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FESTIVAL BROCHURE

This Festival Brochure is your information guide to this year's Feast of Tabernacles here in Hagerstown. Be sure to read it and become familiar with its contents. It contains virtually all of the information you will need while you are here. Since we have a limited number of copies, please keep it with you at services and refer to it often.

INFORMATION CENTER

The Information Center is located in the lobby of the Grand Ballroom. It will be open one hour before and a half hour after services to assist you. The Hagerstown Convention and Visitors Bureau will also have a table in the lobby to provide us with information about the area and its' attractions. You'll find area maps, brochures of attractions, shopping information, menus from restaurants, church literature, lost & found items, and other information all available to help you enjoy your time at the Feast.

FEAST VIDEO PRESENTATION

"Being About Our Father's Business"

We are pleased to once again have a special sermon video presentation at the Feast this year that focuses on the mission and vision of the Church. God is bringing many sons to glory, and we are a part of that vision.

In the sermon video presentation titled, "Being About Our Father's Business," we will be examining the work of God's Church and how it relates to us as sons and daughters in God's family as we prepare for His Kingdom.

The core of the sermon video is split-messages by the chairman, Clyde Kilough, and the president, Roy Holladay. Each man gives an up-beat, inspiring message that focuses on the Feast of Tabernacles, but also on why are we being prepared as the people of God, the size of the job, and how this relates to the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles.

The message will get you excited about the day-to-day work in which we are involved and show what United is doing to accomplish its mission. You'll also hear from members with first-person accounts of how they were called into God's Church. In addition, this year we will focus on one international area, Mexico, and see what is being done to preach the gospel and prepare the people in that region of the world. We hope to focus on an area outside the United States each year from now on.

PARENT'S ROOM

We have provided a Parent's Room for both moms and dads to change baby diapers and settle fussy children. The Parent's Room will be located in the Crystal Ballroom. A privacy area has been set up for mothers with nursing infants. Please do not bring in any noisy toys. If older children accompany a parent and infant, please make sure they sit quietly with you and do not disturb others. Since parents are listening to services, please restrict your talking to that required for the needs of your child. Attendants are on duty to assist you. Discipline of children *should not* be carried out in these rooms. Please use the Parent's Room for the minimum amount of time needed, and then return to your seats.

COUNSELING AND ANOINTING

Elders will be on duty one hour before and a half hour after services daily in the Anointing Room, located in the Lobby of the Grand Ballroom. During services an elder will be sitting in the designated area in the front left seating section, four rows back. At all other times call the UCG Anointing number, (see inside front cover for the phone number) with your request, and an elder will answer the

phone. If there is an elder staying at your hotel please contact him first, if possible, with your request. *If you feel that you may have a contagious illness, do not come to services to be anointed. Please call for an anointing.*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

All children ages five through twelve who will be singing in the Children's Choir will have only one rehearsal this year on the morning of the performance. All singers are asked to report to the stage at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, October 15th, for their rehearsal. Remember that children should have already learned the music before to coming to the Feast. The rehearsal is primarily for the purpose of organizing the children.

FESTIVAL YOUTH INSTRUCTION

The Festival Youth Instruction Program is being offered once again this year for students in Kindergarten through Junior high school. Our program is entitled *Kingdom Rock* and takes its inspiration from the fact that Jesus Christ is our Rock and the Chief Corner Stone of God's spiritual temple (1Cor.10:4, Eph.2:20). Our lessons are designed to help parents teach their children how to build their lives on the rock of Christ's teachings, which will be the basis of the World Tomorrow (Mat.7:24). The format will emphasize the four elements of a kingdom giving age appropriate lessons for our children including Bible stories, crafts, games, songs and memory scriptures. All supplies will be provided, but those students in the upper grades should bring a pencil and his/her Bible.

This year the classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday beginning promptly at 9:30 AM and will conclude in time for all children and instructors to hear the scheduled sermon for the day. Parents are asked to escort their children to the classrooms at 9:15 AM, and pick them up during the hymn immediately after the special music.

