

Indian Ridge Ward

December 2019 – Glad Tidings of Great Joy

Over 2,000 years ago there were shepherds in a field, keeping watch over their flock by night. “And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:8-12)

What is this “Joy” that the angel of the Lord spoke of? It is of course the joy that our older brother, Jesus Christ, allows us to experience and to be a part of. As we strive to do what is right, we can experience this joy. We can feel the love that our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ have for each one of us. True, we all fall short at times, and we may lose some of that joy. However, through a loving Heavenly Father, he provided a way for us to bring the fulness of that joy back into our lives. He provided us with a Savior and through the atonement we can turn to Jesus Christ, no matter what we are going through. “And he shall go forth, suffering pains and afflictions and temptations of every kind; and this that the word might be fulfilled which saith he will take upon him the pains and the sicknesses of his people. And he will take upon him death, that he may loose the bands of death which bind his people; and he will take upon him their infirmities, that his bowels may be filled with mercy, according to the flesh, that he may know according to the flesh how to succor his people according to their infirmities.” (Alma 7:11-12) Jesus Christ knows exactly what trials and struggles each of us may be going through.

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called

Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6) As we reflect at this time of year on the birth of Jesus Christ, let us remember all the many wonderful blessings and the joy that we each have in our lives. At the same time, we should ask ourselves, “Who can I bring joy to this holiday season?”

May each of you feel the great gift of joy that Jesus Christ has given to each of us this Christmas season. Heavenly Father loves you. Jesus Christ loves you. They live and want each of us to be happy. Remember that Jesus Christ came to the earth to bring each of us joy. As we come unto Christ, we will experience glad tidings of great joy.

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Love,
The Indian Ridge Ward Bishopric



Love to sing Christmas music?

Join with the Ward Choir every Sunday in the Chapel right after the block meetings until 3:00 p.m.

We will prepare two numbers for December 22nd.

All ages and abilities welcome.

Relief Society

“As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ this Christmas season, our hope is that the light and testimony of the Savior’s divine mission ... will be reflected in our thoughts, our words, and our actions.” —The First Presidency December 2017

We express our deep love and gratitude for each of you. It is our hope and prayer that you will find joy and peace this holiday season.



Save the Date!

Relief Society Christmas Party, Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us and invite your neighbors and friends
to enjoy an evening centered on Christ.



Relief Society Temple Day will be Thursday, December 19th.

Meet at the ward at 10:30 a.m.

We will attend the 11:20 a.m. session at the Jordan River Temple.

OR

Relief Society Temple Night will be Thursday, December 19th.

Meet at the ward at 7:10 p.m. if you would like to carpool.

We will attend the 8:00 p.m. session at the Draper Temple.

We hope you can join us for one of these sessions.

December Relief Society Lessons:

December 8th – Your Great Adventure – Elder Uchtdorf

Teacher TBD

December 22nd – Sacrament Meeting only

Don't forget to call, text, visit, or send a note to those to whom you minister.
Let them know that they are in your thoughts and prayers.

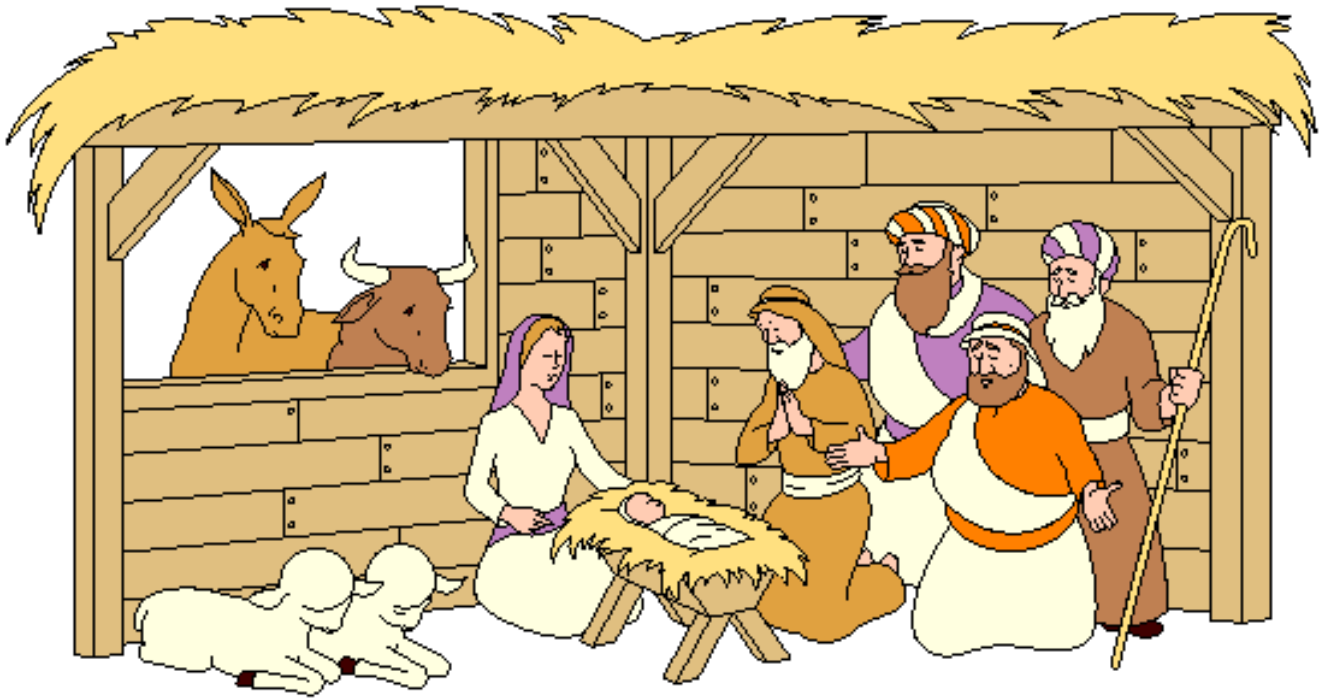
Love from Susan, Chyrrel, Natalie and Marilyn

