

The background of the entire image is a photograph of autumn leaves falling in a forest. The leaves are in various shades of yellow, orange, and brown, and are captured in motion, creating a sense of falling. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the falling leaves.

Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles!

Cincinnati, Ohio
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United Church of God
Preaching the Gospel, Preparing a People

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2025 Feast of Tabernacles!

It is a joy and a privilege to gather once again in obedience to God's command, celebrating the rich meaning of this festival. For the next eight days, we'll step away from our daily routines to focus on God's great plan of salvation and to experience the blessings of worship, fellowship and rejoicing together. As we come before God this year, let's open our hearts in gratitude for His mercy, His calling and His promise of a Kingdom soon to come. May our time here be filled with prayer, encouragement and a deeper awareness of His presence among us.

The Feast is a time to rejoice and to strengthen our faith. Each of us has a part to play in making this Festival uplifting—not only for ourselves but also for those around us. Take time to meet new people, build friendships and share in the joy of being God's family together.

Inside this brochure, you'll find helpful details about services, activities and opportunities to get involved. Our information table is also available throughout the Feast, staffed by volunteers ready to answer questions or offer suggestions about local dining and attractions. Be sure to stop by and stay connected with what's happening during the week.

May God bless this Feast in Cincinnati—and every Feast site around the world—with joy, health and spiritual growth. May He fill our hearts with hope as we look forward to the time when His Kingdom will cover the earth.

Jason Musgrove
Cincinnati Festival Coordinator

GENERAL FESTIVAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anointing/Counseling

Elders are on duty 30 minutes before and after services in the Sicily Room. You are welcome to drop in at those times if you are in need of anointing. At any other time, you can call one of the elders listed below. If you think you have a contagious illness, please call for anointing, rather than coming to services. Please do not bring children with contagious illnesses to services or activities.

Vince Szymkowiak	573-259-5557
Joe Horton	614-579-1621
John McClain	513-364-9151

Feast Greeting Cards

If you would like to participate in signing the greeting cards for those who are unable to attend the Feast, they will be available before and after services until the middle of the Feast. The cards will be located on a table next to the information table in the lobby. Please stop by and write some words of encouragement to those unable to be here with us. These cards are very much appreciated by their recipients. If you would like to make a donation for postage, please include that in the Family Helping Family box. Thank you very much for your contribution to making this project a success!

Information Table

The information table will be open before and after services, except for the Eighth Day. Please stop by for Feast information, directions, area attractions and brochures, restaurant menus and UCG literature. The information table also features a Family Helping Family donation box.

Lost and Found

If you misplace an item during the Feast, our ushers will bring it to the information table, where you can check for it anytime. For your protection, any valuable items will be kept safely in the business office until claimed. We're happy to help you get your belongings back!

Mothers' Room

The Mothers' Room is located in the Pompeii Room. This area should be used for a minimum amount of time according to one's need. If older children

accompany a mother and infant, please make sure they sit quietly with you and do not disturb others. Since mothers are listening to services, please restrict your talking to that required for the needs of your child. Discipline should not be done in this room.

Ridesharing for Open Activity Time

Cincinnati has many wonderful activities and attractions to offer. This is a fun way to serve one another, enabling members with the same plans to tour together or carpool. If you plan to visit a certain attraction and have room to take others, please sign the rideshare list for that activity at the information table. Likewise, if you would like to visit an attraction but don't have transportation, you can sign the rideshare list indicating where you would like to go. Please check at the information table for a list of popular sites/activities in the area along with directions, cost and any available discounts.

Youth Festival Activity Booklets

All attendees who registered for the Feast may pick up their festival youth booklets at the information table. There are three separate booklets for grades K-1, grades 2-3 and grades 4-6. Please give your child's name to the volunteer and they will check off your child's name when they receive their book. If you did not register for the Feast, please wait until all other books have been passed out and then if there are any extra you may pick up one for your child. You may also print out the booklets from the UCG website if there are not any extra booklets available.

