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Hope you're having a wonderful week! Today's exciting updates include:

- 2027 Feast Announcement.
- Job Openings.
- Donation Website Update.
- Houston Event Update.
- Winter Family Weekend Update.
- Photo of the Week.

We hope your week is filled with blessings!



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Looking Ahead to the 2027 Feast Sites

Even with the Feast of Tabernacles only a month behind us, planning for 2027 is already underway!

We are planning ten U.S. Feast sites for 2027. The following eight sites have been confirmed:

- Aransas Pass, Texas.
- Branson, Missouri.
- Cincinnati, Ohio.

- Gatlinburg, Tennessee.
- Morehead City, North Carolina.
- Panama City Beach, Florida.
- Redmond, Oregon.
- Temecula, California.

We are still seeking possible sites in the Wisconsin area and the Northeast that will be announced as soon as possible.

Why, then, do we have 10 sites planned for 2027 compared with 14 this year?

The goal in selecting Feast sites is to help God's people gather to worship Him, rejoicing and celebrating together in unity as we fulfill God's commands. From a practical standpoint, there are many physical and logistical factors to consider, including how to balance the number of sites with ensuring the needed support for each location.

What exactly does "support" mean?

With daily services, as well as Bible studies, we must have enough ministers at each site to provide spiritual food for the occasion, and this is certainly a key priority. But we also need enough capable volunteers in areas such as audio/visual and music to support those services. How do we ensure we have enough people with the necessary knowledge and skills to fill these roles?

Additionally, to justify age-specific Bible studies or activities, such as for teens or young adults, there must be enough in attendance to make these lessons feasible.

Certain sites have been well provided for in these areas over the years, while others have struggled at times. When attendance at a festival site falls below a certain threshold, these issues naturally begin to emerge and become very difficult to avoid.

Our primary goal is to provide festival sites with spiritually edifying messages with a consistent standard of experience.

Thank you for keeping Feast preparations in your prayers. We look forward to sharing more with you as arrangements come together.

Learn more



Steven Britt
SENIOR MANAGER, MEMBER SERVICES

Job Openings

Logistics and Inventory Supervisor

Media and Communications Services is now accepting applications for the position of Logistics and Inventory Supervisor.

This role keeps our materials moving. It oversees inventory of our publications and study aids, coordinates shipping and receiving, and works closely with the mailroom, Publishing department and our outside vendors so the right materials reach the people who request them. It suits someone who is organized, pays close attention to detail and enjoys solving practical problems.

This position is located at the home office in Milford, Ohio. To request the full job description or a job application, or to ask specific questions about the position, please contact human_resources@ucg.org.

Website Content Editor

Media and Communications Services is now accepting applications for the position of website content editor.

The website content editor publishes and maintains content across the Church's websites, apps, and audio and video platforms. That includes metadata, captions and transcripts, thumbnails and quality checks, following set schedules and editorial standards. The role reports to the senior manager, marketing.

We're looking for someone with experience publishing in a CMS (Drupal preferred), basic HTML, familiarity with image tools such as Photoshop, Canva or Figma and a strong eye for proofreading. Experience with SEO, podcast or streaming platforms or AI transcription tools is a plus. The role requires baptized membership in good standing in the United Church of God.

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Financial Services

Donation Website Update

Thank you for faithfully supporting God's Work through your tithes and offerings. We are writing to inform you of an upcoming change to our online donation website.

The Church's main website, ucg.org, now offers a simpler, more convenient way to give, with payment options that include PayPal, Google Pay and Apple Pay. We will therefore retire our standalone donation website, donate.ucg.org, effective Nov. 30, 2026. After that date, visitors to donate.ucg.org will be automatically redirected to the donation page on ucg.org. Please note that your login information from the old site will not be carried forward, so you will need to log in again.

If you currently use the standalone website, we encourage you to begin making your contributions at ucg.org/give.

We are deeply grateful for your generosity and the important role you play in supporting the Work God has entrusted to His Church. We hope this transition makes your online giving experience easier and more convenient.



Linda Api
OPERATION MANAGER, FINANCIAL SERVICES

Local Church News





Knit Together in Love—Houston Family Weekend 2026

The Houston, Texas, congregation enjoyed a wonderful, spiritually uplifting family weekend, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, at Camp Lone Star in Tomball, Texas. A total of 165 attendees gathered for three days of meaningful fellowship, spiritual encouragement, delicious meals and activities for all ages.

This year's theme, “Knit Together in Love” (Colossians 2:2), emphasized strengthening the bonds of love and unity within God's spiritual family. The weekend began Friday evening with a warm, welcoming dessert social, followed by a full Sabbath of Bible discussions, worship services and fellowship.

Throughout the weekend, brethren enjoyed a variety of activities, including a Sabbath walk around the lake, a group activity centered on the weekend's theme, live music around the campfire and Sunday recreational activities for the entire family. The beautiful outdoor setting and shared meals provided many opportunities for meaningful conversations, new friendships and strengthened relationships.

It was a beautiful reminder that the Church is far more than a place where we gather for Sabbath services. It is a spiritual family that God is lovingly knitting together.

Jay Ledbetter, pastor, Houston, Texas congregation

Winter Family Weekend

Sports Team Cutoff and Dress Boutique Updates

As we look ahead to Winter Family Weekend 2026 (Dec. 22-27 in Hamilton, Ohio), please note these important reminders and deadlines:

Sports Team Creation Deadline
Sunday, Nov. 29, is the last day to create a new team for the basketball, volleyball or pickleball tournaments. If you're organizing a team, please create it through the registration portal by Nov. 29.

General & Athlete Registration Remains Open
General registration and athlete registration will remain open after Nov. 29, and individuals may still register for the weekend and join existing teams. Nov. 29 is only the deadline for creating new teams.

Special Occasion Dress Boutique
Ladies, please remember that dress drop-off will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 23, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Mueller Room. The boutique will open later that afternoon from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Please consider bringing dresses to contribute.

Visit wfw.ucg.org to create your team, register for the weekend and view the full weekend schedule.

We look forward to seeing you in December!



Dave PerMar
WINTER FAMILY WEEKEND COORDINATOR

Photo of the Week



A day in the life of Dr. Frank Dunkle: As ABC coordinator, director of admissions and instructor of theology, he has a full schedule, but he always makes time to help students learn more about God's Word!

Upcoming Events

November
19: Young Adult Bible Study—Online

December
22-27: Winter Family Weekend—Hamilton, Ohio
22-31: UYC Camp Australia—New South Wales
25-27: Northwest Weekend—Portland, Oregon
28-Jan. 3: Winter Camp—Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

January
16-17: East Texas Young Adult Winter Game All-Nighter—Big Sandy, Texas
22-24: Women's Enrichment Weekend—Orange County, California

February
12-14: East Texas Regional Family Weekend—Big Sandy, Texas
27: Southeast Regional Formal Weekend