WEDNESDAY,
December 11th
6:30
at the Church

Relief Society
Christmas
Gathering

Join us for
DINNER
(Gluten & Dairy Free Options)
and a
short Program





Please come
to the Ward
Christmas Party
Friday, December 6th
6:30 P.m.

Welcome to our
recently baptized
ward members!!!!

Jerry Cen
Hannah Allred
Wyatt Kershaw
Xander Zitzelsberger



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For Family History help please contact any of the Temple and Family History Consultants. We would be willing to come to your home or have you at ours to help you learn how to find your ancestors, and do the sacred temple work for them.

They are waiting for your efforts to help them progress.

Primary

Yearly Theme:

New Testament — We will be studying the Book of Mormon in 2020

December Scripture: John 1-3; Jude

The Epistles of John and Jude teach about Heavenly Father's love and light. As you study this week, ponder why the children need His light and love in their lives.

"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:5-7)

** What are the benefits of light in our world? How does light help out plants and trees?

** Share, as a family, how we can show love to our friends and neighbors.

** We show our love for God when we keep His commandments. Can you name some of Heavenly Father's commandments?

Songs we are working on in December:

"My Heavenly Father Loves Me"	Children's Songbook, pgs. 228 - 229
"Choose the Right Way"	Children's Songbook, pgs. 160 - 161
"When I am Baptized"	Children's Songbook, pg. 103

Thank You: After the children's Sacrament Meeting presentation we received many kind comments from ward members. We want you to know that we appreciate your sweet words and what we did with them. We read them to the children after the program and they were so excited. We could tell that the comments were meaningful and the children were pleased. The children also received a sweet treat the next Sunday, from a ward family, as a recognition of their presentation. Thank you all so much for your support of the Primary children.

Ward Christmas Party: The children are diligently getting ready to sing at the ward Christmas Party. We hope to see everybody there!!! The party is on Friday, December 6th, at 6:30 p.m.

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Happy Birthday!

December 2019

- 1 Joel Weight
Barbara Wightman
- 2 Luc West
Shonna Zahony
- 4 Mackenzie Glause
Matthew Miller
- 5 Jeanne Clayton
Richard Crusier
Allyn Thompson
Savannah Underwood
- 8 Steven Peterson
- 10 Amanda Messerly
Hannah North
- 11 Scarlett North
Marie West
- 12 Levi Taylor
- 13 Dale Hanson
- 16 Alan Harris
- 18 Betsy Allred
Dorothy Mahler
- 19 Logan McLeskey
- 20 Kristine Bennett
- 22 Marlene Baarz
- 23 Amber Williams
- 24 Liam Ellis
- 26 Lynn Jensen
- 27 Kenlie Hughes
- 29 Nick Taylor
- 30 Scott Williams
- 31 Bob Thompson



January 2020

- 1 Claire Zitzelsberger



And Santa whispered, “Teach the children the true meaning of Christmas.”

The Star: A heavenly sign of prophesy fulfilled long, long ages ago
— the shining hope of mankind.

Red: The first color of Christmas symbolizing the Savior’s sacrifice for all.

The Fir Tree (Evergreen): The second color of Christmas shows everlasting life. The needles point heavenward.

White: The third color of Christmas represents the pureness of Jesus.

The Bell: Rings out to guide lost sheep back to the fold —
signifying that all are precious in the eyes of the Lord.

The Candle: A mirror of starlight reflecting our thanks
for the Star of Bethlehem.

The Gift Bow: Tied as we should all be tied together
in bonds of goodwill forever.

Presents: A remembrance of the gifts of the Wisemen to the infant Jesus.

The Candy Cane: The shepherd’s crook used to bring lambs back into the fold
— a reminder that we are all our brother’s keeper.
The shape is also a “J” to represent Jesus’ name.

The Wreath: A symbol of the never-ending eternal nature of Christ’s love . . .
having no beginning and no end.