

September 27, 2019

Update on Carol Vernich

On Wednesday it seemed that Carol Vernich had made some real progress and she was planning on returning home. Since then Carol has had another set-back. She will be having surgery today (Friday) at 1PM. The surgeon will be operating in the area of the intersection of the small intestine, and the large intestine, which is (one) inch above the appendix. At this time, Carol is very frail and weak, and is asking for our very fervent prayers. She and Bill are very strong in their faith in God, and they are asking for God's will and mercy, and His healing for both of them. Please reach out to God with your prayers and give God the glory for what He decides. –John Paul Jones

Update on Suzanne Duckert

Suzanne asks for continued concerning the blood clots in her lungs. At times she has difficulty breathing and she is still exploring what actions to take. God can make ease the most difficult problems simply by His intervention.

Feast of Trumpets and Day of Atonement

Nashville and Murfreesboro will have combined Feast of Trumpets services on September 30 at the Fellowship United Methodist Church, 2511 New Salem Highway, in Murfreesboro. This is the same place where we had combined services last year. The combined choirs are planning to sing special music on the holy day. Tables will be set up so people can bring their own lunch. **Services will be at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.** Feast of Trumpets services in Jackson with be at 10:30 am.

Services the Day of Atonement on October 9 will be at our regular halls. Times: Jackson 10:30 am; **Murfreesboro 1:00 pm** and 2:00 pm in Brentwood.

Nashville Boot Scoot Night is October 5th



The potluck will be BBQ theme. **** BBQ pulled chicken will be provided****. We are requesting for the potluck everyone brings sides like baked beans, slaw, potato salad, etc. Sweet and un-sweet tea and desserts are always welcome. **Tina Cason needs a head count of those attending and plan to eat BBQ to complete the order for the chicken.** Please email or text her or FB message to let her know how many in your family plan to eat at danielsmomtc@aol.com or 615-668-4704. She only has a couple of days left to get the order together, so **please let her**

know ASAP.

After dinner: get ready to scoot your boots during a fun dance class taught by Brandon Ellithorpe and Daniel Cason. Country-Western attire is not required, but always fun and welcomed.

Note: The October calendar is attached.

Sabbath Services before the Feast - Oct. 12

This year, the weekly Sabbath falls the day before the Feast begins. Many members and ministers will have already left for the Feast of Tabernacles before the weekly Sabbath. As a result, many congregations are canceling services before the Feast on October 12th.

We have provided both a listing and a map that indicates which congregations have confirmed that they will hold services that day (indicated by a solid green star) and those who have indicated that services will be cancelled (indicated by an outline red star). We hope this map will help you to make your travel plans to this year's Feast. Most congregations holding services will be meeting at their regular times, but it is best to contact the pastor as early as possible to make sure.

The PDF map can be found here: <https://www.ucg.org/system/storage/serve/1135126/united-church-of-god-sabbath-service-locations-2019-10-12.pdf>

For those who are unable to attend a local service on that Sabbath, there will be a webcast available originating from Panama City Beach at 2 p.m. Central time. Connection details will be available at a later date.

There will be Sabbath services on October 12 at some Feast site locations, which are also shown on the map and listing provided.

Family Study Guide Available

The latest Family Study Guide, God's Holy Days and the Armor of God is ready for your use. In this Family Guide we review the Festivals of God and describe how the Holy Days show God's plan for mankind. Then we list all pieces of the Armor of God and relate the Holy Days to these pieces of Armor. Additionally we study into Jesus Christ's involvement in each Festival of God.

You can find the guide on the [Family Study Guides webpage](#) or in the [Family Guides Dropbox](#). Please let us know if you have difficulty locating them or if you have questions or need support with implementing them.

We hope that your families continue to find value in the UCG's Youth Instruction Family Study Guides. Have a wonderful and uplifting Holy Days and Feast of Tabernacles. -- Randy and Kay Schreiber, Youth Instruction Coordinators

If you are attending FOT LAKE JUNALUSKA 2019

***Action Needed* for 3 Activities - Registration Due by September 30th**

1. Family Day Lunch - Want to enjoy lunch with the group before the fun family activities? Sign up for BBQ/Hot Dog Lunch on the registration form.
2. Tuckasegee Train Excursion (with Open Air Gondola)- Sign up for this group train ride through the Great Smoky Mountains- lunch included. ****Limited to first 200 to Register (as of 9/26, there are only 25 seat left.****
3. Senior Lunch (Age 60+) *sign-up will also be available during the Feast

Sign Up For Activities Now: <https://forms.gle/HstkpjmZeKXEnbaB9>



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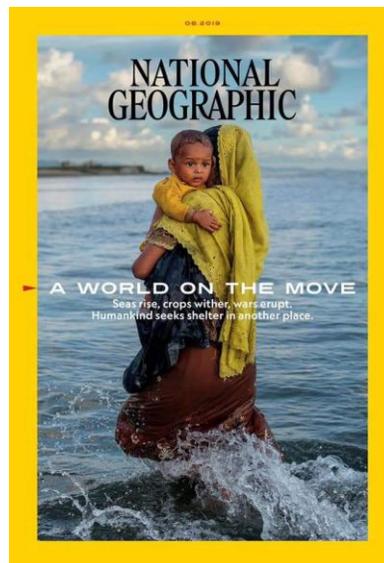
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Personal From the President...

