

SABBATH ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

North Canton & Youngstown, OH; Pittsburgh, PA; Wheeling, WV Congregations
United Church of God, *an International Association*

September 26, 2020

North Canton: 2:00 PM – Gateway Event Center
Youngstown: 2:00 PM – Holiday Inn Express, Youngstown W.
Pittsburgh: 2:00 PM – Deer Creek Church
Wheeling: 11:00 AM – Country Day School Gymnasium

2:00 p.m. local webcast -> <https://www.ucg.org/congregations/north-canton-oh/webcast>

NEXT FEW WEEKS

(may be subject to change)

Day of Atonement, Monday, September 28	North Canton: 2:00 PM – Gateway Event Center Youngstown: 2:00 PM – Holiday Inn Express, Youngstown W. Pittsburgh: 1:00 PM – Deer Creek Church Wheeling: 1:00 PM – Belmont Gymnasium
Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day Sabbath, Oct. 3* thru Sabbath, Oct. 10**	Various Festival locations - around the U.S. and the globe, for some at home *Opening service at sunset on the evening of Oct. 2 nd **Last Great Day on the 8 th and final day of the Feast, is a stand alone Holy Day
Sabbath, October 17	2 PM webcast – No in-person services
Sabbath, October 24	Services in-person – Usual times and places

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Scheduling: To my email for church events, visits or counseling, and please copy my wife Linda ldstiver@gmail.com.

Announcements: Please send to my email *and* copy to Amanda Stiver at anstiver@gmail.com as she helps process them each week.

1. LOCAL PRAYER REQUESTS and UPDATES

(If you notice that your prayer request needs updating, please drop us an email or a call with an update. Thank you!)

On-going:

- **John Williamson** (Husband of Lisa Williamson, & son-in-law of Louis and Carol Petit in North Canton) – Battling Large B-Cell Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and will be going through an allogenic stem cell transplant (donated from John's brother) within the next couple weeks. There are serious risks involved such as instant death, Graft-versus-Host Disease (GVHD), disease of the liver, as well as getting another form of cancer. Please pray that the transplant goes well and that God shows John mercy, love, and complete healing.
- **Steve Richmond** (Cambridge) – Painful, ongoing cancer, upcoming treatments, and a longer range move to his daughter's home near Toledo. Please keep him in your prayers. (See Announcement #2)
- **Covid-19** – Please keep the health of all our brethren in your prayers.

- **Feast Travel** – Remember the safety of our brethren traveling to the Feast. We live in significantly more dangerous dynamics than we did six months ago. Also, please ask God to protect the dwellings of those who will be away (and at home) for the Feast.
- **Feasting in Place** - Remember those in the U.S. and other parts of the world where brethren can't meet for the Feast. Please pray for God's blessing on their spiritual Feast!

2. SCRAP BOOK PROJECT for STEVE RICHMOND

Stephen Richmond is not well enough to attend the feast this year. The Cambridge church is making a scrap book for him as a feast gift and would like to give you an opportunity to participate as well. Please use a regular size sheet of paper (8-1/2 x 11) and add pictures of you and your family, write a poem or letter, share a scripture, any other idea you may have to give him something to pass the time and share a bit of yourself with him to cheer him up. Give the completed sheet to Susan Miller by Atonement or send it directly to him. Stephen Richmond, 232 Dover Rd NE, Sugarcreek, OH 44681

3. FEAST OF TABERNACLES DAILY CHURCH SERVICE WEBCAST

(For those unable to be at a Feast site.)

A greater number of members will be not be able to attend the Feast of Tabernacles in person this year. In the United States, church services will be webcast live from Panama City Beach, Florida, in the central time zone and St. George, Utah, in the mountain time zone.

To find the time of daily services, go to feast.ucg.org and hover over the "Feast" menu bar item. One of the drop down items is "2020 Webcasts." No passcodes are needed to connect to the webcast.