In order for your children to take advantage of these classes, parents are requested to register their children at the Information Center as soon as possible so that we will know how many children will be in each class. We encourage parents to register their children at the beginning of the Feast for this spiritually informative opportunity!

TEEN ACTIVITY

Teens will enjoy an evening of activity on Saturday, September 21, from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM at the Clarion. An Ice Cream Social (build your own sundaes!) and mixer activity will kick off the evening. The Ice Cream social will be the perfect opportunity to meet all the teens who have come to Hagerstown this year and plan your other Feast activities. The activity will be held in the Hagar Room - the back right corner of the Grand Ballroom. Don't miss this chance to meet with friends and meet new people!

TEEN BIBLE STUDY

"Give Me Some Ammunition!"

How do you know that the Bible is true? Is it just another old book that men wrote, or can we prove that this is God's writing? Make a point of joining Mr. Dave Myers and our young people Friday evening, October 17, at 7:30 PM in the Grand Ballroom for an interactive, enjoyable, and educational Bible study as we provide ammunition to prove that the Bible - God's Book - is the book to live by!

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY SEMINAR

"Go Against the Flow -- Proving Christianity Practical"

Obedying God presents a daunting challenge in today's hectic, secular world. Worldviews, attitudes and decisions rarely focus on godly principles. The moral and spiritual benchmark found in the Holy Scriptures no longer serves as a given in American culture. This year's Young Adult Festival Seminar zeroes in on living God's truth in spite of adverse societal challenges. The session presents the dynamic proof that God's way is practical and workable. Those courageous enough to go against the flow, trusting and obeying our great God, stand as evidence of that divine wisdom. The "Star

Spangled Banner” and U.S. currency say, “In God We Trust.” Are you an example of one who truly trusts in God? All young adults – from high school graduate through 30-something” – are encouraged to join us for this special presentation hosted by Mr. Paul Luecke, designed to increase our understanding of today’s world. The Young Adult Seminar will take place on Friday evening, October 17, at 7:30 PM in the Crystal Ballroom. The seminar will last about 60-75 minutes and will be followed by lights snacks and fellowship!

BIBLE STUDY

“The Transfiguration - Lessons For Today”

The transfiguration account contains the first time the word “tabernacle” is used in the New Testament. What lessons can we learn from this amazing New Testament event? The gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke - the synoptic gospels - bring out various points about the transfiguration. Join Mr. Kevin Epps for a fascinating Bible Study on Thursday evening at 7:30 PM in the Grand Ballroom.

FAMILY DAY ACTIVITIES

The beautiful grounds of the Washington County Agricultural Education Center will host Family Day on Wednesday, October 15th. Families will be able to enjoy a carnival atmosphere with lawn games, music, fellowship and food! Luxury coaches will transport you to the Center after services and return you in shifts with the last shuttle departing the park at 6:00 PM. Lunch will be served at the park, followed by picnic games and fellowship - a great old-fashioned family day! For those who would like to play some ball games on the lawn, bring your softball glove, bat, frisbee, football, etc. For those who would like to play more "relaxing" games inside the pavilion, bring along your card deck or other table games. And get ready to participate in--or be entertained by--novelty lawn games such as three-legged races, water balloon toss, races, and much more. Kids...you might even see a clown there!

Also on the grounds is the Washington County Rural Heritage Museum where we can relive a previous era when our nation was primarily a farming community. The museum (free admission) contains more than 2,000 items, including exhibits of a typical General Store, examples of rural living, such as a farm kitchen, parlor, a country church, and examples of modes of travel, such as an original Conestoga wagon, sleighs and sleds. Other exhibits contain equipment and artifacts used by local farmers. Upon arrival, there is a short video to introduce visitors to the museum.

