

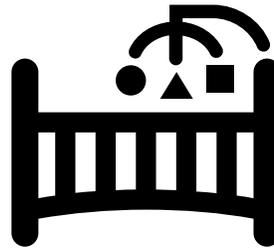
# Asheville Ward Relief Society History

## ~ 2021 ~

This past year, we found ourselves walking through a new “not-so-normal.” Still feeling the effects of Covid, 2021 called for creative activities and lots of service. It’s been a successful year. We were able to engage in a lot of great activities together, and usher in some exciting events. One major event was celebrated several times over... the birth of a new baby.

### Babies

Kaycee Beyer	-	Ty
Becca Calton	-	Reid
Erin Jones	-	Violet
Meghan Stohl	-	Annie
Amy Eliason	-	Aria
Chelsea Johnson	-	Noah
Whitney Donohue	-	Micah
Lexy Gunnell	-	Penny
Alli Harker	-	Luke



It has been really exciting to see these babies join their families this year. And we express heartfelt love and support for those whose names do not appear on this list, though they wish/ pray/ fast for it to be otherwise.

### Activities

Our activities committee worked hard this year to come up with safe, meaningful ways for us to gather as a relief society. You can find a summary of our activities, as well as a list of our activity committee members below. Thanks again for everyone who helped put these fun events together!

## Activities Committee Members:

Lexy Gunnell  
Sandy Cox  
Loye Davies  
Judy Flaschar  
Kia Knox  
RaeAnn Collier  
Jaimee Iglinski



**G.O.A.L. Night:** We talked about finding joy, purpose, healthy mindsets, and new ways to journal.

**Ice Breaker Social Night:** We met virtually and in-person to engage in quick, get-to-know you conversations.

**Ice Cream Social:** We enjoyed some sweet treats and conversations.

**Wellness Workshop:** We listened to speakers covering physical, mental, and spiritual wellness topics.

**Cookie Exchange and Baked Goods Auction:** We exchanged cookies, and auctioned off some extra special treats baked by a few top notch bakers in the relief society. The best part (besides Jenna's auctioneering skills, of course) was that we bid cans in the auction, which were donated to the local food pantry.

And on top of all of these fun engagements, our relief society did an excellent job contributing to the *service project of the year*. We were able to collect and donate many items for Mountain Care Adult Day Centers- centers which provide a safe and enjoyable place for aging adults. Thank you to everyone who donated or helped in some capacity.

We were also able to establish some regularly meeting groups this year, including Wednesday playdates at the park and temple trips. We look forward to continuing these groups and instigating new ones in 2022.

# Classes

In 2021, we were blessed to be taught by our wonderful teachers (listed below). Please take the time to thank our teachers when you feel particularly touched by a lesson- they put a lot of effort into their teaching, and we are lucky to have them!



**Laura Perry**  
**Marie Behm**  
**Mackenzie Ostler**

Certainly, so much behind-the-scenes work goes into making all of our lessons and activities possible. “Behind-the-scenes” is also key to coordinating service in the ward- our service coordinators (listed below) do so much unseen work to make sure people are taken care of in times of need.

**Laura Bowen**  
**Sue Robinson**

We can describe specific roles, responsibilities, activities, events, etc., but in the end, it’s the million smaller acts of kindness and interaction that keep us united together as a relief society. That’s something we all play a role in. Considering how weird the past couple years have been, the fact that we’re still a cohesive, bonding group, committed to showing up and learning from each other is a pretty big deal. We’re looking forward to more of that this year. Your 2021 Relief Society Presidency,

Vangie Norton- President  
Pam Goldschmidt- 1<sup>st</sup> Counselor  
Alli Harker- 2<sup>nd</sup> Counselor  
Erin Jones- Secretary  
Brooke Burgon- Assistant Secretary

*A quick note on Pam- Many (or all of) you have likely noticed by now that Pam is no longer attending our ward. We miss her, and wanted to make sure to acknowledge the hard work, energy, and love that she offered our relief society this past year. Sending her all the love and good wishes.*