

# AKRON OHIO STAKE

## Stake Presidency Message *Personally*

Studying, this time around, the four gospels, which recounted Christ's daily interactions with people more than any other scriptures, I was most taken by one aspect of the manner of man our Lord was: in every encounter with people, and with people of every kind, He was always intently personal. Personal as in one by one; personal as in according to the person; and personal as in loving the person.

A quick sampling would include: Nicodemus, a Pharisee; the woman at the well, a Samaritan; the woman who touched His hem, an unknown; one who asked about eternal life, a lawyer; another one who asked about eternal life, a rich young man; a woman who washed His feet, a sinner; Zacchaeus, a chief publican; and a fellow sufferer on the cross, a thief.

If the Lord's examples weren't sufficiently obvious, the precepts He taught certainly were. Like when He spoke of a priest and a Levite, who came upon a robbed, wounded person, but passed him by (Luke 10). Or when He told about a rich man who ignored the person that was laid at his gate (Luke 16). And who can forget the parable of the hundred sheep, where the story was really about the importance of one person (Matthew 18)?

He knows each of us by name. He hears and speaks to us individually. He equated what we do to the least person to doing it to Him (Matthew 25:40, 45). Consider the degree on top of the numberless numbers. Profoundly, the Lord is a person person.

Although on an infinitely smaller scale, in time, His apostles in the Holy Land acquired the same nature. Paul, for example, was beaten and cast into prison, and of all the wounds and troubles he should be minding, he minded the person who was his jailor and saved him (Acts 16:27-34).



President Wen

Mindfulness of and love for the person, especially one who may be different from us, are the substance of our Lord's life and the mark of His true disciples. Persons are the substrate for all the truths and doctrines they teach.

What might be different if we follow more closely our Lord's examples and teachings and make singular persons our center of attention in life?

For one, I would have stayed by my one missionary companion's side, sitting with him through a bad day, instead of dragging him out, ironically, to teach the gospel of love.

Brother Jones would have fellowshipped Mr. Anderson, a newcomer to the Church, even though nobody asked Brother Jones and he didn't have any missionary-related callings.

And Sister Smith, a faithful Primary teacher, would have been able to find interest in, share her joys and sorrows with, love, and be loved by, Sister Brown, her teaching partner of two years, and vice versa, if they had spent 1/20th the time they spend on preparing their lessons getting to know each other.

Other peculiar things may happen too. Say we go out to a restaurant ... instead of the specials on the menu, perhaps our focus would fall on the server, or a fellow customer!

But then, what is more peculiar: to mind the beings that are eternal and of infinite value, or some transient things?

As we try to see what God sees in each person we meet and to admire and love the good in each of His children, our every outing to the world of persons may become a trip to splendor.

What manner of man ought we to be? Even as the Lord is — personally.

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### Upcoming Dates

- Sunday, June 9 - LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.
- Monday-Friday, July 8-12 YW Camp
- Akron Stake Outing at Canal Park - see page 2 for details
- Sunday, July 14 - New Portage Branch Conference
- Sunday, June 16 - Father's Day
- LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.
- Friday-Saturday, June 21-22 Youth Conference for Mia Maids, Laurels, teachers & priests.
- Tuesday, July 16 - Temple recommend Interviews/Tallmadge 6-7 p.m. No appointments needed.
- Sunday, June 23 - New Philadelphia Ward Conference
- Saturday, July 20 - Tabernacle Choir Pioneer Day Concert Broadcast 10 p.m.
- Sunday, July 7 - Fast Sunday

**Akron Stake Outing at Canal Park “I Scream for Ice Cream”**

**Friday, June 14th, \$8 tickets can be ordered at**

**<https://groupmatics.events/event/AkronStake>**



# AKRON OHIO STAKE NIGHT AT CANAL PARK

**Tickets only \$8!**

The Akron RubberDucks invite Akron Stake to join us for an evening of Affordable, Family, Fun!

- Main St. Festival 5-7pm
- Akron Screamers Night
- Postgame Fireworks

To purchase tickets, visit

<https://groupmatics.events/event/AkronStake>

or scan the QR code to the right

**Friday, June 14th • 7:05PM**



**PORTLAND  
SEA DOGS**

**VS**



**AKRON  
RUBBERDUCKS**

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**For Tickets**

**For more information, contact: Kyle Hixenbaugh at 330-375-1705  
or [khixenbaugh@akronrubberducks.com](mailto:khixenbaugh@akronrubberducks.com)**

# MEET YOUR NEW STAKE PRIMARY PRESIDENCY



**President:** **Sister Brittany Kucnick** of the Ashland Ward is the mother of five Primary-aged children with number six due in October. She has served in many different primary callings in the last ten years, including teaching every age group, music leader, secretary, and most recently, ward Primary president. Although she was raised in the church, she stopped attending when she was 9 and attended many different churches until having a change of heart while visiting the Nauvoo Temple Open House as a teenager. She attended BYU-Idaho, where she graduated with a degree in Math and English Education. While there, she met her husband and they were married in the Nauvoo Temple. After graduation, they settled in Ashland, Ohio, because it was between their home states of Iowa and Pennsylvania. Sister Kucnick teaches Math and English part-time online from home to high school students but enjoys time with family most of all. She loves working with

children and recognizes how critical years in Primary can be for helping children establish testimonies and start on the path of becoming converted. She is excited about the many changes that have occurred within the church recently and the possibilities they have for growing stronger families if we follow the prophet's counsel.



