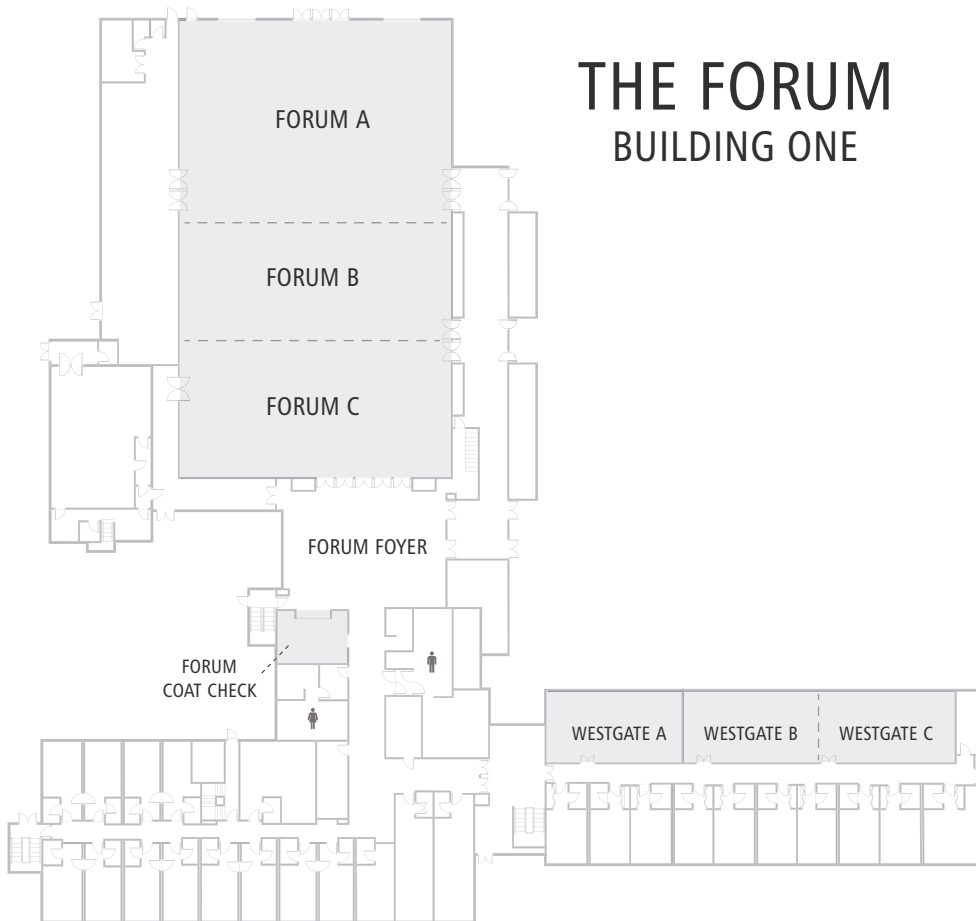




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THE FORUM BUILDING ONE



Main Hall for Services Forum B & C
Information & Greeting Cards Forum Foyer
Mothers' Room. Forum Coat Check
Anointing & Counseling Westgate A
Business Office Westgate B



United Church of God
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Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles 2025

*Lake Geneva,
Wisconsin*

*In late harvest after reaping,
Preparing for this Feast-keeping,
Households journey far in transport,
Dwelling in booths, there finding comfort.
Inside our succah safe from harm,
We eat the fare of field and farm,
And rejoicing with fruits increased,
As we assemble for this Feast.*



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About the United Church of God

This brochure is published by the United Church of God, *an International Association*, which has ministers and congregations throughout the world.

We trace our origins to the Church that Jesus founded in the early first century. We seek to follow the same teachings, doctrines and practices established then. Our commission is to proclaim the gospel of the coming Kingdom of God to all the world as a witness and to teach all nations to observe what Christ commanded (Matthew 24:14; 28:19-20).

The Feast of Tabernacles is one of seven annual festivals given by God to ancient Israel that were kept by Jesus Christ, the apostles and the New Testament Church (Leviticus 23:39-43; John 7:1-14). The Feast of Tabernacles will be observed by all mankind during Christ's 1,000-year reign on earth, which it pictures (Zechariah 14:16-19; Revelation 20:4). At that time, the many prophecies of an unprecedented time of peace and prosperity will be fulfilled (Isaiah 2:2-4; 11:1-9; 35:1-10).

