

# Garden Park Ward Newsletter

## September 20, 2020



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Dear Garden Park Ward,

As cleanup from the windstorm continues, and with power restored to the neighborhood, I hope everyone is happy and well. For me, a silver lining of the storm has been the opportunity to help and be helped by neighbors, including those I have not always felt close to. It's amazing how much we all have in common and how interdependent we are.

Twenty years ago, at the end of an intense 5-year PhD program, I defended my doctoral dissertation in front of a panel of distinguished Harvard professors. Miraculously, they went easy on me and approved my dissertation. All I had to do to graduate was print the dissertation on bond paper, have it bound, and submit it to the Harvard library.

I was elated. I could hardly believe it—I had done it, I was receiving a doctorate from Harvard. As I walked across Harvard Yard to a nearby stationary store, I was walking on air, eager to share the good news with someone. As I entered the stationary store, I noticed a middle-aged gentleman stocking the shelves and decided he would appreciate the magnitude of what I was going through. So I approached him. "Excuse me, I need to print a doctoral dissertation on bond paper. Could you direct me to your bond paper?" Without even a glimmer of enthusiasm, he pointed to a nearby aisle. Sure enough, there was the bond paper. I grabbed a few reams, but felt disappointed he hadn't seemed more impressed when I told him I was printing a doctoral dissertation. How could he have missed the significance of that? Perhaps I had been too subtle. So I went back to where he was working. "Pardon me. It's just that I need this paper for printing my doctoral dissertation, and it's going to be bound and submitted to the Harvard library. They are very exacting in their standards. Do you think this particular bond paper is suitable for a Harvard doctoral dissertation?" Without even looking up from his work, he replied, "That's the stuff I printed mine on, and they accepted it."

I've thought about that exchange many times in the past twenty years. That clerk and I had something significant in common. Had I not been so focused on impressing him, I might have found connection and meaning in our shared experience. Instead of approaching him as someone from a different, inferior tribe, I wish I had approached him with the assumption we were equals, brothers, part of the same human tribe.

This is a time of division and tribalism unlike any I have experienced. Crafty marketers promote and exploit those divisions to generate loyalty. Too often, I find myself entering interpersonal interactions bracing for disagreement, rather than looking for common experience and common interest. I'm trying to remind myself that "He that hath the spirit of contention is not of me, but is of the devil, who is the father of contention, and he stirreth up the hearts of men to contend with anger, one with another (3 Nephi 11:29). How much better it is to approach all our human interactions looking for what unites us, viewing each other as brothers and sisters, not members of different tribes. The windstorm and its aftermath have reminded us that the things we share are more numerous than those that divide us. May we allow that realization to color all our interactions and help us find greater understanding and compassion for each other.

Warmly,  
Randy Peterson and the Garden Park Ward bishopric

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### Garden Park Ward Council Announcement

At last . . . it feels like years since we met together in our ward building. Even though we are seeing a spike in Covid case numbers in Utah, our zip code is still holding fairly steady. Under the circumstances, we would like to begin meeting September 27, as planned, with the caveat that things can always change depending on what is happening. Meeting updates will be sent out Wednesday evenings and in our weekly Newsletters.

In Ward Council today, to insure safety, we will talk about returning to Sunday worship in two shifts to keep our numbers at a safer level. We would like to hold our first Sacrament Meeting at our Ward Chapel next Sunday, September 27, at 10:00 am, for folks in the alphabet from A through J. The first Sacrament Meeting for folks K through Z is scheduled for October 11, at 10:00 am. All attendees must wear masks. We will have extras mask available. Approximate meeting time is forty minutes.

***Please do not attend if you are not feeling well, or have a cough or fever, or flu symptom, or if you have been exposed to someone who has been ill. Even if it is your alphabet day, if you are in the high-risk age group (65 and above), or have health conditions that put you at risk, please join us at home via zoom.***

All who are not able to attend in person are invited to attend via zoom, as each Sacrament Meeting will now be broadcast via zoom, with the exception of the Administration of the Sacrament portion of the meeting. Sacrament at home is encouraged where possible.

The Sacrament Meeting zoom link will be in next week's newsletter.

