

AKRON OHIO STAKE NEWSLETTER

July 2026



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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](#)



JULY

- 3 Last day of the Cleveland Temple Open House
- 5 Fast Sunday
- 14 – 18 Young Women Camp
- 17 & 18 Single Adult Quad Stake Conference

AUGUST

- 2 Fast Sunday
- 15 Primary Valiant Activity
- 16 Cleveland Temple Dedication

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Fast Sunday
- 13 General Priesthood Meeting
- 19 Youth – Multi-Stake Beach Dance
- 26 Single Adult Temple Session

OCTOBER

- 3 – 4 General Conference
- 10 Stake Relief Society Activity
- 11 Fast Sunday
- 11 Single Adult Cleveland Temple President Fireside
- 17 Stake Youth Service Project
- 17 Multi-Stake Barn Dance

BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER TO REMAIN OPEN

After some review, the Brecksville Home Storage Center will remain open. Online orders can be placed at <https://store.churchofjesuschrist.org> by selecting “Food Storage.”

As a reminder, the Brecksville Home Storage Center is open on Wednesday's and Thursday's from 10am - 1pm. Watch for future updates as they become available, and information will be passed to the Wards in the Stake.

The address is 6900 Southpointe Pkwy, Ste C, Brecksville, OH 44141.



MINISTERING CORNER

Brother Michael Davis

I was in high school and I was horse-crazy. I had read *Black Beauty*, *King of the Wind*, and *The Body Language of Horses*. I was hooked.

I was also lucky to have been raised on 10 acres of "horse property" in Utah. We had a tractor, cutter, rake, and bailer. I knew how to run it all myself. We had three horses, Hardy, Georgie, and Bill. But I wanted my own colt, and arranged to have Georgie bred with a nearby Stallion.

When Alex, my little red colt, was born, I was sky high. However, my enthusiasm dropped a bit as Alex grew, and the training techniques I had read about in books were not easily reproduced out in the corral. Alex was not learning the basics and was starting to get an attitude. I didn't know what to try next. No one in my family knew how to train a horse. I was stumped.

That's when a ministering brother stepped in. Brother Carter was consistent in visiting our family and always asked each of us how things were going when he sat down with us. I mentioned my trouble with my colt, which was now a year old and way stronger than me.

He told me I needed to bury a strong post at least four feet in the ground. Then I would use that post as a base that I would wrap the rope around. Then I would hold onto the rope that was also tied to the horse's halter as it thrashed around and tried to get away. The horse would see me holding the rope and think I was super strong and that fighting or pulling was hopeless.

I tried it. It worked. I had that horse over 30 years. Thanks to a home teacher who was interested in what I was doing.

Brother Michael Davis



Around The Stake

QUAD STAKE SINGLE ADULT CONFERENCE PLANNED

The Stake is working with the neighboring Stakes for a Quad Stake Single Adult Conference. It will be held in Hiram and Kirtland, Ohio on **July 17 – 18, 2026**. The conference is titled “Hastening the Work” and Elder Nathan Johnson will be the Saturday Keynote Speaker.

The QR Codes are below for your registration, and the Facebook Page for any conference updates. This will be a wonderful weekend, and all Single Adults aged 36 and over are encouraged to plan to attend this event. **Please register for the conference by June 29th so that the team can better plan the meals and activities.**

SINGLE ADULTS HAVE A FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS PLANNED

Stake Single Adults



The Single Adult Committee is also looking forward to the rest of the year with these events on the calendar. **Be sure to note them on your calendars so you can participate!**

SATURDAY
SEP
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Temple Day at the Cleveland Temple

The session time is not set yet.

SUNDAY
OCT
11



Cleveland Temple President Fireside

The new Cleveland temple president and matron, Sidney and Melody Ann Connor, will speak to us.

🕒 6:30 PM in the Akron building

👥 The Cleveland, Hyrum, Kirtland, and Akron single adults will be invited.

SUNDAY
NOV
8



Single Adult Luncheon

Immediately after the Sunday session of stake conference.



CONNECT. GROW. HAVE FUN.
You belong here.



2026 Quad Stake Singles Conference
Ages 36+
July 17th and 18th 2026
at the Hiram and Kirtland Stake Centers.

“Country Friday Night” Line Up

- BBQ Dinner
- Hayrides
- Line dancing
- Karaoke

Church History Adventures

- Scavenger hunt
- Escape room
- Dinner & speaker

Hastening the Work

Text Noel Powers for more details 803.710.0551

Registration is required by June 29th for meal planning

Get free tickets here Join our Facebook group

We can't wait to see you at this exciting Summer event!