If you'd like to know more about the Feast of Tabernacles and the other festivals, you may request a free copy of the booklet *God's Holy Day Plan: The Promise of Hope for All Mankind*. You can request, download or read a copy on our website www.ucg.org, or pick up any of our free literature at the Information Center.

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Notes

Speaking Schedule

Feast of Tabernacles 2025 Lake Geneva • Festival Coordinator: Mike Phelps

	Song Leader	Sermonette	Sermon
Opening Night, Mon. Oct 6	John Barbush	(none)	Mike Phelps
Tuesday, Holy Day, Oct 7	David Rains	John Elliott (video)	Mike Phelps
Wednesday, Oct 8	John Barbush	Michael Pischke*	Steve Kennedy*
Thursday, Oct 9	Nicholas Hynes	Roger Rains	David Rains
Friday, Oct 10	David Rains	Bob Pflaum	Mitch Knapp
Sabbath, Oct 11	John Barbush	Ken Cline	Aaron Creech
Sunday, Oct 12	David Rains	David Chornomaz*	Michael Snyder*
Monday, Oct 13	Nicholas Hynes	Tom Knaack*	William Flaman*
Tue, Holy Day a.m., Oct 14	David Rains	Eric Johnson	John May
Tue, Holy Day p.m., Oct 14	John Barbush	(none)	David Fitch

*Split Sermons

ALTERNATES:

Sermonette: John May	Split Sermon: Aaron Creech
Sermon: Braden Veller	8th Day Sermon: Mike Phelps

Festival Department Heads

Coordinator Mike Phelps	Technical Operations Travis Brosius	Cards Kaleriya Knaack	Music Coordinator John Barbush
Asst. Coordinator David Fitch	Anointing Aaron Creech	Door Greeters Marcus & Carole Brown	Choir Director Sylvia Kennedy
Business Office Michael Snyder	Festival Youth Instruction Caleb & Valerie Creech	First Aid Charlynn McClure	Children's Choir Kayla Rains
Stage David Rains	Teen Activities Caleb Creech	Information Center Tom & Kaleriya Knaack	
Stage Decoration Whitney Creech	Young Adult Activities Zach Pflaum	Mothers' Room Erica Rains	
Senior Banquet Marcus & Carole Brown	Auditorium Coordinator Steve Kennedy	Ushering/Special Services Bob Pflaum	



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Welcome to God's Feast of Tabernacles in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin! Laura and I are very excited to celebrate these special days with you for the coming eight days. The two of us grew up in the church as little kids on a blanket, and this marks the 50th Feast of Tabernacle for each of us. In the church, we often count our number of Feasts and use them as mile markers on our journey with God. So, whether this is your first Feast of Tabernacles or your 70th or more, this is a special time of the year and event in your life.

Our wonderful Father has personally invited each of us to follow His instructions to observe these days and to gain the blessings He wants us to have through the next seven days. The week will culminate in another Holy Day, the Eighth Day, picturing a better time to come. Each of God's Holy Days is unique in what it portrays in God's plan for humanity. And the days we are here to celebrate picture an almost unbelievable time to come when Jesus Himself will return and establish a much better way for mankind to live on this beautiful planet that He created. God loves all that He created and loves us with immeasurable love as He created mankind as the pinnacle of His creation. These days represent a new era when Jesus Himself will be King of Kings and Lord of Lords over all nations and peoples on earth.

My hope is that you and I can truly rejoice in the fullness of what we can take from these days. God Himself has been involved with the planning and development of this Festival location, and He has much He wants us to experience. So, I encourage you to be a part of our "new" family this week. Enjoy everything that our Father has prepared. Look for ways to serve and make someone else's week better. Find ways to extend a greeting to another that brings a smile to their face and heart. And look out for one another, from the youngest child to our most mature member. I have learned that the most impactful Feast of Tabernacles have been the ones where I have given the most of my time and thoughts towards the benefit of others. The spirit and heart of service is an important part of what these days represent and is what we will be called to do as we serve under the leadership of Jesus Christ in the future.

We wish you a wonderful Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day!

Mike and Laura Phelps

Emergency and Contacts

Festival Coordinator: Mike Phelps (513)-256-7628
Anointing and Counseling: Elder on Duty Contact Number
(513)-374-9392.

