

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>

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

Upcoming Sunday Messages

Sunday, April 30, Rev. Doug began a three-part series using themes from the Book of Joy by the Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu. Members are encouraged, but not required, to read the book. Doug's title for the first message was, "Our Search for Well-Being: The Nature of Joy." **Listen to the audio recording or read the message on this website (see homepage).**

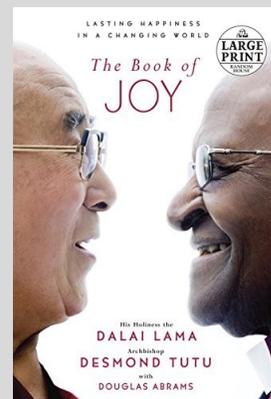
Sunday, May 7, "Our Search for Well-Being: Obstacles to Joy". **Listen to the audio recording or read the message on this website (see homepage).**

Sunday, May 14, "Our Search for Well-Being: The Eight Pillars of Joy". The First Friday's band will provide the music for this service.

Sunday, May 21, Guest Speakers Kimberly Tenai and Brad Barron, "Three Faces of China". Kimberly Tenai and Brad Barron share experiences and insights from six years in China through the eyes of three Chinese people they came to respect and love.

Sunday, May 28, GNH musician Michael Tacy leads a service incorporating a message along with original music written and composed by him.

Sunday, June 4, Flower Communion Service held outdoors, weather permitting. Instead of cut flowers, please bring potted annual flowers for planting around our grounds.



Fly Me to the Moon Success



Fly Me to the Moon, our spring annual auction, raised over \$12,000 this year for GNH. Attendance was slightly lower than last year, but our income was \$2,000 higher than in 2016. We had a lot of proxy bidding and we offered more social events than last year, both of which contributed to the higher yield.

The Ways and Means Team would like to thank everyone for their donations to and support of the 2017 auction. Thanks go to our new computer team this year headed by Alan Garrison and including Penny Shore, Keith Murrell and Jeff Chambers, who quickly provided us with receipts. We delighted in watching our three auctioneers—Susan Duncan, Brad Barron, and Todd Wernicke, with help from dinner-bid recorder Dave Hester—entertain us with humor while encouraging bids on our live auction items.

A big thank-you goes to all the volunteers who planned the auction (Marti Spiess, Rev. Doug Slagle, Sue Sale, Andy Rotterman, Anita Jerome, Linda Gutowski, Bob Freer, Becky Davis, Jackie Clarkson, Phyllis Berenson, and Betsy Anderson), donated food and beverages, staffed the kitchen, set up and cleaned up afterward, greeted at the door, served wine and beer, collected bid sheets and money, handed out gift certificates, and helped with the many other activities necessary to make the auction a success. Additionally, we want to thank the businesses who contributed so generously to the auction. They are listed as an attachment to the email with this Harbinger. Please patronize them and remember to thank them for their support.

Coming Together in Solidarity as God's People



You are invited to join the Second Anniversary Commemoration of the Emanuel Nine, a service promoting racial unity on June 15 at 7 p.m. at Allen Temple A.M.E. Church at 7080 Reading Road. This service will remember the lives of the saints who perished on June 17 at Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, S.C.

The presiders will be the Rev. Alphonse Allen, Jr., D.Min. and Pastor Henry Zorn. Pastor Nicole Kelly will preach. Music will be presented by combined community choirs under the direction of Dr. Marceline Winfrey.

The service is presented by the Cincinnati District of the A.M.E. Church, the Anderson Churches for Racial Unity and GAPP (Greater Anderson Promotes Peace). For more information email info@lcreassurrection.org or call 513.474.4938.

Volunteers Needed! To Prepare Lunch for 120 Homeless Children

June 14th and July 12th we will prepare and serve lunch for 120 homeless elementary age children with the UpSpring summer camp. This will be the sixth year we've done this! We need eight to ten volunteers for this major undertaking. Adults, teens and kids ages 8 - 13 (accompanied by parents) are welcome. Please contact Rev. Doug if you can help.



Upcoming Events

Note: Yoga will be cancelled May 10

May 10 - Lunch at Lighthouse Youth Services - 11 a.m. - 2522 Highland

May 10 - Board of Trustee's Meeting - 7 p.m. - Quimby Room

May 11 - Valley Interfaith Meeting of Local Ministers and Interested Persons - 10:30 a.m. -