Dear fellow servants of God,

Celebrating Hope in a World Without Hope

The face did it to me. I have been a subscriber and avid reader of National Geographic for many years. But the cover photo of its August issue was heart-rending. A young Rohingya child, cradled by his (or her) refugee mother, peers out, clearly anxious and bewildered. His mother jumped out of the boat from Myanmar and waded the rest of the way to the shore of Bangladesh. The photo deeply affected me because of what it represents for countless people at this very moment.



August 2019 edition of National Geographic magazine, cover photo by KM Asad.

The cover story, "A World On the Move," tells the tragic gripping tale of "the largest diaspora" in human history, which is surging incomprehensibly. Just how big is it? "The United Nations estimates that more than a billion people--one in seven humans alive today--are migrating within their countries or across international borders" (emphasis added throughout). This worldwide catastrophe is taking place in the Middle East, in Africa, in Latin America, in Asia--basically almost everywhere in the world! It is hard to truly imagine or appreciate its shocking scope.

One author of the National Geographic coverage, Paul Salopek, has spent 15 years walking with these people. He writes that "Millions are fleeing violence: war, persecution, criminality, political chaos. Many more, suffocated by poverty, are seeking economic relief beyond their horizons."

These people--one in seven alive today--tragically have little or no hope in this world. Any real solution to this global disaster lies beyond the grasp of human systems.

Ironically, in a world seemingly without hope, we in the United Church of God--the spiritual assembly of God--confidently hold marvelous, breathtaking, magnificent HOPE!

In a few days, we will hear these astonishingly wonderful words, backed by the powerful authority of the living Head of our Church: "We tell you this directly from the Lord...the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever" (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17, New Living Translation).

Further, as Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "Let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies" (1 Corinthians 15:51-53, NLT).

This is what the apostle Peter commanded us to consider, when he wrote: "set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:13, English Standard Version).

This marvelous hope should fill us with excitement, wonder and gratitude. These words of incredible promise kept the early disciples of Jesus Christ focused on enduring persecution, being victorious over trials of every sort, and loving one another despite human failings. Yes, we've all heard these words before. But, in light of what is now going on in this world, can we lift up our eyes and open our minds afresh to fully appreciate what is being said here?

As we well know, ancient Israel often blew the shofar as a warning signal. This, of course, reflects one of the essential missions of the United Church of God--to provide a clear warning to the world of the dire consequences of disobeying and rejecting the authority of God Himself. The billion people presently trapped in a homeless refugee status reflect those consequences.

In ancient Israel, two special silver trumpets were blown to announce Holy Days and special occasions. As noted in the Church's online commentary of Numbers 10-11, "these trumpets were a type or a picture of the heavenly trumpets that will sound at the return of Christ (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17)" (<https://www.ucg.org/beyond-today/beyond-today-commentary/bible-commentary-numbers-10-11>).

When this supernatural blast encircles the globe on a future Day of Trumpets, the day symbolizing when Jesus returns in His Second Coming, these sounding trumpets will herald the ultimate regime change of all time! In ancient Judah, the reign of kings was reckoned from the Feast of Trumpets, the first day of the civil calendar. The Feast of Trumpets also figuratively heralds the inauguration of Jesus Christ as the King of Kings.

Note these powerful words of hope: "Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and

ever" (Revelation 11:15, ESV).

I will have much more to say about this time, a time when we all go up to the mountain of the Lord, during my sermon during the Feast of Tabernacles.

As we celebrate this coming Day of Trumpets, a billion people will be tramping through foodless deserts, dangerous urban back ways, pockmarked war zones. Can we truly appreciate the marvelous gift that God has given us?

So, on the Festival of Trumpets, let us confidently and gratefully celebrate hope, even in a world that appears to have no hope!

I wish you a wonderful beginning to the season of the final four Holy Days of the year, which fall within the coming three-week period. May God give you further hope of His gracious design for humankind for all eternity.

For this coming Feast of Trumpets weekend, Bev and I are traveling to Florida and will visit our brethren and ministry in Vero Beach, Ocala, St. Petersburg and Tampa.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor Kubik". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Victor Kubik

Winter Family Weekend Registration

We are pleased to announce that registration is open for the 2019 Winter Family Weekend, starting Sunday, August 25, at wfw.ucg.org. The year's event begins with a Bible Study on Friday night, December 20, with activities through Tuesday, December 24. Early team registration is available until November 3, and late registration is available at a higher fee until November 18. Thanks in advance to those who register early; it helps with our planning to make this a positive event for all involved.