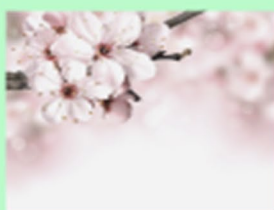


AKRON OHIO STAKE NEWSLETTER

March 2026



MARCH

- 1 Stake Choir Rehearsal – Massillon
- 5 Temple and Family History
Leadership Instruction
- 5 – 7 RootsTech
- 7 Family Discovery Day
- 8 Worldwide Relief Society
Devotional
- 8 Stake Choir Rehearsal - Medina
- 21 Stake Single Adults: Game Night –
Massillon Building
- 15 Stake Choir Rehearsal - Akron
- 22 4th Annual Stake Easter Program –
Akron Building
- 29 Palm Sunday
- 29 – Apr 5 Holy Week

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 2nd Branch Ward Conference
- 29 & 30 Youth Conference

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To submit Stake or Area events to the Newsletter Calendar please contact LeAnn Snyder 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.



MESSAGE FROM THE STAKE

Christlike Attributes
President Jerry Jensen
Stake Presidency Second Counselor

One of the more stirring exhortations President Russell M. Nelson gave was during the April 2021 general conference, when he said, “It is now time that we each implement extraordinary measures—perhaps measures we have never taken before—to strengthen our personal spiritual foundations. Unprecedented times call for unprecedented measures.”

Did you know that Elder Ulisses R. Soares, in his October 2025 general conference address, offered a specific suggestion for how we might personally answer this prophetic call? After reminding us of President Nelson’s exhortation, Elder Soares extended the following invitation:

“My beloved brothers and sisters, I extend an earnest invitation to all of us to adorn our minds and hearts with the Christlike virtue of temperance as a sacred response to the prophetic call of our dear President Russell M. Nelson.”

This invitation fits perfectly with the theme we have selected for our ward conferences this year: developing Christlike attributes. As a preview of your ward conference message, you will hear President Coburn say:

“Since our whole goal in this life is to overcome the natural man and strive to become like Jesus, I thought it would be most important to focus on specific attributes and characteristics of Jesus Christ. Our invitation to the members of the stake is to select one or two attributes of Jesus and make specific goals to incorporate those attributes into our own characters.”

The Book of Mormon prophet Moroni taught it this way: “I would commend you to seek this Jesus of whom the prophets and apostles have written” (Ether 12:41). One important way to seek Jesus is to make a diligent effort to learn about Him and to become more like Him.

Developing Christlike attributes is different from simply adopting techniques for self-improvement. Christlike attributes are gifts from God. In addition to striving to develop them, we should humbly pray for the gift of that attribute to be granted unto us.

Returning to Elder Soares’s message on temperance, he testified:

“As we strive with faith and diligence to weave temperance into our actions and words, I testify that we will strengthen and anchor our lives more securely upon the sure foundation of our Redeemer.

“I solemnly bear my testimony that the constant pursuit of temperance purifies our soul and sanctifies our heart before the Savior, gently drawing us nearer to Him and preparing us, with hope and peace, for that glorious day when we shall meet Him at His Second Coming.”

Temperance is one of the many Christlike attributes we might choose to develop, and Elder Soares’ talk has motivated me select it for myself.

May our focus on Jesus Christ motivate us to seek the gift of incorporating one or two of His attributes in our lives.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

EASTER CONCERT – March 22, 2026

Planning is underway, and the Stake is excited for our 4th Annual Easter Concert. The concert will take place at the Akron Building and will feature performers from the Stake. Our Stake Choir will also be performing. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors to celebrate the Easter Season with you!



Missionary Moments

SISTER HALLE KAY WILKINSON – LOS ANGELES

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!



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

Cleveland Temple Updates



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2026 WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT!

UNTIL THEN ... VISIT

Click on city name 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 Southwest 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

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Healing Through the Savior

The Addiction Recovery Program



Recovery Meetings
Meet Weekly on Zoom

Sundays at 3:00 pm

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Spouse and Family Support Group
Meets Weekly on Zoom

Tuesdays at 8:00 pm

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[Click HERE to find additional meetings](#)



JUST SERVE CORNER

For a few days in January, members of our Stake travelled in the snow and gave up a morning or afternoon to serve in the Amish canning week. It was such a meaningful experience for us to serve alongside the Amish/Mennonite community. A lot of our members expressed that they would love to go back next year if we have another opportunity. Even though the work that we did was simple and our individual contribution didn't seem significant, we were told that in this operation, close to 200,000 cans of meat had been canned and that they would be shipped out to places as far as Ethiopia. One of the Amish organizers of this project also told us that we're the group outside their community that supplied them the most volunteers!

I would like to express my gratitude to those who supported this project. I am especially grateful for those who went to their shift as a lone LDS. I'm also very grateful to the New Portage Ward for sending 8 volunteers! Last but not least, I would also like to thank Sister Tristana Foutz for letting me know about this project and Sister Becky Cartwright for sharing her previous experiences at the project with me. – Winnsa Wen, Stake JustServe Specialist

Sis. Coburn getting the can labels ready



Abby Ludlow of Medina Ward putting glue on the labels



Sis. Melnee Benfield and Sis. Buckner of Wooster Ward

Members of Medina Ward labelling cans



Bro. David Benfield boxing cans



Sis. Leah Bryan of Wadsworth Ward with Cami and Abby Ludlow of Medina Ward



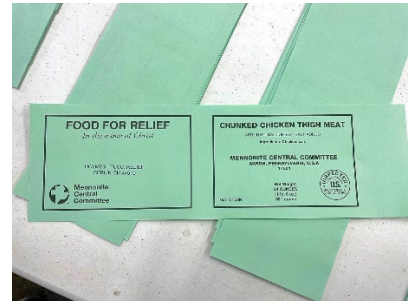
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Pres. and Sis. Coburn with Bro. and Sis. Matney of New Portage Ward



Cans fresh off the cooker

Notice that the cans are done in the name of Christ



Volunteers weighing the meat and putting them into cans



**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

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AKRON WARD	MEDINA WARD
ASHLAND WARD	NEW PORTAGE WARD
CANTON WARD	WADSWORTH WARD
MASSILLON 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](#)

Announced 2026 Churchwide Broadcasts



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

- **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

2026 Stake Dates to Note:

- **March 1** – Stake Choir Easter Rehearsal – Massillon
- **March 8** – Stake Choir Easter Rehearsal – Medina
- **March 15** – Stake Choir Easter Rehearsal - Akron
- **March 21** – Stake Single Adult Game Night
- **March 22** – 4th Annual Easter Program – Akron Chapel
- **March 29** – Palm Sunday
- **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 2nd 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

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- **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