

UNITED CHURCH of GOD

an International Association

North Canton & Cleveland

March 28, 2026 / Grafton sunset tonight 7:49 PM, North Canton 7:46 PM

North Canton Service – 10:30AM:

Songleader: Austin Chance
Sermonette: Matthew Smith
Sermon: Scott Thouvenin

Cleveland Service – 2:00PM:

Songleader: Daniel Gregory
Split Sermon: Mark Skapura
Split Sermon: Stephen Bouchette
UYC Camp Video: Played after services

April 2, 2026 – First Day of Unleavened Bread

North Canton Service – 1:00PM

Songleader: Mark Miller
Sermonette: Austin Chance
Sermon: John Miller

Cleveland Service – 1:00PM:

Songleader: Joe Mango
Sermonette: Mike Hribar
Sermon: Stephen Bouchette

Assignments for next Sabbath, April 4:

North Canton

Security: Adam Evans
Greeters: Dan & Martha Miller

Cleveland

Security: Chuck Conkle
Greeters: Bob & Jody Schenfield
Refreshments: Rachele Black, Kelly Mango, Lisa Skapura

Cleveland Zoom Meeting Info: <http://zoom.us/j/4946265500>
Meeting ID#: 494 626 5500 # Passcode if required: 667877

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 28 Teen Bible Study (NC)
Mar 28 Potluck (NC)
Mar 31 Passover Evening (starting at sunset)
Apr 1 NTBMO (Holy Day begins at sunset)
Apr 2 First Day of Unleavened Bread (1PM Services)
Apr 8 Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Combined services in Grafton)
Apr 11 Youth Instruction (NC)
Apr 18 Interactive Bible Study (CLE)
Apr 25 Potluck (NC)
May 2 GCE Broadcast (2PM Services)

MARCH BAPTISMS:

Chuck Raspovic	3/1/1985	Sharon Martell	3/26/1983
Abigail Chance	3/3/2018	Chip Toy	3/26/2026
Alyssa Kelly	3/12/2023	Sherrie Abril	3/28/2015
Josie Howaniak	3/22/2015	Ritter, Linda	3/20/1972
Daniel Miller	3/24/2002	Ursula Rodgers	3/30/2014

Richard (Chip) Toy was baptized yesterday – please warmly welcome him to the family when you see him at services!

CHOIR REHEARSAL (Cleveland)

There will be a choir rehearsal immediately after services in Cleveland this Sabbath. Practice will be held in the large classroom.

FEAST BASKET SERVICE PROJECT – MARCH 28

We will be putting together 4 feast baskets for the spring holydays this year. If you are able to donate items for the basket, we will be putting them together BEFORE services on March 28th. Please sign the list on the bulletin table if you can bring items for the feast baskets.

COMBINED HOLY DAYS FOR 2026

Similar to last year, there will be three Holy Days where Cleveland and North Canton will be combined in 2026.

- 1) Last Day of Unleavened Bread – Wednesday, April 8 will be held in Grafton at the UCG Cleveland church building, 12981 Grafton Road in Grafton OH
- 2) Pentecost - Sunday, May 24 will be held in Wadsworth at the Galaxy Banquet Center, 201 Park Center Drive, Wadsworth OH (with catered lunch) – details will be forthcoming.
- 3) Feast of Trumpets - Sabbath, September 12 will be held in North Canton at Gateway Conference Center, 5441 Global Gtwy, North Canton, Ohio, 44720

HOLY DAY DONATIONS

As a reminder, we will take up offerings during services on the upcoming holy days. There are three options to donate: you may place your holy day offering in the baskets during services, you may donate online during services using the church provided QR code (on the laminated cards), or you may donate at your convenience (at home) using the QR code.

UNITED YOUTH CAMPS ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2026 United Youth Camps season is just around the corner, and we're looking forward to another exciting and uplifting summer for our young people.

United Youth Camps provide a wonderful opportunity for campers and staff to build lasting friendships, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and most importantly deepen their relationship with God in a positive and encouraging environment. Many look forward to camp all year because of the friendships, encouragement and spiritual focus they experience there.

Registration for both campers and staff is now open at uyc.ucg.org.

Parents and teens should also note that teen campers must be 13 years old by August 1, 2026, meaning they must be born before August 1, 2013, in order to attend a teen camp this summer.

UNITED YOUTH CAMP LOCAL SUBSIDIES

It has been a tradition in Cleveland to provide subsidies for camp tuition to families that request it. If you are interested in this, please contact Gene or Diane Webber. Also, if you'd like to donate to support these local subsidies, your donations are welcome and appreciated.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS (QCDs) FOR HOLY DAY OFFERINGS

We would like to share important information regarding the use of Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) when making Holy Day offerings.

A QCD is a direct distribution of funds from an individual's Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization, such as the United Church of God, an International Association (UCGIA). Because QCDs must be handled differently than standard cash donations, they require specific identification and acknowledgment.

If you plan to make a Holy Day offering using a QCD, please follow these instructions:

- Do not place QCD donations in your local congregation's Holy Day offering collection.
- Mail or remit your QCD directly to UCGIA: United Church of God, P.O. Box 541027, Cincinnati, OH 45254-1027.
- Clearly indicate that the donation is a Qualified Charitable Distribution and specify the Holy Day offering it is intended for.

We are deeply grateful for your continued faithfulness and generous support of God's Work.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact UCGIA at (513) 576-9796 or email Sarah Howard, Donations Processing Manager, at Sarah_Howard@ucg.org.

