SABBATH ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

United Church of God, an International Association

North Canton & Youngstown, OH; Pittsburgh, PA; Wheeling, WV Congregations

Youngstown –1 p.m. Pittsburgh – 10 a.m.

North Canton -2 p.m. Wheeling -2:30 p.m.

Greetings brethren,

After an inspiring Pentecost last weekend, we can contemplate the next annual holyday, the Feast of Trumpets, coming early this fall. Each of God's annual holydays pictures the next step in His plan of salvation for mankind. When understood clearly, God's Word is very clear about the prophetic meaning of His feast days.

But summer is now before us. We have more time to observe God's creation up close in our yards or even driving through the countryside.

Reflect on the fact that none of the creation "evolved," that's why it's called "the creation." Every minute, genetic or other detail was designed and set in reproduction-after-its-kind motion by divine power. Every plant, every creature—no matter how large or microscopic—is reproducing according to *God's* laws of biology.

While savoring the physical, meditate even more so on the spiritual laws that Christ and the Father set inexorably in motion and by which we strive to live our lives. As King David wrote under inspiration, "O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me" (Psa. 119:97-98, KJV). God's blessings to all on this fine Sabbath!

Keep the true faith—and spread it, Randy Stiver, Pastor

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1. Church Circuit Calendar: (please note three Youngstown time changes underlined)

June 15	Sabbath service	Youngstown – 1 p.m.; North Canton – 2 p.m.; Pittsburgh – 10 a.m.; Wheeling – 2:30
		p.m.
June 22	Sabbath service	Youngstown – 11 a.m.; North Canton – 2 p.m.; Wheeling – 11 a.m.; Pittsburgh – 2:30
		p.m.

June 29	Sabbath service	Youngstown – 1 p.m.; North Canton – 2 p.m.; Wheeling – 11 a.m.; Pittsburgh – 2:30
		p.m.
July 6	Sabbath service	Youngstown – 1 p.m.; North Canton – 2 p.m.; Pittsburgh - ??:??; Wheeling – ??
July 13	Sabbath service	Youngstown – 11 a.m.; North Canton – 2 p.m.; Pittsburgh - ??; Wheeling - ??
July 20	Sabbath service	Pittsburgh – 10 a.m.; Wheeling – 2:30 p.m.; Youngstown – 1 p.m.; North Canton – 2
		p.m.
July 26	Bible Study	7:30 p.m. EST - Title to be announced https://www.ucg.org/congregations/north-
		<u>canton-oh/webcast</u>

LOCAL PRAYER REQUESTS: (*new or updated)

- Steve Richmond* (North Canton & Cambridge): Was diagnosed this past week with stage four colon cancer that has metastasized to the liver. Your prayers for Gods healing are much appreciated.
- **Dick Walters** (North Canton): Recuperating at home, gradually regaining his strength.
- Elizabeth Dezso (North Canton) Recuperating at home double pneumonia and other ailments.
- Neal Warner (North Canton) Dealing with intense leg pain.
- Dale Harman (North Canton): At Rockynol, a convalescent center in Akron. Condition is improving. Would appreciate visitors.
- Jenny Luchitz (North Canton): A severe, open-sore bruise on her leg.
- Ian Healy (grandson of Louis & Carol Petit in North Canton) ongoing process of receiving a kidney transplant.
- Greyson Parkhill the 11 year old grandson of Jim Parkhill (New Mexico, tunes into our webcast) with a congenital, life-threating digestive condition. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- *Linda Szalankiewicz (Pittsburgh area): Advanced liver cancer condition, urgently in need of God's healing. NOTE: Linda's condition is continuing to deteriorate at last report.

2. CHURCH GARAGE SALE - NORTH CANTON

Mark and Amanda Miller will be holding a garage sale later in June.

For information please contact Mark and Amanda: **Phone:** 234-244-7491 **Address:** 4790 Amherst Ave NW, Massillon, OH 44646 **Amanda's email:** <u>amandamiller52216@gmail.com</u>

3. PORTSMOUTH CHURCH 50TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE & DANCE SOCIAL

Portsmouth, Ohio United Church of God congregation is almost 50 years old! Come join us on July 20th for Sabbath services, as well as a reception/meal/and fellowship afterwards. We're looking forward to spending the day with the many friends we've grown with over the years. Further details and information can be found on our local church website through UCG. We are asking for an RSVP for meal planning purposes. Hope to hear that you can join us for this special Sabbath service and anniversary event!

4. TROYER'S HOLLOW WEEKEND - JUNE 21-23

Mark your calendars for the Annual Troyer's Hollow Family Campout and Young Adult Weekend for June 21-23, 2019! Nestled in the scenic hills of Amish Country near Charm, Ohio, Troyer's Hollow in the Doughty Valley, it has a long tradition within the local community and the church as a relaxing retreat.

A beautiful creek winds through the secluded canyon hollow where the North Canton and Cambridge congregations sponsor this weekend, which includes camping and Sabbath services. We have the entire property for two days, and one side on Sunday. The property has covered pavilions, nicely maintained bathroom and shower facilities,

Activities planned include a Friday evening Bible Study, Sabbath Services, an afternoon potluck, young adult seminars, a nature walk, kettle popcorn over the fire, evening group music for those who wish to bring instruments, and many campfire discussions.

- Fees to cover property usage:
- Campers: \$15 per camper/ \$20 per family per night
- Non-campers: \$5 per person / \$10 per family per day
- Nearby hotels are available for those who do not wish to camp. Alcohol is prohibited on the property.

If you wish to come, or just have questions, please contact Mary Miller (<u>mary@crawfordmfg.com</u>, 330-204-6972). RSVPs are greatly appreciated as it helps a lot with planning and budgeting for the weekend.

5. SABBATH MORNING BIBLE STUDY –THIS SABBATH, JUNE 15!

The monthly, Sabbath morning Bible Study given by John Miller is this Sabbath, June 15 in North Canton. The title is "How Dark is Your Light 2.0." It will be webcast live and be available on the North Canton website a day or so later.

6. FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY CHANGE

Our regular Friday night Bible Studies will be cut to once a month through the summer. It will be on the Friday night before the 4th Sabbath of the month for July & August. The one study per month will be webcasted at the usual time of 7:30 p.m.

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