



River View Relief Society Newsletter December 2020

Sisters-

I wanted to share my favorite Christmas song with you. "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," here is a link to listen- <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/hymns/i-heard-the-bells-on-christmas-day?lang=eng>

*I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.*

*I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th'unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.*

*And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,*

*"For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men."*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."*

*Till, ringing, singing, on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!*

I think these words from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow are appropriate right now in our time too. I love how it says:

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead ; nor doth he sleep !
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"*

I believe these words. "God is not dead nor doth he sleep!" I know from first hand experience that there are times we feel left alone to deal with our own problems. I can assure you that our Heavenly Father has not forgotten you nor I. Don't stop looking for the small tender mercies from Him. This season is a great time of service. We have opportunities to serve in our area and in our ward. Please check in with your ministering sisters and let me know of any needs. I have seen many of you serving others daily and am so grateful to live in this ward with such amazing sisters. Thank you for all that you do and for being so wonderful.

Happy December and Merry Christmas!
Georgette Rowley



DECEMBER 6TH, 6:00 PM:
FIRST PRESIDENCY'S CHRISTMAS
DEVOTIONAL BROADCAST

DECEMBER 6TH & 13TH:
TITHING SETTLEMENT

DECEMBER 15TH, 7:00-8:30 PM:
LIGHT THE WORLD PARADE;
Donations for the Light the World Service Project will be gathered. Santa will be part of the parade and kids will be able to drop off a letter in his mailbox as well. Parents please help your children place those in the mailbox on the trailer.

DECEMBER 20TH, 12:00PM: SACRAMENT MEETING CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 22ND, 1:00 - 7:00 PM: RIVER STAKE BLOOD DRIVE;
held at the stake center, Contact Stan McShinsky at 801-380-8282 for any questions

ANGEL TREE

For those who would like to donate, an anonymous sign-up sheet for donating gift cards will be shared soon. If your family needs some help this year, or you are aware of a family in need, please reach out to our Relief Society president, Georgette Rowley. (801) 368-2009

LIGHT THE WORLD SERVICE PROJECT

Here are a few more ways for your family to serve this Christmas season: you could make blankets, create hygiene kits or gather school supply kits for families in need. Children are also encouraged to draw/color pictures. A happy note or message of hope would also be welcome. These pictures and messages will be included with the donations. Items will be donated to Lifting Hands International.

To give us an idea on how you might plan to contribute, please answer a few questions here: <https://forms.gle/e2tr2FP5SyHN7dPi9>

Families can gather supplies and create kits or blankets over the next couple of weeks to be picked up during our Light the World Parade, held on Dec. 15th. For more information contact Eric Summers. (206) 446-8057



We are in need of any kind of blankets. You can make or purchase quilts, receiving blankets, fleece blankets, etc. (Please donate new/handmade blankets only.) We don't have any size guidelines or regulations, but please do not use camouflage fabrics. These will be shipped on a large shipping container to refugees living in camps in Jordan, Lebanon and Bangladesh. To see other items that we

Hygiene Kits:

Place in a large ziplock bag

- 1 shampoo
- 1 deodorant
- 1 comb
- 1 bar of soap
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 toothbrush

School Kits:

Place in a large ziplock bag or backpack

- 3 pencils
- 1 notebook
- 1 eraser
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pair of child scissors
- 1 box of crayons/colored pencils



*December
Happy Birthday Friends!*

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| 1 | Chris Muniz | 22 | Courtney Muhlestein |
| 2 | Maria Larson | 24 | Eva Jo Mitchell |
| 3 | Janae Johnson | 25 | Nancy Ivie |
| 9 | Camry Young | 26 | Lisa Bullock |
| 18 | Leslie Chandler | 27 | British Heaton |
| 19 | Ruth Wahlquist | 27 | Makell Pincock |
| 22 | Ashley Ivers | 30 | Brittany Kenner |

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THE LITTLE THINGS ABOUT...

Cherryl Wood Brinkerhoff

I'm 76 years old and grew up in Fillmore, Ut. I served a mission to England and then married my high school sweetheart, Robert, and raised six kids. Two of my daughters, Bobbie and Tiffany, both live here in Spanish Fork. Music is one of my favorite things. I play the piano, organ, and saxophone. My home is in Holden, Utah but I have been living with my daughter, Bobbie, for the last year and I've really enjoyed it.



Q: How would your friends describe you?

A: Funny and fun to be around.

Q: What's the most daring thing you've ever done?

A: I entered the burnout competition at the Fillmore Old Capital Days at age 62 and I won in the Women's division!

Q: What are some of your favorite foods?

A: Pumpkin Pie, Deviled eggs

Q: What's the most unusual thing you've ever eaten?

A: I tried snake once.

Q: If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to? Why?

A: I would go back to 1960 because I LOVED my sophomore year in high school!

Q: What do you want to be remembered for?

A: Being a good mother.

Q: What is something you've done that made you feel extreme happiness?

A: Going on a mission to England.

THE LITTLE THINGS ABOUT...

Bobbie Wood

I live in Spanish Fields and have been here since the beginning of our ward! I love anything to do with home improvement and DIY. I love to be outside working in the yard, golfing with friends, cooking new recipes, or reading a good book on the patio. 2nd graders are some of my favorite people! I've been teaching for 28 years and there's never a dull moment. I'm good at organizing and making things. I always have some kind of project going on. I enjoy spending time with my family and nieces and nephews.



Q: How would your friends describe you?

A: My friends would describe me as cheerful, funny, and a great storyteller.

Q: What is your favorite thing about your life?

A: I am happy and content.

Q: What's the most daring thing you've ever done?

A: Work as a firefighter for the Forest Service.

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

A: An air compressor and nail gun. They are so handy for all kinds of projects.

Q: What's one thing you learned that completely changed your life?

A: It's o.k. to say no.

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

A: I think I'm an ambivert (never heard of it until now). I love talking to people and doing small group things and I'm happy on my own too. I don't really enjoy doing things in large groups.