Our proposed Meeting format:

***Prelude Music with ushered seating***

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Instrumental Opening Song (no singing)

Speaker (s) or Testimonies

Instrumental Closing Song (no singing)

Closing Prayer

***End of Zoom Broadcast***

Administration of Sacrament

***Postlude Music with ushered departures***

Meeting Procedures:

Enter and exit through north and south down front chapel doors

Ushers will seat attendees minimum 6' apart, and will seat families together.

Masks are required.

No Foyer access.

Sacrament administered with enhanced sanitation and distribution methods.

Ushers will direct departures.

Socially distanced visiting on Ward Grounds as desired.

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### Relief Society

Dear Sisters,

A thought to help us through!

Make sure you **TEST POSITIVE for FAITH**, Keep your **DISTANCE** from **DOUBT** and **ISOLATE** yourself from **FEAR. TRUST IN GOD THROUGH IT ALL.**

With love,  
Kathy, Amy, Jenny & Barbara



Does anyone like abstracts? JoAnn Narus is selling this gorgeous 4 x 5 ft oil painting by artist David Anthony Sargeant.

Please contact JoAnn at 801.243.8952 for more information

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### Ward Joint Zoom Meeting

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

**September 20, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

Conference Talk: ["Let This House Be Built unto My Name"](#) by Elder David A. Bednar

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

<https://zoom.us/j/98525859485?pwd=bTJGTE5WNmlwZER3ZW9FbWdvUEw4QT09>

Meeting ID: 985 2585 9485

Passcode: 734879

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

September 2—Kelly Morgan Watson  
September 4—Joan Liong  
September 4—Rick Waltman  
September 4—Savannah Watson  
September 5—Heather Feil  
September 5—Gabe Goorman  
September 5—Casey Gunnell  
September 6—Kai Jensen  
September 7—Katie Curtis  
September 7—Scarlett Williams  
September 8—Anna Christiansen  
September 8—Rafael Mena  
September 8—Ronald Miller  
September 9—Daniel Guertler  
September 10—Lisa Paulsen  
September 11—Aubree Johnson  
September 12—Kristine Orton

September 14—Izzy Vaifo'ou  
September 15—Catherine Thorpe  
September 16—Gabriel Johnson  
September 16—Lynne Van Dam  
September 18—Rachel Callister  
September 18—Cynthia Levinthal  
September 20—Patrick Donohoe  
September 20—Jessica Patch  
September 20—Missy Taylor  
September 21—Preston Curtis  
September 22—Grayden Gaykowski  
September 25—Rachel Orton  
September 27—Tammy Castleforte  
September 27—Nicholas Hammond  
September 29—Brittany Hailes  
September 30—Brandon Bennett  
September 30—Natalie Peterson

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### Ward Announcements

- ◆ **Wood Collection for Navajo Nation:** We have received an assignment from the Church to collect wood harvested as a result of last week's windstorm. The collected wood will be transported by semi truck to Blanding, Utah for the Navajo Nation to heat their homes this winter. Starting on Saturday, September 19th, wood will be collected in the lower parking lot at the Stake Center. The Church has asked that the wood collected have a diameter of 6" or more and that it be cut in lengths of approximately 12 to 18 inches. We realize that much of the wood available because of last week's windstorm has already been hauled away by Salt Lake City trucks and crews. Any remaining wood that can be collected, however, will provide much needed fuel and warmth for the Southern Utah Navajo Nation who need wood to heat their homes. We ask for your full support and that of your quorum members and ward families in collecting in the lower Stake parking lot, any wood of the size requested. You may also wish to invite neighbors who do not generally worship with us, to participate in this worthwhile cause as well. We appreciate each of you and are grateful for all of the service you provide. We express to each one of you our affection and admiration.
- ◆ **City tree and debris clean up** information can be found on the city's website, [slc.gov/wind-damage-faqs](http://slc.gov/wind-damage-faqs). The city will be collecting private trees & debris from curbside as soon as they can, hopefully beginning next week. In addition, the City landfill is free for bulk green waste starting September 9 for 2 weeks.
- ◆ **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](mailto: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.

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### Ward Announcements

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