



United Church of God
an International Association
Cincinnati

Announcements – March 21, 2026

	<u>East – 11:00 A.M.</u>	<u>East – 2:30 P.M.</u>	<u>North – 2:30 P.M.</u>
Songleader	James Myers	Mark Tannert	Bob Holman
Pianist	Heidi Braun	Katie French	
Sermonette		Mike Cook	Bruce Kieviet
Special Music	ABC Chorale	Elizabeth Ross and Rebekah Williams	Karlee Gaston
Sermon	John Elliott	John Elliott	Mark Welch

Teen Bible Study, Today: The Teen Bible Study will be held in the Conference Room at 1:30 p.m. *today*.

ABC Charity Auction, 3/22: The ABC Class of 2026 is excited to invite you to the annual Charity Auction which will be held tomorrow! Doors will open and the silent auction will begin at noon. The variety show will begin at 1:00 p.m. The silent auction will only be open before the show this year; it will NOT be open at intermission.

If you are bringing a donation for the live auction, please bring it as soon after noon as possible and remember to bring your written or typed description with you.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Gift Baskets for the Days of Unleavened Bread: Please consider contributing to the Spring Holy Day gift baskets for our shut ins and others in need. We are collecting items such as unleavened baked goods, candies, teas, and dried fruit as well as monetary donations. There is a small, blue cash box on the Information Table for donations and a sign-up sheet. Checks should be made out to UCG Cinci East and can also be mailed to Kathy Trone, or you can Venmo a donation to @Kathy-Trone. You can also sign up to make a monetary donation, donate unleavened bread or other items, help assemble the baskets, and help deliver the baskets at the link <https://forms.gle/e6D2cmN76CNxX7pZ9>.



We will be assembling the baskets at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27, in the Conference Room. If you can help, please sign up at the Information Table or online. If you have any questions, please see Kathy Trone.

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 3/28: The Adult Choir will meet for its next rehearsal in the Recording Studio at 1:15 p.m. on March 28.

Youth Instruction/Sabbath School Classes, 3/28: Our next Sabbath School classes will be held at 1:25 p.m. *on March 28*. They will meet in the following locations: Classes 1 and 2 – the Warehouse; Class 3 – the Conference Room; Class 4 – the Library. Students who would like to do Memory Work can come to the Warehouse beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Class	Lesson	Teachers
1	God's Plan of Salvation	Heidi Braun, Heather Pacleb, Abbey PerMar
2	God's Spring Holy Days	Joy Porter, Ashandra Boise
3	God's Plan of Salvation	Lucy Tannert, Melody Moss
4	God's Festivals Start with Passover	Nick Hollon, Shawnda Hollon

The Children's Choir will rehearse in the Mail Room immediately after class.

Home Office De-Leavening: *March 28 will be the last Sabbath that leavened food will be allowed in the Home Office.* The Cincinnati East congregation is responsible for cleaning the storage closet in the Lecture Hall. If any members want to volunteer to help Ariel Winger clean the kitchen and dining areas on Sunday, March 29, they should contact Ariel to sign up.

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.

Schedule for the Spring Holy Days:

- o Passover Services, Tuesday, 3/31 – Services will begin at 8:01 p.m. at the Home Office and at our Cincinnati North meeting location. Members should plan to arrive no earlier than 7:30 p.m. Bring your Bible, plus your own towel and basin for footwashing.
- o Night to Be Much Observed, Wednesday, 4/1 – An evening to celebrate the beginning of the Days of Unleavened Bread with a special Sabbath meal and fellowship in private homes, restaurants or other meeting venues.
- o First Day of Unleavened Bread, Thursday, 4/2 – Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. at the Marriott Cincinnati North, 6189 Muhlhauser Road, West Chester, OH 45069 (at the corner of Muhlhauser Rd and Union Center Blvd). A Holy Day offering will be collected. Please bring your personal hymnals. Directions are available at the Information Table.
- o Last Day of Unleavened Bread, Wednesday, 4/8 – Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Oasis Conference Center, 902 Loveland-Miamiville Road, Loveland, OH 45140. Please bring your personal hymnals. Also, *please note that our contract does not allow us to take food into the building.* A Holy Day offering will be collected during the morning service. Directions are available at the Information Table.

Footwashing Assistance: To plan for the footwashing at Passover, we need to know who will need assistance with that part of the service. Men who need help should see Zach Williams or contact him at either zdub1090@yahoo.com or 513-252-6600. Ladies who need assistance, please see Eileen Sharkey or contact her at either eileens823@aol.com or 513-932-6117 (h). If you are aware of someone who will be visiting for the Spring Holy Days and will need assistance, please let us know that as well. Thank you for helping us to assist you at this special service.

Night to Be Much Observed – Group Dinner at Norlyn Manor, 4/1: We are looking forward to approximately 65 brethren gathering together for the NTBMO. Please plan now for the unleavened bread and/or dessert you can add to our group meal. Norlyn Manor is being gracious to allow us to bring in our own breads and desserts so please bring your items cut and ready to be served.

Days of Unleavened Bread Services – Portsmouth: If you are planning to attend the First Day of Unleavened Bread with the Portsmouth congregation, please note that services will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Kricker Building, 221 Chillicothe St, Portsmouth, OH 45662. Services on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread will be held at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the church building at 1253 Ninth St, West Portsmouth, OH 45663.

Men's Speech and Leadership Club, 4/5: The Men's Club will hold its next meeting at the Home Office at 8:30 a.m. on April 5.