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Cleveland Temple Updates

We are in the last week of the Cleveland Temple Open House. There is a facebook page you can also follow. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the page.



CLEVELAND OHIO
TEMPLE
OPENHOUSE

SAVE THE DATE
June 18 through July 3, 2026

There is still time to volunteer and to invite others to come and visit 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](#)

We encourage everyone to make sure you also like and share on

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BEbN6MJgA/>

UNTIL THEN VISIT

Click on city name to visit temple webpages.

[COLUMBUS](#)



[PITTSBURGH](#)



Know of someone you'd like to have join you during the Open House? **Make sure to get one of the 300 pass-along cards available from each Ward available to you!**

There are UNLIMITED digital invitations... make sure to check out the Facebook page (see the left column) for the information.

SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!

JUST SERVE CORNER

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

When Sister Mary Rodriguez of the Wooster Ward learned that the Interchurch food pantry that she volunteers at needed 12 storage platforms to keep food boxes off the floor, she shared the need with Brother David Benfield, her ward's JustServe Specialist. Brother Benfield quickly tapped into our stake's JustServe network and reached out to Brother Bruce Herron of the Wadsworth Ward, who gladly offered his help and collected some pallets donated by Brother Gary Stout of the Medina Ward.



Brother Herron then involved the young men at YM's Camp, who worked together to build the wheeled platforms. For a lot of the youths there, it was their first time using power tools, making the project an opportunity to learn new skills while serving others.

After the platforms were completed, Brother Benfield and other members of the Wooster Ward delivered them to the Interchurch, who was deeply grateful, as the platforms solved an important food storage challenge they have.



This project also stands out as a great example of how service-minded adult and youth members from multiple wards can come together to fulfill a need in their community!

The Ashland County Veterans Appreciation Committee will hold its annual Veterans Appreciation Day on Saturday, August 8. In commemoration of America250, the event will additionally feature traveling veterans memorials this year, including displays of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Korean War Memorial, and World War II Memorial from August 6–9, Thursday to Sunday (Sunday being, of course, not a convenient day for our members to volunteer on).

Because of the expanded event, many volunteers are needed to help honor our veterans and serve the community. Veterans and non-veterans alike are invited to participate. Please see the information on pages 9 & 10 of this newsletter for the flyers and details, or contact your ward or stake JustServe Specialist. Our participation aligns with our Church's directive to JustServe to engage with America250 in 2026.

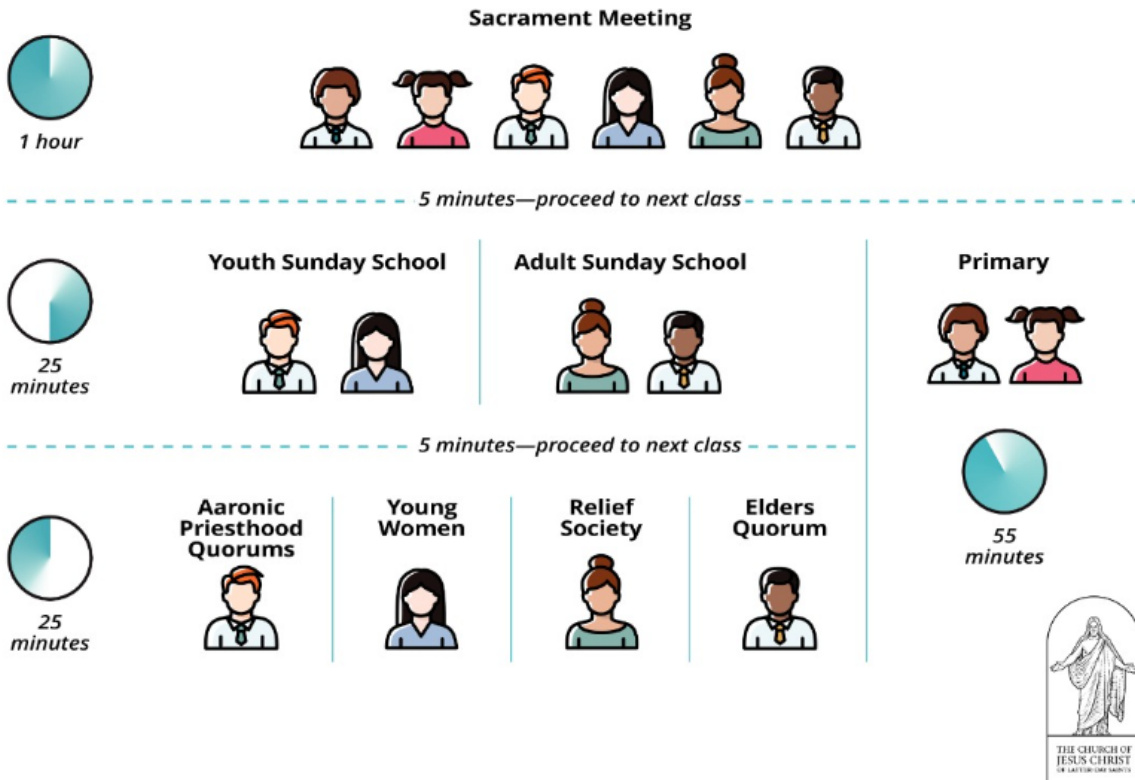
Beginning September 6, 2026...