Anointing and Counseling— The Anointing and Counseling room is located at the Forum Conference Center in Westgate A. A minister will be available to assist you for 45 minutes before services and 30 minutes after services. If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to drop by before or after services, or at other times you may call the elder on duty.

Housekeeping

Mothers' Room— This area is reserved to ensure privacy for nursing mothers and quiet for sleeping babies. For parents who need to take their young children out of the auditorium, please utilize the lobby area or hallways. The Mothers' Room will be located in the Forum Coat Check.

Fragrance Allergies— Over the last few years, the number of those suffering from fragrance allergies has significantly increased in our society. 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.

Passenger Drop-off & Special Services— All passenger drop-offs will be at the main entrance of the Forum Conference Center (entrance nearest to the parking lot). Special Services attendants are available to help for 60 minutes before and after services.

Information

The Information Center— Located in the Forum Foyer. It will be open only one hour before and one-half hour after services each day.

Lost and Found— If you have lost personal items, please check at the Information Center.

Bulletin Board— prayer requests, ride/share requests and offers, and a section for personal messages (locating friends, etc.)

Lost Children— Lost children may be brought to the Information Center.

Activities *continued*

Dr. Johnny B's Musical Medicine Show & Dessert Social—

Join us on Sunday, October 12, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in Forum A for a fun-filled evening of smooth beats and sweet treats. Dr. Johnny B's Musical Medicine Show is a professional solo act that includes the entire audience as part of the show, with a lot of fun and some inspirational & patriotic music too. Pure musical entertainment with audience interaction. This is a genuine Branson-style show. Singing live to jazz orchestra tracks, the audience will enjoy the sounds of Sinatra's Count Basie, a very modern Michael Buble, Engelbert, Johnny Mathis, Neil Diamond, Elvis, Nat King Cole, Dean Martin, Tom Jones, Perry Como, Tony Bennett, Tina Turner, Josh Groban and more, including smooth virtuoso sounds of 1940's Tommy Dorsey-style Trombone solo playing to his tracks. Much of what occurs has sing-along elements. With brief story-telling to set-up a song, audience interest is raised as they realize this is the "Sound Track of Your Life". Doors will open at 6:30 to enjoy various desserts and to settle in for the show, which will begin at 7:00.

Dessert Social— How sweet it is to spend time together during the Feast of Tabernacles! And what better way to do this than with cookies, brownies, ice cream bar, and other fun treats? Please join us in Forum A on Sunday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m., for a special dessert social before Dr. Johnny B's Musical Show. We are asking for \$5 per teen or adult, and \$3 per child donation for the event, but please don't let the cost keep you from attending. There is no charge for Dr. Johnny B's Musical Medicine Show. If you would like to attend but not participate in the dessert social, you are welcome to do so.

Family Pizza Party— Everyone is invited to attend an "End of the Feast" Family Pizza Party at 1:00–2:30 p.m. on Monday, October 13. As many of our families may enjoy their last day at the water park, the pizza party will be held in the Cascades conference room at Timber Ridge. We are asking for \$5 per teen or adult, and \$3 per child. But please don't let the cost keep you from attending, as we want everyone to be able to enjoy this meal together (if you choose).

Activities *continued*

Teen Activities— Teens (13-18 y.o.), come join us on Wednesday, October 8, from 1:00-4:30 p.m. for lunch, an interactive Bible chat, short hike, and games. Weather permitting, we plan to be outside in a relaxed environment, so dress for the occasion. We look forward to spending time together discussing how we can be Ambassadors for the Kingdom of God, today. We have some fun outdoor games planned to be able to enjoy the fresh air and beauty of God's creation.

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.

Ambassador Bible College— The 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 ABC 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 living 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 Lauren Schmidt and ABC graduates. The meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, in Westgate C. Applications to ABC can be downloaded from <https://abc.ucg.org>.

Senior Luncheon Buffet— All seniors (age 65 and over) and their spouses or caregivers are warmly invited to attend the Senior's Luncheon at 1:00–4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 12. The luncheon will be held in Forum A. This special meal is free of charge for all seniors, but we do need everyone to sign up in advance so the resort can prepare accordingly. Please remember to sign up even though there is no cost. In addition, all elders and their wives are encouraged to attend in honor of our seniors and the support and encouragement they have provided. Those who would like to make a contribution toward the cost of the meal may do so in the Families Helping Families donation box at the Information Center. We look forward to sharing this meaningful time together!

