome back A through J families to Garden Park Ward Sacrament Service. Please see our accompanying bulletin for today's program. With the recent Covid spikes, and the governmental and health department announcements and changes, we will continue to monitor the situation weekly.

We want to share our plans for today, so that we can all work together to continue to make Ward building Services safe and available.

A few of you are wondering if you should be attending Sacrament Meeting at the ward or via the broadcast. Our Area Presidency has recently counseled us that, "Members at higher risk due to age or underlying medical conditions may not be able to attend in person but should participate via the broadcast." We trust each of you to self identify whether or not you are in the Covid 19 high-risk categories of health condition or age.

Our Sacrament Meeting will be held today, Sunday, October 18, at 10:00 am for approximately forty minutes. It will be broadcast live via zoom, except for the Administration of the Sacrament, which will be administered after the closing prayer.

To help us meet as safely as possible, we are taking the following precautions:

Masks— required for all attendees two years of age and above. We will have masks at each door if you need one.

Seating—will be ushered, so please arrive early. Families will be seated together, and at minimum, six feet from others.

Low numbers—we divided our ward into two roughly equal groups to by families' last names. Group 1 is A through J. Group 2 is K through Z.

Only one meeting room—the chapel is the only meeting room that will be used. It is being sanitized before and after each use. We will enter and exit through the Chapel doors on the North and South side of the Chapel where ushers will direct us to our seats. Socially distanced visiting is welcome outside on the grounds as desired.

The foyer bathroom will be available for emergency use only. Please prevent as many emergencies as possible by taking care of things at home before you come.

Sacrament Administration—heightened sanitation and distribution methods will be used.

Instrumental music only. Please let Roger Thompson know if you are available and interested in sharing at a future Sacrament meeting.

Anyone with cough, sore throat, fever, headache, illness of any type, please do not attend.

Our meeting today features Patrick Donahoe as our speaker.

As noted in the Program, the Administration of the Sacrament will take place at the conclusion of the Benediction.

A Zoom Ward Presentation from our Sunday School will follow at approximately 11:15 am. Both the Sacrament Meeting link and the Ward Zoom Presentation links are in this Ward Newsletter.

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Sacrament Service Program—October 11th

Please click on the following link to join the October 18th Sacrament Meeting.

[Click here to join October 18th Sacrament Meeting](#)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
GARDEN PARK WARD
✻ Sacrament Meeting Program ✻

*October 18, 2020, 10am
For families A-J*

Conducting Randy Peterson
Organist Judianne Peterson
Opening Hymn (organ only) Children, God Is Near You, No. 96
Invocation TBA
Ward Business Brother Peterson
Speaker Patrick Donohoe
Closing Hymn (organ only) How Gentle God's Commands, No. 125
Benediction TBA

Zoom broadcast is concluded

Sacrament Hymn (organ only) Behold the Great Redeemer Die, No. 191

Administration of the Sacrament

"And there were no envyings, nor strifes, nor tumults, nor whoredoms, nor lyings, nor murders, nor any manner of lasciviousness; and surely there could not be a happier people among all the people who had been created by the hand of God."

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Relief Society

"May we go forward together to fulfill our divine mandate – that of preparing ourselves and the world for the Second Coming of the Lord."

– President Russell M. Nelson, President of the Church

These words have been ringing in my ears since I heard them from our Prophet's mouth a few weeks ago. I feel so grateful for our Prophet who provides guidance and direction, especially during a time of such uncertainty all around us. I hope all of you are doing well and feeling hopeful and optimistic through these trying times. I pray that we have beautiful and carefree days to look forward to.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us, we stand ready and willing to help with anything you may need. We love you.

Love, the GP Relief Society



Lynn Van Dam is selling her black wrought iron stove for \$1200. Please contact Lynn at 801.244.5301 if you're interested or would like more information.

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Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

This week's meeting is sponsored by our Sunday School and features Norm Younker as our presenter.

October 18, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.

Come Follow Me: [3 Nephi 20-26](#) "Ye Are the Children of the Covenant"

Garden Park Ward is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

[Click here to join October 18th Ward Zoom 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>.

We miss you and hope to see you on Sunday!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 1—Gloria Rae Hanni
October 2—Amy Furstenau
October 2—Elle Moore
October 3—Karli Gillette
October 5—Alexander Crotchett
October 6—Taylor Johnson
October 6—Marilyn Rasmuson
October 6—Ben Younker
October 7—Jenny Hobbs
October 7—James Terry
October 12—Gary Davis
October 12—Maggie Wilson
October 13—Whitney Hanssen
October 13—Barbara Lund
October 13—Vivienne Patch
October 14—Jacquie Mena
October 15—Rose Davis
October 15—Rich Patch
October 16—Randy Baker

October 16—Dominic Mattson
October 17—Graham Patch
October 18—Jill Hennessey
October 18—Michelle Jones
October 19—Michael Campbell
October 22—Roman Patch
October 23—Alan Gourley
October 23—Carol Naylor
October 23—William Sproul
October 23—Jan Wilson
October 24—Ryan Crotchett
October 24—Craig Galli
October 24—Janet Romney
October 25—Grace Kerig
October 26—Spencer Ashby
October 26—Jane Wilson
October 27—Mario Hobbs
October 29—Paul Werner
October 30—Susan Earl

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Ward Announcements

- ◆ **We need your help taking turns to lock up our grounds!!!!** Please contact Doug Bunker if you might be able to join him on the ward lock-up list. Please call him at 801.910.7128, or email him at dougbunker9@gmail.com.
- ◆ The Bountiful temple is performing live ordinances *by appointment only*. Please refer to the [church website](#) for more details and updates on ongoing changes.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ 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. When using the ward building for family activities please bring a garbage bag from home and take home with you any trash that you may create, i.e. wrappers, paper towels, etc. We do not want garbage to accumulate while we are not on our normal cleaning routine. 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.
- ◆ 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. In addition, for years the Stake Presidency followed a practice of first come first serve for temple recommend interviews on Sunday afternoons. They have eliminated that practice during the pandemic. The current procedure, which is in effect until further notice, is for the member to contact either President Parker or President Patch and directly schedule a renewal interview. They should contact them via cell phone, by sending a text message. (Their numbers are in LDS Tools.)
- ◆ There are many great resources available at churchofjesuschrist.org for enlightenment and studying the gospel.