SPEAKING SCHEDULE

	Songleader	Sermonette	Sermon
Opening Night 10/6	John McClain	(none)	Jason Musgrove
Holy Day 10/7	Thomas Gundrum	John McClain (Offer.)	Gary Antion
Wednesday 10/8	Alan Ratcliffe	Howard Nitzberg*	James W. Call Jr.*
Thursday 10/9	John McClain	Thomas Gundrum	John Paul Jones
Friday 10/10	Thomas Gundrum	Jim Call*	James Hoover*
Saturday 10/11	Alan Ratcliffe	William N. Dunham	Vince Szymkowiak
Sunday 10/12	John McClain	Alan Ratcliffe	Marcus Lucas
Monday 10/13	Thomas Gundrum	Paul Janosko	Joe Horton
Holy Day AM 10/14	Alan Ratcliffe	John Paul Jones	Gary Antion
Holy Day PM 10/14	John McClain	(none)	Vince Szymkowiak

*Indicates a shorter sermon, scheduled in pairs

SCHEDULED BIBLE STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES

Bible Study—Saturday

Join us in the main meeting room, Saturday evening, Oct. 11 at 5:00 p.m. for a Bible study presented by Gary Antion.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will perform special music on Sunday, October 12.

- Practice: Saturday, Oct. 11, immediately after services (on stage).
- Final Rehearsal: Sunday, Oct. 12, at 9:30 a.m.

Eighth Day Lunch Buffet

For those who purchased tickets in advance for the meal on the Eighth Day/ Last Great Day, Tuesday, Oct. 14, a buffet lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Please pick up your tickets at the information table.

Family Day Activity

It's game time! Join us for this year's Family Day activity in the Venice/Rome Room of the Holiday Inn on Sunday, Oct. 12, from 2:00–5:00 p.m. We'll have an afternoon full of board games, cards, dominoes, kids' activities and more—plus light snacks and drinks to keep the fun going. Bring the whole family and enjoy laughter, fellowship and a chance to make great memories together!

Group Meal on First Holy Day

For those who purchased tickets in advance, the buffet meal on the first Holy Day will be served at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 7 in the rear part of the main meeting room. Tickets may be picked up at the information table.

Hymn Sing and Dessert Social

There will be a hymn sing in the main meeting room on Monday evening, Oct. 13 to praise God as the Eighth Day begins. We will begin at 7:00 p.m., and take turns leading songs and playing piano, followed by a dessert social.

Preteen, Teen and Young Adult Activity

Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon of fellowship and fun on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 1:30 p.m. at Scene75, one of the nation's largest indoor entertainment centers. Enjoy unlimited activities for four hours—

including go-karts, laser tag, mini-golf, bowling, a 4-D motion theater, bumper cars and much more! For \$25 per person, we will provide pizza and drinks to refuel between all the action and a \$15 arcade card to use on hundreds of games. If you'd prefer not to participate in activities, you are more than welcome to come, relax and enjoy the fellowship. This is not a drop-off event; no chaperones will be provided, so parents or guardians are required to remain with their minors (teens and children) throughout the activity. **Location:** 876 OH-28, Milford, OH 45150

Seniors' Luncheon

Enjoy fellowship, food and a festive island atmosphere at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10. This year's theme is "Hawaiian Millennium," so get ready to bring a splash of island color—wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt or a breezy muumuu! If you've already signed up, please remember to pick up your ticket at the information table. If you haven't signed up yet but would like to attend, stop by the information table soon—there are still a few seats available! Mahalo, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Teen Bible Study—Saturday

Teens and pre-teens, join us in the Sicily Room, Saturday Oct. 11 at 1:00 p.m. for a Bible study and Q&A presented by Jason Musgrove.

Young Adult Bible Study—Thursday

Young adults, join us in the Sicily Room, Thursday Oct. 9 at 1:00 p.m. for a Bible study and Q&A presented by Jason Musgrove.

Youth Education Classes

Festival youth instruction classes are available for children ages 5-12 years old. There will be two classes for each grade category during the Feast of Tabernacles. We encourage the children to show their take-home crafts and discuss with their parents what they learned in class each time. The classes are divided into the following grade categories:

- Kindergarten through Second Grade
- Third Grade through Fifth Grade

Children are not required to bring anything to class with them. Teachers will have supplies for each child to use. Classes will take place on Wednesday Oct. 8 and Monday Oct. 13.

