

# Indian Ridge Ward

December 2021 –Our Messiah



Ancient prophets and believers looked with particular delight to the meridian of time when the Son of God would take upon Him a mortal body, and begin his long promised mission as our Messiah.

“For unto us a Son 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).

In our day, we look back with reverence and wonder at the miracle of it all. The great Jehovah, our King and our Lord came not in His power and His glory, but as a helpless baby to a couple of the most modest of means, in an obscure and occupied country. He chose to obediently follow the path outlined by his Beloved Father. He chose a life of poverty, obscurity, and a never-wavering commitment to truth and righteousness.

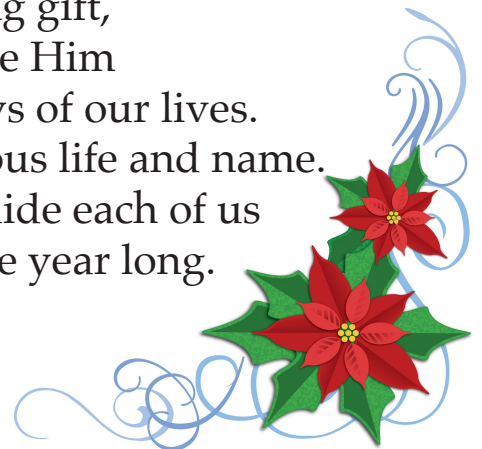
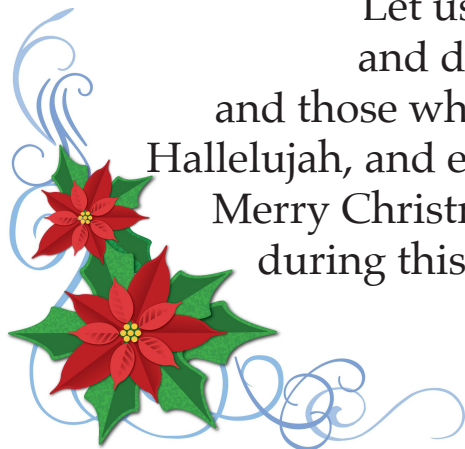
He never gave in – not to sin, not to compromise, not to pain, and not to the most bitter of suffering occasioned by our weakness, our sin, and our pain.


“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:5)

Words seem inadequate to describe the debt of gratitude that we and all of God’s creations owe to Him for His most magnificent gift to us.

Let us ponder deeply His loving gift, and determine to serve and love Him and those who surround us, all the days of our lives. Hallelujah, and eternal praise to His glorious life and name. Merry Christmas, and may His love guide each of us during this special season, and all the year long.

We love you all,  
The Bishopric





**Attention from Ronee Scott:** Anyone in the ward who wishes, may join with the Ward Choir for the Christmas program on Sunday, December 26th. We will sing simple arrangements of several Christmas carols. Because of COVID, we will have few, if any, live practices. I will send music to practice at home, but I will need your emails. Send them to [rscott4952@gmail.com](mailto:rscott4952@gmail.com).

Even if you have received emails from me in the past, send your email address to this address. Also, if you play a woodwind instrument (clarinet, flute, oboe, bassoon, etc.) or a string instrument and would like to perform with us, also email me.

**Please do this ASAP so we can get started.**

These will be easy arrangements, so don't let that scare anyone away.

**Tithing Settlement appointments  
during the month of December  
can be scheduled through Nelson Leshner.  
Call 801-707-2833 for an appointment.**



Russ Messerly - 801-792-4826,  
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Oriana Reyes - 385-445-3194

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.*

# Relief Society

## The Greatest Christmas Gift

As we get ready for Christmas, it's easy to get caught up in the pressure of the season. As sisters in the Gospel, let's remember the reason for the season. The magic spirit of Christmas comes from reflection of the love and selflessness of our Savior. He will fill our hearts with love! We will be able to focus and teach our children and grandchildren to forget themselves and give to others. We can also remember our friends and neighbors.

May we be like the Wise men (and Women) who seek the bright star of our Savior and follow him. He gave freely to all and his gifts were of value beyond measure.

Let us all experience the joy of Christmas this year by showing acts of kindness to everyone.

