



United Church of God an International Association Cincinnati East

Announcements – June 27, 2020

	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>	<u>2:30 P.M.</u>
Songleader	Mark Tannert	James Myers
Pianist	Ronda Creech	Heidi Braun
Sermonette	Justin Palm	Jason Nitzberg
Special Music	Chad Browning	Chad Browning
Sermon	Aaron Dean	Mark Welch

Teen Trip 2020 – Online Auction Fundraiser, 6/28: The teen years are normally spent growing friendships and forming strong bonds. During this pandemic, tears have been shed in many households as the summer camps have been cancelled one by one. Our teens are missing their friends from school, friends from our local congregation, and due to camp cancellations, their church friends from all around.

But sometimes good things come from difficult situations! We've come up with a unique opportunity for our Cincy East teens to take a trip together. Embracing the theme "Better Together" our teens will spend 5 days in the mountains of West Virginia at the New River Gorge participating in Compass Checks, Christian Living, and activities designed to unify and build relationships. There will be exciting activities such as a treetop ropes course, kayaking, ziplining, and whitewater rafting!

How can you help? Tomorrow, June 28, the Cincy East Teens will be holding a virtual charity auction at 4:00 p.m. The teens have been busy baking, crafting and collecting. Items auctioned will include homemade baked goods as well as thoughtfully crafted baskets, jewelry and artwork. Please plan to participate and help the message ring loud and clear that we really are Better Together!

Our Better Together Auction will take place on Zoom at the following link:

<https://magellanhealth.zoom.us/j/5137945274>

Unable to join in tomorrow's fun? Please consider donating via the donation box at church or through Venmo at @UCG-CincinnatiEast. And listen up for more fundraisers to come!

United Youth Camps – Teen Friday Night Bible Discussions: Our live Bible Study program for teens will continue for five more Friday evenings. Camp directors are recording a 45-minute interactive study for each week based on the theme from Ecclesiastes 12:1 "Remember Your Creator in the Days of your Youth."

The Bible discussion will be password protected. If you missed this week's session and don't have a password, please contact Duane Phelps before next Friday. Please do not share the password with anyone.

The Bible Study video and Zoom discussion begin at 8 p.m. Eastern/7 p.m. Central or 7 p.m. Pacific/8 p.m. Mountain (pick your time). Log onto uyc.ucg.org at one of these two times Friday evening. We hope these Bible studies and discussions will be a great way for our teens to learn about God and connect with each other.

Summer Reading Challenge – Attention Kids and Teens! We will be holding a Summer Reading Challenge during the month of July. This challenge will be for everyone in grades K-12. From July 1-31 you will have the opportunity to earn prizes by reading. There will also be top prizes for the biggest readers in each category! Contact Joy Porter at joyporter@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

Festival Children's Choir Music 2020 is Now Available! The Festival Children's Choir selections are now available for download on the UCG Feast website at: <https://www.ucg.org/members/feast/childrens-choir-music>. The guidelines for the Children's Choir are posted there as well as vocal and instrumental versions of the two songs and lyric sheets. Parents, please follow the posted guidelines and be sure your children know the songs before arriving at the Feast.

Attention Festival Youth Instructors! The lessons for festival youth instructors teaching at the Feast of Tabernacles 2020 have been posted online at <https://www.ucg.org/members/news/2020-festival-youth-instruction>. There are two lessons each for grades K-2 and grades 3-6, one lesson for each of the two days of festival youth instruction classes at the Feast. Crafts and activities are included in the lesson plan.

Spiral Hymnal Update: As previously announced, the impact of the coronavirus has caused the spiral hymnal printing to be delayed. Now that the printing company's employees are back at work, the hymnal is in process and should be ready for distribution by early August. Thank you for your patience!

Changing Feast Sites - Registration: Several members have had to change their plans for the Feast this year. If you plan to attend a site different from the one for which you registered, please update your online registration.

