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The Gathering at Northern Hills, A Unitarian Universalist Community



The Harbinger

The Gathering at Northern Hills is a congregation of free people

As such, we celebrate diversity and welcome to our services all persons, irrespective of race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, or faith.

We invite and welcome to our membership those in agreement with our purposes and principles.

Website:

http://www.gnhuu.org

Join GNH Sunday Morning Services at 10:45

or Join GNH on Zoom https://zoom.us/j/91833287637

Please email gnhuu460@gmail.com to receive additional Church information



April is known for being a month of awareness and celebration, with observances like National Minority Health Month, National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, as well as Earth Day and Easter.

Sanctuary Services

Join GNH Zoom Sunday Morning Service Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/91833287637

GNH currently offers hybrid services.
You may attend in our sanctuary or online via our Zoom Link:

All past service videos can be found on the church webpage: gnhuu.org

Click where it says "View the latest service videos here" and the most recent service video will appear.

At the top right of the video you will see a three line icon, click this to access other service videos.

Masks Consideration

COVIDACTNOW.org states that our area is at a MEDIUM level of community risk for COVID,

Please consider your personal situation and make the choice that is right for you.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MESSAGE

This Sunday, April 6, 2025, We hope that Sue Woodruff will be in good health again to deliver her presentation on her Spiritual Journey.

This Sunday (April 6) is Soup Sunday

Next Sunday, April 13, 2025 is PALM Sunday

Sunday, April 20, 2025 - is Easter Sunday. Our topic is: "Is Easter just another Sunday for UUs?", and our Speaker is Rev. Les Tacy

Supporting Our Charities

The Women's Action Network has continued support of our favored charities with donations from the GNH Outreach Fund. Donations of \$100 each go to the Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth, Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center, UpSpring, and Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank.

Our Outreach Fund depends on donations and the Kroger Community Rewards Fund. If you are not signed up for the Kroger Fund, see the Harbinger for detailed information.

We have now exhausted our grant funds for hygiene kits and will need to seek other sources for the future. If you have any knowledge of possible sources of grant money, please contact Pete Patterson or a member of the Women's Action Network.



Book Club, 1st Friday of each month in GNH Quimby Room at 1:00 PM

April 4, 2025 - "Small Things Like These" by Claire Keegan



May 2, 2025 – "<u>The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store"</u> by James McBride

June 6, 2025 – "An Unfinished Love Story" by Doris Kernes Goodwin July 4, 2025 – "By The Fire We Carry" by Rebecca Nagle

August 1, 2025 - "Miss Benson's Beetle" by Rachel Joyce

GNH BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

3:00 to 4:00 pm.
Discussion via Zoom

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm via Zoom.

Our topic is: "Is Mental Time Travel Good For Us?"

This is a short, informal meeting of a casual group f GNH members and friends. ALL are welcome to join this session.

If you are not already on the mailing list to receive the Zoom link and preparation email, contact Susanne Bjorner susanne.bjorner@gmail.com or Sue Cline scline0149@gmail.com.

Lighthouse Shelter for Youth

April 9, 2024, Every Second Wednesday of the Month, at 12:00 PM.

All drop off food is welcome.

Cook and/or Serve Lunch for homeless youth

We arrive at the Lighthouse at 11:30 and serve at noon. Contact Cheryl if anyone wants to donate food.



GNH CARE TEAM For Emergency Contact Information

We would like to keep basic emergency contact information for any member who lives alone or anyone who feels they would like the Care Team to have the information. This would include a family member or friend who could be contacted if there is some concern when someone has not been seen at services & has had no contact with anyone for a while. Participation is purely voluntary. If you are interested please contact your Care Team members through our designated email (gnhcareteam@gmail.com) or speak to one of us at services. Anita, Becky, Betsy, Linda, Marti, Sue Woodruff, Susanne Bjorner, Ruth

CARE TEAM BIRTH DATES REQUEST

The Care Team would like to get birthdates for as many members as we can who would like to receive greetings on their birthday. We ask that you email the Care Team with your birth date. Including the year would be optional. "The Care Team would like to celebrate you on your birthday.

Please send your birth date (year is optional) in an email to the Care Team at gmail.com if you would like to receive birthday greetings. If you have a birthday list you are willing to share we would surely appreciate it. "Please contact Ruth Kraus at ruth.kraus@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

There is a basket at the back of the sanctuary for anyone who would like to donate cards for the Care Team's use. All donations will be appreciated.

GNH Community Garden



GNH COMMUNITY GARDEN ... Calling all Gardeners!

It's time to start working on our Community Garden!

More information to come in the next Harbinger



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Please offer prayers and good thoughts
For all our members' and friends' peace and wisdom

Please contact Adrienne at ghnuu460@gmail.com
If you know of any member or friend with care needs.



Ways to give to GNH

GNH is grateful for all those who have kept up with their pledges during the pandemic and days of virtual services.

As you know, there are several ways to give of your financial resources to GNH:

- Mail a check to GNH.
- Ask your bank or credit union to mail a monthly check automatically. Many banks do not charge fees for this service. Check with your bank.
- Set up monthly or quarterly automatic payments from your investment accounts. Talk to your financial adviser.
- Use our online giving app, Givelify. Set up your personal confidential account at https://giv.li/phv85g. Download the Givelify app to your smartphone using the Apple Store or Google Play. Once you have the app, donating to GNH is as easy as Tap. Give. Done. (Note that Givelify charges GNH a transaction fee of 2.9% on each transaction, so you may want to increase your online donation by a small percentage to compensate.)

NEWSLETTER POLICY (September 2008)

All items that appear in the Harbinger should be of general interest to the members and friends of GNH and be consistent with GNH's mission, purposes, and policies.

Newsletter submission should be as brief as possible, with a 500 word maximum. The editor has the right and responsibility to edit as needed to ensure conciseness and readability. The editor also has the right to delay publishing non-time-critical articles as available space may require.

The newsletter editor may refuse publication if a submission is considered inappropriate.

The editor shall consult with the minister and the Trustee who holds the communication portfolio for guidance in what shall be published.

Members of GNH shall have the choice to receive the Harbinger electronically or via paper mail. The newsletter shall be posted on the website. Do not submit names or contact information without the consent of other persons.

The Harbinger mailing list shall not be used for business purposes or for any type of mailings

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OFFICE HOURS



NEXT Harbinger

Our Next Harbinger will be Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Please have all articles to the office by
10 a.m. by the deadline, Monday,
April 14, 2025 before the
Harbinger is published.
Space can be
reserved on the rare occasion an article needs to be late.