

AKRON OHIO STAKE NEWSLETTER

June 2026



BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER TO CLOSE JUNE 30, 2026

Effective at the end of business on June 30, 2026, the Brecksville Home Storage Center will transition to online sales only. Online orders can be placed at <https://store.churchofjesuschrist.org> by selecting "Food Storage."

Please note that the Brecksville Bishops' Storehouse will remain open. Bishops' food and supplies orders will continue to be available with an approved Bishop's Order for Food and Supplies form."

Because the Brecksville Home Storage Center will be closing, items that are currently available at the Home Storage Center will be on a 50% off sale while supplies last (i.e. 50% off of the regular prices in the attached price list).

As a reminder, the Brecksville Home Storage Center is open on Wednesday's and Thursday's from 10am - 1pm.

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



JUNE

- 4 & 5 Religious Educators Conference
- 10-12 Young Men Camp
- 14 Akron 2nd Branch Ward Conference
- 18 Cleveland Temple Open House Begins -- goes through July 3
- 19 -21 Kirtland Heritage Days
- 29 & 30 Youth Conference
- 30 Last Day for Brecksville Home Storage Center

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

[Click here for Akron Stake Calendar](#)

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

MESSAGE FROM THE STAKE

The Lord Is My Light
Lu Ann Jentsch, Stake Primary President



This year, the Akron Stake Primary presidency has had the privilege of focusing on a special theme with our Valiant-age children (ages 7-11): *“The Lord Is My Light.”*

We introduced this theme during visits with each ward. As part of this experience, each child received a journal where they were invited to record thoughts, scriptures, and personal experiences related to light. This includes moments when they feel the Savior’s light in their lives, times when someone was a light to them, and ways they themselves are able to be a light to others.

To help reinforce this theme, each child also received a nightlight. When illuminated, it reveals an image of Jesus Christ, serving as a simple but meaningful reminder that He is the true Light of the world and that His light is always available to guide and comfort us.

During our visits, we also shared the story behind the beloved hymn *“Brightly Beams Our Father’s Mercy.”* This hymn was written by Phillip Paul Bliss around 1871 after hearing a sermon from an evangelist talking about a shipwreck near Cleveland in Lake Erie. In order for a ship to navigate a harbor it needs lower lights along the shore to line up with the main lighthouse giving a straight path to navigate safely. The lower lights were out on that dreadful night and the ship crashed. The message of this hymn is that God is our lighthouse and we are the lower lights. We are asked to help keep the lights burning along the shore. Through our kind, caring words and deeds we are shining our light and leading others to Christ.

Join with the Valiant primary children this year and take note of personal experiences when you feel the light of Christ, when you help others to feel His is light, and when others are a light to you. We can continue to Light the World.

Sister Lu Ann Jentsch
Akron Stake Primary President

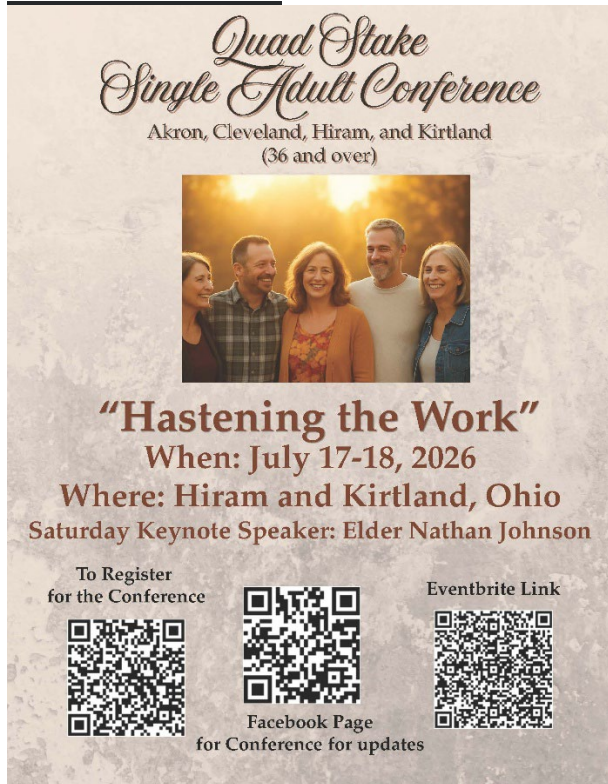


Around The Stake


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.**




Quad Stake Single Adult Conference
Akron, Cleveland, Hiram, and Kirtland
(36 and over)