Tickets for lunch at Family Day must be purchased no later than Monday afternoon at the Grand Ballroom Ticket Table (front right of the auditorium before or after services. Parking is limited at the Center, so we encourage everyone to ride the shuttles which will depart from the front of the Conference Center.

FAMILY FUN SHOW

Following the Family Day activities at the Agricultural Center on Wednesday, October 15, the brethren will join together at 7:30 PM at the Clarion for the Family Fun and Talent Show. Members from around the country are prepared to share their talent, skit or musical performance with all who attend. Don’t miss this opportunity to draw closer to your spiritual family and have a great time!

SINGLES-IN-THE-MIDDLE

Throughout the Feast we will have a hospitality area in the Argosy Room of the Tortuga Restaurant at the Clarion for our “singles-in-the-middle” - singles ages 30-55. Come in and enjoy light refreshments before services on most mornings. Use the hospitality room for fellowship and as a staging ground for the activities you organize for yourselves. Don’t miss this opportunity to develop friendships and spend some time together.

SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTIVITY

Our seniors are cordially invited to an afternoon luncheon right here at the Clarion on Thursday, October 16, at 1:00 PM. Lunch, followed by an afternoon of music and fellowship will be enjoyed by all. All senior citizens age 60 and up are encouraged to attend the luncheon to take place in the Atrium area. The menu will delight you with salad with warm whole wheat rolls, a main dish of delicate Herb Roasted Chicken served with Wild Rice, Californian Blend Mixed Vegetables, complemented by a dessert of warm apple pie topped with caramel sauce and ice cream. Lunch will be followed with entertainment provided by our very own brethren! The cost of the activity will be funded by donations. To get an idea of how many to prepare for, we must ask each senior to sign up for the luncheon at the Information Center as soon as possible. Anyone of any age who would like to donate to help others attend this luncheon is asked to please do so at the Information Center.

LAST GREAT DAY LUNCHEON

Rather than rush out between services on the Last Great Day to try to find a meal, plan to enjoy lunch together with your brothers and sisters. A lunch buffet will be set up in the Atrium area of the pool here at the Clarion so brethren will be able to walk over after morning services to eat a relaxing lunch and make it back in plenty of time for afternoon services.

The buffet luncheon will consist of Tossed Salad, Tri-Color Pasta Salad, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli, Beef Tips over Rice; Lemmon Pepper Chicken, steamed Broccoli, warm rolls, beverages, and a choice of assorted fruit or cream pies for dessert. Cost for this wonderful buffet will be \$12 for adults, and \$8 for children ages 4-12. Tickets must be purchased no later than Thursday afternoon at the Ticket Sales Table at the left front of the auditorium. The luncheon is limited to the first 400 people who purchase tickets.

SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER'S "ABRAHAM"

On Monday, October 13 at 1:00 PM a luxury coach will pick up 'Abraham' ticket holders at the front entrance to the Grand Ballroom here at the Clarion to begin your trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania. During the bus ride you will be served a box lunch to hold you over until the evening meal. Your destination is the renowned Sight & Sound Living Waters Theater where you will be treated to a spectacular live performance of "*Abraham & Sarah - A Journey of Love*", a musical dramatization of the biblical story of Abraham. This adventure will follow Abraham from his homeland in Ur across the plains and desert to Egypt, to the fertile land of Mamre. During their journey they must face numerous challenges, but God never forsakes them and the child they were promised is finally born. This will be a truly an outstanding performance - one of the highlights of your Feast. Following the performance you will be taken to the Willow Valley Family Resort for a sumptuous smorgasbord. You will return to the Clarion at approximately 11:00 PM. For those who have purchased advanced tickets, please stop by the ticket sales counter in the ballroom lobby to pick up your tickets. While all seats are sold, you may check at the booth for any last minute cancellations.

