

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 agree-
ment 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**



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 20, 2025

Popular guest and friend of GNH **Les Tacy** asks "**Is Easter Just Another Sunday for UUs?**" Acknowledging that the meaning of Easter, and significant events that happen in other faith traditions, is different for each of us, Les explores the impacts of this time of year, and the meaning we derive from it.

Next Sunday, April 27, 2025,

"Turbulence: Thoughts on navigating the bumpy ride. "Join **Diane Wright** as we consider Unitarian Universalist responses to turbulence. Diane has been doing a lot of flying lately, and we'll consider all the ways humans manage the bumpy-ness we encounter.

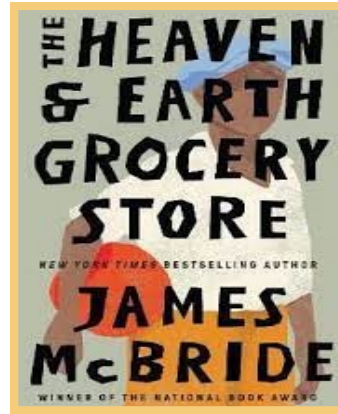
Sunday, May 4, 2025

Members **Andrew Ketterer** and **Sera Morris** join forces to help us understand some of the challenges of mental illness, as we enter the observance of **Mental Health Awareness Month**.

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

May 2, 2025 – “**The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store**”

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

Every Second Tuesday

3:00 to 4:00 pm.

Discussion via Zoom

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13, 2025
from 3:00 to 4:00 pm via Zoom.**

This is a short, informal meeting of a casual group of 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

May 14, 2025,

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 gnhcareteam@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



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.





UUA NEWSLETTER

UNITARIOAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION



Chris Northcross/UUA

Image description: UUA President Sofia Betancourt stands in the middle of a group of UUs outside the national Capitol in D.C. Some wear clergy stoles, some hold protest signs, many are smiling, and others hold up raised fists. Many wear Side With Love yellow shirts and hats and a sign saying, "It's time for moral courage." is dis-

As many of us begin to enjoy seasonal changes associated with this time of year—flowers, new growth, and more sunlight—we continue to be bombarded with fear-based attacks on ourselves, our Shared Values, and our loved ones and communities. It is exhausting and deeply troubling. Yet through it all, Unitarian Universalists continue to care for one another and show up for our religious values. Recently, UU and UUA leaders participated in [public witness events in Washington, DC](#) and news stories from Georgia to California quoted [UUs involved in Hands Off! protests](#) nationwide. We are so inspired by and grateful for all you are doing.

The care and support we give one another in community, and the connections we make beyond our individual congregations, will continue to hold us in this long-haul work of dissenting and resistance. We can find strength through building and sustaining our community. This email offers many ways for Unitarian Universalists to build connections across our Association and engage with fellow UUs for democratic governance, justice, worship, and faith development. Please explore these offerings and share them in your congregation or community.

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, May 6, 2025**

Please have all articles to the
office by
10 a.m. by the deadline, Monday,
May 4, 2025 before the
Harbinger is published.
Space can be
reserved on the rare occasion an
article needs to be late.