Information *continued*

Housing Survey and General Survey— (*Online or handout*)

To increase participation, we are providing two methods for members to fill out a Feast survey. Both the housing survey and the general survey can be filled out by using the QR code or by filling out a printed handout during the Feast. On the 4th day of the Feast, Friday, October 10, the online QR will be activated and ready for use. Additionally, if you prefer to complete the handout survey, it will be distributed starting on October 10. After the Feast, the surveys will be emailed out to everyone who registered, for those who can't use the QR codes. 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.

For the Housing Survey use this online link:

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

Or this QR code:



For the General Survey use this online link:

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

Or this QR code:



Merchandising— It is inappropriate to sell, display or distribute at our information tables or booths anything of a commercial or fund-raising nature without prior approval.

Literature Distribution— 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*.

Feast Name Tags— Be sure to pick up your Feast Name Tags at the Information Center. Wear your name tags at services as you make new friends.

Cards for Those Unable to Attend— Please be sure and sign the Feast Cards which will be sent to those who cannot attend the Feast. The last day for people to sign the cards is Friday morning, October 10th. Please stop by to write messages of encouragement to them. These cards are very much appreciated by the recipients! Thank you very much for your contribution in making this project a success! Just a reminder—a great deal of time and love went into the making of these beautiful cards. Please do not bring food or beverages to the tables with the large cards. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Finances

Offerings— Holy Day Offerings are given to God as a vital part of our worship to Him. We show our thankfulness for God's generosity, as well as our spirit of generosity. An offering will be collected on the 1st and 8th days. If you have them, please use the green Holy Day envelopes that were mailed to you. If you do not have an envelope, you can get one from an usher before services. Make all checks payable to "United Church of God." Please be sure your name, complete address and amount of the offering are clearly posted on the outside of the envelope.

Families Helping Families 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 donating in order to help other brethren and families participate in our group activities. A box for donations will be located at the Information Center. Also, if you need a little help so as to attend the above activities, please stop by the Festival 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 Lake Geneva Feast site. This "Families Helping Families" program is being sponsored at all U.S. and Canadian Feast sites.

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.

Families and Children

Youth Instruction Classes— Children ages 5-12 are encouraged to join us on Friday, October 10, and Sunday, October 12, for Festival Youth Instruction. Please drop your children off between 10:10 and 10:15 at Westgate B & C rooms. 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 2nd Grade; 3rd Grade through 5th Grade. Children are not required to bring anything to class with them. Teachers will have supplies for each child to use during Youth Instruction. The children will be escorted back to services during the announcements.

Webcast

Welcome Video— John Elliott has prepared a Feast of Tabernacles "welcome" sermonette video to be played at all festival locations on the opening day. Did you know the first nine times the word "rejoice" appears in the Bible is for keeping the Feast of Tabernacles? The excitement and joy of the Feast is a time to worship God and share His blessings with one another. Mr. Elliott's 10-minute sermonette on rejoicing at the Feast is closed out with an inspiring musical number from Psalm 34.

Bible Studies & Seminars

Bible Study— On Friday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Bible study open for all to attend in Forum C. The title is "A Peek at God's Millennial Rule from the Book of Zechariah." Thousands of years ago, God gave wonderful visions of a glorious time to come to his prophet Zechariah. Many of them paint a beautiful picture of the coming millennial reign of the Messiah. Come join us in examining these inspiring but less often referred to prophecies of the wonderful world tomorrow.

Activities

Teen Meet & Greet— There will be a teen (13-18 y.o.) meet and greet before services in the Westgate C room on Tuesday, October 7, from 12:00–1:15 p.m. We encourage all teens to come and reunite with old friends and to take the opportunity to meet new ones as well. We look forward to having you there for some good conversation and to enjoy light refreshments.

Young Adult Meet & Greet— The Young Adults (18-35 y.o.) will have a meet and greet activity before services in Forum A on Tuesday, October 7, from 12:00– 1:15 p.m. Light snacks and drinks will be available, and we encourage young adults to enjoy the start of the Feast by reconnecting with friends and welcoming new ones into the group.