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Monday Oct. 6	Tuesday Oct. 7 Holy Day	Wednesday Oct. 8 2nd Day	Thursday Oct. 9 3rd Day	Friday Oct. 10 4th Day
		Youth Instruction		
		SERVICE 10:00 a.m.	SERVICE 10:00 a.m.	SERVICE 10:00 a.m.
Afternoon Setup Department Head Meeting 3:00 p.m.	SERVICE 2:00 p.m.	Preteen/Teen/ Young Adult Activity 1:30 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study 1:00 p.m.	Hawaiian Senior Lunch 1-3 p.m.
OPENING SERVICE 7:30 p.m.	Buffet Dinner 5:30 p.m.			
Sunset: 7:12 p.m.	Sunset: 7:10 p.m.	Sunset: 7:09 p.m.	Sunset: 7:07 p.m.	Sunset: 7:06 p.m.

MASTERS SCHEDULE

Ohio 2025

Friday Oct. 10 Day	Saturday Oct. 11 5th Day	Sunday Oct. 12 6th Day	Monday Oct. 13 7th Day	Tuesday Oct. 14 Eighth Day
			Youth Education	
<u>SERVICE</u> 9 a.m.		<u>SERVICE</u> 10:00 a.m.	<u>SERVICE</u> 10:00 a.m.	<u>SERVICE</u> 10:00 a.m.
<u>Family Day</u>	Teen Bible Study 1:00 p.m. <u>SERVICE</u> 2:00 p.m.	<u>Family Day</u> Family Day Activity 2-5 p.m.		Buffet Luncheon 12:00 p.m. <u>SERVICE</u> 2:00 p.m.
	Bible Study 5:00 p.m.		Hymn Sing and Dessert Social 7-8 p.m.	
Sunset: 7:06 p.m.	Sunset: 7:04 p.m.	Sunset: 7:03 p.m.	Sunset: 7:01 p.m.	Sunset: 7:00 p.m.

FESTIVAL REMINDERS

Ambassador Bible College

Ambassador Bible College (ABC) is an educational institution which conducts an exciting nine-month study of God's Word. ABC is sponsored by the United Church of God and located at our home office in Milford, Ohio. The curriculum covers the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and has other Bible-related classes which place emphasis on building godly character, leadership development, godly service and how to live as a Christian in this increasingly secular world.

For any who are interested in learning more about ABC or attending in future years, there will be a brief meeting with an ABC representative and ABC graduates. To download an application please go to abc.ucg.org.

Applause for Special Music

The United Church of God requests that you not applaud for sermonettes, sermons or special music during the Feast. One exception to this request continues to be the performance of the children's choir. In general, it can be shown that the Bible makes a distinction between music for worship and music for celebrating and entertaining. There is no biblical statement prohibiting applause, but since special music is a part of our service worshipping God, we request that you refrain from applauding and instead offer any encouragement or appreciation to the individuals on a personal level. A number of musicians and singers have stated a preference for no applause, wishing only to contribute to our worship of God. To those who feel this way, it is embarrassing to receive applause for their efforts.

Etiquette for Services

Consider these guidelines, based on biblical principles of courtesy and respect:

Be on Time: While a few brethren will occasionally be late for the Church services, regularly coming late to services without a legitimate reason shows a lack of respect for both God and the membership. Please do your best to be on time each day. Singing praises to God during the hymns is the *actual* beginning of our services honoring God.

During Church Services: With a large number of members coming together for the Feast of Tabernacles, we often need to address extra people seated in or wandering through the lobby and/or the back of the meeting hall. While

there may be a reason for a few people in these areas during services, it is generally inappropriate to be fellowshipping or wandering around in the lobby or the back of the hall while services are being conducted. Ushers and security personnel will be assigned to limit unnecessary traffic in these areas. Please cooperate by remaining in your seat during the services unless you have an assignment or need that requires otherwise.

Children: Children are a great blessing! However, parents should focus on the need to train their children to sit or be occupied quietly during services. It does take work, effort and patience. If a child's behavior becomes disruptive, one of the parents should as quietly as possible take the child from services, and tend to his or her needs.

