

# AKRON OHIO STAKE

## Stake Presidency Message

Recently my young daughter, Jane, was playing with a smart home device which can recognize the title of songs as spoken by the listener. The device is supposed to be able to then play the requested song. For example, my son, Mac, has a favorite song from the cartoon movie Cars which he can play at will just by asking the device. Jane, trying to follow his lead, tries time and time again to play her favorite song from her favorite Disney movie. Unfortunately, she doesn't yet understand that to play the song, she has to say the exact name of the song's title and pronounce it correctly. One day, after several attempts to play her favorite song, she screamed out in desperation, "Why won't you listen to me!" To which the device responded, "I'm sorry I can't help you; I don't understand."

Jane was stunned. She realized that the device was listening to her. She understood that the device didn't simply favor her older brother. The device recognized Jane was trying to communicate, and the device would work for her, too, if she used it the right way.

Our Heavenly Father wants to help, and He listens. Unlike the smart home device, however, He fully understands all our desires and needs, even those we have a hard time putting into the right words. Sometimes the answers come quickly (Joseph

Smith-History 1), sometimes they come very slowly (Doctrine and Covenants 121-123), sometimes they don't come in this mortal life (2 Corinthians 12:7-9), and sometimes answers come in the way of blessings we didn't expect (Doctrine and Covenants 137).

In the latter, the Prophet Joseph records: "I saw...and marveled." There are many, many ways in which we receive answers to prayers. Like Joseph Smith, we, too, will marvel at the blessings that come to us and our families as we are faithful, stay on the covenant path and pray in earnestness. In all cases, whether blessing and answer come quickly or slowly, the promise is sure to the righteous: "I will order all things for your good, as fast as ye are able to receive them" (Doctrine and Covenants 111:11). May we all carefully and intently pray to our Heavenly Father, and follow the counsel of President Nelson to "choose to do the spiritual work required to enjoy the gift of the Holy Ghost and hear the voice of the Spirit more frequently and more clearly" (April 2018 General Conference, "Revelation for the Church, Revelation for Our Lives").



President Call

**Single Adult Conference!**  
 Multi Stake Single Adult conference!  
 Louisville, Cincinnati, Columbus and Indianapolis areas  
 September 20 - 21, 2019  
 Hosted by Columbus Ohio Stake  
 Age 31 +, Single Adults from anywhere are invited!

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### Upcoming Dates

- Sunday, August 11 - Tallmadge Ward Conference  
 LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.
- Saturday, August 17 - Youth and Young Married Devotionals with Elders David A. Bednar, L Whitney Clayton and W. Mark Bassett at the Columbus Ohio Stake Center, 1001 Doherty Road, Galloway OH 43119  
 Youth (11-17+) 3-5 p.m.  
 Young Married 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, August 18 - Pathway Completion Ceremony/Akron 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, August 25 - Wadsworth Ward Conference
- Sunday, September 8 - Wooster Ward Conference  
 LDS Child Loss Group/Stark's home, 230 Cherry Hill Dr, Wadsworth 7 p.m.  
 Worldwide Devotional for Young Adults Broadcast 8-9 p.m.
- Saturday, September 21 - Quad Stake Dance/Akron 7-10 p.m. for

# YOUNG WOMEN'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES

by Jessica Wilkinson, Stake YW President

For the Laurel Retreat, we took the Laurels of the stake to Seneca Lake Camp near Palmyra, New York. Our theme was "Be still and know that I am God." We felt it was important for the girls to learn tools and techniques to be still and quiet the distractions in their lives and focus on their connection with their Savior. We had workshops on understanding their why, finding answers through the scriptures, praying to receive revelation, and deepening their relationship with the Savior. We did yoga, swimming, kayaking, meditation, hiked up the Hill Cumorah, walked through the Sacred Grove, and visited Joseph Smith's childhood home. Sister Springer gave a lesson at the Hill Cumorah talking about adding oil to our lamps drop by drop and the importance of having a reservoir of

spiritual strength for times of trial. We met sister missionaries, who bore strong personal testimonies of their conversion and the importance of understanding Joseph Smith's experience in the grove. Since many of these girls will be going on to Relief Society in the coming years, we had a campfire discussion about their concerns or fears in regards to graduating from the Young Women's program and moving on to Relief Society, and then the value of their opinion and perspective to the women in the Relief Society. It was a truly powerful weekend for all.



## Girls Camp was the #bestweekoftheyear!

Our theme was "If we love Him," based on the church mutual theme "if ye love me, keep my commandments." We had workshops on scripture study techniques, healthy mental health habits, knot tying, car care, and making camp journals. Each day we had a different focus-

Tuesday, Love God

Wednesday, Love yourself

Thursday, Love others

Tuesday night's activity was a hike down two paths.

One was recognizing the thoughts and feelings we have when we are choosing not to repent. This path leads to darkness. The other path is recognizing the thoughts and

feelings we have when we choose to use Christ's Atonement in our lives, and repent and draw close to him. The key message was how repentance is our greatest gift, not a punishment and how to use it daily in our lives. We also talked about cultivating our relationship with the Savior and how He meets us where we are, as we are on the path.

Sisters Shannon Stiggins and Trisha Adams were our camp directors and did an AMAZING job! We also cooled off at Pioneer waterpark, hiked Kennedy Ledges, had a musical fireside, toured the John Johnson farm, and did a service project for a homeless shelter - making placemats with words of affirmation.



