





“Stand close **TOGETHER** and
LIFT where you stand.”

DIETER F. UCHTDORF

Welcome!

AHS Worldwide is proud to present the 2023 Spring Retreat. This year's retreat theme is "All Together Now," inspired by Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf when he said "Stand close **TOGETHER** and **LIFT** where you stand." We're excited for you to join us in-person for this memorable experience filled with amazing presenters, inspiring messages, beautiful music, and meaningful connections. We can't wait to be with you!





Schedule

8:00–8:40 AM	– Check-In & Breakfast – Yogurt Parfait Bar	AF Campus, North Building (736 N 1100 E, American Fork, UT 84003)
8:40–9:00 AM	Temple Walk	(See map at check-in)
9:00–9:10 AM	Welcome, Prayer, Song	Auditorium
9:10–9:20 AM	Opening Remarks: Grant Beckwith	Auditorium
9:20–10:05 AM	Opening Keynote: David Butler <i>"Kingdom Community"</i>	Auditorium
10:05–10:15 AM	– BREAK –	
10:15–10:45 AM	Mini-Concert: Cherie Call	Auditorium
10:45–11:30 AM	Keynote Address: John Hilton III <i>"Seeking Jesus"</i>	Auditorium
11:30–1:00 PM	– LUNCH – Magelby's Fresh	Patriot Auxiliary Court
1:00–1:50 PM	Storybuilders Workshop: Jake Earnest	High School Commons
1:50–2:00 PM	– BREAK –	
2:00–2:50 PM	Round Table Breakouts	Patriot Auxiliary Court
2:50–3:00 PM	– BREAK –	
3:00–3:45 PM	Keynotes: Peter Knecht, Nellie Boyer & Kristen Jansen <i>"Family Education Centers"</i>	Auditorium
3:45–4:00 PM	Closing Remarks & Prayer	Auditorium
4:00–7:30 PM	– BREAK –	(Traveling to the festival, buying dinner there or on the way)
7:30–9:30 PM	Tulip Festival Concert: Lyceum Philharmonic Orchestra	Ashton Gardens (3900 Garden Dr, Lehi, UT 84043)

Opening Keynote



DAVID BUTLER

Kingdom Community

David Butler's greatest love is people. He has adopted as a life motto: "Stuff no mattah, people mattah." His favorite people are his wife, Jenny, and their six darling children. Some of his other loves include good food, spontaneous adventures, checking things off his bucket list, Christmas morning, and the sea. David cohosts the popular YouTube scripture study channel Don't Miss This with Emily Belle Freeman and is the author of several books—both of which are bucket list items he has checked off.

Additional Presenters



John Hilton III

Seeking Jesus

John Hilton III was born in San Francisco and grew up in Seattle. He served a mission in Denver, and got a Bachelor's degree from BYU. While there he met his wife Lani and they have six children. They have lived in Boise, Boston, Miami, Mexico, Jerusalem and China. John has a Masters degree from Harvard and a Ph.D. from BYU, both in Education. John is a Professor of Religious Education at BYU. John has published several books with Deseret Book, including *Considering the Cross: How Calvary Connects us with Christ*. He is also the author of the video course and podcast "Seeking Jesus". John loves teaching, practicing magic tricks, and spending time with his family.



Cherie Call

Mini Concert

Cherie Call was born and raised in Mesa, Arizona. She has released ten albums of her original songs and is a member of the Utah supergroup, The Lower Lights. Cherie has played "in the round" at The Bluebird Café in Nashville, and is a two time finalist in the prestigious Kerrville Newfolk songwriting competition. Her songs have appeared in various films, including the Banff Mountain Film Festival award winning film, "True Fans", which featured her song, "Heart Made of Wind". She teaches songwriting at Utah Conservatory of Performing Arts in American Fork. Cherie lives in Utah with her husband and four children.

Additional Presenters



Jacob Earnest

Story Building

Jacob Earnest served a full-time mission in British Columbia, Canada and received a Bachelor's degree in English/Creative Writing from BYU-I. He then went on to earn a Master's in Education Instruction from UVU and is currently getting his doctorate in Hope and Narrative within Religious Learning from USU. Jacob has been an instructor for Seminaries and Institutes of Religion, and currently teaches literature and theatrical improvisation at American Heritage School. He has participated in many storytelling events and has a great passion for the art of sharing light through story.



Peter Knecht

Family Education Centers

Peter Knecht is from Indiana, but never made it back after marrying a Utah girl following his mission while attending BYU. He loves anything outdoors (hiking, biking, climbing, camping, exercising, gardening), so Utah has become the perfect place to raise a family of four boys and a bookend princess. New business development for an inspired cause is his professional passion, which is what attracted him to American Heritage School in 2011. Since then, he's directed the worldwide outreach to make the AHS experience more accessible and sustainable for families around the world.

Additional Presenters



Nellie Boyer

Family Education Centers

Nellie Boyer is a 12+ year homeschooler, an Air Force wife, and a mom of four children. As a family, they have been stationed around the world, learning from different cultures and people. Nellie has a deep love for all of God's children. She enjoys being in nature and exploring God's creations with her family. Nellie loves to read good literature, write poetry, watch fun movies with a big bowl of popcorn, and sing along to music on road trips. She has a BA in English Literature, a Teaching Degree from the University of Utah and currently works as the Family Engagement Manager at AHS Worldwide.



Kristen Jansen

Family Education Centers

Kristen Jansen comes from multi-generations of educators, who have influenced her pursuit of life-long learning. She attended Texas Tech University and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and Marketing. During her time with American Heritage Schools, she has engendered a deep love for the mission, culture, and faith-based methodologies of the school. Kristen and her husband, Blake, have four children and reside in Highland, Utah. She currently works as the school's Director of Admissions and Enrollment.

SPECIAL INAUGURAL EVENT...INCLUDED!



We are so excited to announce that all attendees will receive free admission to the annual Tulip Festival at Thanksgiving Point, AND a ticket to listen to the best in state (10 years running) Lyceum Philharmonic at American Heritage School, led by Kayson Brown. What a beautiful way to end this inspiring retreat! Come enjoy over 750,000 tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, poppies, and more, all in the breathtaking 50-acre Ashton Gardens. Then, grab some food at one of the food trucks, throw out a blanket, and enjoy the concert!






“Love is really spelled **'TIME'**.
Taking time for each other is
the key for harmony at home.”

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Food Menu

Breakfast & Lunch



A group of diverse people, including men, women, and children, are laughing joyfully outdoors. They are huddled together, and their faces are lit up with genuine happiness. The background shows a large tree and bright sunlight filtering through the leaves.

"As we encourage, support,
and love each other, we
combine to form a mighty
force for good in the world."

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