

Garden Park Ward Newsletter

July 26, 2020



"I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." John 8:12

In my family room, next to the fireplace, there is jagged, granite-like square-shaped five-pound rock. Our hearth inherited its quiet presence during my children's formative years. Cathy and I wanted our children to know that they could do hard things, and this piece of earth became a reminder.

Its story begins across the world in a prosperous village of Warminster, in the county of Wiltshire, England. Two sisters, Julia and Emily Hill, grew up in one of the most fertile farming communities west of London. When they were fifteen and twelve, respectively, their cousin came to visit and shared news of a new religion with them. Julia's curiosity grew, while Emily asked her parent's almost immediately if she could be baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ. At that time their parents said no, but Emily's interest persisted, and as both girls heard others' testimonies, Julia also desired to be baptized. After hearing a particularly moving testimony from a visiting member, both girls again asked their parents if they could join. Again, their parents said no. Life went on, and Julia eventually moved to a neighboring town where she apprenticed to be a milliner and her parents soon allowed Emily to join her and follow in her footsteps. While there, the girls decided to embrace this new religion and were baptized. Four years later they accepted the call to gather in Zion, across the ocean, in the rocky mountains of Utah in the United States.

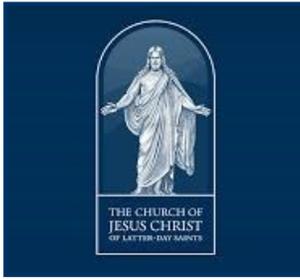
Once in the United States, Captain James Willie allowed the girls to join his convoy, if they would assist a young widow with her five children and thus they began their journey westward with the Willie Handcart Company. In time, on the trail, as rations shortened, and winter weather set in, Julia's health deteriorated.

Finally, in a blizzard, on October 23, 1856, at the summit of Rocky Ridge in Wyoming, Julia collapsed from biting cold, hunger and exhaustion. Emily came to her side and lifted her from the snow, and got her moving again. On December 15, 1856, together with the family they helped, all entered the Salt Lake Valley. Emily and Julia went on to live long and remarkable lives.

Over a century later, a jagged rock underfoot, I stood with my children, on the top of Rocky Ridge. Together we marveled at how pioneers in my ancestry, Julia and Emily summited such a terrain, let alone pulled handcarts behind them in a blizzard. I felt profound gratitude for my great-great grandmother Julia and her sister Emily, and the hard things they did to set a powerful foundation of courage and faith for my children and me. And I picked up the rock from beneath my foot that day, hoping it once touched Julia's, and that it might, from a place of prominence on our hearth, continue to touch our hearts and bless us with her courage and faith.

I believe each of us have heroic pioneers in our families, those who did hard things that created the bedrock faith and courage we hope to have and pass forward. May I join you today, on Pioneer Day weekend, in gratitude for all our pioneer ancestors and the gifts of provident living they left as a legacy.

Warmly, Bishop Graham and the Garden Park Bishopric



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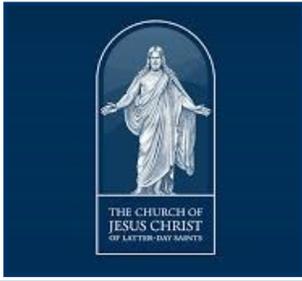


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Ward Council Message Update on Reopening our Sunday Worship Services

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

Sistering

This week's newsletter link provided by Judianne. We're grateful to be 'sistering' with all of you! Enjoy! ❤️

Watch "The Best of Life" by Glennon Doyle Melton <https://vimeo.com/143054338?ref=em-share>

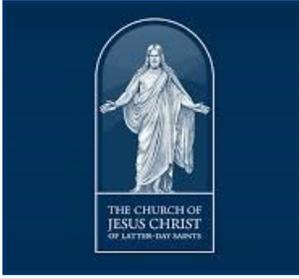
Service Opportunity at the Cannery

Tuesday, August 4th from 3:00—6:00 p.m.
3 Volunteers Needed
Contact Kathy Younker (801.971.1504) if you're able to help

Congratulations!

Warm congratulations to Maddie Waltman & Izzy Lund on their recent engagements!





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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

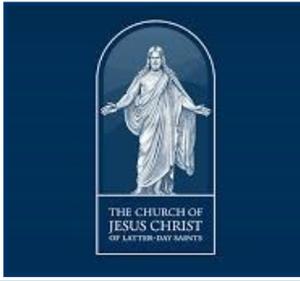
With love,

Quorum Advisors Jess and Samuel, and Activity Specialists Hunter and Sean

Sunday, July 26, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Joint Quorum Zoom Meeting

Zoom Meeting link will be sent out through Quorum text chain



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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.

July 26, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

[Come Follow Me: Alma 36-38](#)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/98319278898?](https://zoom.us/j/98319278898?pwd=MW1xTW5VZFFFN1QxcHNLTE1DcU56dz09)

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Meeting ID: 983 1927 8898

Password: 063893

We miss you and would love to see you Sunday at our ward Zoom meetings!

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>

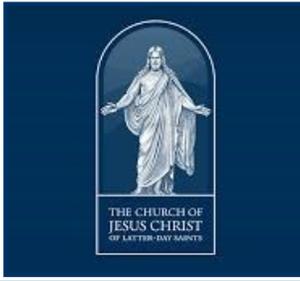
Young Men Zoom Meeting

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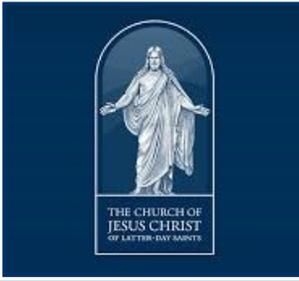
Ward Announcements

- ◆ All families are invited to our weekly Garden Park Zoom presentation meetings.

The meeting schedule going forward is as follows:

1st Sunday presented by the **Relief Society**
2nd Sunday presented by the **Sunday School**
3rd Sunday presented by the **Elders Quorum**
4th Sunday presented by the **Sunday School**
5th Sunday will usually be a guest presenter

- ◆ We have two fabulous missionaries assigned to our area!
Elder Haddock & Elder Ellingson
2042 Hollywood Avenue 84108
(801) 414-4152
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ There are many great resources available at churchofjesuschrist.org for enlightenment and studying the gospel.



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★Happy Birthday★

July 26—Cary Chapman
July 29—Olivia Curtis
July 29—Faye Walch
July 31—Kara Hargrove
July 31—Susie Hindley
July 31—Don Thorpe
July 31—Claire Wilson

AUGUST

August 2—Simon Hardy
August 3—Evan Rabdau
August 4—Rick Gaykowski
August 4—Robyn Harris
August 5—Susan Barry
August 5—Gene Jones
August 5—Emily Plewe
August 6—James Crozer
August 8—Kathy Younker
August 9—Grace Brummer
August 12—Scott Daniels
August 13—Darren Williamson
August 14—Stephanie McKinley
August 17—Jess Anderson

August 19—Bel Kerig
August 19—Daniel Ruiz
August 20—Stephen Bergen
August 20—Kathy Jones
August 21—Derek Mattsson
August 21—Ross Sherman
August 22—Kari Pulham
August 22—Derek Watson
August 24—Emaline Barry
August 24—Wendy Carroll
August 25—Alex Derenzy
August 25—Jerry Hatch
August 25—Randi Patch
August 26—Aleena Anderson
August 26—Amanda Evans
August 27—Charles Perry
August 29—Jim Barclay
August 29—Richard McElvie
August 29—Travis Vought
August 30—David Rishton
August 31—David Browning
August 31—Gay Carlson
August 31—Clyde Gottfredson