“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





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](#)



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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:

- **September 13** – Friend to Friend 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:

- **June 18 – July 3** – Cleveland Temple Open House
- **July 14 – 18** – Young Women Camp
- **July 17 & 18** – Quad Stake Single Adult Conference
- **August 15** – Primary Valiant Activity
- **August 16** – Cleveland Temple Dedication Session – presided by Elder David A. Bednar
- **September 13** – Stake General Priesthood Meeting (6:30 pm)
- **September 26** – Single Adult Temple Session - Cleveland Temple
- **October 10** – Relief Society Activity
- **October 11** – Fast Sunday
- **October 11** – Single Adult Fireside with the Cleveland Temple President – 6:30

pm Akron Building

- **November 7 & 8** – Stake Conference
- **November 8** – Single Adult Lunch after Stake Conference
- **December 31** – Single Adult New Year’s Eve Party

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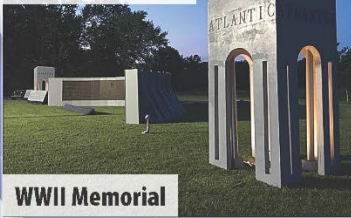
2026 Veterans Appreciation Day!

Saturday, August 8
Freer Field
1301 Park St., Ashland, OH 44805

Opening Ceremonies Start at 11am August 8th

All Memorials will be on display From August 6th (5pm) to 9th (Noon)

Memorials Opening Ceremony: Aug. 6 @ 5pm



WWII Memorial



Vietnam Wall

Cost Of Freedom



Memorials Closing Ceremony: Aug. 9 @ Noon

Korean Memorial

Don't Miss The Country Concert With Big Green Tractor (Jason Aldean Cover Band) August 7th @ 7pm!

Food Vendors Will Be Available | **Parking \$10⁰⁰ Per Car Load (Friday Night ONLY)**

Catch A Special Movie, Friday Night (Aug. 7th) At The Ashland Theatre!



August 8th All Day Events

- 3pm Ken Hammondtree
- 5pm - 7pm E5C4P3 (Journey Tribute Band)
- 7:30pm - 9:15pm Phil Dirt & The Dozers
- 9:30pm Drone Show

Plus FREE Lunch & Veterans Picture!

Check Out The Kids Corner!

FREE Haircuts For Veterans! 1pm - 3pm

Huey Rides Are Back!

Everyone Is Invited To Help Celebrate Our Heroes!

Brought To You By: Ashland County Veterans Appreciation Committee

2026 Ashland County Veterans Appreciation Day

Volunteer Opportunities (volunteers may serve on any day and for any length of time)

1. Memorial Setup

- **Date:** Thursday, August 6
- **Time:** 11:45 a.m.
- **Location:** Freer Field, 1301 Park St., Ashland, OH 44805
- Please bring water, as temperatures may be hot.

2. Security Volunteers

- **Dates:** Thursday, August 6, 5:00 p.m. through Sunday, August 9, 12:00 noon
- Volunteers are needed to provide around-the-clock security for the memorial displays.
- Ages 18 and older may serve between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- For overnight shifts (9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.), volunteers age 21 and older are preferred.

3. Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Guides

- **Dates:** Thursday, August 6, 5:00 p.m. through Sunday, August 9, 12:00 noon
- Assist families in locating names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.
- Training will be provided.

4. Helicopter Operations (August 8, Fair day)

- Assist passengers loading and unloading from Huey and Cobra helicopters
- Volunteers must be 16 years old and older and sign a waiver, waiver form will be provided.
- Volunteers are usually given a FREE ride when time permits.

5. Volunteer Privilege

- For the days they serve, volunteers serving through the organization will receive a special parking placard, which will provide private parking area closer to the memorial site.

6. Veterans Appreciation Day, August 8,

A variety of activities are available throughout the day for the whole family to participate in. In addition to helicopter rides, attendees can enjoy food trucks, live music from three bands, a lighted drone show, and many other attractions.

Contact Information

To volunteer or learn more, please contact:

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Please respond by July 15.