

# The Weekly 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.uunhf.org>

For current calendar information, visit the website and click on the calendar link at the bottom of the webpage.

Rev. Doug Slagle, Minister  
Sunday Services & Religious  
Education:

Sunday at 10:45

Nursery Care Provided



## Celebrate!

Each of you have given much thought to how you can support the GNH congregation in 2017. We are a beloved community because we each give some of our Treasure, Time and Talent to the work that we do. As a result, we have a lot to celebrate!

Join your Gathering at Northern Hills family for our annual Celebration Sunday Service, this Sunday, November 6th, with a potluck luncheon afterwards. *There's a role for everyone!* GNH will provide a ham and drinks. You can make a favorite dish, shop for a dessert, or help with set-up or clean-up. Sign-up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084BA8AD2FA1F58-2016>. Questions: email Penny Shore—  
[penny.shore@gmail.com](mailto:penny.shore@gmail.com)

# Upcoming Events

- Nov. 2 — Yoga — 6:45 p.m. — Quimby Room
- Nov. 4 — Pagan Group: Samhain — 7 p.m. — Quimby Room
- Nov. 6 — Pledge Celebration Luncheon — 11:45 — Quimby Room
- Nov. 9 — Lunch at Lighthouse Youth Services — 11 a.m. — 2522 Highland Avenue
- Nov. 10 — GHN at Maple Knoll Village — 10:30 a.m.
- Nov. 11—Service Planning Team— 1:30 p.m.—Minister’s Office
- Nov. 13— Children’s RE Team Meeting – Noon – William Ellery Channing Room
- Nov. 13 —Social Justice Team - 12:15 p.m. - Sanctuary
- Nov. 14— Yoga—6:45 p.m.—Quimby Room
- Nov. 15—Knitevent—Noon—Quimby Room
- Nov. 16—Yoga—6:45—Quimby Room
- Nov. 17—Rethinking Racism—6 p.m.—Sanctuary and Quimby Room



## November Messages: Gratitude

November begins the end of year holiday season by bringing together family and friends to celebrate all we have received over the past year. In gratitude, we give thanks for the gift of life, the people around us, the beauty of nature, and the basics of life like food and shelter. At the Gathering at Northern Hills, we also celebrate the gift of our congregation and all the ways it enlightens, comforts and empowers us. GNH gives us inspiration, friendships, opportunities to serve the wider community, and a way to live out our human purpose by making a difference in the world. Without our beloved community, most of us would feel an emptiness and void. With all of this in mind, we'll use the November Sunday services to explore how we can better express thanks to family, stranger and church through three variations on "**Attitudes of Gratitude.**"

**11/6: An Attitude of Gratitude: Sharing Our Treasure**  
**Celebration of Pledge Sunday with Potluck Celebration Luncheon**

**11/13: An Attitude of Gratitude: Sharing Our Time**

**11/20: An Attitude of Gratitude: Sharing Our Talent**

**11/27: Social Justice Themed Sunday**



# Rethinking Racism



Nationwide, communities are galvanizing and demanding institutions to address racism. In this spirit, the [Cincinnati Human Relations Commission](http://www.cincinnati-human-relations.com) and Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center are partnering to challenge organizations and individuals to make a commitment to addressing and ending racism, with an initiative entitled, “Rethinking Racism.” Thursday, Nov. 17, beginning at 6 p.m., attendees will have the opportunity to address their perceptions of modern day racism and participate in action based strategizing. Hosted by the Cincinnati Human Relations Commission and the Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center. This event is coming to The Gathering at Northern Hills through the efforts of the Social Justice Action Team. RSVP at [www.ijpcincinnati.org](http://www.ijpcincinnati.org) or by phone at 513.579.8547

# The Pagan Group

The Pagan group of The Gathering is an eclectic group practicing a mix of formats for pagan rituals including Wiccan, UU, Druid, Dianic and others. Some members might be described as “scientific pagans” just liking to follow the holidays of the solstices and equinoxes and the seasons of the year. We meet 8 times a year for the holidays (sabbats). We are currently working on becoming an official CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) chapter. We generally meet on the Friday night closest to the Holiday. At 7:00 p.m. we have a discussion and then ritual is at 8:30. We ask people to bring snacks to share. Weather permitting we are outside under the trees. In the past we have done some service projects and do our best to contribute to the ongoing life of the whole congregation by assisting in pagan themed worship services or doing things like decorating for the holiday party. We hope to be involved in environmental projects in the future and will continue to do service when we can. We are intergenerational and inclusive. Children are welcome, as is anyone, no matter your age, identity, orientation or interest.



This year there are two meetings left: Nov. 4 for Samhain and Dec. 16 for Yule. Contact MJ Pierson for more information: 513.258.4784 or [mjpier0410@aol.com](mailto:mjpier0410@aol.com)



## Holiday Schedule

The Freestore will be closed on Saturdays in Nov. and Dec. so they can prepare for their Holiday food distribution drive. As a result, the Gathering at Northern Hills will not serve Nov. 19 and Dec. 17.

