Oberlin College’s Weltzheimer/Johnson House is a late example of a Usonian home by Frank Lloyd Wright. Completed in 1949, it is the first Usonian house in Ohio and one of the few in the nation open to the public. Wright designed these houses to achieve the aesthetic richness, sense of connection to nature, and spaciousness of his earlier Prairie Style houses in a small and “affordable” plan for the average middle-class family. The late Ellen H. Johnson, a professor of art history at Oberlin College, purchased the house in 1968 and spent many years restoring it. Johnson bequeathed it to the college in 1992.

Open Houses are held April through November on the first Sunday of the month, from 12–5 p.m., except on Easter and Independence Day. Docent presentations on the history and architecture of the house begin on the hour at noon, 1, 2, 3, and 4 p.m.

Admission is $10.00 (cash). Online pre-registration is highly recommended.

DIRECTIONS FROM THE MUSEUM: The house is located approximately 1.5 miles west of town. Take Lorain Street (State Route 511) west to Pyle-South Amherst Road. Turn left (south) on Pyle and proceed three blocks to Morgan Street. Turn left on Morgan. Parking is available on the south side of Morgan Street (golf course side). A gravel walkway leads to the house.

534 Morgan Street