

River View Relief Society Newsletter October 2020



We live in a world where peace can seem elusive. Is it possible to find peace in the midst of a pandemic and civil unrest?

I'm not going to sugar coat things. Times are hard. But could there actually be an opportunity here for introspection and spiritual growth?

The fact that we are living on the earth during this historic time, is truly amazing. 2020 has brought us to our knees. It's woken us up to the purpose of life. It's made us more aware of our neighbor.

2020 has taught us that we are all part of God's family on earth. It's pulled back our facades and shown us our humanness. It's made us realize just how much we need each other.

Could it be that 2020 has actually opened up our eyes in ways that nothing else could?

The scriptures refer to two types of peace that we hope for in our lives. One is the absence of war, turmoil, and strife among nations, the other is the inner peace of the soul.

Christ can bring that inner peace to our souls. Christ is where we can turn for peace and solace.

I hope that we can all feel that inner peace as we listen to general conference.

Sincerely,

Michelle Ruward, Relief Society 2nd Counselor

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Come, Follow Me **resource for Parents**

The Sunday School presidency is willing to meet with individual families or small groups to talk about the different resources available to parents. They are also willing to come into the homes of members to teach a sample lesson and try out various resources with the kids.

Please contact Sunday School President James Meyer if interested. 801-615-3402



October

Happy Birthday Friends!

- 3 Peg Jeffrey
- 5 Lonna Christensen
- 6 Kenia Guzman
- 10 Alisa Merrill
- 10 Kristina Summers
- 12 Georgette Rowley
- 19 Kristen Cummins
- 19 Stacey Duersch
- 20 Sarah Crandell
- 20 Lisa Whatcott
- 21 Savannah Guercio
- 21 Rachel Spalding
- 24 Nicole Herre
- 28 Kindra Dawe
- 30 Carmen Law

Service Opportunity

Flower Planting on Main
October 10th, Saturday,
7:30am-11:00am



Meet at any open flower bed on Main Street, between 400 N and Center. Mask and social distancing will be required. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own water, gloves, hand trowels, shovels, brooms, etc.

THE LITTLE THINGS ABOUT...

Amanda Beth Webb

I was born and raised in the great state of Texas. After high school I came to BYU for college. I met Martin during my junior year and we were married in 2000. I graduated from BYU in 2001 in Family Sciences with an emphasis in Human Development. We have two beautiful girls. Alexandra is 18 and at BYU studying...undecided. Ashlynn is 16 and a junior at SFHS. I am currently the Financial Secretary at SFHS and love my job. I have loved being able to see my girls everyday. I fill my time with reading fiction, watching way too much netflix and hulu and working out at Jazzercise.

Q: What's your favorite holiday? Favorite holiday traditions?

A: My favorite holiday, besides my birthday, would have to be Christmas. It is a magical time full of family, faith, and friends.

Q: Where did you grow up, and what makes it a special place?

A: As I said before I grew up in Allen, TX. I loved Texas because the people are kind, football is king and TexMex is around every corner.

Q: What makes you laugh the most?

A: My children make me laugh the most. If you have ever met Ashlynn she is hilarious. Get her and Alex together and they are the best. I love to hear them laugh, finish each other's thoughts and quote movies.

Q: If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be? What would you do there?

A: There are many places I would like to visit. I think I would love to travel although I haven't done a ton of it. I would like to discover new places such as Europe and Australia but I would really like to revisit places I have been and share them with my family. (Ireland, Washington DC and Texas)

Q: In the evening, would you rather play a game, visit a relative, watch a movie, read, or choose your own adventure?

A: My family and I watch a lot of movies. (Alex was devastated when she found out that most of her roommates were not excited about the new Disney Mulan, let alone having never seen the animated version.)

Q: Are you an introvert, an extrovert, or an ambivert?

A: I am definitely an introvert. I enjoy meeting people but would rather sit and listen to what they have to say as opposed to trying to think of something to say.

Q: What accomplishment or success are you most proud of? What are your greatest triumphs?

A: My greatest accomplishments are my children. They make me happy and proud. I am so happy that I haven't killed them or destroyed them yet.

Q: What's your favorite family recipe?

A: My favorite family recipe is probably the Potato Refrigerator Rolls we make every Thanksgiving and Christmas. They embody everything that is holiday to me. They are warm, soft, and delicious.



THE LITTLE THINGS ABOUT...

Heather Rowley

I am the second oldest of four girls. My husband and I have been married for three years, we have one child named Teddy and he is eighteen months old. I met my husband on a dating app. I love to laugh, sing, do theater, cross-stitch, hike, nap and go to Disneyland. My weird interests are holistic medicine, true crime, cryptids, and planning really elaborate over the top parties. My favorite places I've worked are bath and body works, the costume shop at hale center theater in Orem and confetti antiques. I am a night owl. I dislike people who eat my food without asking, heights, spiders and folding laundry.



