

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**



JUNETEENTH
Celebrate Freedom



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 SERVICES

This Sunday, June 22, 2025, "UUA General Assembly Special Service"

Featuring a message by Rev. Dr. Nicole C. Kirk and music joined by hundreds of voices. Service will be Live Streaming in our Sanctuary. Sue Cline is the service leader. Although the streaming doesn't start until 11:00, our service will start as normal at 10:45.

Next Sunday, June 29, 2025, "The Four Agreements" "We'll explore *The Four Agreements*" by Don Miguel Ruiz. simple yet powerful principles that offer a path to deeper inner peace.

Thursday, June 21, 2025 - JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Saturday, JUNE 28, 2025 -- PRIDE CELEBRATION

A gentle reminder to sign up to participate in the Pride Parade and/or Booth on Saturday, **June 28**. Final arrangements will appear in next week's Sunday announcements or in email. Thanks to Shannon Tubb for providing a vehicle for the Parade.

Juneteenth 38TH Annual Festival

The **38th Annual Cincinnati Juneteenth Festival** is a free two-day event that celebrates the emancipation of American slavery. The festival begins with its traditional parade of flags representing the African diaspora — the dispersion of Africans from their original homeland during the slave trade. Once the parade ends, stay to enjoy fun, family-friendly activities such as horseback riding, education pavilions, historical reenactments and more. The Juneteenth Festival will also offer food, art displays, merchandise vendors and performances from two stages.

Watch in amazement as African and Brazilian dancers, drum lines, the Voices of Freedom poets and other multicultural acts grace the stage to give the audience an enticing show. The second stage will feature live musical performances from local artists.

On day two of the Cincinnati Juneteenth Festival, get ready to bring the patriarch of your family out to Eden Park's Season good Pavilion for the Juneteenth Father's Day Concert! Spend Sunday afternoon watching liturgical dancers and listening to inspirational music from outstanding choirs and musical groups.

You don't miss out on this spectacular festival that showcases the beauty and history of Black culture! Mark your calendars for the 38th Annual Cincinnati Juneteenth Festival today!



UU Booth at the FESTIVAL

Booth staffed in shifts from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The annual **Cincinnati Pride Parade and Festival is Saturday, June 25, 2025**. In this era when there are sweeping anti-trans bills in state legislatures, and efforts to undermine the rights of all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer persons, we are hoping for a huge showing of UUs!

UUs in the PARADE

Line Up starts at 10 a.m. Step Off is around 11 a.m.

The parade starts at 11:00 a.m. at 7th and Plum Streets downtown; be there by 10:00 to find parking and find the people in the yellow clothes and with the yellow banners in that vicinity. Our float will be a minivan with a huge flaming chalice on top. You can view the parade route at the Cincinnati Pride Parade information page here: <https://www.cincinnatipride.org>. Carpool, bicycle, bus, just be there!

For more information on UU involvement in the parade, contact MJ Pierson by email at mjpier0410@aol.com, or by phone at 513-258-4784.

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The Pride Festival takes place at Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove, 705 East Pete Rose Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202. It's once again free for everyone. There's food, drinks, vendors, and entertainment to fill your Saturday afternoon with fun. More information on the festival is on the Cincinnati Pride Festival information page at <https://www.cincinnatipride.org/festival.htm>

You can help people learn about Unitarian Universalism at the UU Booth! It's a lot of fun working a shift at the booth, talking with people, handing out information, and watching the crowd. There have been recent years in which our booth made contact with at least 700 people!

Here is a Sign-up Genius link

SignUpGenius: <https://tinyurl.com/CincyPrideUU2025>

For more information on working at the UU information booth, contact MJ Pierson at mjpier0410@aol.com, or call her at **513-258-4784**.

If you have questions on the day of the festival—including help in locating the booth—you can text MJ Pierson at the number above.

LGBT Pride Month

Occurs in the United States to commemorate the Stonewall riots, which occurred at the end of June 1969. As a result, many **pride** events are held during this **month** to recognize the impact **LGBT** people have had in the world.

Three presidents of the United States have officially declared



TUESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

Every Second Tuesday

3:00 to 4:00 pm.

Discussion via Zoom

JULY 8, 2025

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

June 11, 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

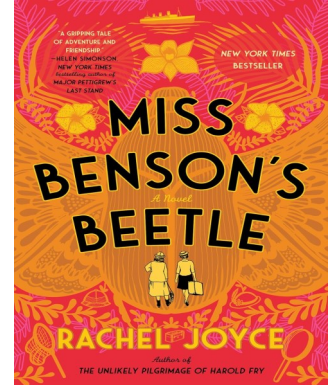
We arrive at the Lighthouse at 11:30 and serve at noon.

Contact Cheryl if anyone wants to donate food.



Book Club,
Will Meet on the 2nd Friday in July
GNH Quimby Room at 1:00 PM

July 11 Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce



August 1 The Bloomsbury Girls by Natalie Jenner

September 5 The Paris Deception by Bryn Turnbull

October 3 The Radium Girls by Kate Moore

November 7 The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict

December 5 James by Percival Everett

January 2 20206 Belgravia by Julian Fellowes

GNH BOOK CLUB

GNH Community Garden

If anyone is done using their (working) mower and willing to donate it to the church, the Community Garden team would deeply appreciate receiving it as a donation. We need to be able to mow the second half of the space inside the fence, and the mowing team has too big a mower for the existing gates. Please contact **Lindsey Johnson (802)342-0519** if you have questions or to arrange for pickup.



GNH COMMUNITY GARDEN ... Calling all Gardeners!

It's time to start working on our Community Garden!
More information to come in the next Harbinger



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.

EVELYN CHIDESTER

Our condolences to the Chedister family. Evelyn Chidester passed away on June 1, 2025, at the age of 100. Evelyn was a long-standing fellowship member. A service is being planned.

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.)



**PICTURES OF
EVELYN CHEDISTER**
Sunrise, April 1, 1925
Sunset, June 1, 2025



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, July1, 2025**

Please have all articles to the
office by
10 a.m. by the deadline, Monday,
June 30, 2025 before the
Harbinger is published.
Space can be
reserved on the rare occasion an
article needs to be late.