

AKRON OHIO STAKE NEWSLETTER

August 2026



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SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

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- 11 Fast Sunday
- 11 Single Adult Cleveland Temple President Fireside
- 17 Stake Youth Service Project
- 17 Multi-Stake Barn Dance

[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](#)

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
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Single Adult Luncheon

Immediately after the Sunday session of stake conference.

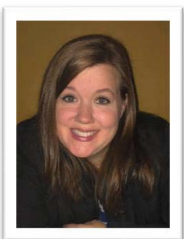


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You belong here.



FROM THE STAKE

*Monthly messages from the
Stake Leadership*



Sister Amy Cartwright
Young Women's President

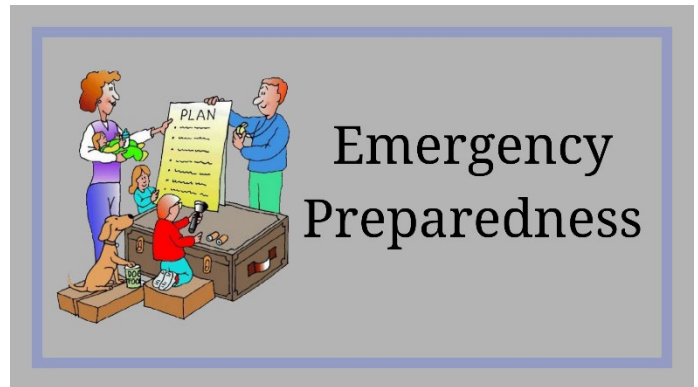
What a memorable summer it has been for the Akron Stake youth!

At the end of June, the youth traveled to the historic Church sites in Kirtland and Hiram. While the summer heat certainly tested us, the Spirit was even stronger. One of the highlights of the trip was our testimony meeting in the Kirtland Temple. It was evident that the youth recognized they were standing on holy ground, and many took the opportunity to share heartfelt testimonies of the Savior and His restored gospel.

Just last week, our young women enjoyed another wonderful week at girls camp. The week began with extreme heat and ended with smoky skies from the Canadian wildfires. Throughout the week, we witnessed the Lord's hand in many ways. After offering prayers for safety and guidance, we were blessed that the smoke at camp remained much lighter than in surrounding areas, allowing us to safely complete our activities. The girls remained positive and we were still able to have a wonderful camp.

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to and testimonies are inspiring, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to watch them grow as disciples of Him.



From Br. Paul McPherson
Akron Stake High Council

Prepared in Peace

When the Monroe family decided to build a three-month supply of food and household essentials, they didn't do it all at once. Each grocery trip, they added a few extra cans of vegetables, bags of rice, pasta, beans, and other foods they regularly enjoyed. Over time, their pantry quietly grew into a three-month reserve.

Then the unexpected happened. A job loss created financial uncertainty for several months. While they carefully adjusted their budget, one concern never weighed heavily on their minds: feeding their family. Because they had followed the counsel to prepare, they were able to provide regular meals, avoid unnecessary debt, and focus on finding new employment rather than worrying about empty cupboards. Their food storage became more than a supply of food—it became a source of peace and confidence during a difficult season.

The Church has long encouraged us to prepare for both temporal and spiritual challenges. Current counsel emphasizes building a basic supply gradually and wisely. We are encouraged to store foods we normally eat, rotate those supplies regularly, avoid going into debt to build food storage, and prepare according to our individual

circumstances and resources. Even small, consistent efforts can make a meaningful difference over time. Whether you are just beginning or have been building your reserve for years, now is an excellent time to take the next step. Add a few extra items to your pantry, organize what you already have, or create a simple plan to steadily increase your family's preparedness. Every small effort contributes to greater self-reliance and peace of mind.

Preparedness is not about fear—it is about faith. As we wisely prepare, we place ourselves in a better position to care for our families, assist others in times of need, and face the future with greater confidence. By taking one step at a time, each of us can build both temporal security and spiritual peace, trusting that the Lord will magnify our diligent efforts.

This month, identify one simple action you can take to strengthen your emergency preparedness. Small and consistent efforts today can become great blessings tomorrow.

For additional information about food storage, please review the following website:

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/gospel-topics/food-storage?lang=eng>



Come to the Temple

Cleveland Temple Dedication Information

Dedication – **Sunday, August 16, 2026 @ 9:00 am**

Information about the Temple Dedication:

- Will take place at 9:00 am with a rebroadcast at 2:00 pm. Members are welcome to participate in one or both events.
- Buildings being used will act as an extension of the Temple.
- Any current baptized member 8+ years old with a current recommend is welcome to attend. Youth will need a special recommend to attend and can get it from their Bishop. Adults with a current Temple Recommend will use that to enter the building.
- Everyone in attendance should bring a white handkerchief for the Hosanna Shout.
- Buildings will be open 1 hour prior to the broadcast, and members are encouraged to be in their seats 30 minutes prior. The doors will close promptly at 9:00 am when the broadcast begins, and no additional entry will be allowed.

Where to participate:

Akron / New Portage Building	9 am & 2 pm
Medina / Wadsworth Building:	9 am & 2 pm
Canton Building:	9 am & 2 pm
Wooster Building:	9 am
Ashland Building:	2 pm

The Cleveland Temple is currently available for scheduling temple work. Members desiring to schedule an appointment to receive their own ordinances (endowment and sealing) can now do so by calling the temple. All other appointments can now be made online or by calling the temple.

