

# AKRON OHIO STAKE NEWSLETTER

April 2026



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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](#)

## APRIL

- 4-5 General Conference
- 12 Fast Sunday
- 26 Massillon Ward Conference

## MAY

- 2-3 Stake Conference
- 3 Single Adult Lunch after Conference
- 3 Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults
- 17 Fast Sunday
- 24 Video for Children

## JUNE

- 6 Single Adult Picnic/Bonfire/Service
- 10-12 Young Men Camp
- 11 & 12 Religious Educators Conference Broadcast
- 14 Akron 2<sup>nd</sup> Branch Ward Conference
- 29 & 30 Youth Conference

## 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**

**Humanity's Miraculous Reverse of Fortune**

*Patriarch Douglas Talley*

How quickly in life fortunes can reverse! This time of the year we may find ourselves some Sunday afternoon basking in warm, sunny weather with daffodils and crocuses in bloom. Yet within days winter will return, and we find the flowers broken by a blast of icy wind and snow.

The quick reversal of fortunes is one of many poignant ironies of Holy Week. At the beginning of that week Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem to a multitude who praised God with a loud voice saying, "Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13). Only days later, the Savior hung from a cross with a superscription written in Greek, Latin and Hebrew, "This is the King of the Jews." Jesus himself had testified that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every truth would be established, and here was a witness written in three languages as separate testimonies to a single truth - "This is the King." Yet this King was nailed to the cross like a common criminal.

While fortunes can quickly change for the worse, they may just as quickly change for the better. We might consider how the Savior's glorious resurrection was first revealed to the world in a single word shortly after his death. As Mary stood outside the garden tomb weeping, she turned and saw a man, but "knew not that it was Jesus". He revealed himself to her with the simple address, "Mary" (John 20:14-16). The

Savior chose to reveal his resurrection first to a single individual and in that moment taught the world that His Atonement is utterly personal. He made it universal to all but did so by making it intimate to each one of us, as he did to Mary, one soul at a time.

Later that same day Jesus stood among his apostles and taught, "Thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day . . . "And ye are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:46-48). They were witnesses to an extraordinary reversal of fortune for the entire human family. And we, too, can be "witnesses." Not only on Easter, but every day of our lives we can join the company of that first Easter celebration while the King of Israel opens the scriptures to us, and we review how deepest sorrow was swallowed up in deepest joy by the miraculous reversals of Holy Week.



## Missionary Moments

### SISTER HALLE KAY WILKINSON – LOS ANGELES MISSION

I come from a family of 5 girls, & I'm the oldest. In one of my areas, I had the opportunity to teach a family of 5 girls!!! 4 of them are baptized & the last one is getting baptized in a week! I had a really special experience teaching them the Atonement of Jesus Christ. They come from a pretty dysfunctional family, so there's a lot of fighting that goes on. One time, we went over & the 2 youngest were hitting & kicking each other. I pulled one of them over & went big-sister on her & was like "why are you kicking your sister?!" & she goes "she kicked me first!" I kinda chastised her & told her that's not how it works, but she wasn't having it. Then I asked her, "Well, did you know people were mean to Jesus?" & she was like "whaaaat, why?" with wide eyes. I explained to her that the people were so mean that they even killed Him. She was mind-blown! Then I asked her if she knew what Jesus said while they crucified Him, "He asked Heavenly Father to forgive them." We both just paused for a minute, then she asked, "So does that mean I have to forgive her too?" I was like YESSSS, I felt the spirit SO STRONG! It was such a powerful experience, such a simple take on the Atonement, but it taught me that it can truly apply to everyone's life, no matter how big or how small the sin. Ever since then, if she was acting up, I would just ask her, "What would Jesus do?" & she would immediately apologize & hug her sister. So tender!

*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!*



### MEDINA WARD HOLDS SPIRITUAL WALK

On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> the Medina Ward building was transformed for a very special Easter Walk. It was titled "Because of Jesus, I have Joy!". The walk started on the north side of the building and took you through the events of Holy Week. Below are a few photos to share the experience. The walk was scheduled in 30-minute increments and followed by a Ward Brunch. Members were able to take their time as they went through the various items of Holy Week.



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## Cleveland Temple Updates

We are excited about the dates for the Cleveland Temple Open House. There is a facebook page you can also follow. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the page.