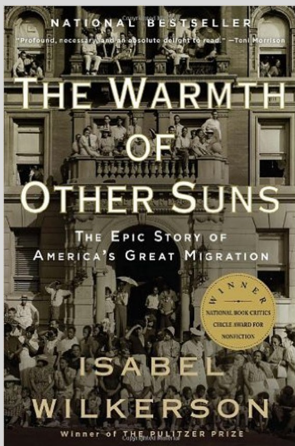


# The Big Change

The Gathering at Northern Hills newsletter changes today! Look at this— an updated look, eye catching graphics, and better content for the *Harbinger*. In order to bring you such improvements, Harbingers will be published on the first and third Tuesdays each month. Deadlines for submitting content for future editions will be published in each Harbinger (see the last page). GNH administrator Susan West is excited about the changes as she and Rev. Doug plan to bring a fresh and hopefully widely read version to members and friends. A big bonus from the new effort will be improved office efficiency that allows for more time and consideration to plan each publication. Don't be left in the dark about what happens at GNH - stay informed! Upcoming November editions will be published Tuesdays, November 1st and 15th. Questions? Contact Susan West in the office at 513.931.6651 or [northernhillsfellowship6824@gmail.com](mailto:northernhillsfellowship6824@gmail.com).



## The Warmth of Other Suns



Join this discussion lead by Howard Tolley and John Kachuba at St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church at 320 Resor Ave., in the Clifton Gaslight neighborhood, Mondays Nov. 7, 14, 21, 7 pm in the Chapel.

This is a National Book Critics Circle Award winner and a New York Times best seller. by Pulitzer prize winning journalist and National Humanitarian Medal Award winner Isabel Wilkerson. In a story of hope and longing, three young people set out from the American South during different decades of the 20th Century en route to the North and West in search of what the novelist Richard Wright called "the warmth of other suns." This is an epic history of the Great Migration from 1915 – 1970.

## Rummage Report

Our GNH rummage sale this year was a roaring success. We had lots of helping hands to set up, staff, and clean up afterwards. We made \$1,460, which will be a great help in support of our programs. Additionally, we donated three large boxes of clothes, shoes, and bedding to Valley Interfaith, and St. Vincent de Paul picked up the rest of our remaining items, so both organizations will benefit from our sale. A big thank-you to everyone who helped! Betsy Anderson, [mbanderson1@zoomtown.com](mailto:mbanderson1@zoomtown.com)



# IJPC Annual Gathering



Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. – at St. John’s Unitarian Universalist Church at 320 Resor Street. A panel will discuss the question “What Now? The Implications of the Election on a Social Justice Agenda.” The program will be facilitated by Louise Lawarre, the Director of Anderson Promotes Peace. The panelists include Christine Brown, IJPC Community Outreach and Engagement

Director, Sister Juana Mendez, SC, Founder of Centro de Amistad and Howard Tolley, UC Professor Emeritus, St. John’s UU Justice Ministry.

Heavy appetizers will be provided. Email RSVP’s to [mel@IJPCcincinnati.org/annualgathering](mailto:mel@IJPCcincinnati.org/annualgathering) and call 513.579.8547

## Lighthouse



We prepare and serve lunch to the **Lighthouse Sheakly Center for Youth**. We commit to doing so on the second Wednesday of every month and on any fifth Friday in a month, so the next opportunity will be **Nov. 9**. If you can prepare a dessert for dropping off at the Center

or if you can help cook and serve, please contact Rev. Doug at [dslagle1@gmail.com](mailto:dslagle1@gmail.com).

## A Giving Opportunity

Valley Interfaith Food and Clothing Center has asked GNH to donate **200 cans of peaches by Sunday, December 11**, for their Christmas food baskets.

Canned peaches are available at Big Lots of \$1 each, and at Aldi for 89 cents each. Please put your donations in the large basket by the stairs in the foyer outside the Quimby Room. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need this holiday.



## A Learning Opportunity



We will be offering our next few New UU / New Member information classes on Sundays, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 following hospitality hour in the Quimby Room. The class covers UU history, the history of NHF and The Gathering, church structure, ministry and social justice. Members, prospective members and friends simply wanting to know more are encouraged to attend.

Contact MJ Pierson at [MJPier0410@aol.com](mailto:MJPier0410@aol.com) for more information.

## 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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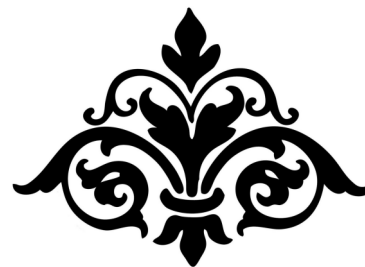
Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday (Closed one hour for lunch)

## Worship Attendance

Oct. 23: 88

Oct. 30: 60



## Newsletter Information

Future deadlines: Nov. 10 for Nov. 15

Dec. 1 for Dec. 6

Dec. 15 for Dec. 20

Please have all articles to Susan West by 10 a.m. on the Thursday before the Harbinger is published. Space can be reserved on rare occasions if the article will need to be late.

Welcome to the first volume of the Harbinger in its newest incarnation.

I hope you enjoy this format, and remember that this is a work in progress. Any constructive criticism is welcome as we develop this into something that enhances the life of this community.