

AKRON STAKE NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER

2 - Worldwide YA Devotional 8 pm
2 - Stake Choir Practice 6-8 pm Akron
8 - Stake Conference
9 - Stake Conference
9 - Single Adults Lunch following conference
12 - Multi-Stake Education Evening 7 pm
15 - Stake Youth Cotillion and Game Night
5-8 pm Medina
Nov 18 - Dec 7 Giving Machine Cleveland
*See Flyer

DECEMBER

1-7 - Giving Machine Cleveland
7 - First Presidency Christmas Devotional
14 - Home Storage Center Closes
25 - Merry Christmas!
27 - New Year's Eve Activity for Youth - 7 pm
Canton

JANUARY

7 - Home Storage Center ReOpens

[Single Adult Facebook Page Link](#)



[Click here for Akron Stake Calendar](#)

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



MESSAGE FROM THE STAKE

We Thank Thee, Oh God, For a Prophet by President Quinn Coburn

Russell M. Nelson and Dallin H. Oaks were sustained to the quorum of the twelve apostles on the same day, April 7th, 1984. At that time, I was serving as a missionary in Japan (during the last several months of my mission). I suppose because of the timing of their calls, I have always felt a particular closeness to these two apostles, and have followed their lives and service with interest and admiration.

I was particularly inspired by the way in which they were called (as reported in LDS Living in October 2019 adapted from “Insights from a Prophet’s Life: Russell M. Nelson by Sheri Dew”).

The general conference of April 1984 was approaching and there were two vacancies in the quorum of the twelve apostles to be filled (one of the vacancies had been open for more than a year). However, Spencer W. Kimball, president of the church at the time, was very sick and his mind was not dependable. For months, President Gordon B. Hinckley, counselor to President Kimball, had left standing instructions with President Kimball’s caregivers that if the prophet’s mind ever cleared, they were to call him immediately, regardless of the hour. Month after month passed with no call.

During this time, President Kimball’s doctor was Russell M. Nelson. The week before the April 1984 general conference, Doctor Nelson cautioned a colleague not to expect new apostles to be called at that conference. Doctor Nelson recalled “I was his doctor, and I knew it wasn’t feasible, that President Kimball was not well or coherent enough to do it.

I explained to her that calling an apostle is the prerogative of the president of the Church and that President Kimball was simply in no condition to do that.”

However, on the Wednesday morning prior to the April 1984 general conference at about 2:30 a.m., the phone rang at President Hinckley’s home. President Kimball was alert and wanted to talk to him. President Hinckley rushed downtown to President Kimball’s suite in the Hotel Utah, where the issue of vacancies in the Twelve was raised. President Kimball said simply, “Call Nelson and Oaks to the Quorum of the Twelve, in that order.”

What a marvelous leader President Nelson has been. We have learned so many wonderful things from his teachings: the importance of gathering Israel, temple worship and temple covenants, personal revelation, daily repentance, ministering, preparation for the second coming, and being peacemakers to name a few. It has been an unprecedented time of temple building with 200 temples announced during his presidency. Perhaps more than anything, we have felt his love. A true example of our Savior’s love.

I add my testimony that President Nelson was a prophet of God. I am deeply, deeply grateful for his life, his example, his service, his leadership, and his love. I also fervently testify that President Dallin H. Oaks is a prophet of God and sincerely look forward to his continued leadership.

In the name of Jesus Christ Amen.

MISSIONARY MOMENTS

Sister Audrey Pedro

Japan Fukuoka Mission



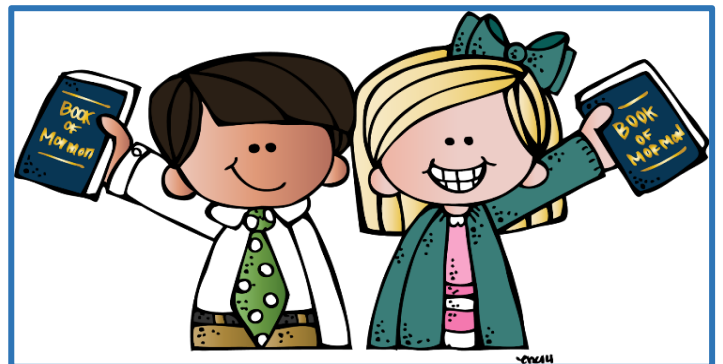
Missions are hard, but it is something that has blessed my life and will bless my life forever. I am so grateful for all of it. This scripture from Alma 26:27 has helped me throughout my mission. "Now when our hearts were depressed, and we were about to turn back, behold, the Lord comforted us, and said: go and bear with patience thine afflictions, and I will give unto you success".