# Canton Ward Window

submitted by Brother Jeff West, Young Men President

The Canton Ward had a few recent activities focused on temple and family history work. In March, led by the elders quorum, our ward organized a temple trip that coincided with the youth trip. The coordination and planning was extensive to make sure as many ward members could attend as possible. The youth along with leaders and parents, arrived early on Saturday morning to perform baptisms for many of their ancestors. Once the youth finished in the temple, they watched the children for the adults performing temple work. Due to the overlap in temple sessions good friends of the Canton Ward family, volunteered to watch the children in the transition. Afterward, the Relief Society organized a very nice meal and we were able to eat and socialize before returning to Canton.

In preparation for their day in the temple, the youth decided to challenge each other, boys vs. girls, to see which group could bring the most family names to the temple. The winner would have the privilege of being



served a meal at the next mutual activity. The reward seemed very inspiring. Both groups found many names through working with their families and taking time in the family history library. There were so many names found that many of the youth had family names to take on their July baptism trip as well.

Members of the Canton Ward who need help performing ordinances make their ancestors names available in the family history library.

The youth have taken some of these names to the temple, in addition to their own, to help the ward members.

The final temple and family history activity was a Pioneer Day indexing event. The ward got together on a Wednesday night and had a dessert potluck and games to go along with indexing. The family history library was busy during the activity and the ward members enjoyed eating, playing, and talking together.

These events could not have been possible without the time and talents of many ward members.

## BRECKSVILLE HOME STORAGE CENTER SPECIALS

**July 1 to August 31**

### Hard Red Wheat & White Flour

Hard Red Wheat - 30-year shelf life

A 25 lb. bag is \$9.50

White Flour - 10-year shelf life

A 4 lb. can is \$3.50 or

a case of 6 cans is \$21.00

**August 1 to September 30**  
**Potato Flakes & Hard White Wheat**

Potato Flakes - 30-year shelf life

A 1.8 lb. can is \$4.50 or

a case of 6 cans is \$27.00

Hard White Wheat - 30-year shelf life

A 5.5 lb. can is \$3.25 or

a case of 6 cans is \$19.50

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

## Self-Reliance Corner

The following groups will be forming soon. You are welcome to join groups in other wards. Please contact the ward Self-Reliance Specialist or myself for more details.

### How to Find a Better Job

- Canton. Starts August 18th. Contact Ed Gayhart.
- Medina. Starting in September. Contact Michael Ziemer.
- Virtual group. Starting in August. Contact Diane Burgoon.

### Personal Finances

- New Philadelphia. Started July 28. Contact Lori Williams.
- Tallmadge. Starting first week of September. Contact Rayden Ryden.

### Start or Grow Your Own Business

- New Portage. Starting in August. Contact Guy Koval.

For more information on becoming or helping others become more self-reliant, see:  
<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/self-reliance/blog>

*The Lord has declared, "It is my purpose to provide for my saints" (D&C 104:15).*

# Family History Corner

by Jeanne Peugh, Director



## That Pioneer Spirit

As we close out July, we remember the pioneer spirit that trudged across the center of this country in the last half of the 1800s to bring peace to battle-worn members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and forge new possibilities for this great nation in the West. We celebrate their triumph, their success, their tenacity, and their faith. They physically accomplished what we can scarcely imagine. However, theirs was not just a physical effort, but a spiritual one as well, for as they trekked across miles they also trekked across time.

Family Search, a collective database of ancestral information, has the names of 1.1 billion individuals. This is not just a random collection of names, but rather a linked ancestral pedigree of the human family. At the start of this dispensation, church members delved into their records and histories to begin gathering information on their ancestors for the performance of the work for the dead. Their great legacy has laid the groundwork of this database. Almost anyone can work their lines back a few generations and tap into this great reservoir of family history, finding ancestors five, six, and more generations back past what they previously knew. In addition, these facts often come with life histories, journal notes, and family stories, that can fill with faith and courage for these troubled times of today.

These pioneers of old, like us today, reach into the past to prepare for the future, drawing power from those before us to strengthen those who will come after us. It is our duty and joy to be a part of it!



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

**3. Find and take the names of ancestors to the temple and perform their ordinances.**



**OHIO LDS**  
MUSIC CONFERENCE

## *Honoring Christ*

On Saturday, September 7 from 8-4:30 the 8th Annual Ohio LDS Music Conference will be held at the Columbus Ohio Stake Center, Galloway, Ohio. The purpose of the Conference is to make better musicians. In general, musicians who are well-trained, greatly-experienced, and/or remarkably-talented are the instructors. They teach skills that promote immediate growth, rather than philosophizing. Organists, pianists, congregational conductors (including Primary Music Leaders), choir directors, ward and stake leaders over music programs, as well as composers, arrangers and lyricists, are our target audiences.



some of our customary offerings. Among the changes are the inclusion of the 3 p.m. temple endowment session. The Columbus Ohio Temple is 15 minutes from our new location.

Nine acts of entertainment, each from a different genre (classical, pop, jazz, Broadway, novelty, etc.), will be featured during lunch. Sacred music will be performed in our opening session, with a keynote speaker to be announced in July.

At 8 a.m., we are serving a light breakfast.

Those who register early will receive a free sack lunch. For more details on the location, schedule, instructors, entertainers, classes, etc., go to [ohldsmusic.org](http://ohldsmusic.org)

This year our theme, "Honoring Christ", has changed