Young Adult Activities— There is a Young Adult (18-35 y.o.) activity scheduled for Wednesday, October 8. There will be an interactive Bible talk held at Timber Ridge Cascades B at 2:00 p.m. Following the Bible talk, the group will drive over to the Lake Geneva Lanes for a few hours of bowling. After the bowling activity, there will be an opportunity to grab a bite to eat and have continued fellowship! The cost for bowling will be \$6 per game and \$2.50 for shoe rental. More details to come about meal options. We look forward to having a fun afternoon of fellowship, edification, and bowling!

Activities continued on pages 12 and 13.

Services Etiquette

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.

Hymns: Singing praises to God 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 fellowshiping 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 given an assignment or having a need that would require 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.

Computer/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 showing the proper respect for worshipping before God.

Families and Children *continued*

Festival Children's Choir— All children ages 4-12 years old are invited to participate in the Festival Children's Choir. The children will perform Special Music on Sabbath, October 11th. Parents of participating children are requested to make sure they are present for rehearsals (see Calendar of Events schedule in your Festival Booklet). Mrs. Kayla Rains will be the Director for the Children's Choir. If you're a mom and would like to volunteer to assist Mrs. Kayla Rains, just come to the first rehearsal on Friday, immediately after Services. Listen for more announcements.

Festival Choir— If you would like to be involved through musically praising our Heavenly Father in the Special Music, it's not too late. The Festival Choir is in need of more singers who would like to be part of the process of singing praises to our Father. Regardless of your age, including teenagers or seniors, if you'd like to sing you are welcome to join us. To learn how you can serve this way, please contact the Special Music Coordinator, John Barbush, at 708-705-1775. Texting is ok too. Let's rejoice together and be in awe of our great God, who deserves our praise.

Applause for Special Music— The United Church of God, *an International Association*, 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.

Youth Booklets— All attendees who registered for the Feast may pick up their Festival Youth booklets at the information center. There are three separate booklets for grades K-1, grades 2-3 and grades 4-5. Please give your child's name to the volunteer, who will check off your child's name when handing you the booklet. 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.

Feast of Tabernacles 2025 *Schedule of Events* Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

	Monday October 6 (Preparation Day)	Tuesday October 7 (1st/Holy Day)	Wednesday October 8 (2nd Day)	Thursday October 9 (3rd Day)	Friday October 10 (4th Day)	Sabbath October 11 (5th Day)	Sunday October 12 (6th Day)	Monday October 13 (7th Day)	Tuesday October 14 (8th/Holy Day)
Morning	Information Center Setup 9:00–11:00 a.m. (Forum Foyer) Stage Setup 11:00 a.m. (Forum C)				Youth Instruction 10:15–11:00 a.m. (Westgate B&C)	Children's Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m. (On Stage)	Youth Instruction 10:15–11:10 a.m. (Westgate B&C)		
			SERVICE 10:30 a.m. (Forum C)	SERVICE 10:30 a.m. (Forum C)	SERVICE 10:30 a.m. (Forum C)		SERVICE 10:30 a.m. (Forum C)	SERVICE 10:30 a.m. (Forum C)	HOLY DAY SERVICE 10:30 a.m. (Forum C)
Afternoon	Department Leads Meeting 12:00 p.m. (Forum C) Choir Practice 4:00 p.m. (Forum C)	Meet & Greet 12:00–1:15 p.m. (Westgate C: Teens) (Forum A: YAs) HOLY DAY SERVICE 1:30 p.m. (Forum C)	Teen Activity Lunch Bible Chat Hike & Games 1:00–4:30 p.m. Young Adult Activity 2:00 p.m. (Cascades)	<i>Family Day</i>	Children's Choir Rehearsal 12:15 p.m. (On Stage)	SERVICE 1:30 p.m. (Forum C)	ABC Info Meeting 12:30–1:00 p.m. (Westgate C) Senior Luncheon 1:00–4:00 p.m. (Forum A)	Family Pizza Party 1:00–2:30 p.m. (Cascades)	HOLY DAY SERVICE 2:30 p.m. (Forum C)
Evening	OPENING NIGHT SERVICE 7:00 p.m. (Forum C) Sunset: 6:26 p.m. Holy Day Eve			Medieval Times 6:45 p.m. (recommended arrival 5:30 p.m.) (Chicago)	Bible Study 7:00–8:00 p.m. (Forum C) Sunset: 6:19 p.m. Sabbath Eve		Dr. Johnny B's Musical Medicine Show & Dessert Social 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Forum A)	Sunset: 6:14 p.m. Holy Day Eve	