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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 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/95703829636

email gnhuu460@gmail.com to receive additional Church information

Phone: 513-931-6651



General Election:
November 3, 2026
Ohio's polling hours on Election Day:
6:30am—7:30pm

Ohio's early in-person voting dates:
October 6–November 1, 2026
[final day]1–5 p.m.)

Ohio's absentee ballot
by mail request deadline:
received by October 27, 2026, 8:30 p.m.

. Sanctuary Services

Join GNH Zoom Sunday Morning Service Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/91833287637

GNH Website

Be sure to check out GNH's updated website—**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.

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.

GNH's Annual Congregational Meeting
December 13, 2026

The GNH Board of Trustees has scheduled our annual congregational meeting for Sunday, **December 13**, following the service. Votes will be taken at this meeting to replace Board members whose terms are up and for GNH's 2027 budget.

To vote, you must be a member for at least
60 days prior to the election.
To become a member, please see Betsy Anderson
to sign the membership book.

SUNDAY MESSAGES

This Sunday, October 25, 2026,
Les and Steh Tacy return and prompt us to contemplate
"What Can We Learn From Autumn Leaves?".

Next Sunday, November 1, 2026,
"On the Day of the Dead"
member **Khoa Lewis** will help us honor
our ancestors and their place in our lives.

Sunday, November 8, 2026
We will take a deeper look into political and social action slogans
and why we remember them,
with member **Allen Jerom**e leading us in an

Sunday, November. 15, 2026
Rev. Bill Lyon, minister at Heritage Universalist Church,
will join us at GNH for a special service.

Sunday, November 22, 2026
Marcia Venus will share the thoughts of the
Rev. Richard Venus regarding
"Healing in a Troubled World"
as timely now as it was years ago.

Sunday, November 29, 2026
Music director, **Michael Tacy**
steps to the podium to offer a message in words.

Next Date to Assemble Hygiene Kits is November 15

It's time to assemble hygiene kits for Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth. After the service on November 15, we will once again assemble kits with a target of 250 kits. We look forward to an enthusiastic group of volunteers. Looking ahead, we plan to assemble kits around the middle of January, May, August and November with a goal of 1,000 kits for the year. We no longer receive any grant money, so we encourage member donations to support this valuable GNH outreach activity. If you are aware of a possible source of grant funds, please notify Pete Patterson.

GNH Roof Repairs

In September, contractors completed repairs on GNH's roof and the concrete blocks above our entry lobby to stop water leaks. Molloy Roofing repaired many gaps in the sealed edges of the flat roof. Preventative roof maintenance should be done every five years.

Hicon Inc. repaired a separate and major problem that probably contributed to the water leaks. Due to the flexing of the concrete block walls, the mortar between the blocks had crumbled and washed away in several areas. These gaps could allow water into the building as well as potentially become a major structural problem. Hicon repaired the joints with more flexible sealant. Thanks to Allen Jerome for overseeing this project.

Ways to Support Ukraine

If you'd like to support Ukraine, Kimberly Tenai has found a wonderful organization enabling you to do so. Go to unitedhelpukraine.org (rated with 4 stars on Charity Navigator) for lots of ways to support the country. Of special interest is their Send Holiday Joy to a Child in Ukraine program, where you can order a holiday toy for a child affected by the war in Ukraine. On the website above, slide the banner to the right or left until you find "Send Holiday Joy to a Child" and click on "Learn More."

GNH Donates Laundry Kits to UpSpring

The GNH Outreach Team supports five nonprofits in the area, and UpSpring is one of them. Up Spring's mission is to empower children experiencing homelessness in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky by providing opportunities through education and enrichment.

One of the needs listed on Up Spring's website is individual laundry kits, each of which includes three laundry detergent pods, three dryer sheets, and $7 in quarters packed in a quart Ziploc bag. Using money from our Outreach Fund and from GNH's Social Concerns budget, Linda Gutowski prepared 25 kits, which Tom Lottman will take to UpSpring.

Thanks to both Linda and Tom!

GNH's Latest Donations to Found House

With money remaining from GNH's July collection for school supplies for Found House, we were able to purchase ten underbed bins requested by Found House for families temporarily experiencing homelessness. Many thanks to all those who contributed and to Anita and Allen Jerome for transporting the bins to Found House.

Thanks also go to Tim and Sue Sale, who donated gently used games and toys for Found House and to Vickie Villavincencio, who took the donated items there.

LIGHTHOUSE SHELTER FOR YOUTH.

Monday, October 26, 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, renamed 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.

Light House

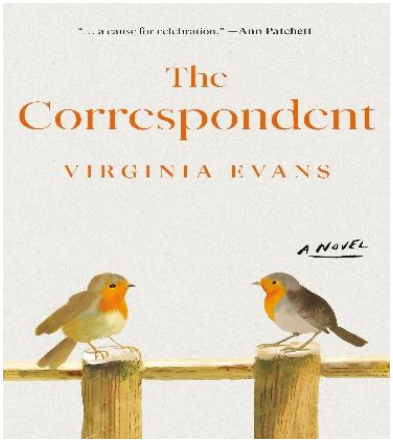
A HOMELESS PREVENTION SUPPORT CENTER

Book Club

Our next meeting is Friday, November 6, 2026

Contact Susanne Bjourner at susanne.bjourner@gmail.com for the zoom link

11/6 The Correspondent by Virginia Evans



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 attending our discussions.

12/4 Empire Falls by Richard Russo

SECOND TUESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

Every Second Tuesday

Discussion via Zoom

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The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, Novmber10, 2026**,

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

This is an informal meeting of a casual group of GNH members and friends. **The topic will be "Beginnings".** 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!

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

“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 and 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

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.



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

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.

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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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NEXT HARBINGER



Our Next Harbinger will be Tuesday, November 3, 2026 Please have all articles emailed by 12:00 pm. deadline on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 Before the Harbinger is published. Space can be reserved on the rare occasion and any article that will be late.