WASHINGTON D.C. TOUR

For those who have purchased advanced tickets for the Washington D.C. tour, please stop by the ticket sales counter in the ballroom lobby to pick up your boarding passes. On Tuesday, meet at 12:45 PM in the ballroom lobby. A host or hostess will help you get settled on the correct bus. At 1:00 PM the luxury coach will depart to begin your tour of Washington D.C. with a box lunch to eat on the bus. The Smithsonian Museum, dinner and an evening tour of the monuments awaits you. After the tour you will be dropped off at the Clarion at approximately 11:00 PM. For those who have not purchased advanced tickets and would like to go, please stop by the Information Center to see if there are any open seats.

BALTIMORE TRIP

For those who have purchased advanced tickets for the Baltimore trip, please stop by the Ticket Sales Counter in the Grand Ballroom lobby to pick up your boarding passes and information about Baltimore. At 1:00 PM on Sunday, a luxury coach will pick you up at the ballroom lobby to begin your trip to Baltimore with a box lunch to eat on the bus. You'll be dropped off at Baltimore's renowned Inner Harbor area. *Harborplace* and *The Gallery* feature a mix of 101 unique shops, 16 sit-down restaurants and 40 diverse eateries, as well as live entertainment on the waterfront. You may wish to visit the Maryland Science Center (three floors of hands-on exhibits featuring the Chesapeake Bay, Structures, Hubble Space Telescope, Beyond Numbers, Energy, IMAX five-story theater, Davis Planetarium, or the National Aquarium (world-famous attraction features sharks, dolphins, rays, tropical fish, and 10,000 other creatures in naturalistic exhibits including a walk-through living rain forest). See the information provided at the Ticket Sales Counter for the prices of these activities. You will be dropped off at the Clarion at about 10:00 PM. For those who have not purchased advanced tickets and would like to go, please stop by the ticket sales counter to see if there are any open seats.

NEW SUPPLEMENTAL HYMNAL

We are happy to announce that the new supplemental hymnal has arrived in time for our use at the Feast of Tabernacles. This is another step toward our plan to have a complete, hardbound hymnal for the Church. As you may know, the entire membership was asked to submit and recommend songs for consideration. Each proposed hymn was judged by 43 criteria including doctrinal accuracy of the text, musical quality, musical accuracy and suitability. After extensive assessment of hundreds of hymns, 65 songs were chosen to be a part of this supplement. Songs include old favorites as well as new compositions written by UCG members. While the new hymnal will be 'broken in' here at the Feast, an appropriate number of these hymnals will be distributed to each congregation after the

Feast, so we would ask that you please not take copies home. We hope you enjoy our new supplemental hymnal!

HOUSING SURVEY

Friday, October 17, the Housing Surveys will be distributed. Each head of household should fill one out. This information greatly assists in future negotiations and provides legitimate feedback to the hotels. Return your completed Housing Survey form to an usher or the Information Center.

BUSINESS OFFICE

The Business Office is located off the walkway between the ballroom and the hotel lobby in the Burriss Room. Office hours are one hour before and a half hour after services daily, except on the Sabbaths. Tithes and offerings may be turned in at the Business Office during business hours. The Business Office cannot cash personal checks.

MERCHANDISING

It is inappropriate to sell, display or distribute at our Information Center anything of a commercial or fund-raising nature. Only those materials approved by the Festival Coordinator may be distributed at the Feast Sites. No other religious material, or any political materials, can be displayed or distributed at any Festival Site of the United Church of God, *an International Association*.

APPLAUSE AT THE FEAST

The United Church God, an International Association requests that you not applaud for sermonettes, sermons or special music during the Feast. One exception to this request continues to be the performance of the children's choir. In general it can be shown that the Bible makes a distinction between music for worship and music for celebrating and entertaining. There is no biblical statement

prohibiting applause but since special music is a part of our service worshipping God we request that you refrain from applauding and offer any encouragement or appreciation to the individuals on a personal level. A number of musicians and singers have stated a preference for no applause, wishing only to contribute to our worship of God. To those who feel this way, it is embarrassing to receive applause for their efforts.