**First Counselor:** **Sister Mary Beth Dean** of the Wooster Ward was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. She graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in elementary education. She married her husband, George Dean, whom she met in kindergarten. They are converts to the church. The gospel provided answers to questions - "Where did I come from? Why am I here? and Where am I going?" They were sealed in the Manti Temple in 1974, and are the parents of six children and 30 grandchildren. Temple service has been very important to the Deans. Sister Dean has served in the Columbus Ohio Temple along with her husband for many years. In 2017, they were privileged to serve a six-month mission in the Nauvoo Illinois Temple. She loves spending time with family and friends, working on family history, taking photos and traveling. In "Come Follow Me," the question was asked: "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of God?" The answer was

"a child." Sister Dean feels honored to work with the Primary children and their leaders as we all strive to "Come Unto Christ" and follow the covenant path.



**Second Counselor:** **Sister Annette Alboreo** of the Tallmadge Ward is the mother of four children and grandmother of two (plus one on the way!). She and her husband of 38 years live in Stow where they enjoy spending time with family. Born and raised in Northeast Ohio, she is number 8 of 11 children. She attended the University of Akron where she graduated with degrees in Computer Science and Technical Education. Sister Alboreo worked at FirstEnergy as an IT software developer, project manager, and IT auditor for 32 years, and is now the IT Audit Manager for Kent State University. She was baptized at 19, and her testimony has increased over the years with every new calling, opportunity to serve, temple work, and reading and studying the scriptures. Her favorite calling is Nursery Leader, and her second favorite calling is any other

calling in Primary! She is most comfortable sitting on the floor and interacting with children and thrives on the sweet spirit that naturally comes from these precious souls of our Father in Heaven.



**Secretary:** **Sister Susan Morey** of the Massillon Ward is the mother of four children and grandmother to ten children. She was born in Wooster, Ohio, in 1949. In her 14th year, her family moved to Canton and settled in Perry Twp. Susan met her future husband, John C. Morey, while attending Perry High School. John graduated in 1967 and Susan in 1968. In the fall of 1968, she enrolled in Aultman Hospital School of Nursing in Canton and graduated as an RN in 1971. On June 19, 1971, she and John were married. In 1972, a dear friend introduced her to a religion Susan thought only existed in Utah. Her friend encouraged her first to read The Testimony of Joseph Smith, and when she did, she received a very strong and immediate confirmation that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was TRUE. Susan was baptized on June 9, 1973, at the Canton Ward along with her dear friend Sister Dawn Ann Varner. Susan's husband, John, was baptized into

the Church in 1980. In 1981, they and their four children were sealed for time and all eternity in the Washington D.C. Temple. She is looking forward to serving each ward Primary as a part of the Stake Primary Presidency.

# Self-Reliance Spotlight

I never thought that I could be a “poster child” for something, but I think that is what I’m about to do. I want to tell you about my amazing experience with the Pathway program, and how it could help you reach new levels of spirituality, confidence and the skills necessary to achieve goals you might not have thought were possible. PathwayConnect (Pathway, for short) is a low-cost education program that helps people start or return to college. I think it is much more than that. Even though I did not attend college, I’ve had a successful career. Actually, I’m planning on retiring in a couple of years. So, why would I want to attend this program? When it first came out a few years ago, I thought it sounded great, but I felt I was too busy. I also felt that maybe this isn’t how I should spend my time since I was getting near the end of my career. Maybe I should spend it doing more service.

The thing that most interested me about Pathway was the religious aspect, and how it could help you learn to study the scriptures in a better way. Each year, I said, maybe next year. Then last year, Elder and Sister Jentsch, who are serving as the Pathway missionaries for our stake, came to our ward to present the program. I was feeling more and more inspired, but still worried it wasn’t how I should be spending my time. Then came the counsel that let me know that furthering my education is a righteous goal.

“For members of the Church, education is not merely a good idea — it’s a commandment,” says President Dieter F. Uchtdorf, Second Counselor in the First Presidency. Members of the Church are instructed to learn “of things both in heaven and in the earth, and under the earth; things which have been, things which are, things which must shortly come to pass; things which are at home, things which are abroad” (D&C 88:79).

