

# AKRON OHIO STAKE NEWSLETTER

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### DECEMBER

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- 7 First Presidency Christmas Devotional
- 14 Home Storage Center Closes
- 25 Merry Christmas!
- 27 New Year’s Eve Activity for Youth – 7 pm – Canton Building

### JANUARY

- 7 Home Storage Center ReOpens
- 18 “Walk with Me” Worldwide Discussion for Youth Broadcast

[Click here for Akron Stake Calendar](#)

To submit Stake or Area events to the Newsletter Calendar please contact LeAnn Snyder [leann.snyder@outlook.com](mailto:leann.snyder@outlook.com)

[Single Adult Facebook Page Link](#)

**BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER**  
6900 Southpointe Pkwy, Unit C  
Brecksville, OH 44141  
440-526-4057  
HOURS: Wednesday & Thursday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
A food storage list is available at [www.providentliving.org](http://www.providentliving.org).



## MESSAGE FROM THE STAKE

**Take Time to Pause, Remember, and Rejoice  
This Christmas Season**

*Amy Cartwright  
Stake Young Women's President*



As we enter the Christmas season, our hearts naturally turn toward the miracle that took place in Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago, a miracle that changed eternity. Christmas is a time to pause, to remember, and to rejoice in the greatest gift our Heavenly Father has given us: His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

The prophet Isaiah foretold this joyous gift centuries before the Savior's birth: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given... and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). These titles remind us that Jesus Christ came not only as a newborn babe but as the promised Messiah, The One who would bring peace, healing, and salvation to all God's children.

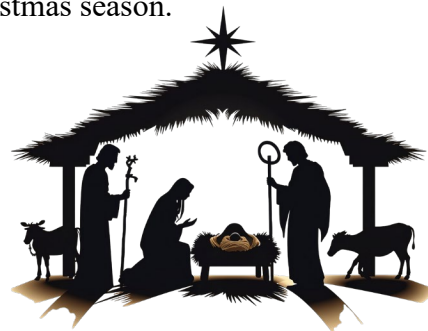
On that holy night, humble shepherds heard the angelic proclamation: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). The shepherds immediately responded by seeking Him, and then "made known abroad" the good news they had received. Their example invites us to do the same: to seek the Savior personally and to share His light with others.

Amid the busyness of the season, we are invited to remember why His birth matters: because He would grow to fulfill His divine mission, to teach, to heal, to lift, and ultimately to atone for each of us. As the Savior Himself declared, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). His light gives us strength in times of trial, hope in moments of sorrow, and joy greater than anything the world can offer.

President Thomas S. Monson once reminded us that Christmas is "the spirit of giving without a thought of getting." As disciples of Christ, we honor Him by loving as He loved, serving as He served, and reaching out to those who may feel alone or forgotten. The Savior taught, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). Every act of kindness and service can be gift we offer to our Savior.

This Christmas, may we center our celebrations on Him whose birth we commemorate.

May the light of the Savior fill your heart and home this Christmas season.



## Missionary Moments

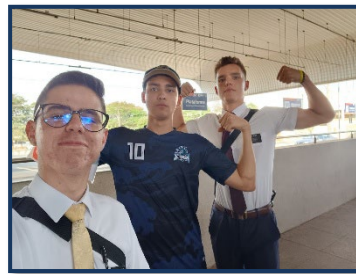
### Elder Zakai Miller Brazil Piracicaba Mission

From Elder Miller: This week was an interesting one. It was kind of fun, and I really enjoyed the time I got to spend and while we didn't teach a lot of people, and we didn't get a lot of time to go in and teach a lot, I did receive an experience that was really powerful. I was going into a lesson this week, and as we were teaching the lesson, I learned from this person that he wanted to know more about the Holy Spirit.



