

AKRON OHIO STAKE

STAKE PRESIDENCY MESSAGE



Check out President Talley's [message](#)
to the Stake this month!

Family History Corner



by Jeanne Peugh,
Director

Doing our Family History and Temple Work are important because it allows the sealing power to be carried throughout this life, into the next and all spaces in between. In Family History work, each name on a slip of paper we take to the temple is one more spirit we empower to help us on this mortal journey.

The Stake Family History Center has been very busy. Recently, an area Senior Center group came to the Family History Center. They had a positive experience and said, "This is fun! Everyone is so helpful and we found so much information." They plan to come again next month.

The Family History Center will be reaching out to others in the area to support and assist them in family history work and finding their ancestors. Beginning In April, the Stake Family History Center will be open on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Please call the Family History Center at 330-630-3365 for more details.

AAIC Awards Event

by Elizabeth Nielson

The Akron Area Interfaith Council hosted its annual awards event on the evening of March 28, with a theme of "Spring Into Hope." Approximately 120 people were in attendance.



The event program included multiple calls to prayer from various faiths, as well as the return of the AAIC Harmony Chorus, a choir that is made up of people from 12 local churches. The choir sang three musical numbers about

peace, unity, and goodwill among faiths.

Receiving the AAIC Award this year was South Street Ministries, a non-profit organization that serves the South Akron neighborhood.

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AAIC Awards Event *continued*

The organization has done 18 years of programming and ministry among some of Akron's poorest residents.

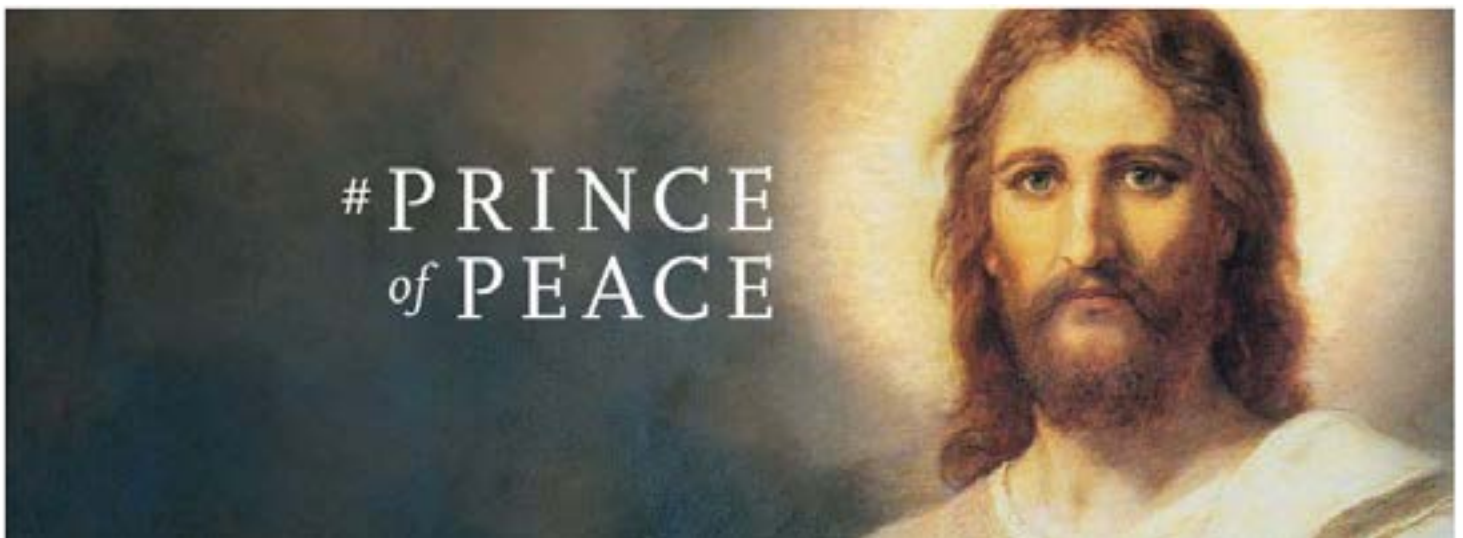
Various musical numbers were shared during the event. The evening ended with a performance of gospel music by The Gospel Wonders of Akron.



Learn Principles of Peace from the **#PRINCEofPEACE**

More than 2,000 years after Isaiah called Him the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ is still our key to peace. This year, in the week leading up to Easter, focus on one of the eight principles below to honor Him and find His peace in your life.

FAITH
GOD'S WORD
COMPASSION
GRATITUDE
PRAYER
FORGIVENESS
REPENTANCE
HOPE



A PRESENTATION ON LATTER-DAY SAINT DOCTRINE

by Elizabeth Nielson

Not even a snowstorm could keep Stake Public Affairs Director Kary Lewis from sharing her beliefs.

On Tuesday, March 14, Sister Lewis gave a presentation at Our Lady of the Elms by invitation of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Despite heavy snow, approximately 30 people were in attendance.

Sister Lewis started off speaking about her own personal background and testimony. She also gave an explanation of the restoration and history of the Church. She then addressed nine basic doctrines of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:

1. The Godhead
2. The plan of salvation
3. The Atonement of Jesus Christ
4. Dispensation, apostasy, and restoration
5. Prophets and revelation
6. Priesthood and priesthood keys
7. Ordinances and covenants
8. Marriage and family
9. Commandments

Those in attendance seemed interested in hearing the material presented. After her

prepared remarks, Sister Lewis invited audience members to ask questions, and many did take the opportunity to do so.