1. Log into the UCG.org account which was used to register your household.
2. Access your household's Feast registration in one of two ways:
 - a. Locate your confirmation email (subject line "UCG Festival Registration Complete" or "UCG Festival Registration Submitted") for 2020 and click the link in the email. -OR-
 - b. Click on your name in the upper right corner. In the box that appears, click the "My Registrations" link. Locate your Feast registration for 2020 in the list on the right and click the "View" link.
3. Toward the middle of the page, click the "CHANGE SITES" link.
4. In the "Choose Site" dropdown menu, select your new site. The selected site will appear under the "New Site" header on the right and will indicate how many spaces are available at that site.
5. Scroll down under the site photos and click the "Change Sites" button. You will be returned to your registration page, with your new site displaying at the top of the page.

Thank you for your cooperation. Accurate attendance information helps the church plan for each site.

Feast of Tabernacles Planning Update: Please do not contact individual Feast Coordinators with questions about whether a site will be open or cancelled at this time. Any change to the status of a site will be announced immediately. The next scheduled update for the Feast of Tabernacles will be the Sabbath of July 11. That will still provide nearly three months for advance planning and consideration before the Feast.

Beyond Today Print Ads to Reach 8 Million Households: In July 2020 the United Church of God will conduct four tests of half-page coupon advertisements in Valassis "free standing inserts" in a variety of Sunday newspapers.

Although we have tested and rolled out coupon ads over the past several years which highlighted a variety of subjects, we continue experimenting with other topics covering additional aspects of the gospel message. This is done to determine which subjects will potentially attract the most interest in a future, large print advertising campaign.

The upcoming tests will include four new print promotions featuring booklets on prophetic themes. The ads, noted below, will reach a total of 8 million households in the United States.

- o "Are We Living in the Time of the End?"
- o "Seven Prophetic Signs Before Jesus Returns"
- o "The United States and Britain in Bible Prophecy"
- o "You Can Understand Bible Prophecy"

After evaluating the response and cost-per-response of these ads, we will consider whether one or two of them could be used in a major print advertising campaign which is planned for January, February and March 2021.

Your prayers for God's blessings on these important coupon ad tests will be greatly appreciated.

Inside United Podcast – Service and Responsibility: In our climate of denigrating and talk of defunding the police, we are rerunning the interview with Police Chief Lieutenant Anthony Rees of the Union Township Police Department in the Cincinnati area. He has spoken to ABC students at the Home Office about the community service work of the police and is a highly regarded individual in the community. Lieutenant Rees joins Victor Kubik in the studio to discuss the role of law enforcement in society and challenges facing the police in our culture today. (Original broadcast date: November 14, 2019) You can listen to this and previous podcasts at <https://www.ucg.org/inside-united-podcast>.

Beyond Today Airing Schedule: *Beyond Today TV* airs on WGN America at 5:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. on Sundays (ET). In the Cincinnati Metro area WGN America HD is Channel 74 on Time Warner and Spectrum Cable, Channel 307 on DirecTV, and Channel 239 on DishTV. Cincinnati Bell Fiopics does not carry WGN America. (To find the channel carrying WGN America in other areas please visit wgnamerica.com/channel-finder/ and enter your zip code. You will be shown the providers and channel number(s) on which you can watch WGN America.)

Beyond Today airs on Newsmax TV at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. Newsmax TV is on Cincinnati Bell Fiopics 672 HD and 272 SD, Spectrum 365, DirecTV 349, DISH 216, AT&T U-Verse 1220 and Verizon FiOS 615. You can also view the live feed on <https://www.newsmaxtv.com>.

All programs can 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 also watch the program online at our website <http://www.ucg.org/beyond-today/television>.

BT #	Title	Host	Literature Offered	Dates
367	The Book of Revelation Unveiled Many think this book of the Bible can't be understood. Since it means "reveal" you can grasp its vital messages.	Darris McNeely	<i>The Book of Revelation Unveiled</i>	June 28-July 4
403	The Importance of Watching Your life and spiritual well-being depend on hearing and acting upon God's warning messages made clear in His Word.	Darris McNeely	<i>You Can Understand Bible Prophecy</i>	July 5-11
404	Discerning the Time of Jesus' Return Do you recognize the critical signs of perilous events that will occur before Jesus Christ's second coming?	Steve Myers	<i>Seven Prophetic Signs Before Jesus Returns</i>	July 12-18
405	The Sure Cure for Anxiety and Fear When you face tragedy or a difficult situation with no apparent solution, learn what will carry you through.	Gary Petty	<i>Why Am I Suffering?</i>	July 19-25