

# Garden Park Ward Newsletter

## July 4, 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 4th

## GARDEN PARK WARD

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

*Fast & Testimony Meeting, July 4, 2021, 10am*

*Conducting..... Chris Furstenau*  
*Pianist ..... Lois Waltman*  
*Chorister ..... Juliet Chapman*  
*Opening Hymn.....My Country, 'Tis of Thee, No. 339*  
*Invocation .....TBA*  
*Ward Business ..... Brother Furstenau*

#### *Bearing of Testimonies*

*Closing Hymn..... The Star-Spangled Banner, No. 340*  
*Benediction.....TBA*

*Zoom broadcast is concluded*

*Sacrament Hymn ..... I Know That My Redeemer Lives, No. 136*

#### *Administration of the Sacrament*

*"Everything good in life—every potential blessing of eternal significance—begins with faith.  
Allowing God to prevail in our lives begins with faith that He is willing to guide us.*

*True repentance begins with faith that Jesus Christ has  
the power to cleanse, heal, and strengthen us."*

*—President Russell M. Nelson, Christ Is Risen;*

*Faith in Him Will Move Mountains,  
April 2021 General Conference*

[Click here to join July 4<sup>th</sup> Sacrament Meeting](#)

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## Relief Society

We want to recognize and thank Emily Lund for her stellar service as a Relief Society teacher for almost 2 years. Emily has the distinction of being the first one to teach on Zoom during the pandemic and the first one to teach live again after restrictions were lifted. She is leaving us for a law practice in Atlanta where she can do immigration work exclusively.

We will miss you and your fine lessons Emily! Best love and wishes in your new move!

Kathy and the Relief Society Presidency

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### 2nd Hour Ward Zoom Meeting

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

Diane's lesson will be presented live in the Relief Society room or you're also welcome to join via Zoom through the link below:

**July 4, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.**

[Come Follow Me: Doctrine and Covenants 71 - 75.](#)

"No Weapon That Is Formed against You Shall Prosper"

[Click here to join the July 4<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Effective June 13th**

**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 also now begin 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.

**Hill Cumorah Pageant Devotional** The Hill Cumorah Pageant is ending after 84 years. On **Friday, July 9th at 6:00 p.m.** Elder D. Todd Christofferson will present a devotional as a thank you for the contributions of tens of thousands of participants, volunteers and audience member over the years. The devotional and pageant broadcast can be viewed at [Hill Cumorah Commemorative Devotional](#).

**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. Bi-weekly 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.

**UPDATE:** Over the next several weeks, all temples in Utah will open for proxy ordinances and appointments will be required. For opening times and to schedule appointments, please contact our assigned Bountiful temple at (801) 296-2100.