May 12 - Service Planning Team - 1 p.m. - Minister's Office

May 12 - TGIF Pub Night - 6:30 p.m. - Brown Dog Cafe, 4335 Glendale-Milford Rd

May 14 - Souper Soup Sunday - 11:45 - Quimby Room

May 14 - Children's RE Team - 12:30 p.m. - William Ellery Channing Room

May 15 - Yoga - 6:45 p.m. - Quimby Room

May 17 - Yoga - 6:45 p.m. - Quimby Room

May 21 - Social Justice Action Team - 11:45 - Sanctuary

May 22 - Yoga - 6:45 p.m. - Quimby Room

May 23 - Women's Group - Noon - Quimby Room

May 24 - Yoga - 6:45 p.m. - Quimby Room

May 29 - Yoga - 6:45 p.m. - Quimby Room

May 31 - Yoga - 6:45 p.m. - Quimby Room



May Birthdays

Wendy Gettys - May 3

Michael Tacy - May 12

Pete Patterson - May 14

Todd Wernicke - May 15

Klarysa Bengé - May 16

Debbie Allen - May 17

Mel Levrant - May 17

General Gettys - May 17

Ruth Rolfson - May 17

Tom Kisselle - May 18

Dani Whaley - May 24

Linda Gutowski - May 24





TGIF Pub Night this Friday

Join friends for another semi-regular "Thank Goodness It's Friday" Pub Night, Friday, May 12, 6 - 8:30 p.m., at the Brown Dog Cafe, 4335 Glendale-Milford Rd, Summit Park in Blue Ash, for pay as you go drinks, food and fun. All members and friends of GNH are welcome! We will hopefully sit outdoors. Space is very limited so RSVP by May 11 to Rev. Doug.

IHN Opportunity to Serve



This time we will be assisting Friendship United Methodist Church the week of May 14 to May 20. You may sign up to serve (5 p.m. to 7, 7 p.m. to 9 or overnight) or to bring food. You may sign up for any night, not just Tuesdays. Use sign up genius at the following addresses. Call Kim Roots or Harriet Courter with any questions. Thank you.

Service: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E4EA8A92CAA8-ihnservice2
Food: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E4EA8A92CAA8-ihnfood2

Our Condolences

Reverend Don Bissett, former interim minister to the Northern Hills UU congregation, passed away on April 21st from complications with diabetes. Don spoke often about his time at Northern Hills and his fondness for the congregation. Cards or notes of condolence may be sent to Don's wife Marita at PO Box 4283, Eagle, Colorado, 81631.



Volunteer at Freestore This Saturday, May 13, 1 to 3:30



The Freestore is experiencing some end-of-school-year hiccups in their provision of weekend food packages to elementary age kids who live with food insecurity. As a result, our normal volunteering schedule with Freestore is in flux.

For the month of May only, we will serve on the second Saturday of the month on **May 13 in the afternoon - from 1 to 3:30 p.m.** The Freestore warehouse is located at 1250 Tennessee Avenue in Norwood. Please help us feed little kids in our city who often go hungry. RSVP to Rev. Doug.

First Sunday's Band: They're Too Loud! No, They're Great! (We UU's like to disagree!)



Michael Tacy needed to be away on the first Sunday of May. **So he and his band 'Brotherhood' will play for the Sunday, May 14 service.**

Recently, some comments have come from members who say the band's music volume is too loud. Other comments have come from members who love the band and enjoy its music! As the headline here says, we are UU's after all who voice our opinions. That's how it should be!

Our First Sunday service and its band music continues to evolve. It's designed to be a one Sunday a month difference from our traditional services - one that is a bit more casual, upbeat and

'contemporary'. One goal is to meet the music tastes of youth and young adults - those who are members and those who visit.

Change is never easy but it is a hallmark of progressivism. By adopting gradual change, we grow into stronger, wiser and even more compassionate people!

But, UU's also listen and empathize. While First Sunday music will still lean toward being more "rock n' roll" than other Sundays, Rev. Doug and Michael Tacy understand there are those who don't like it quite so loud. Doug and Michael will continue to work to moderately reduce its volume as well as add some diversity to it by including jazz, swing, R&B or softer rock pieces. In the meantime, your feedback is appreciated as we add one Sunday a month change to our Sunday services!!!

Congregation Votes for New Siding Color!

Members and regular attenders who attended on Sundays April 29 or May 7 voted for one of two colors for the new siding on our building. Results indicate a very strong majority in favor of the color choice "Sandstone Beige". Building trim and the sanctuary roof will remain a maroon red color. The Integra Contracting company will begin the painting process, weather permitting, sometime this week.



Flower Communion Cookout

We will hold our annual Flower Communion Service on **Sunday, June 4th** outdoors. (Weather Permitting!) A potluck grill out will follow the service. Please bring items to grill - veggie or meat-based hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. In addition, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



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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Tuesday and Thursday

Worship Attendance

April 23, 2017: 68

April 30, 2017: 59

May 7, 2017: 79

Newsletter Information

Future deadlines: May 18 for May 23
June 1 for June 6
June 15 for June 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 the rare occasion

an article
be late.



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Volunteers Still Wanted

GNH is looking for a few folks willing to provide one to three hours of administrative help each week. Work days and times are flexible! A rotating schedule will be created to spread the work. Teenagers looking for community service hours will be welcome this summer!

Contact Susan West, GNH Administrator, at gnhuu460@gmail.com

