

The Gathering at Northern Hills, A Unitarian Universalist Community



# The Harbinger

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*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**



**Sunrise: October 8, 1941**

**Sunset: February 17, 2026**

Jesse Jackson is known as a prominent American civil rights leader, Baptist minister, and politician famous for his work with Martin Luther King, Jr., founding Operation PUSH and the Rainbow Coalition, and his two unsuccessful but influential campaigns for the Democratic presidential nomination in the 1980s, advocating for social and economic justice, equality, and human rights. He is recognized for uniting diverse groups, mediating international conflicts, and challenging America to live up to its ideals of inclusion, earning him the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

# Sanctuary Services

Join GNH Zoom Sunday Morning Service Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91833287637>

## GNH Website

Be sure to check out GNH's updated web site—[gnhuu.org](http://gnhuu.org)—

*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.

## SUNDAY MESSAGES

**This Sunday, February 22, 2026 "Amphigory and Gashlycrumb: Lessons from Edward Gorey."** Edward Gorey was born on this date in 1925. Come join **Diane Wright** as we consider the lessons of his work and his life. Gorey himself said his goal was to "make people as uneasy as possible," and his works provide examples of using humor to explore the darker sides of our life experiences.

**Next Sunday, March 1, 2026**, A city-wide live service will be hosted at **St. John's UU**, featuring **Rev. Laura Randall** of the **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee**. Her topic is "What Hope Looks Like in Practice." If you cannot go to St. John's, you will be able to hear it by streaming in the GNH sanctuary.

**Sunday, March 8, 2026**, New member **Vickie Villavicencio** will be our speaker. Her topic is "**Finding Myself.**"

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**, **Stacey Burge**, of **Found House/Interfaith Housing Network**, will update us on new ways we can help unhoused families in Cincinnati.

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**, Our music minister, **Michael Tacy**, will be the speaker as well as the musician.

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**, Guest speaker **Diane Wright** will return with a stimulating message.

## Kroger Community Rewards Program: GNH's Latest Quarterly Dividend

GNH has received a dividend of **\$44.00** from Kroger for the quarter beginning **November 1, 2025**, through **January 31, 2026**. This amount is based on **28** GNH households registered for the Kroger Community Rewards Program and how much they purchased with their Kroger Plus Cards during that period.

### Register Your Kroger Plus Card to Support GNH!

You can help earn “FREE” money for GNH’s support of local charities, including Up-Spring, Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank, Lighthouse, and Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center. If you shop at Kroger and have a Plus card, but haven’t registered for this easy way to support GNH’s outreach projects, go to [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and follow the links. **Please sign up for the former Northern Hills Fellowship and use our NPO# SR254.** If you need help or have questions about registering, contact Betsy Anderson or Pete Patterson, or call Kroger’s tech team at 1-866-221-4141. Thank you for your support!



## **WAN Donations to Our Charities**

The GNH Women's Action Network (WAN) is pleased to report the following recent donations to our preferred charities. The donations include \$100 each to the Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth, Valley Interfaith CRC, UpSpring (homeless children) and Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank. We will continue with quarterly donations from our GNH Outreach Fund that is supported by member donations the Kroger Community Rewards program.



## **UUJO Spring Assembly April 25, 2026**

Saturday, April 25, 2026  
First UU Church, 93 Weisheimer Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43214

Sign-ins and light refreshments begin at 9:00 AM.

Keynote Speaker at 10:30 AM:  
Pablo DeJesus, Executive Director,  
Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice  
"Faithful Defiance in Times of Democratic Trial"

Catered lunch with vegan and gluten-free options.  
Afternoon workshops related to the theme.  
Close at 5:00 PM.

<https://uujo.org/> Online registration will be available. Fee is \$65.

Also, Pablo DeJesus will be the main speaker  
at First UU Columbus at their 11:00 AM service on

## Join Us for Faith & Family Night at Xavier Basketball

### To The Gathering at Northern Hills

My name is Lucy, and I am with the Xavier Athletic Ticket Office. I am reaching out as Xavier Athletics is happy to invite Nativity of Our Lord.

As a token of our appreciation, we invite you to join us for **“Faith & Family Night”** at the **Xavier Men’s Basketball** game!

- ☐ **Date:** Tuesday, February 17th
- ☐ **Matchup:** Xavier vs. Villanova

Enjoy an exciting night of BIG EAST basketball! Bring your Faith, Family, & Friends and take advantage of this special offer!

To purchase your discounted tickets, please visit:

☐ <https://www.gofevo.com/event/FFamily>

We look forward to celebrating you at the Cintas Center!  
**Let's Go Xavier!**

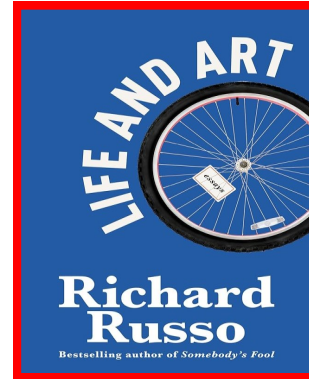


# Book Club

The GNH Book Club meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month  
in the Quimby Room and also on Zoom at 1pm.

Contact [Susanne Bjourner at susanne.bjourner@gmail.com](mailto:susanne.bjourner@gmail.com) for the zoom link)

**April 3** “Life and Art” by Richard Russo



We welcome anyone who would like to join our discussions. We usually try to read a wide variety of topics and genres. The book selections are suggested by members, and the club is always interested in hearing book recommendations from anyone interested in joining our discussions.

**The GNH Book Club will not meet in March 2026 due to a few members' conflicting schedules. We will plan to discuss the March selection “Why Fish Don't Exist” by Lulu Miller at the July meeting.**

**May 1** “Football Sissy” by Jack Brennan

**June 5** “The God of the Woods” by Liz Moore

# GNH BOOK CLUB

## SECOND TUESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

**Every Second Tuesday**

**Discussion via Zoom**

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

**March 10, 2026**

**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).





## Lighthouse Shelter for Youth:

Tom Lottman and Allen Jerome have graciously offered to take over for Cheryl Lekson serving lunch at Lighthouse once a month. The date has not yet been chosen but will be publicized as soon as it is. Tom and Allen are supported by members of the former Women's Action Network at GNH, which has been renamed GNH Outreach Team, chaired by Betsy Anderson. If you have any questions or would like to offer food donations for Lighthouse lunch,

Please contact Tom, Allen, or Betsy.

Usually, a main dish is served as well as fruit and dessert.



## GNH Community Garden

See Everyone Next Spring!!





## 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.***

## 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)  
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, March 3, 2026**

Please have all articles to the  
emailed by 12:00 pm.

deadline on Tuesday  
March 3, 2026 before the  
Harbinger is published.

Space can be  
reserved on the rare occasion an  
article needs to be late.

