



United Church of God an International Association Cincinnati

Announcements – July 4, 2026

	<u>East – 11:00 A.M.</u>	<u>East – 2:30 P.M.</u>	<u>North – 2:30 P.M.</u>
Songleader	Chris Rowland	Mitch Moss	Sam Wayne
Pianist	Donna Raudenbush	Rebekah Williams	
Sermonette	Roy Fouch	John LaBissoniere	Gary Duncan
Special Music	Donna Raudenbush	Rebekah Williams	
Sermon	John Elliott	John Elliott	Mark Welch

Food Drive, 7/11: Due to the Independence Day holiday, our collection of food donations to benefit St. George Food Pantry will be held next Sabbath, July 11.

Ladies' Card Making Event, 7/19: Ladies, you are invited to a meaningful and creative afternoon of handmade card making! Join us for a special service project where we will design and create beautiful handmade cards to encourage our brethren who need our support. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced crafter, this is an opportunity to get creative, connect with one another and serve our brethren. This event is scheduled to be held at the Home Office from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, July 19. All materials will be provided. *A sign-up sheet is available at the Information table.* For any questions, please contact Stephana Thornton at stephanasharon@yahoo.com.

Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7/25: The Adult Choir will meet for its next rehearsal in the Recording Studio at 1:15 p.m. on July 25.

Feast Registration: Have you registered for the Feast of Tabernacles yet? There's plenty of space open at most sites, and we encourage you to register early so we can plan for activities, service and fellowship opportunities at each site. Be sure to fill out the "Church Service" and "Volunteer Opportunities" sections if you are able! Note: If you are unable to attend the Feast in person, please register on the page for "Unable to Attend," <https://www.ucg.org/members/feast/sites/unable-attend>.

Feast Housing Reservations: All information on housing reservations can be found online at the Feast website: <https://ucg.org/members/feast-of-tabernacles>. Each individual Feast website displays a "Housing Info" link for discounted rates. You will also notice that each United States Feast site also has a printable "Fact Sheet" available online. Copies for the Cincinnati site are also available on the Information Table for members who don't have internet access. Questions can be emailed to Festival@ucg.org or call (970) 484-5878.

Festival Planning Assistance: If you need assistance with making your Feast plans, 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).

Beyond Today Program: The Beyond Today program is available through our app on Roku, Apple TV, Fire TV, and other connected TV platforms, as well as our YouTube channel.

If you haven't already done so, download the *Beyond Today* app on your mobile device from the Apple App or Google Play Store. You'll find not only *BT* episodes, but also ABC classes, sermons, seminars and other biblical content. As always, you can access this content via our main website, <https://www.ucg.org>.

July 3, 2026

Dear brethren,

I wanted all of you to be aware of some of the steps that are being taken to ensure God's people here in the Cincinnati area are adequately cared for during the transition between my retirement and incoming pastor, Andy Duran's, arrival here (his first Sabbath is scheduled for August 22). I will be leaving for Alaska this coming Tuesday to join my wife there. We will return on July 29 to Cincy but will be going to Dallas on the 31st for the weekend (70th Anniversary of the Dallas congregation). We plan to be in Cincy on the Sabbath of August 8 and very likely the 15th. Then we're off to New Zealand for approximately six months.

Since Chad Brown is a newly hired Ministerial Trainee, I have asked him to coordinate Sabbath Services in the East, along with help from elders, John LaBissoniere and Eric Mohr. Chad will be sending out the Sabbath Assignment email each Wednesday and will send out the announcements on Friday. Eileen Sharkey, of course, will continue to compile our announcement bulletin.

Bruce and Debbie Kieviet, Gary and Nancy Weckerly, and Doug and Terry Knuckles will be caring for the North congregation as they always do.

I recently sent out the updated Cincinnati East Team Leaders List, so everyone should know who to contact regarding the various functions in the congregation.

Prayer requests should be sent to Chad until he leaves the area around August 6, and then to John LaBissoniere or Eric Mohr.

Please reach out to various elders in our congregations for anointing and counseling needs.

It has been a pleasure serving with all of you! Barbara and I look forward to returning to the Cincy area in 2027 to continue serving God and His people with considerably less responsibility and oversight!

If you think of anything I didn't address or if you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will be checking emails and answering calls in Alaska when I am not engaged with family or fishing!

In God's love and service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark".

Mark Welch, Pastor