Here are some of the questions that were asked:



After death, do you believe in a resurrection of the body?

How do you know Joseph Smith was a prophet? Did Jesus name him?

What is a prophet to you?

How is prophet-hood passed down?

Is the prophet equal to Jesus?

What do you think of Muhammad?

What does your church think of gay marriage?

Did your church endorse a candidate for president?

Are those who still practice polygamy members of the Church?

How are apostles called?

I heard the temple is not for ordinary meetings. Is that true? You can't just walk inside?

Is the temple where the baptisms occur?

What are your worship services like?

Why "Latter-day Saints?"

What has the church done since 1978 to welcome African Americans?

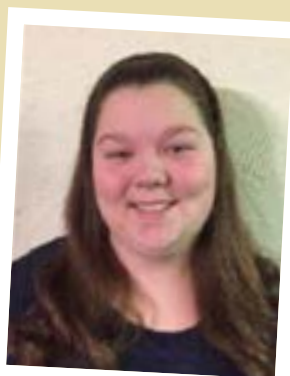
Tell me about the bishop's storehouse.

When Sister Lewis discussed family history and the Tallmadge Family History Center as part of her remarks, an audible buzz went through the audience. The participants seemed very interested to hear of that resource.

The presentation was part of the Spring Education Series at Our Lady of the Elms called "Interfaith Perspectives." A Muslim, a Mormon, and a Hindu were invited to speak on three separate evenings in March.

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RICHFIELD INTERFAITH OPEN HOUSE

The Richfield Interfaith Coalition (RIC) will host its second Interfaith Open House on Saturday, April 29. The "World Tour of Richfield Religions" will include the opportunity to visit Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh, Christian and Jain places of worship, to meet those who worship there, to learn about their cultures, history and beliefs. There may even be a chance to sample a bit of traditional cuisine.

There is no charge, however reservations are required. Group size is limited by fire department regulations. To make a reservation, please call the Richfield United Church of Christ at 330-659-3532.

The tour will begin at 8:45 a.m. at the Richfield United Church of Christ (4340 W. Streetsboro Road, Richfield, OH 44286). The tour will end by 2 p.m. Carpooling is strongly recommended, as parking space is limited. It is also recommended that participants wear shoes that can be quickly taken on and off, as footwear is removed at most of the temple sites.

Members are encouraged to use the online calendar at lds.org to find calendared Ward/Branch/Stake/general activities, events and updates.

Please send Akron Stake Calendar questions and updates to Brother Strate at srstrate@gmail.com.

8th Annual Hunger Walks

Fairlawn, Medina and Stark

May 7th, 2017

**REGISTRATION: 2:00PM
WALK: 3:00PM**

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE WALK.

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INTERFAITH COUNCIL**



ALL DONATIONS GO TO THE

**THE AKRON-CANTON
REGIONAL FOODBANK**

**Nonperishable food donations will be collected
at each AAIC Hunger Walk location.**

**MAKE FINANCIAL DONATIONS AT THE HUNGER WALK
UUCA 3300 MOREWOOD RD., FAIRLAWN 44333**

Walk Locations:

Fairlawn Walk

Unitarian Universalist Church
3300 Morewood Road
Akron, OH 44286

Medina Walk

Community Services Center
655 North Broadway
Medina, OH 44256

Stark County Walk

Community Christian Church
210 North Main Street
North Canton, OH 44720

STAKE YSA

by Jana Laubaugh

This past month has been filled with lots of fun Family Home Evenings, Institutes, a temple trip, and hanging out together as friends. The Easthill Branch may be small, but we are always bustling.

The Relief Society had an extra special event where

we learned to paint like Bob Ross! Who would have known that learning to paint like such a calm and positive person could be so frustrating? We got to get our creative juices flowing and appreciate Bob's

classy fro, all while trying to make our own work of art. We found it is easier said than done. Next time we'll leave it to the master and stick to painting simpler works. Until next time!



1 FIND A PROJECT



2 BECOME A VOLUNTEER



3 IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY



Sign up today to start making a difference in the community. You'll get email notifications when new projects are posted in your area.

[JUSTSERVE.ORG](https://www.justserve.org)

Hunger Walks volunteer postings on [JustServe.org](https://www.justserve.org)

Akron Ward Member to Compete in Special Olympics

Sierra Carter of the Akron Ward will compete in the state equestrian division for the Special Olympics. The competition will be held in Cincinnati in August of this year.

The 18-year-old has been riding for seven years, and has grown to love Freckles, the horse she rides. She trains in all weather, two to three times a week.

In mid-March, Sierra traveled to Cincinnati to attempt to qualify. Her mother and trainer also had to

become certified to be trainers and chaperones in the Special Olympics organization.

Sierra will be the second person to represent Summit County at the Special Olympics. She will compete in English riding and English showmanship independently.

Qualifying for the Special Olympics is something many athletes aspire to do, but not many succeed. The Akron Stake sends its best wishes to Sierra as she competes in August.



Special Olympics



MORMON NIGHT AT PROGRESSIVE FIELD



FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2017 7:10 PM START
CLEVELAND INDIANS VS. CHICAGO WHITE SOX

Upper Box Tickets
\$19

PROMOTIONS:
Celebration Banner Giveaway, Dollar Dog Night,
Pregame in the District, Block Party, Fireworks

8 TICKET LIMIT PER TRANSACTION DEADLINE TO PURCHASE: MAY 26TH 2017

PURCHASE TICKETS AT:

<http://m.mlb.com/indians/tickets/group/MormonNight>

SPECIAL OFFER CODE: MORMON

Please contact Ashley Madison for any questions.
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