Pathway has blessed my life in more ways that I can begin to tell you. I’m still very busy, but spending my time more wisely. The Lord has definitely increased my capacity to accomplish more than I thought possible. I’m going to save some of my story for later. Since I’m the Self-Reliance Group Coordinator, I am going to help get



the word out to the wards along with Elder and Sister Jentsch. They are working on scheduling visits to each ward as we seek out those who would benefit from this program. Classes start in early September and registration is from June 21st to August 27th.

The journey doesn’t have to end after Pathway. You can then attend BYU Idaho online and obtain professional certificates, an associate degree, or bachelor’s degree. Once you complete Pathway, the low-cost tuition stays the same for the remainder of your classes. You can’t beat that! For example, below are options for Marriage & Family Studies. They also have options for business, technology, and professional studies. They even have a degree in Family History!



Pathway isn’t just for the young; it is for all ages. It is for anyone who wants to improve their life and professional skills. It is for anyone who wants to be a better disciple of Christ and have a deeper understanding of our purpose here on earth. If you are interested, don’t wait for us to come to your ward. Give us a call, and we can give you more information and answer any questions. Or check out the PathwayConnect website.

Regards,  
Diane Burgoon

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## MISSIONARIES LEAVING



**ROY T & BILLIE JOSEPHINE  
HENRETTY**

3 JUNE 2019

FOR

**OREGON EUGENE  
MISSION**

## MISSIONARY RETURNING



**COLLIN TAYLOR  
MOST**

27 JUNE 2019

FROM

**UTAH PROVO  
MISSION**

## Clarifying Missionary Dinner Policy

Two months ago, missionaries in the Ohio Columbus Mission decided to no longer participate in member meals unless there is a nonmember present. This was a difficult decision for our missionaries because they Love being in members' homes, getting to know them, and enjoying a meal together. I am humbled by our missionary's willingness to sacrifice something very important to them (member meals) as an offering to the Lord, to show HIM their love and devotion, and their willingness to do anything He asks to gather his children. I have received reports that since this new meal policy was instituted, church members are not together with our missionaries as often as they previously were. This is not what was intended with the new policy. In fact, I want our missionaries and members to be together more frequently than before. Our missionaries need our wonderful church

members, and I know you want to help gather Israel. The missionaries will bring a powerful spirit into your home, and they are prepared to lead a spirit-filled discussion and be in and out of your home in 20 minutes. They will help you overcome the fear of doing missionary work, and you will discover how to help, in normal and natural ways. I invite every church member to reach out to the missionaries currently serving on your ward or branch and invite them into your home for a 20-minute visit. I promise you will feel the Spirit, and you will be blessed, as these missionaries come into your home. I am humbled and blessed to be able to serve with the best missionaries, and church members, anywhere in the world.

Gospel Love,  
President Val Stratford  
Ohio Columbus Mission



**Gather scattered Israel on both sides of the veil.**

1. Pray daily with greater faith to have personal missionary experiences.

## BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER SPECIALS

**May 1 to June 30**  
**Granola & Spaghetti Bites**  
Granola - 1-year shelf life.  
A 2 lb. pouch is \$3.50 or  
a case of 16 pouches is \$56.00  
Spaghetti Bites - 30-year shelf life.  
A 2.7 lb. can is \$4.00 or  
a case of 6 cans is \$24.00

**June 1 to July 31**  
**Berry Drink Mix & Non-Fat Dry Milk**  
Berry Drink Mix - 3-year shelf life  
A 2.5 lb. pouch is \$4.00 or  
a case of 12 pouches is \$48.00  
Non-Fat Dry Milk - 20-year shelf life.  
A 1.8 lb. pouch is \$3.50 or  
a case of 12 pouches is \$42.00

Sister Deb Carter and Elder and Sister Carpenter  
6900 Southpointe Pkwy, Suite C  
Brecksville, Ohio 44141, 440-526-4057  
Wed-Thurs 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## Save the Date - October 19

Akron Ohio Stake

Family History Fair

“Unlock the Past”



THE HERITAGE YOUTH CHORUS PRESENTS

# VOICES of FAITH

**2019 TOUR PERFORMANCES**

Naperville Illinois State  
Friday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.  
1821 Highland Ave  
Naperville, Illinois

Youngstown Ohio State  
Sunday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.  
2200 Highland Ave  
Young, Ohio

Crown Point Ohio State  
Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m.  
6700 Cornell Rd  
Montgomery, Ohio

Winton Illinois State  
Wednesday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m.  
225 Harvard Mills  
Winton, Illinois

Naevus Illinois State  
Friday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m.  
100 N. Garfield Street  
Naevus, Illinois

Independence Missouri State  
Sunday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m.  
701 W. Second  
Independence, Missouri

A musical fireside program about becoming a true disciple of Jesus Christ

The Heritage Youth Chorus is a faith-oriented choral organization for youth based in northern Utah County. The choir has performed with many prominent LDS leaders including: Mark DeMoss, Nelson Peterson, Gordon B. Hinckley and Elder and Sister Carpenter. The choir is a service and performance team, presenting live music at the local, state and national level throughout the country.

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