Announcements – December 14, 2019

**Teen Bible Study, Today:** Derrick Fenger will lead the Teen Bible Study, which will be held in the Conference Room at 1:30 p.m. today.

**Volleyball, This Evening:** The Volleyball League will play at the Nothin’ But Net Sports Complex at 6:00 p.m. today.

**Feast Greeting Card Project, 12/15:** We need volunteers to make cards for those who are unable to attend the Feast of Tabernacles. They are beautifully crafted hand-made cards that are created with love and greatly appreciated by the recipients. This is a project that is done every year at each US Feast site. This past feast, Cincinnati mailed out well over 100 cards! There will be a workshop at the Home Office at noon tomorrow for all who would like to be a part of this project and express their creativity by making cards. Susan Graham, who started the program in 2004, will give a brief presentation at noon on ideas for creating these cards. We will then spend the remaining time getting started on cards for 2020. Our goal is to train more individuals to serve in this rewarding, creative role. If you are interested, please contact Laura Peabody at 626-379-8314 so that we will know how many to anticipate. Please note that this will be a fragrance-free activity. That is very much appreciated.

**Winter Family Weekend (WFW):**
- **Sabbath Services, 12/21** – The hall here at the Home Office will be open for brethren who prefer not to drive to Great Wolf Lodge next Sabbath. Services will be webcast at 2:30 p.m. *Please note that there will be no morning services.*
- **Announcements, 12/21** – There will be no announcements printed next Sabbath, but they will be posted on the Cincinnati East website [https://www.ucg.org/congregations/cincinnati-east-oh](https://www.ucg.org/congregations/cincinnati-east-oh). If you are a member of the Cincinnati East online community, an e-mail with a link to the announcements will be sent to you Friday evening.
- **Board Games and Puzzles** – If you have any new or gently used board games or puzzles that you are no longer using, please consider donating them for others to enjoy at WFW. You can drop them off at the Information Desk at the Great Wolf Lodge Conference Center.
- **Special Occasion Dress Boutique, 12/22** – We will once again have a Dress Boutique during Winter Family Weekend. This event is not just for prom-goers! Anyone who has special occasion wear can donate and anyone who has a special event coming up can shop for a dress. *You do not have to donate a dress to pick one up.* We want all of our ladies to attend their special events in style!
  
  The boutique will run from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 22, in Room Northwest C, but dresses can be dropped off beginning at 3:30 p.m. Please bring your *clean, wearable* formal or semiformal dresses to either exchange for another dress or donate for others to wear. If you have questions, please contact Eileen Sharkey at eileens47@yahoo.com.

**Game and Card Night, 1/4:** Come join us for an evening of games, cards or just fellowship at the Home Office from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. on January 4. Bring your favorite board games or deck of cards and get ready for some fun. The kitchen will be closed that night so no food or drinks will be provided. However, anyone wanting to bring finger-food snacks and drinks may do so. They can be served in the dining area.

**Youth Instruction/Sabbath School Classes, 1/11:** Our next classes will be held on January 11. The Children’s Choir will also meet for rehearsal.

**Choir Signup and Music Handout, 1/11:** Attention, singers! We will be handing out the music for next year’s choir performances in the Video Recording Studio beginning at 1:00 p.m. on January 11. This is also a great time to join the choir! We will have a short optional rehearsal to run through the new music starting at 1:15 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Katherine Rowland at katherine_rowland@ucg.org.

**Annual "Growing in the Faith" Weekend – Stewartville, MN, 1/17-20:** All young adults are invited to join us over the weekend of January 17-20 at the Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch near Stewartville, Minnesota, to strengthen your growing relationship with God through His word. The theme this year is “Developing a Personal Relationship with God...”
through His Word.” In addition to Sabbath services and interactive seminars attendees will enjoy games, a karaoke contest, snow-tubing, a dance and just hanging out together. Additional information and the process for registration can be found at www.growinginthefaith.com.

**Eighth Annual Atlanta Ski Trip, 2/2**: The Eighth Annual Atlanta Ski Trip is scheduled this year for Sunday, February 2, at Ober Gatlinburg, Tennessee. If you are interested in participating, please stop by the Information Table and pick up a copy of the flyer, which has additional details on housing and registration.

**Costume Dance 2020, 2/8**: Come one, come all! Join us for an evening of whimsy, fantasy, adventure and mystery. Don your masks, your hats, your gowns and your paws. The Cincinnati East Social Committee invites you to dress up in your chosen attire and join us for our Costume Dance 2020! *Save the date for the evening of February 8* and start getting those costumes together. Be on the lookout for more information to come!

**Perfect North Slopes Activity, 2/9**: We plan to have our yearly Snow Tubing/Ski/Snowboard Activity on Sunday, February 9, at Perfect North Slopes, weather permitting. For those who want to Snow Tube, the cost is $20 for a 2-hour tubing ticket and $25 for a 3-hour tubing ticket. And yes, there is a magic carpet that carries you to the top of the hill. For those who are more adventurous and would like to Ski or Snowboard, the cost for an 8-hour lift ticket is $39, which includes an introductory lesson, if needed. Snow Tubing is also included as part of the 8-hour lift ticket. Ski/Snowboard Rental (including helmet) is $20, and you can switch back and forth between the two if desired. Informational handouts and signup sheets are available at the Information Table. Please contact Duane Phelps at phelpsd20@me.com or 513-633-8825 with any questions.

**Ambassador Bible College (ABC) – Annual Fundraiser**: ABC has created a magnetic yearly planner for 2020 that features God’s Holy Days and other important dates. This 8.5” x 11” glossy magnetic refrigerator calendar can be written on (and erased) with a dry erase marker to mark other events or appointments. The calendar is helpful as a Feast planner and has already been printed, so we can ship quickly. Volume allows ABC to make these available at $5 each. Individual calendars can be mailed to a home address for an additional $1 ($6 total).

To order a calendar, please sign the list at the Information Table. Be sure to include your address if you would like the calendar mailed to you. For payment please make your check out to “ABC Student Fund” and either drop it in the box at the Information Table or mail it to: Ambassador Bible College, Attn: Dylan Riess, 555 Techne Center Dr, Milford, OH 45150. If you have questions, please e-mail ABCfundraiser@ucg.org. Thank you in advance for your support of ABC.

**Inside United Podcast - Radio and Religion in Sri Lanka**: Rohan De Silva joins Victor Kubik to discuss his career as a mainstream radio host in Colombo, Sri Lanka, as well as the religious climate in his country. (Original broadcast date: October 18, 2018) You can listen to this and previous podcasts at [https://www.ucg.org/inside-united-podcast](https://www.ucg.org/inside-united-podcast).

**Beyond Today Airing Schedule**: *Beyond Today* TV airs on WGN America at 5:00 a.m. on Saturdays and at 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 FiOptics does not carry WGN America. (To find the channel carrying WGN America in other areas please visit [wgnamerica.com/channel-finder](http://www.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.)

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