He wanted to know more about the gift of the Holy Ghost and what that means, he said that he'd read an Acts, and he'd seen that there were a lot of churches that talked about the gift of the Holy Ghost, but not as the Apostles in the Book of Acts had done it. And I, having not read Acts recently enough to know what he was talking about, decided that I was going to use Acts in order to help him understand what the Apostles were going to say, and that he should be baptized and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands, as it says in Acts. And so, I went, and I studied every single day this week on what Acts say about receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost. I studied and I studied, and I studied, and I thought I had it down. I was getting ready to go to his house and when we arrived at his house, I was so ready to just teach him everything I knew about receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost and help him prepare for baptism and invite him to church. However, he wasn't home. This was a blow for me and very disappointing as I'd prepared for this all week. I'd prayed about it, and I was just so ready to

help this man and his family receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, be baptized, but he just wasn't home. I was confused. I was frustrated; I had prepared and prepared for this. So why wouldn't he be home? Then I looked back at a day earlier that week, and I remember I was talking with a man who had decided not to be baptized a couple years ago. He said he was waiting for his own moment. And that was something I hadn't known until I arrived at his house. And while I was there, I was able to testify strongly about how the Holy Ghost influences us. I was able to testify to that strongly because I had been studying it and even though I hadn't been studying it for that purpose, I had been studying it. It really showed me



that when God sees our efforts and our efforts to really try, even though we may not be able to use those efforts in the way we initially intended,

those efforts go a long way. Those efforts show and payoff in other ways we cannot foresee. And even though I don't know if either of these two men or this other man and his family will be baptized, I was able to testify of the Spirit. It was really something that I wouldn't have been able to do other wise and strengthened my testimony of the spirit and how He guides and influences us.

*If you know of someone serving and want them put in our Missionary Moments, please click the link below. We want to share their stories with everyone!*



We want to highlight your missionary!  
[Click here to get your missionary in the Stake Newsletter!](#)



## Cleveland Temple Updates



CLICK HERE  
TO SEE THE  
PROGRESS!



*2026 WILL  
BE HERE  
BEFORE WE  
KNOW IT!*

### UNTIL THEN .... VISIT

Click on images to visit temple webpages.

#### COLUMBUS



#### PITTSBURGH



#### \*\*\*\*New Distribution Service location open in Cranberry, PA \*\*\*\*

2771 Rochester Road  
Cranberry Township,  
PA 16066  
(878) 236-4038

(Located inside the  
Cranberry Stake Center  
at the South West  
Corner. Enter the doors  
facing the Temple)

Monday – Closed
Tuesday – Wednesday 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Thursday – Friday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday Closed

## MINISTERING MOMENTS

Our stake would like to focus on the blessings that come through ministering by sharing uplifting experiences.

You are invited to participate by sharing ways that you have been impacted and blessed by ministering. Both ministering and being ministered to. These submissions

will be printed in future Stake newsletters. All submissions will be printed anonymously.

Please focus your thoughts on how your experience has brought you closer to our Savior Jesus Christ and minister as He did.

To submit your experience.

[Click here](#)



## Healing Through the Savior

### The Addiction Recovery Program



Recovery Meetings  
Meet Weekly on Zoom

Sundays at 3:00 pm

[Click HERE for more information](#)

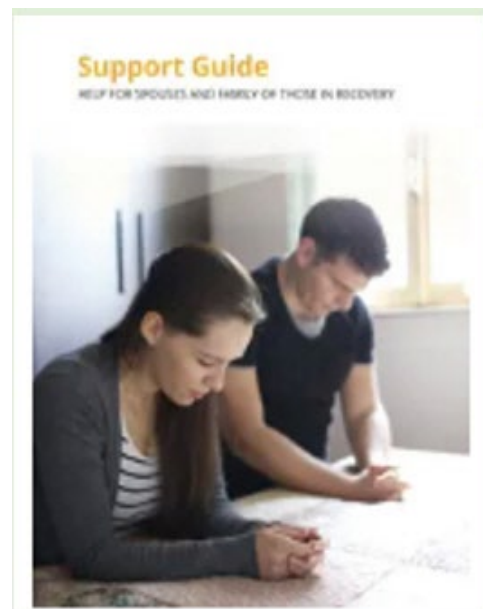
[Click HERE to find additional meetings](#)

Spouse and Family Support Group  
Meets Weekly on Zoom

Tuesdays at 8:00 pm

[Click HERE for more information](#)

[Click HERE to find additional meetings](#)



## JUST SERVE CORNER

**WOOSTER WARD IN SERVICE** -- On May 24, 2025, Wooster Ward Primary President Kaye Parsons organized a service project for the primary children. Adults, Young Men and



Young Women also participated in this project. The Wooster City Parks and Recreation Department provided the mulch, tools, wheelbarrows and three employees to assist with the project, which was to haul and distribute mulch to the playground area of Cohan Park. The group also tidied up the grounds by picking up many branches and sticks that had fallen over the winter.