Congregation's Response: On the other hand, as parents are working with their small children, we all should show patience and support for them.

Cell Phones: Cell phones should be turned off or put on vibrate during Church services. If it is necessary to answer a call during services, you should do so outside the meeting hall so as not to disturb others around you.

Video Games: Whether to allow any video games at services is a parental choice. However, many are not quiet and can be distracting. If a child is old enough to play a video game, he or she is likely old enough to learn from the service.

Clothing: What kind of clothing is appropriate for Church services? We should come before God wearing our best. Our attire should be modest and such that shows the proper respect for worshipping before God.

Emergency Assistance: There are a few instances of unexpected emergencies that affect a member's finances while at the Feast. Before asking other brethren for financial help and before anyone gives financial assistance to others, all requests or offers of assistance should be coordinated through the business office. In most cases, the church may have already provided assistance to people and additional funds given directly from other brethren may not be necessary.

Family Helping Family Program

God intends the Feast to be a time of spiritual and physical rejoicing. Although we all have the opportunity for a spiritually rewarding festival, we would like to make it possible for everyone to enjoy Feast-time physical activities. If you

have extra second tithe, perhaps you might consider making a donation in order to help other brethren and families participate in our group activities. A box for donations will be located at the information booth. Also, if you need a little help so as to attend the above activities, please stop by the Feast coordinator office so we can help make such arrangements. After the Feast if there are additional contributions beyond the donations, the excess will be applied to the general fund for the Cincinnati Feast site. This “Family Helping Family” program is being sponsored at all U.S. and Canadian Feast sites.

Fragrance Allergies

Over the last few years our society has significantly increased with those suffering from fragrance allergies. We do not want to isolate those members into private rooms to listen to services. Unless there is a special need or emergency we are asking members to refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes to services and indoor activities. Your cooperation will allow others to attend services.

Service Project

As our service project this year, we will once again be providing tote bags for our members in need who are attending the Feast. Please help us make this project successful by contributing monetary donations and/or non-perishable healthy foods as listed on the flyer at the table in the back of the hall. Checks can be made payable to HHUGG. Monetary donations may be given to Sharron Johnson or dropped in the box on the table. Thank you in advance for your kindness in making this a successful service project!

Holy Day Offerings

A Holy Day offering will be taken up at services on Tuesday, Oct. 7 (the First Day of the Feast) and during the morning service on Saturday, Oct. 14 (the Eighth Day), in fulfillment of the biblical command found in Deuteronomy 16:16. Please be prepared to worship God with an offering. Envelopes will be available at services for those who need them. Make all checks payable to the United Church of God.

Housing Survey and General Survey

To increase participation, we are using two methods for members to fill out a Feast survey. Both the housing survey and the general survey can be filled out by using your phone and the QR code or fill out the handout during the Feast. On the fourth day of the Feast, Friday, Oct. 10, the online QR will be activated and ready for use. Plus, if you prefer to fill out the handout survey,

they will be distributed beginning Oct. 10. The survey will also be emailed to everyone after the Feast who registered if you don't want to use the QR code.

The annual housing survey greatly assists in future negotiations and provides legitimate feedback to the hotels and the general survey will greatly assist in future planning. Please take a few minutes to fill out both surveys.