Q: What's your favorite holiday? Favorite holiday traditions?

A: Halloween or Christmas. Christmas Eve my sisters and I read as many Christmas chapters in the Harry Potter books as we can until we fall asleep, opening presents one at a time in age order on Christmas morning, and my dad making lasagna every Halloween

Q: What makes you laugh the most?

A: Hanging out with my sisters and anytime my son and I find the same thing funny.

Q: If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be? What would you do there?

A: Honestly I think it would be way cool to go to France and have a tour of locations having to do with the Knights Templar

Q: What does your dream day look like?

A: It would have to be an extra long day where it is just beautiful fall weather and I somehow have time to nap for forever, go to Disneyland with my family, go to the mountains and go antique shopping and have an unlimited budget.

Q: If you could share a meal with any 4 individuals, living or dead, who would they be?

A: Walt Disney, Julie Andrews, Bigfoot, Marcia Clark.

Q: What qualities do you value in the people with whom you spend time?

A: I value people who are honest, non judgmental, love to laugh, aren't afraid to have an imagination and understand all of my obscure 90's television quotes.

Q: What is the best gift you have been given? Why?

A: A wooden model boat. It was an inside joke between me and my husband.

Q: What's your favorite family recipe?

A: Lemon cake or chicken and broccoli casserole

THE LITTLE THINGS ABOUT...

Nancy Hansen

Chris and I have a blended family, together we have 12 children and 15 grandchildren.



Q: What makes you laugh the most?

A: My Grandchildren for sure!

Q: What does your dream day look like?

A: Staying home watching HGTV house flipping shows, baking chocolate chip cookies, and cleaning.

Q: What's one of your favorite childhood memories?

A: Spending my childhood summers on my grandparents ranch in Navajo, Arizona

Q: If you could win an Olympic Medal for any sport, real or fake, what would it be?

A: Swimming !!!

Q: Does your family have a spoken or unspoken "motto"?

A: "It'll All Work Out"

Q: If you could instantly become an expert in something, what would it be?

A: Pediatrician

Q: What is the best gift you have been given?

A: A large chalkboard easel – I was the teacher and all my friends were my students.

Q: What is your favorite family recipe?

A: Arizona Red Chili

THE LITTLE THINGS ABOUT...

Carmen Lau

Hey everyone! I grew up in Bothell, Washington, a suburb of Seattle. I am the oldest and only girl of five. I met my husband Jim at BYU where I studied Sociology and minored in Computer Science. After I graduated I worked as a Software Engineer at Imagine Learning (an education software company) until we moved to Austin, Texas where Jim attended grad school in French Linguistics. For his last year we moved to Elkmont, Alabama to be closer to his parents while he finished his dissertation. We recently moved to Spanish Fork in April so Jim can teach French at BYU and hope to be here for a long time. We have two boys: a four year old and a 3 month old, and a border collie named Moses.



Q: Who are a few of your heroes?

A: My Aunt Lynn is one of my heroes - she is so welcoming and gives the impression that I could tell her anything and she would accept me no matter what. She works with troubled youth at a local high school with her 200+ pound mastiff to keep them on track to graduate and you can tell she loves them like they were her own children. When we visit Seattle she always makes sure we have an opportunity to chat at her place, no matter how short the trip will be.

Q: Where is your happy place? Who is there with you?

A: Arches National Park (even though I've only been there once) and I would be with my husband.

Q: If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be? What would you do there?

A: I've always wanted to visit Egypt to see the pyramids.

Q: What are some of your favorite foods? What's the most unusual thing you've ever eaten?

A: My favorite food of all time is movie theater popcorn with extra butter (which I am missing so much this year!). I also enjoy good sushi and good donuts. The most unusual thing I've eaten was a chocolate-covered grasshopper at a 6th grade "Survivor" birthday party.

Q: Name your top five favorite books and/or movies.

A: My top five favorite movies are Clue, Scott Pilgrim vs. the World, Hamilton, Avengers: Endgame, and That Thing You Do!

Q: How many languages do you speak? How many countries have you been to?

A: I only speak English fluently and I know some Spanish from high school. I've been to France and Australia and I hope to visit more as Jim gets invited to present at more international conferences.

Q: What are some of the events in your life that made you who you are?

A: Moving to Utah to attend BYU (first of my generation to move out of state and attend a 4-year college), living with roommates with whom I had no prior relationship with, traveling to Paris with my new husband (never having left the country, not to mention the continent before), having our first child, finding out about a missed miscarriage the day before we were planning on leaving for Australia, trusting that everything would be ok (after signing up for travelers health insurance) and choosing to go on the trip anyway, and having our second child during COVID-19.

Q: What's your favorite family recipe?

A: It's a toss up between my mom's pork loin recipe with a molasses glaze or her pumpkin bars with cream cheese frosting. Both are very autumn-y recipes so maybe if I were to answer this question early spring the answer would change haha.