## ASHLAND RELIEF SOCIETY SERVICE PROJECT HITS 30-YEAR ANNIVERSARY --

Relief Society sisters in the Ashland Ward have been collecting gifts to share with seniors who are alone on Christmas morning for over thirty years. This year they collected 70 gifts to share with two local organizations that serve the needy in our area, Associated Charities and Hillsdale Cares. Our ward also collects food donations for both of their community food pantries on each Fast Sunday.



Pictured left: Gayle Gorrell of Ashland Ward and a volunteer at Associated Charities as Christmas gifts are delivered to them. The ward has been contributing gifts to them since about 1991.

Pictured right: (kneeling l-r) Stacy Crawford, Laiel Stansel, Lindsay Harper, (rear) Marcie Bingham with gifts ready for Hillsdale Cares.





## **\*\*Still need to try out the Activity Sharing?\*\***

If you haven't already tried it... Please check it out!



Enter an activity on the calendar and it will **AUTOMATICALLY** show up on your website!

**FOR A QUICK OVERVIEW**

**Click here**

What if I can't find the link  
to my **WARD PAGE**?

1. Log in to

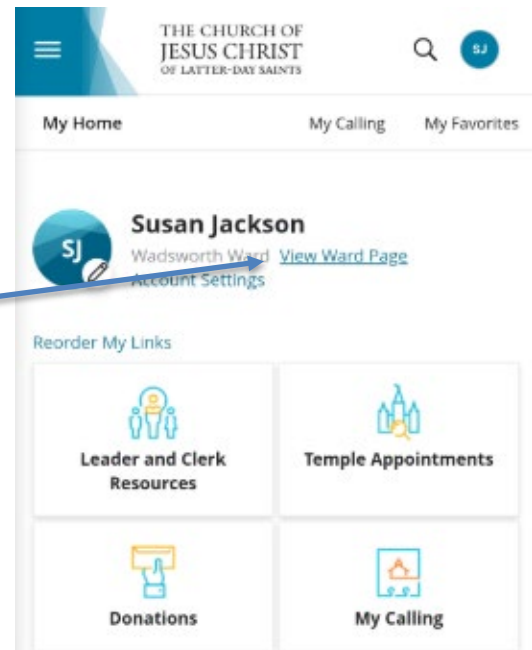
[www.churchofjesuschrist.org](http://www.churchofjesuschrist.org)

You will find your name and a link to your  
Ward Page. (It doesn't work on the  
app....yet)

2. Google it. Seriously, that is one of  
the suggested options.

3. Have a QR Code made for the link and  
put it in Ward Bulletins, Sunday  
Programs, etc.

**OR CLICK BELOW**



<a href="#">AKRON WARD</a>	<a href="#">MEDINA WARD</a>
<a href="#">ASHLAND WARD</a>	<a href="#">NEW PORTAGE WARD</a>
<a href="#">CANTON WARD</a>	<a href="#">WADSWORTH WARD</a>
<a href="#">MASSILLON WARD</a>	<a href="#">WOOSTER WARD</a>

Click on your ward link to access your ward webpage!

If your calling offers you the option to submit items to the ward/stake calendar  
and you want to learn more ...

**Click here**

### Announced 2026 Churchwide Broadcasts



Here are the announced dates for 2026. Make sure to mark your calendars for these special broadcasts/events:

- **January 18** – “Walk With Me” Worldwide Discussion for Youth
- **February 1** – Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults
- **March 5** – Temple and Family History Leadership Instruction
- **March 5 – 7** – RootsTech
- **March 7** – Family Discovery Day
- **March 8** – Worldwide Relief Society Devotional
- **March 10** – Caring For Those in Need: 2025 Annual Report
- **March 29** – Palm Sunday
- **March 29 – April 5** – Holy Week
- **April 4 & 5** – Easter Weekend General Conference
- **May 3** – Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults
- **May 24** – Video for Children
- **Jun 11 & 12** – Religious Educators Conference Broadcast
- **September 14** – Video for Children
- **October 3 & 4** – General Conference
- **November 1** – Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults
- **December 6** – First Presidency’s Christmas Devotional
- **December 20** – Sacrament Meeting Only