

## 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**



May is known for being a month of vibrant spring in the Northern Hemisphere, with blooming flowers, warmer weather, and a variety of celebrations.

It's also a month packed with holidays and observances, including Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and [Cinco de Mayo](#).

Additionally, May is a time for various awareness campaigns, such as Mental Health Awareness and Skin Cancer Awareness

# 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 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.***

**Sunday, August 3, 2025,** New GNH friend **Erin Arlinghaus** will be our guest speaker on a topic of current interest.

**Sunday, August 10, 2025, Amy Delgado**, a Cincinnati mother to a daughter with Spina Bifida, and strong advocate of celebrating children with different abilities, will join us to share information, experiences, and inspiration.

## HONORING EVELYN CHIDESTER

Sunrise, April 1, 1925

Sunset, June 1, 2025



Greetings to the GNH members and friends,

As you might know, on July 20 Evelyn Chidester's family will attend our service as a dedication to her memory. They requested just a brief part of the service to honor her participation in GNH.

We know that there are quite a few GNH members that have meaningful memories of Evelyn they might like to share, probably more than a "brief" part of the service. Therefore the Service Planning Team suggests two elements for honoring Evelyn:

- 1) A special chalice lighting dedicating this service to Evelyn's memory;
- 2) During Joys and Concerns, we will present a booklet of GNH members' reflections on Evelyn's presence at GNH over the years.

So, with regard to #2, we are asking folks to email memories of Evelyn (max 100 words) to me ([tlottman10@gmail.com](mailto:tlottman10@gmail.com)) by EOD Monday July 14. Then with Sue Cline's expertise, we will print and bind the memories in a booklet.

Thanks for your anticipated contribution to this effort to honor Evelyn and if you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 513-652-2306.

Be well

Tom





**PICTURES OF  
EVELYN CHEDISTER**  
**Passed this Life  
At 100 Years Old**



## IN LOVING MEMORY OF EVELYN CHIDESTER

Evelyn Chidester passed away peacefully on June 1 at the age of 100. Ev was born in Cleveland on April Fool's Day 1925. Perhaps due to this auspicious holiday she did not suffer fools lightly.

Born to parents Irene (Frey) and Harry Parry she later became older sister to Dan and Marian. Ev's childhood was not easy, disrupted by the Great Depression. She said that the Cleveland Public Library saved her life. She learned to read at the age of four. Books, writing, and education were a life-long refuge. She wrote poems and short stories reflecting her life. If an event happened you could count on reading about it.

Ev met her intellectual equal and partner of forty-seven years, Franklyn Chidester, at the University of Chicago where they were pursuing advanced degrees. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics and a Master of Arts in political science, industrial relations. Ev and Frank loved each other deeply and enjoyed each other's company with laughter, scrabble, honeymoon bridge, bicycling and classical music. They raised four daughters in the shadow of the University of Chicago on the Southside, Leslie Shulhafer (Rocky), Liza Bullock (Tom), Ellen Whalen (Kevin) and Kate Chidester (Graham Dobson). Ev is survived by her daughters and eight grandchildren, Sarah (Randy), Lynne, David (Katie), Jane, Diana (Sam), Emma (Ian), Madelaine, Glynnndon (Brita) and great grandchildren Georgia and Lucas. She is predeceased by her first-born son Paul Allyn who died in infancy, a heartbreak never mended. Ev was predeceased by Frank who passed away in 1995. Happily, the girls and many grandchildren gathered for Ev's 100th birthday.

Ev was a city girl. She loved her Public Cleveland High School, Glenville, and attended most annual reunions. After many years in Chicago Ev and Frank made a short move to Barrington, Rhode Island followed by many years in Tarrytown, New York where New York City and the Hudson Valley captivated with the annual Film festival, Broadway, Opera, and a fulfilling career as Executive Director of the Home Health Care Program at Yonkers Family Service, where she made a difference in people's lives.

Upon retirement Ev, Frank and Frank's mother Helen moved to Cincinnati to be near Liza and Tom. Here Ev found friends and fellowship at the Northern Hills Unitarian Fellowship. She happily went to 'church' with her Jewish, Catholic and Buddhist friends where her atheism and intellect were appreciated. Her last move was back to Chicago to live with Leslie where she was able to walk freely outside during the Pandemic. She spent her final years in the care of the team at Northbrook Inn to whom the family is grateful for their compassion, knowledge, and skill.

Evelyn will be privately interred at the family plot in Canton Ohio alongside Paul and Frank. Memorial donations can be made to Planned Parenthood or the ACLU.

***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)).*

**Thank You to James**

Our thanks to James Helm for volunteering to cover the lunches at Lighthouse Sheakley Center for July, August and September. He will provide all the components and serve the lunches without any other help needed from WAN.

**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)

## **Lighthouse Shelter for Youth**

**July 21, 2025,**

**“NEW DATE”**

**Third Monday 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.***



## **TUESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Every Second Tuesday**

**Discussion via Zoom**

**The next meeting will be on The Second Tuesday,**

**August 12, 2025**

**from 3:00 to 4:00 pm via Zoom.**

This is an informal meeting of a casual group of GNH members and friends.

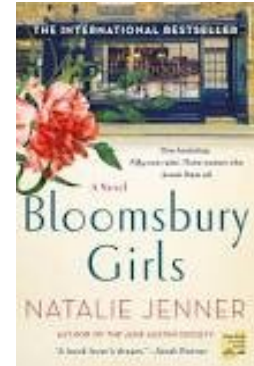
**ALL are welcome and encouraged to join this session.**

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).



**Book Club,**  
**Will Meet on the 1st Friday each month**  
*August 1, 2025*  
**GNH Quimby Room at 1:00 PM**

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 Fellows

**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.**

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## 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.)

## 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, August 5, 2025**

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