



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 agreement 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>

**email gnhuu460@gmail.com
to receive additional
Church information**

. 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—

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.

THIS SUNDAY'S MESSAGE

This Sunday, June 7, 2026, Sera Morris and Khoa Lewis will lead us in a ritual of **Pet Blessing**. **DON'T MISS THIS!!**

This Sunday our service at GNH will be centered around the animals in our lives. We will be having a PET BLESSING. Sera Morris and myself have crafted a service in which we can honor those animals that walk on our journey with us, who bring us love and joy. They're the non-human-language speaking members of our families. We'll be sharing a story or two from our own lives and following our reflections toward one of the recurring threads of conversation in our services that has emerged during the past couple of years: consciousness and spirituality. Please join us as we consider the convergence of what science has been learning about the complexity of animal language and what world cultures have upheld as sacred about the fuzzy (and scaly and feathery...) creatures with whom we share the earth.

IMPORTANT: The blessing will be an opportunity to share in our community an acknowledgment of our sacred animal friends. You can bring an animal that you feel can be present with you during a service to the meeting room for an in-person ritual of blessing. If you have animals that you choose not to bring but wish to include them, we ask you to send us a snapshot of them. We will include those in a slideshow to receive the blessing "in absentia".

Send pet snapshots to: khoalewis@proton.me

Please be sure to use the subject line: PET PHOTO FOR GNH SERVICE

We will enjoy our Quimby room refreshments with the option of being outdoors with our animals, who will be able to run around freely inside our enclosed garden area.

We look forward to this special day with you and your extended family.

SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES (CONTINUED)

Masks Consideration

[COVIDACTNOW.org](https://www.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, June 14, 2026, Guest speaker **Libby Lockridge** comes to introduce us to “**Craftivism**,” using handmade, domestic crafts—such as knitting, embroidery, and quilting—to convey social justice messages.

Sunday, June 21, 2026 Guest speaker **Ramon Beck**, current president of the UU Council of Greater Cincinnati, will be at GNH to help us understand and observe Juneteenth.

Sunday, June 28, 2026 Frequent speakers and friends **Les** and **Steph Tacy** will provide a special service to “Celebrate Summer in Song.”

Sunday, July 5, 2026 Join us on Fourth of July weekend to learn more about some of our Unitarian forbears’ thoughts on democracy

Lighthouse Shelter for Youth:

Monday, June 29, 2026

Tom Lottman and Allen Jerome will serve lunch at the Lighthouse
on the
fourth Monday of each month.

Tom and Allen are supported by members of the former Women's
Action Network,
renames GNH Outreach Team (Go Team) chaired by Betsy
Anderson.

If you have any questions or would like to offer food donations for
a Lighthouse lunch, please contact Tom, Allen or Betsy.
Usually, a main dish is served as well as fruit and dessert.



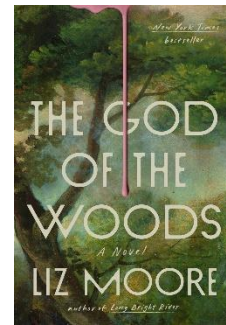
Book Club

Our next meeting is Friday, June 5, 2026

The GNH Book Club meets on the 1st 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)

The God Of The Woods by Liz Moore



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.

- 7/10 Why Fish Don't Exist by LuLu Miller
- 8/7 How To Say Babylon by Safiya Sinclair
- 9/4 Icy Sparks by Gwyn Hyman Rubio
- 10/2 Trials Of Nina McCall by Scott Stern
- 11/6 The Correspondent by Virginia Evans
- 12/4 Empire Falls by Richard Russo

GNH BOOK CLUB

SECOND TUESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

Every Second Tuesday

Discussion via Zoom

The next meeting will be on The Second Tuesday,
June 9, 2026, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm via Zoom.

Teilhard de Chardin. Eighty years ago, Teilhard The June Tuesday Discussion Group will focus on the concept of cosmic consciousness and the work of anticipated a radical view of the universe now being suggested by quantum theory and neuroscience. We will watch a short video on Teilhard's ideas and then discuss how it might influence our own spiritual reflections.

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 or

Sue Cline scline0149@gmail.com .



Gardening is Good for The Mind and Soul

Don't have a sunny space for a garden? The Gathering at Northern Hills has raised to meet your needs.

Grow vegetables and flowers, enjoy the outdoors and make new friends!

This year GNH has 4'x 8' raised beds available to rent for \$25.00 each.

Ready for planting by Mother's Day,

May 10, 2026.

Spaces are subject to availability and assigned on a first come first serve basis.

Contact Anita Jerome or Linda Gutowski for the application and rule forms.

Familiarize yourself with the garden and compost rules, then complete and sign the application and email back before May 3rd. When the completed application is approved the rent will be due in full.

“To plant is to believe in tomorrow.”

Audrey Hepburn

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.

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 other than those specifically relating to church events.

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11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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NEXT HARBINGER



**Our Next Harbinger will be
Tuesday, June 16, 2026
Please have all articles to the
emailed by 12:00 pm.
deadline on Tuesday
June 16, 2026 before the
Harbinger is published.
Space can be reserved on the
rare occasion and
article needs to be late.**