I know God knows us personally and as we have faith and patience, He will always help us. I know that through Jesus Christ we can have everlasting happiness.

We can find joy as we endure. I love this gospel so much, sharing it with the people of Japan has been such a blessing and something I will never forget. I will continue to try my best to bring others unto Christ my last four months. I love Japan and the people here so much.

Sister Pedro

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

COLUMBUS



PITTSBURGH



Click on images to visit temple webpages

****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

Ministering is a blessing in our lives. Some tender counsel that we have been given can be found on the church's website. An excerpt is as follows:

- 1 - Make contact with those to whom you have been assigned to minister. This can be done in a variety of ways. Reach out to them in person; by phone, text message, or social media; or even with a letter.
- 2 - Get to know them. Learn about their lives, relationships, and circumstances. By doing so, you'll be able to anticipate their needs and either meet those needs yourself or call on your ward leadership to access additional resources.
- 3 - Become a friend by letting them know that you care. Make the effort to be the kind of friend that they need.
- 4 - Pray for them and for guidance. Nobody knows the needs of those you are assigned to minister to better than Heavenly Father. Seek His help and pray for inspiration to serve them in the best way—His way. Finding inspired answers to questions you have and using all available methods for making contact are key to inspired ministering.
- 5 - Minister to them in ways that are individualized and customized to fit their needs.
- 6 - Maintain the relationship. Life can change quickly for people. Regularly touch base with those to whom you minister, and you'll be better prepared to help and serve them when needs arise.

The remainder of this article can be found at:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/ministering/what-is-ministering?lang=eng>



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.

Click here To submit your experience.



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](#)



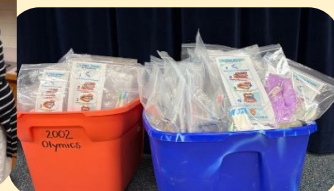
Spouse and Family
Support Group
Meets Weekly on Zoom
Tuesdays at 8:00 pm

[Click HERE for
more information](#)

[Click HERE to find
additional meetings](#)

JUST SERVE CORNER

On October 11, sisters from around the Stake came together to assemble 500 hygiene kits to send to PLJ Foundation. The PLJ Foundation is a dental clinic that provides dental care for people in Guatemala. The sisters also donated blankets to the charity. If you would like to know more about the PLJ Foundation, you can click on the logo shown on the right.



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

If you haven't already tried it...
Please check this 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

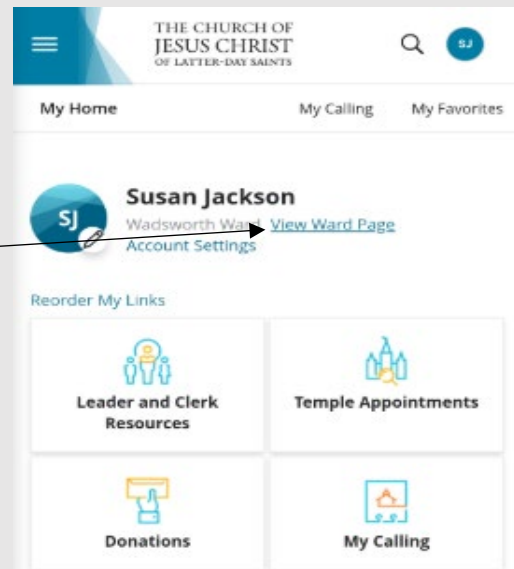
You will find your name and a link to your
Ward Page. (It doesn't work on the
app....yet)

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



[AKRON WARD](#)

[ASHLAND WARD](#)

[CANTON WARD](#)

[MASSILLON WARD](#)

[MEDINA WARD](#)

[NEW PORTAGE WARD](#)

[WADSWORTH WARD](#)

[WOOSTER WARD](#)

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](#)

LightTheWorld
Giving
Machine
CLEVELAND

COMING TO
BEACHWOOD PLACE MALL
26300 Cedar Rd
Beachwood, OH 44122

November 18 - December 7

For more information and to get involved please

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