PASSOVER – MARCH 31 AT SUNSET – (Cleveland)

Passover service for the Cleveland congregation will take place at our church building in Grafton on Tuesday evening, March 31st at 8:00 PM. Please plan to arrive around 7:45 pm. Towels and basins will be provided for the foot washing, so you will only need to bring your Bible. If you need special accommodation for the foot washing portion, ladies please contact Kelly Mango or Diane Webber, and men contact Mark Skapura. If you would like/need to have gluten free bread or non-alcoholic wine for the Passover service, please contact Stephen Bouchette.

PASSOVER – MARCH 31 AT SUNSET – (North Canton)

Passover service North Canton will take place at our normal church hall (the Gateway center) on Tuesday evening, March 31st at 8:00 PM. Please plan to arrive around 7:45 pm. Basins will be provided for the foot washing, so please bring a towel and your bible. If you would like/need to have gluten free bread or non-alcoholic wine for the Passover service, please contact Stephen Bouchette.

NIGHT TO BE MUCH OBSERVED – (North Canton)

You are all invited to join us for the Night to Be Observed, right here in our church hall. Event is **April 1, 2026**, evening meal. You may arrive at 6:30PM, and dinner will be served at 7:30PM. We'll have appetizers for you to enjoy

after your arrival. The menu includes grilled chicken, roast beef, potatoes, mac & cheese, and much more! We're asking the attendees to bring unleavened bread, drink, dessert, or appetizers. **The cost of the meal is by donations.** (cash, check or via Zelle susanmiller222@gmail.com) We'd like volunteers to help with setup, provide music, games, skits, or any other ideas to make the evening a nice, celebratory one, including the children. Any questions, please see Susan or Martha Miller.

NIGHT TO BE REMEMBERED – (Cleveland)

The Cleveland congregation will be gathering for a group dinner for the Night to be Remembered at the church building in Grafton on the evening of April 1st. Another option is you are welcome to host a small group in your home if you prefer. For those planning to come to the group dinner, plan to arrive around 6:30 pm and dinner will be around 7:00 pm. The main dishes will be catered, but we'd like to ask for volunteers to bring unleavened desserts, fruit salad or tossed salad. There will be a donation box on the bulletin table that evening or you may zelle or venmo bettyj.thomas@gmail.com with donations to help defray the cost. If you would like to help or if you have any suggestions on how to enhance this special evening, please see BJ Thomas.

FIRST DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD – APRIL 2 (Cleveland & North Canton)

There will be one service on the 1st Day of Unleavened Bread at each church location (North Canton & Grafton). Services will begin at **1 pm**. An offering will be taken up after the sermonette.

DENNY LUKER MEMORIAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL – APRIL 4 (Cleveland)

Refreshments for the Sabbath between the holy days will be on a volunteer basis, and the church will be providing ice cream and toppings as a special remembrance of the late Mr. Denny Luker, a loving servant of God who served as President of the UCG from June 2010 to March 2013 during a challenging time for the church.

LAST DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD – APRIL 8 - COMBINED IN GRAFTON

For the Last Day of Unleavened Bread, the Cleveland and North Canton congregations will be combining and meeting at the church building in Grafton, Ohio. The address is 12981 Grafton Road. Morning services will begin at 10:30 am and afternoon services at 2:30 pm.

During the lunch break, please feel free to pack and **bring your lunch** and fellowship with the brethren (as we did on the last Feast of Trumpets). We will provide coffee, tea and cold beverages. There will be a dessert table set up if you would like to bring unleavened desserts to share. For those who wish to eat out for lunch, there are some local restaurants in Grafton and more about 10-15 minutes away in Elyria, North Ridgeville and North Olmsted. A list of eating establishments has been provided on the announcement table.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

LEHIGH VALLEY SPRING DINNER/DANCE AND SPORTS WEEKEND – APRIL 4+5

The Lehigh Valley, PA annual Spring Dinner/Dance and Sports Weekend will take place over the weekend of April 4th and 5th. This year Sabbath services, the dinner, dance and sporting events will take place on the campus of Kutztown University. The cost varies depending on age. Several hotel accommodations are available with special rates for the event. (This is not the entire announcement. For more information, email stephen_bouchette@ucg.org)

WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT WEEKEND – PORTSMOUTH, OH – AUGUST 7-9

You're invited to spend a late-summer weekend with a faithful group of women in beautiful Southern Ohio. We're excited to join together with fellow sisters in Christ to explore the topic of seeking Truth and gathering more closely together in these perilous times. Join in a weekend of friendship, fun, and presentations as we forge new bonds and strengthen old ones. Hope to see you soon! (For more details, see the brochures at the bulletin table.)

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Prayer Request Update - Daniel Porteous from Ken Loucks, pastor, Tacoma, WA:

We are thankful for God's continued mercy and for the many prayers offered on Daniel's behalf during his battle with metastatic prostate cancer. After his first two treatments, the liver tumor was reduced by 60 percent, and the lung tumors have remained stable for the past three years. With continued treatment, the liver tumor has remained under control with no growth. He is scheduled for his 13th infusion on March 31 and continues to manage the effects of chemotherapy.

Daniel and his family would greatly appreciate your continued prayers for strength, endurance, and encouragement, and for a meaningful and uplifting Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread.

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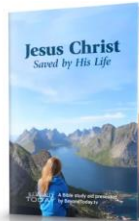
Bible Trivia:

- 1. What prophet said that Ahab's people would be eaten by birds? (Hint: 1 Kings 21)**
- 2. According to Bildad, what fragile thing is a godless man's trust like? (Hint: Job 8)**
- 3. Who did God ask, "Is anything too hard for the LORD?" (Hint: Genesis 18)**

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