Housing Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DBDJV3C>



General Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JBQGMB7>



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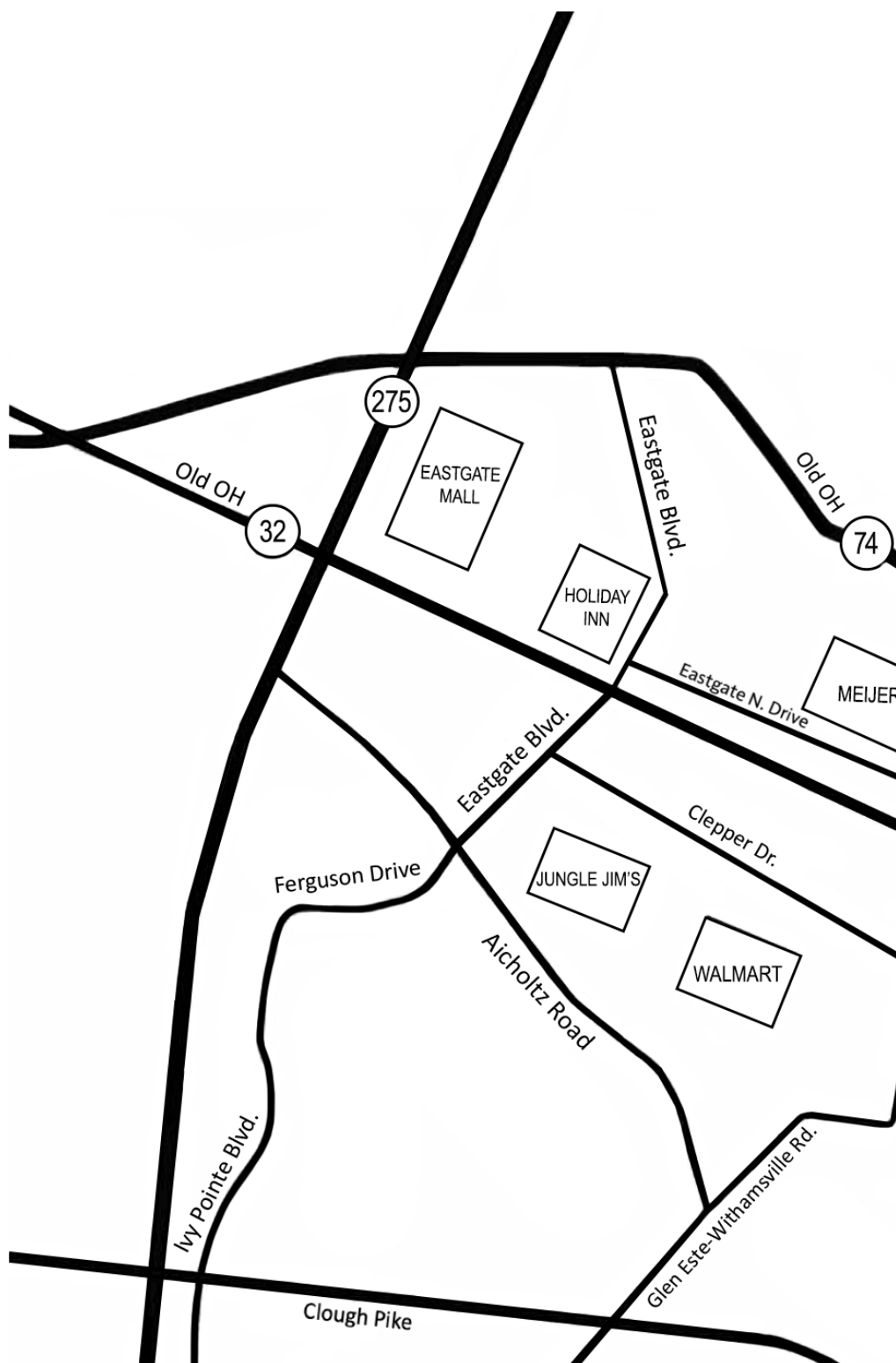
Only those materials approved by the Festival Coordinator may be distributed at the Feast sites. No other religious material, or any political materials, can be displayed or distributed at any Festival site of the United Church of God, *an International Association*.

Merchandising

It is inappropriate to sell, display or distribute at our information tables or booths anything of a commercial or fundraising nature without prior approval.