### UNTIL THEN .... VISIT

Click on city name to visit temple webpages.



CLEVELAND OHIO  
**TEMPLE**  
OPENHOUSE

**SAVE THE DATE**  
June 18 through July 3, 2026

Watch for details for volunteer opportunities to serve during the Open House.

#### Cleveland Temple Open House and Dedication Dates

Public Open House – **June 18 – July 3, 2026**

Dedication – **Sunday, August 16, 2026 @ 10:00 am**

For more information, please see the following link:

[Cleveland Ohio Temple Open House and Dedication Dates](#)

### [COLUMBUS](#)



### [PITTSBURGH](#)



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# 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

“Go, and do thou likewise.” – Luke 10:37

In addition to sending 250 food trucks to food banks throughout the country (as mentioned in February’s stake newsletter), the church, through JustServe, is collaborating with the America250 - America Gives Initiative to make 2026 the largest year of service and volunteerism in US history.

All church members are encouraged to record their community service hours through "JustServe.org". You can go to "Get Inspired" on the top of the page, choose "Volunteer Initiative and Day of Service", then click on "America250-America Gives," scroll down to "Add Volunteer Hours", where you'll be able to record your hours. Alternatively, you can also click on this link to reach the landing page: [Volunteer through JustServe for America250](#)

Sister Terry Tyhurst from Medina Ward serving happily at Cups Collective. This is the first time she volunteered there. She was grateful to be able to help those in need in the community.



Sister Elaine Carpenter from Wadsworth Ward has been volunteering at The Giving Doll in Norton for more than 9 years. She diligently goes there every week. Unless she's away on a trip or is otherwise busy, she never misses her weekly routine. She loves volunteering there because the charity makes dolls to cheer up little children. She also loves serving alongside the wonderful people there. She encourages others to volunteer at the organization to experience the joy that she feels there. If you want to know more, Sister Carpenter will be very happy to talk to you.



The Giving Doll is a non-profit organization to give faith, love, joy, hope and comfort to children worldwide, at times of special need through the construction and distribution of handmade cloth dolls.



## Beginning September 6, 2026...

“In advance of the upcoming general conference leadership session (April 2, 2026), The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has announced upcoming adjustments to the Sunday class meeting schedule to support members in their efforts to be lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ. The adjustments will strengthen gospel learning in homes and congregations throughout the world. [See the official letter from the First Presidency.](#)

"In January 2019, the Church implemented a two-hour Sunday schedule to provide individuals and families with increased opportunities for home-centered gospel study. Members across the world have embraced these changes with faith and enthusiasm. Additional adjustments will be introduced to further enhance learning, fellowship, and worship."

Please see the following link for more details:

[Changes to the Sunday Meeting Schedule](#)

### CHANGES TO THE SUNDAY CLASS MEETING SCHEDULE



1 hour

#### Sacrament Meeting



5 minutes—proceed to next class—



25 minutes

#### Youth Sunday School



#### Adult Sunday School



#### Primary



5 minutes—proceed to next class—



25 minutes

#### Aaronic Priesthood Quorums



#### Young Women



#### Relief Society



#### Elders Quorum



55 minutes



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## Announced 2026 Churchwide Broadcasts



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

- **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

### 2026 Stake Dates to Note:

- **April 12** – Fast Sunday
- **April 26** – Massillon Ward Conference
- **May 2 & 3** – Stake Conference
- **May 3** – Single Adult Lunch after Stake Conference
- **May 17** – Fast Sunday
- **June 6** – Picnic/Bonfire/Service for Single Adults at Columbia Woods Park in Norton
- **June 10 – 12** – Young Men Camp
- **June 14** – Akron 2<sup>nd</sup> Branch Conference
- **June 29 & 30** – Youth Conference
- **July 14 – 18** – Young Women Camp
- **August 15** – Primary Valiant Activity
- **August 16** – Single Adult Fireside in Akron Building with Cleveland Temple President
- **September 13** – Wadsworth Ward Conference
- **September 13** – Stake General Priesthood Meeting (6:30 pm)
- **September 26** – Cleveland Temple Trip
- **October 10** – Relief Society Activity
- **October 11** – Fast Sunday
- **November 7 & 8** – Stake Conference
- **November 8** – Single Adult Lunch after Stake Conference
- **December 31** – Single Adult New Year’s Eve Party