If you will not be attending a Feast site and haven't done so yet, please register under the category of "Celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles Online." Besides getting encouraging articles and updates throughout the Feast and watching the webcast of services, we have also added a daily episode of "Faces and Places" that will feature interviews, video journals, greetings, music and more from our brethren around the world. For more details, or to register: <https://www.ucg.org/members/feast/sites/2020/celebrating-the-feast-of-tabernacles-online>

— Charles Melear

4. U.S. HOLY DAY OFFERING PROCEDURES – For Those *Not* Meeting In Person

NOTE: For those attending Atonement services locally, we *will* take up an offering on site as usual.

If you will not be meeting in person, here are three ways that you can conveniently make your Holy Day offering in the U.S.

Donate Online

Many members already use our website's online donation page at donate.ucg.org to give their Holy Day offerings when they are not able to be at those services—as well as their regular tithes and offerings. About a week in advance of each upcoming Holy Day, the offering for that Holy Day will be added to the donation page; it will remain on the page for about a week after the Holy Day, so you will be able to make your offering online, if you prefer.

If you are new to online donations, we have produced a video that walks you through the process:

<https://www.ucg.org/members/news/how-to-donate-online>

If you use the online option, please note the following:

- Please include your PIN (the number that begins with "U" on your green Holy Day offering envelopes, just above your name and address.) This greatly speeds up the processing here at the home office. When a PIN is omitted, it requires extra work on the part of the personnel here at the home office to ensure the donation is being credited to you.

- To optimize your offering, please use the “Online eCheck” option, which is the same as writing a check for your offering—because using your credit card for payment costs the Church around 3% of the donation amount to process.

Banking Bill Payment

Others may choose to use a “bill pay” service through their bank. Again, if you choose to pay this way, in the section for your “account number,” please list your PIN and then, in addition, please put one of these codes after your PIN: (H4=Trumpets, H5=Atonement, H6=Tabernacles, H7=Eighth Day). This will help us credit the correct fund for your donation receipt.

Sent by Mail

For those who choose to mail their Holy Day offerings, please use the green Holy Day offering envelopes which were mailed to you earlier. Please use a separate check and envelope for each Holy Day offering. You will then need to place these envelopes into another carrier envelope and mail to the following address:

United Church of God - HDO

P.O. Box 541027

Cincinnati, OH 45254-1027

Thank you for your cooperation during these extraordinary times we find ourselves in this year.

— Ministerial and Member Services

SPECIAL RESOURCES FOR DURING THE COVID-19 SITUATION

GUIDELINES FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES

- Hymns can be sung, but masks *must* be worn.
- Plan to arrive about 15 minutes before service start time.
- Masks are mandatory for age 10 and above for Ohio. They are mandatory in PA for age 2 and above. In West Virginia masks are required for age 9 and up.
- We will take attendance as you enter with three basic questions about your exposure to Covid-19.
- An infrared, touchless thermometer will be used to check for fever if needed.
- Ushers will seat you, if needed, to provide for the necessary 6-foot, social-distancing.
- Family groups will be seated together.
- There will be no food or drinks (personal water bottles are excepted).
- Please remember to wipe down all surfaces touched when using the restroom (wipes are provided).
- After services we will vacate the hall within 15 or so minutes, but we can visit outside.

COVID-19 Links and Resources:

Ohio COVID-19 Risk Level Guidelines for the Public:
<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/OPHASM/COVID-19-Risk-Level-Guidelines-GP.pdf>

National: <https://www.coronavirus.gov/>

Ohio:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>

Pennsylvania:

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

West Virginia: <https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>

UCG Updates and Hymn links:

UCG home office:

<https://www.ucg.org/members/news/united-church-of-god-coronavirus-updates>

UCG Hymnal recordings and other links:

<https://www.ucg.org/members/hymnal>

PHONE HOOK-UP to Home Office Webcasts

Phone hook-up to the webcast services from Cincinnati (2:30PM on Sabbaths) directions:

Please call no earlier than 5 minutes before services. If the Home Office has not activated the meeting, the caller will be put on hold, and then asked to call again later.

Calling Directions:

For those who can pay for long distance calls or have an unlimited phone calling plan:

Call: 1-508-924-1634

No access code needed.