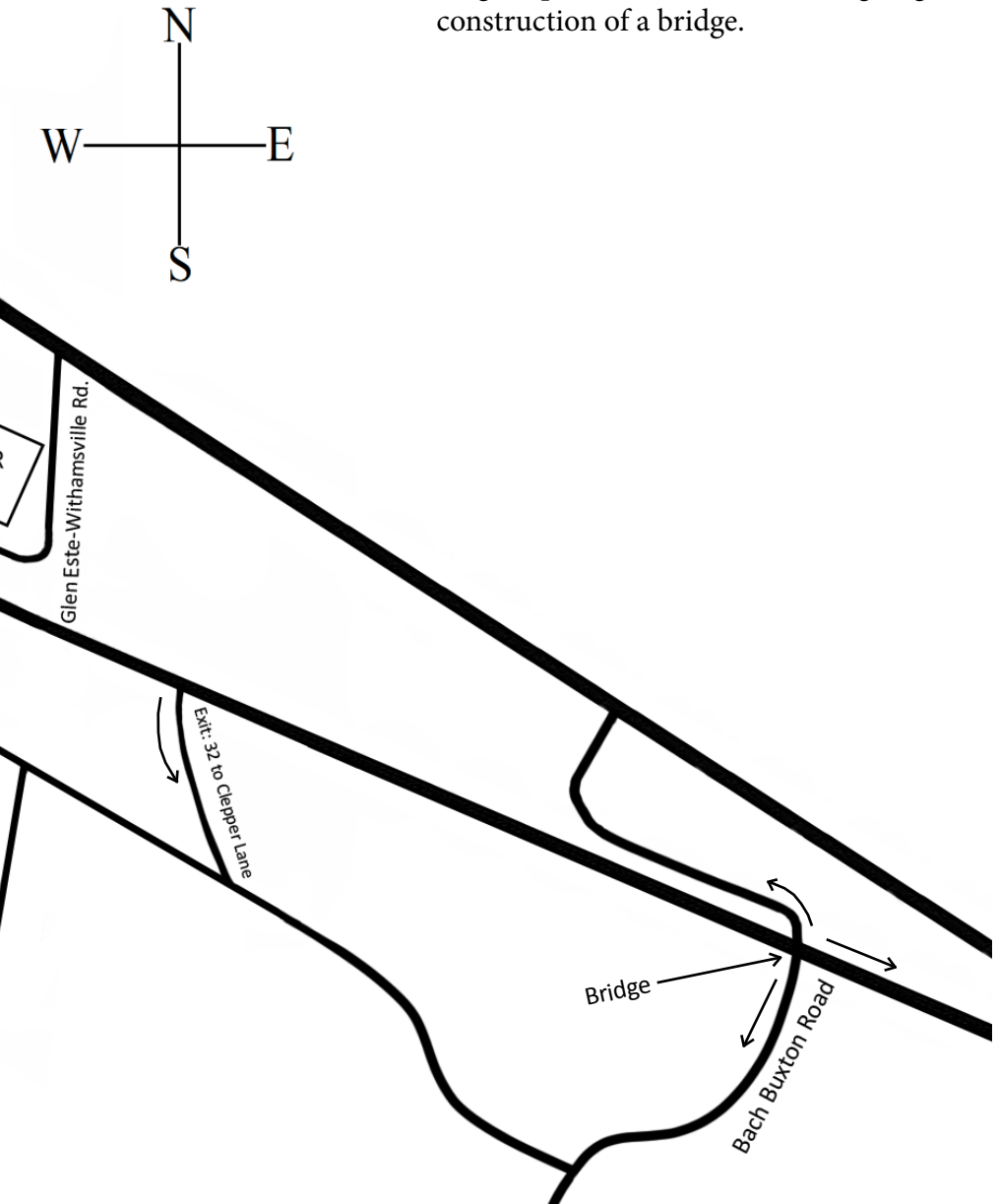
Teen Activity Liability Policy

The United Church of God, *an International Association* provides adult chaperones at all officially sponsored activities for teens during the Feast of Tabernacles at all U.S. locations. Officially sponsored activities are those announced from the pulpit and/or included in the printed announcements. Our standing policy and expectation at Feast of Tabernacles teen activities is that teens (under the age of 18) are to remain at the activity until it is over and/or until their parent(s) or other authorized adult arrives to pick them up. The Church asks that parents advise activity chaperones in advance if they want their teen to be able to leave the premises prematurely during an activity. The Church is not responsible for the oversight of teens once they have left the protection of sponsored activity locations, nor for activities they may engage in that are not officially sponsored.



AREA MAP

Over the past year, there has been a lot of construction in the Eastgate area. Glen Este-Withamsville Road is no longer open to OH-32, due to ongoing construction of a bridge.



HOLIDAY INN MAP