UNTIL THEN VISIT

Click on city name to visit temple webpages.

COLUMBUS



PITTSBURGH



Just Serve Corner

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

Right on schedule at 10am, July 23, 2026, a bright red, white and blue 53-foot truck emblazoned with the America250 and JustServe logos pulled into the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank and delivered 35,573 pounds of shelf-stable food as part of our church's America 250 initiative—250 semis to 250 foodbanks in all 50 states—to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the founding of our country.

President Coburn, along with members of the stake, attended the special event, waving handheld American flags to welcome in this significant donation.

"This donation couldn't have come at a better time. It has been a really challenging year," said Katie Carver Reed, the Executive Vice-President of the foodbank. "I can't thank you enough on behalf of the

people in our area who will benefit from this very generous donation." (You can also see what the foodbank said about this donation on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/akroncantonfoodbank>).

All of the goods are grown and produced by our Church, on farms, and in canneries, owned by the church across the United States and funded by member donations. "Nothing is loaded into the church-owned trucks that does not come through the church's welfare system," explained driver Mike Ricksecker, who left Salt Lake City at 1 p.m. the previous Monday to reach Akron on Thursday. "Once I leave here, I will be making a stop in Pennsylvania to pick up yarn and threads at a church-owned mill, which will be used to produce



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garments that will be distributed through the church's humanitarian services in disaster zones."



Adult and youth members of our stake are welcome to volunteer their service there.

Want to know more or volunteer? Click the logo below to go to the website.



Members of our stake have worked hard to make this special project a reality. Sister Shauna Jones (Akron Ward) and Brother Morgan Parke (Wadsworth Ward) provided us with their personal connections with the foodbank. Br. Eric Taylor (Massillon Ward) initiated the contact. Sister LeAnn Snyder (Medina Ward) used her professional tools to liaise with the driver. Sister Robin Laubaugh (Wadsworth Ward) worked tirelessly to get the news to the media. Sister Jones and her daughter are pictured above.

Our welcoming party also included several members from surrounding wards who regularly volunteer at the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank, which is featured on our JustServe website (JustServe.org).

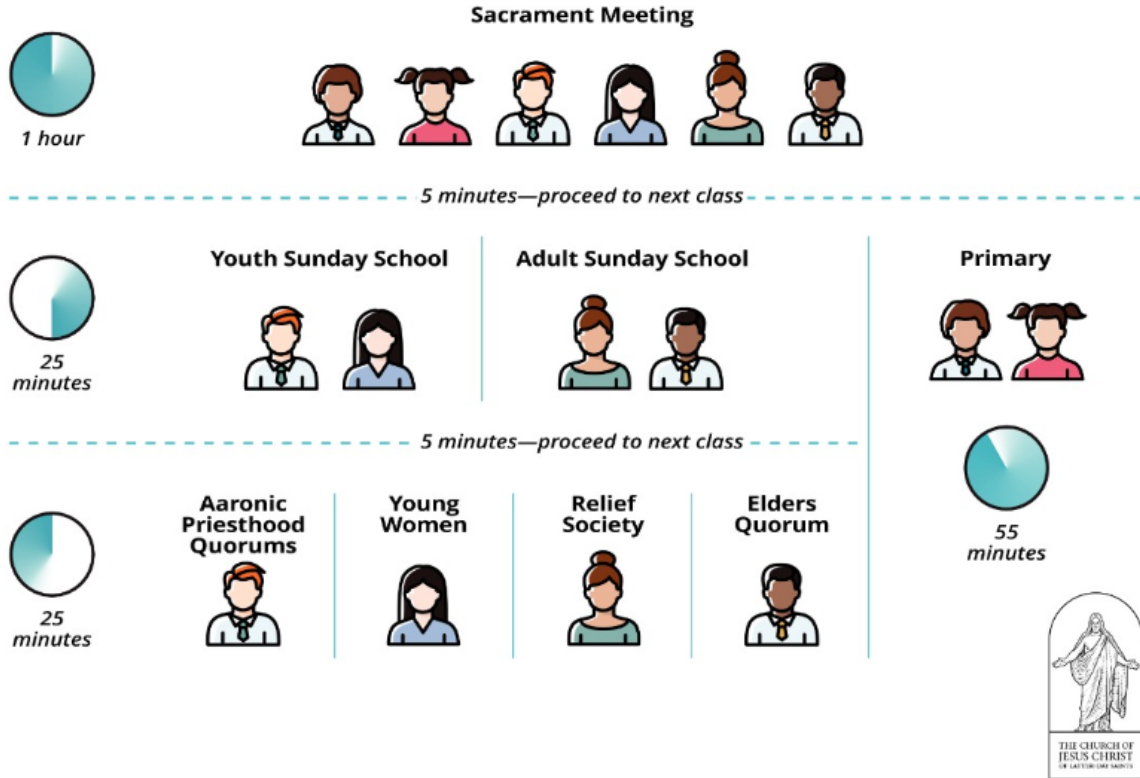
Beginning September 6, 2026...

"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



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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](#)



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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:

- **August 15** – Primary Valiant Activity – Skating Party
- **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 Aldeen 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.