Merry Christmas!  
Kristen, Margie, Deanna and Marilynn



## Young Men

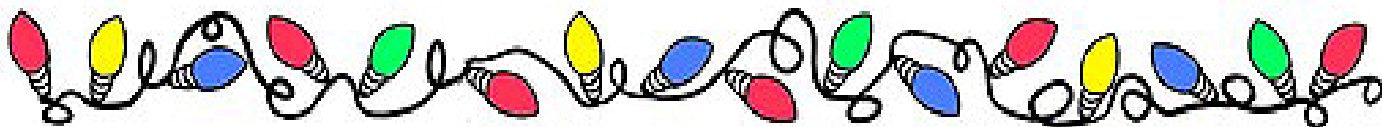
**Tuesday, December 7** - 7 p.m. - All YW, YM and their PARENTS are invited to a Mental Health Night in the RS room.

**Tuesday, December 14** - 6 p.m. - Combined with YW in church gym - making Widow Christmas Baskets

**Tuesday, December 21** - No activity

**Tuesday, December 28** - Snow Caves??

**Thursday, December 30** - 8 pm - Baptisms for the dead with the YW at the Jordan River Temple



## Young Women

**Sunday, December 5** - 10:20 a.m. - Help with Alta Ridge Sacrament Meeting

**Tuesday, December 7** - 7 p.m. - All YW, YM and their PARENTS are invited to a Mental Health Night in the RS room.

**Tuesday, December 14** - 6 p.m. - Combined with YM in church gym - making Widow Christmas Baskets (come prepared with a message to share about Christ)

**Tuesday, December 21** - 7 pm - YW Christmas party - Hannah North's Home - bring your favorite cookie/treat to share!

**Thursday, December 30** - 8 pm - Baptisms for the dead with the YM at the Jordan River Temple - Snow Packing - Time TBD

**Sunday, January 23** - 4 p.m. - stake center - Stake Fireside, refreshments

## Save the Date:

**June 13-18, 2022** is our Stake Session for FSY at BYU.

Youth (14+) will be able to register on 2/3/22 for this session or whatever session works with their summer schedule.

# Primary

Congratulations to Juliet Christiansen and Mackenzie Glauser on their baptism yesterday. It was a very special day for them and their families.

We have felt so blessed to be meeting together again in Primary these last six months. We are so thankful for the direction and love from our Prophet, President Nelson and our Priesthood leaders. We have missed Primary and are grateful for the opportunity to work with your children and loving teachers and music leaders once again. It's wonderful to watch your children grow in the gospel. They have such sweet spirits and are so willing to help give prayers, the Articles of Faith and talks. We love and appreciate them and also their dear parents for your help and support. Our Primary children are amazing. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Keila, Kim, Stephanie and Barbara

## **December Birthdays:**

This Month is such a special one; It's birthday time for you. We'd really like to celebrate your happy day with you. Zip-a-dee-ay and heigh-dee-ho. Here's something we can do. We'll sing a song that we all know, Happy birthday to you!

<b>Mackenzie Glauser</b>	<b>December 4</b>
<b>Porter Allred</b>	<b>December 5</b>
<b>Emma Higginson</b>	<b>December 7</b>
<b>Scarlett North</b>	<b>December 11</b>
<b>Levi Taylor</b>	<b>December 12</b>



**A note to all teachers of children and youth:  
Remember to complete your training course found at:  
[ProtectingChildren.ChurchofJesusChrist.org](http://ProtectingChildren.ChurchofJesusChrist.org)**



**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.

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## Happy Birthday!



### December 2021

- 1 Joel Weight  
Barbara Wightman
- 2 Luc West
- 4 Mackenzie Glauser  
Matthew Miller
- 5 Porter Allred  
Jeanene Clayton  
Richard Crusier  
Allyn Thompson
- 7 Emma Higginson
- 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
- 23 Amber Williams
- 24 Liam Ellis
- 26 Lynn Jensen
- 28 Emerson Werrett
- 29 Nick Taylor
- 30 Scott Williams
- 31 Bob Thompson

### January 2022

- 6 Sheri Mortensen
- 12 Kennedy Blutworth  
Mannette Murri

