

## 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**



Independence Day,  
also known as the **Fourth of July**,  
is a U.S. federal holiday  
commemorating the adoption of the  
Declaration of Independence on  
**July 4, 1776.**

This day marks the formal declaration by  
the thirteen American colonies of their in-  
dependence from British rule.

It's a day of celebration,  
reflecting on the nation's history and  
the freedoms

# 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](http://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](http://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, July 6, 2025, "Racial Trauma in Young Children"**

**Sachika Singh** is the guest presenter. Ms. Singh is the Clinical Research Coordinator at the Mayerson Center of Children's Hospital in Cincinnati.

**Next Sunday, July 13, 2025. "The Courage to Be Imperfect"**

Member speaker **Tom Lottman** steps again to the front of the room to share his thoughts in an informative and encouraging message.

**Sunday, July 20, 2025, "Toward a Bigger "We"**

In a society where individualism is lauded, where resources are hoarded, and where communities are narrowly defined ... we need a more expansive sense of "we." As one of our responsive readings says, "We need one another ..." – and that need is much broader than one's own family, congregation, and those who watch the same news outlet. Long-time UU and recently ordained minister, **Rev. Bill Lyon** will offer theological grounding and practical guidance for embracing others across our differences. And we will introduce a new UU song you are going to love!

**Also This Sunday, July 20th** service will also offer a special time to honor our beloved member **Evelyn Chidester**. Her family will be with us for the remembrance.

**Sunday, July 27, 2025. "Raising Phoenix: From Ashes to Therapy Dog"**

Are you a dog lover? If you are, this service is right up your alley. Even if you're not a dog lover, come Sunday, July 27, to listen and appreciate as Steph Tacy shares the experiences she and her dog, Phoenix, have had as a therapy dog team. She'll talk about the special connections that dogs have with people and the difference that spiritual connection can make.

**As a bonus, Phoenix says she's coming too so she can give you some love and comfort as well.**

***Want to Tour Valley Interfaith  
Community Resource Center?***



*The Women's Action Network (WAN) at GNH has arranged a tour of  
VICRC in Lockland for **Wednesday, July 23, at 10 AM.***

*If you'd like to be included in the tour,  
please let Betsy Anderson know ([mbanderson1@zoomtown.com](mailto:mbanderson1@zoomtown.com)).*

**Grant Money**

We are presently seeking grant money to continue this important activity in the upcoming months.

The joint project with Lighthouse was initiated in 2012 supported by the Jack J. Smith Charitable Fund. We are seeking renewal but due to uncertainty, we would like to identify other sources.

If you know of any, contact Pete Patterson.

[peterdpatterson52@gmail.com](mailto:peterdpatterson52@gmail.com)

**Donations to Our Causes**

Women's Action Network (WAN) is pleased to report our quarterly donations from the GNH Outreach Fund. We recently donated \$100 each to:

**Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center**

(for disadvantaged families),

**Lighthouse Sheakley Center**

(for homeless youth),

**UpSpring (for homeless children) and Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank**

(for disadvantaged families).

**The Outreach Fund** is maintained by personal donations and Kroger Community Rewards. *(Make sure you are enrolled.)*

## **TUESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Every Second Tuesday**

**Discussion via Zoom**

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

At the invitation of the Service Planning Team, the Second Tuesday discussion group will turn its attention this month to **suggestions for Sunday service topics**. We ask participants to come to the meeting ready to suggest or talk about ideas and speakers on UU spirituality and social justice topics that can reinforce UU values in our current environment. We hope to generate a number of ideas that can interest and support our members, friends, and visitors in the coming year.

This is an informal meeting of a casual group of GNH members and friends. **ALL are welcome and encouraged 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](mailto:susanne.bjorner@gmail.com) or Sue Cline [scline0149@gmail.com](mailto:scline0149@gmail.com).

## **Lighthouse Shelter for Youth**

**June 9, 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**

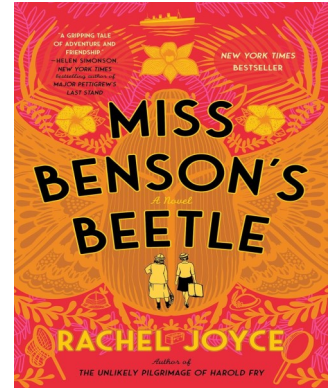
***We arrive at the Lighthouse at 11:30 and serve at noon.***

***Contact Cheryl if anyone wants to donate food.***



**Book Club,**  
**Will Meet on the 2nd Friday in July**  
*July 11, 2025*  
**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Sunday, July 20, 2025**, morning service will offer a special time to honor our beloved member, **Evelyn Chidester**. Her family will be with us for the remembrance

## 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](mailto:ghnuu460@gmail.com)

## 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, July 15, 2025**

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