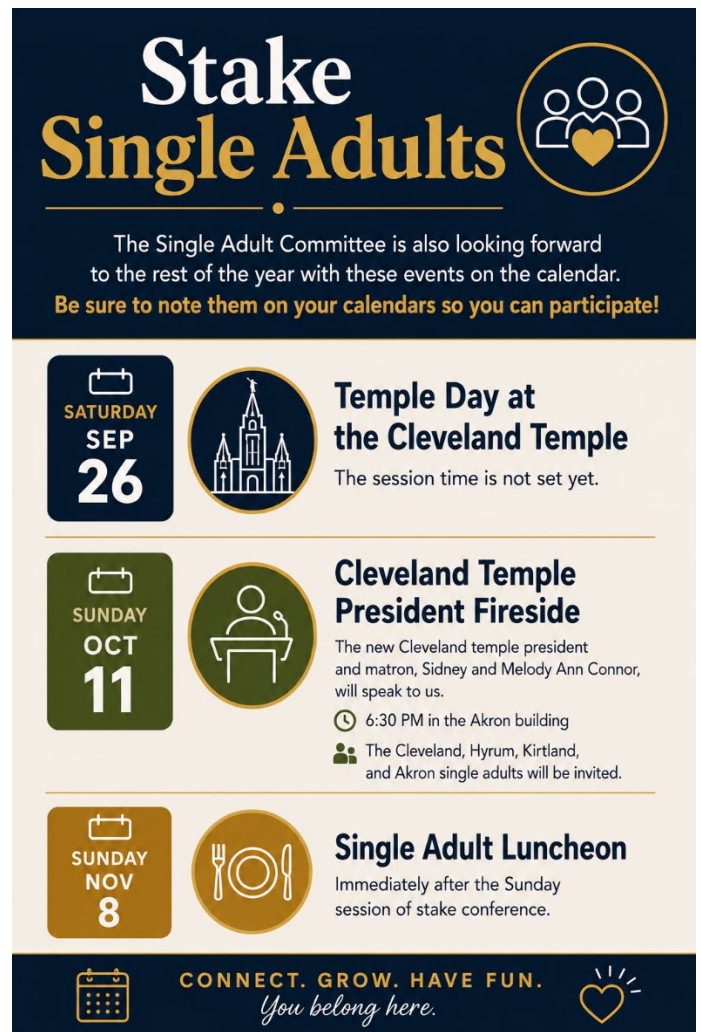


“Hastening the Work”
When: July 17-18, 2026
Where: Hiram and Kirtland, Ohio
Saturday Keynote Speaker: Elder Nathan Johnson

To Register for the Conference  Eventbrite Link 




 Facebook Page for Conference for updates



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 26**  **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. 

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.



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](#)

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

This month, we highlight 2 organizations with the opportunity for service in the Stake – The Salvation Army and Faithful Servant. Read more about these organizations below.

Serving in a **The Salvation Army** soup kitchen is a meaningful and approachable way to begin community service. The organization has a long history of providing meals and practical support to people in need, with feeding and social service programs dating back to the 1880s. Their early motto, “Soup, soap and salvation,” reflected their focus on meeting both physical and spiritual needs.

Today, many Salvation Army locations across the United States continue to operate soup kitchens, hot meal programs, food pantries, and mobile meal services. Nationally, the organization reports serving millions of meals each year through these programs.



If you are looking to start community service and are not sure where to begin, volunteering at a Salvation Army soup kitchen can be a simple and impactful first step. Common volunteer opportunities include:

- Serving meals
- Preparing food
- Cleaning tables and kitchens
- Organizing donations
- Greeting guests

There are 11 Salvation Army soup kitchens within our Stake. If you are interested in helping, you can look up your local Salvation Army chapter and ask about volunteer opportunities in your area.

You can learn more through [The Salvation Army USA](https://www.salvationarmyusa.org). Pictured above:

Debbie and Stan Oda of the Medina Ward have been diligently serving at one of The Salvation Army soup kitchens since 2019.



Faithful Servant ([Faithful Servants – Free urgent care for the uninsured for Summit and Medina County](#)) is a Christian-based healthcare organization with a commitment to provide quality urgent health care services to the uninsured. The organization opened for service about 10 years ago in Tallmadge, OH. Last fall, they started a second location in Wadsworth, OH and they are looking for credentialed medical personnel to help provide medical service there. Right now, they are open only on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30pm, since they do not have enough doctors and nurses to man their operation. Their hope is to be able to open every night so they can bring their much needed service to more people. Volunteers are usually asked to serve there just once a month

If you are interested in this service opportunity, please contact Dr. Joshu Raines at joshuaraines1981@gmail.com, cell: 330-980-8000, or Kathy Kostelnick at kkostelnick@gmail.com, cell: 330-603-0203 at Faithful Servants. At the right opportunity, if you can mention that you're a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saint, that'll be great!