Church Recital – Duncan McClenagan will be holding a recital at the Home Office for his piano students sometime after the Days of Unleavened Bread (exact date TBD). Any families with children in music (or other performing arts) lessons who would like to perform at this recital (because, for instance, their teachers do not ordinarily hold recitals) are encouraged to contact him on Facebook, by phone/text at 513-331-1628 or by email at duncan@mcclenagan.net. We can then try to work out a mutually acceptable date and time.

Festival Planning Guide: This year's Festival Planning Guide is available in the center pages of the March-April *United News*. You can also find it online at feast.ucg.org. This helpful guide includes a current listing of available Feast sites as well as information about how and when to register.

If you don't have access to the internet, please contact your Festival Advisor: Caleb Creech for AM (caleb_creech@yahoo.com, 816-810-2905), Ken Japhet for PM (ken.japhet@gmail.com, 503-507-7770) and Doug Knuckles for North (doug.knuckles@gmail.com, 513-317-1671).

Key Dates for United States and Canadian Feast Attendees:

- o Sunday, April 19: Preliminary registration begins at 12 p.m. EDT for those who must attend their closest site.
- o Sunday, April 26: Registration is open at 12 p.m. EDT for all United States and Canadian Feast sites (except if a site has reached capacity).

Camp Wildrose, 7/8-12: It's time to register for Camp Wildrose in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada! Camp will be from July 8-12 and welcomes youth ages 5-15.

Camp is a four-day spiritual and physical learning adventure for our young. At this camp, we hope to teach and encourage our children to live by the Fruits of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:20. We hope to encourage strong friendship bonds between our children and to teach them lessons in responsibility, independence and interdependence. We aspire

to give them a love of nature and God's creation, as we spend time outdoors. Most of all, we hope to provide them a wonderful opportunity, full of fun, adventure and God's spirit.

For more information, visit: ucgedmonton.org/camp/campDetails.jsp

Gear Grinder Bike Ride, 9/6: The Twin Cities United Church of God invites you to join us for our fourth annual UCG Gear Grinder Class bike ride! This year, the ride will take place on Sunday, September 6, in the beautiful Minnetonka Lakes region of the Twin Cities.

Some features of this year's ride:

- o A Friday evening rider meet-and-greet bonfire.
- o 27.5-, 45- and 65-mile routes.
- o Family friendly start and end location with playground and restrooms.
- o Fully supported rest stops.
- o A post ride lunch available for both riders and their families.
- o Swag to remember the ride: Commemorative ride T-shirts and men's and women's cycle jerseys.
- o Lots of fun and fellowship to be had!

We hope you'll join us for another weekend of fun and fellowship as we grind our gears in Lake Minnetonka! For additional details and registration information, go to: www.eventcreate.com/e/2026-gear-grinder-classic.

Beyond Today Weekly Schedule: The *new schedule* for *Beyond Today* programs on THE WORD Network (altafiber Elite Channel 263, Spectrum Silver Channel 386) is at the following times: 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, plus 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. The programs can also be viewed on-demand on dedicated *Beyond Today* television channels on Roku, iOS devices, Android devices, Amazon Fire TV, LG Smart TVs, Samsung Smart TVs, YouTube, Vimeo, Wii and Xbox. You can always watch the program online at our website <http://www.ucg.org/beyond-today/television>.

BT #	Title	Host	Literature Offered	Airing Date
473	The Unknown Jesus, Part 4: Lord of the Sabbath Learn about a special gift God wants to give you in order to have a more meaningful relationship with Him.	Gary Petty	<i>Sunset to Sunset: God's Sabbath Rest</i>	March 22
476	The Unknown Jesus, Part 5: "I am the Resurrection." Christians are saved by His death, resurrection and the life in which He lives within His followers.	Gary Petty	<i>Jesus Christ: Saved By His Life</i>	March 29

**Airing Schedule for the *Beyond Today* 14-Week Test on The WORD Network
March 2026, Week 4**

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473	The Unknown Jesus, Part 4: Lord of the Sabbath. Learn about a special gift God wants to give you to have a more meaningful relationship with Him.	Gary Petty	The Ten Commandments	March 22 12:30 p.m./ 6:00 p.m.
488	Is Anger Destroying Your Life? This emotion can be highly destructive or be used in a positive way with God's help to create goodwill and peace.	Gary Petty	Tools for Spiritual Growth	March 23 5:00 p.m./ 2:00 a.m.*
415	Human Identity and the Family of God A war is being waged against God's role for a man and a woman in a committed marriage. Don't be misled.	Darris McNeely	Marriage & Family: The Missing Dimension	March 24 5:00 p.m./ 2:00 a.m.*
450	The Truth About Heaven Is Better Than You Think The Bible doesn't teach that you go to heaven upon death. But what it does expound is marvelous!	Gary Petty	Heaven and Hell: What Does the Bible Really Teach?	March 25 5:00 p.m./ 2:00 a.m.*
429	The Sabbath Rest: Beating the Tyranny of Tech We love technology, but does it dominate our lives? You can free its grasp by keeping the Sabbath.	Darris McNeely	Sunset to Sunset – God's Sabbath Rest	March 26 5:00 p.m./ 2:00 a.m.*
506/ 507	Being Saved Isn't What You Think/ The Truth About Grace That Churches Won't Tell You Grace doesn't erase God's law – it frees you from the penalty.	Steve Myers	What Does the Bible Teach About Grace?	March 27 5:00 p.m./ 2:00 a.m.*
473	The Unknown Jesus, Part 4: Lord of the Sabbath. Learn about a special gift God wants to give you to have a more meaningful relationship with Him.	Gary Petty	The Ten Commandments	March 28 9:00 a.m./ 11:30 p.m.

*2:00 a.m. airings occur on the following calendar day as a repeat of the 5:00 p.m. airing.