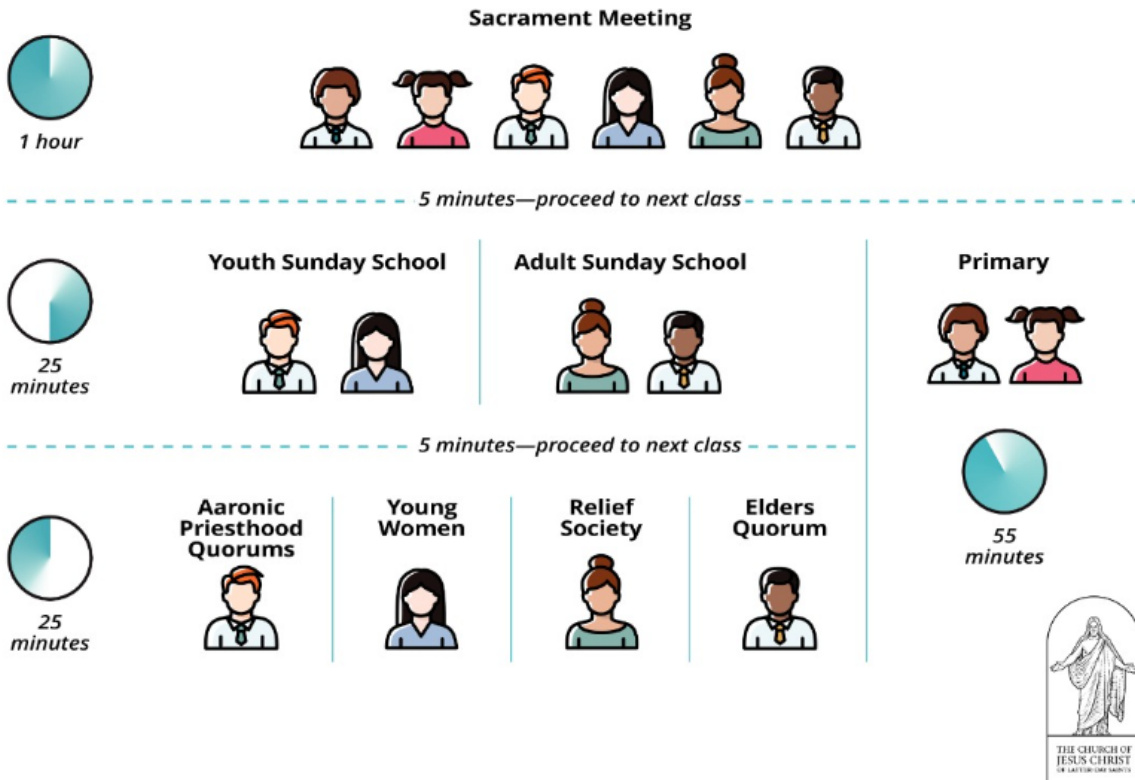
Beginning September 6, 2026...

“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](#)



June, 2026

Announced 2026 Churchwide Broadcasts



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

- **Jun 4 & 5** – Religious Educators Conference Broadcast
- **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 10 – 12** – Young Men Camp
- **June 14** – Akron 2nd Branch Conference
- **June 18 – July 3** – Cleveland Temple Open House
- **June 29 & 30** – Youth Conference
- **July 11 & 12** – Quad Stake Single Adult Conference
- **July 14 – 18** – Young Women Camp
- **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

5K RACE & FUN WALK

SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2026

7:00 AM
Race Check-in
8:30AM
Race Start



REGISTRATION & PACKET PICKUP INFO

gcxcracing.com/kirtland

SPECIAL GUESTS

Brad Wilcox

Brad Wilcox is a dynamic Latter-day Saint speaker and educator, recognized for his inspiring messages on faith, discipleship, and joy in the gospel. He also served as a member of the Young Men General Presidency.

Elder Nathan Johnson

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CONCERTS & DEVOTIONALS

FRIDAY

Youth & Family Devotional (Ages 11-18)

4:00 PM @ Stake Center
Featuring Brad Wilcox & Elder Nathan Johnson

SATURDAY

The Bonner Family Concert

7:00 PM @ Location TBA



KIRTLAND OHIO

June 19-21, 2026

ALL EVENT DETAILS



VisitKirtland.com

Artemus Millett/Millet Family
Martin & Emer Harris Family

FAMILY REUNION

June 19-21, 2026

Are you a descendant of Artemus Millett or Martin & Emer Harris? Come join their reunion!

REGISTRATION, FULL TIMELINE, AND INFO



VisitKirtland.com

SPECIAL GUESTS

The Bonner Family

The Bonner Family is a Latter-day Saint musical family whose uplifting harmonies and joyful spirit share messages of faith, unity, and hope.

Brutus Buckeye

Mascot for The Ohio State University

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY - FRIDAY 5PM-11PM
SATURDAY 12PM-11PM

Strawberry Festival

FRIDAY

6:30 PM

Kirtland Strawberry Festival Parade

Route: Kirtland Local Schools and surrounding neighborhoods

SATURDAY

8:30 AM-10:30 AM

Charity Pancake Breakfast

Location: Community of Christ Church
Proceeds support the efforts of The Kirtland Heritage Group

8:30 AM-10:30 AM

Touch a Truck &

Lake County SWAT Team

