



# 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

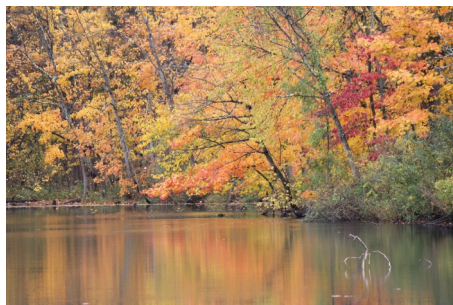
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## Sunday Message for September 24

GNH member Ann McCracken speaks on the topic "**When is it Right to Kill?**" Her answer is "Never!" as she explores the murky waters of the permission we give our society to kill.



## Upcoming Messages for October 2017 "Seasons Change and So Can We!"



10/1/17: **Changing Insensitivity**

10/8/17: **Changing a Fear of Scarcity**

10/15/17: **Changing Implicit Racial Bias – a Community Discussion**

10/22/17: GNH member

**David Hester** speaks on a topic yet to be determined.

10/29/17: GNH member **M.J. Pierson** holds a celebration service for **Halloween, the Fall harvest**, and the Pagan holiday **Samhain**.

*Unless otherwise noted, all messages will be offered by GNH minister Rev. Doug Slagle.*

## Upcoming Events

- Sept. 18 - Yoga - 6:45 p.m. - Quimby Room  
Sept. 20 - Yoga - 6:45 p.m. - Quimby Room  
Sept. 24 – Membership Team – Noon – Minister’s Office  
Sept. 25 - Yoga - 6:45 p.m. - Quimby Room  
Sept. 26 – Women’s Group – Noon – Quimby Room  
Sept. 27 - Yoga - 6:45 p.m. - Quimby Room  
Sept. 29 – Lunch at Lighthouse Youth Services - 11 a.m. - 2522 Highland Ave  
Oct. 2 - Yoga - 6:45 p.m. - Quimby Room  
Oct. 4 - Yoga - 6:45 p.m. - Quimby Room  
Oct. 8 - Souper Soup Sunday - Noon - Quimby Room  
Oct. 8 - Children’s RE Team Meeting - Noon - William Ellery Channing Room  
Oct. 8 - Social Justice Action Team Meeting - Noon - Sanctuary  
Oct. 9 - Yoga - 6:45 p.m. - Quimby Room  
Oct. 10 - Rummage Sale Table Set-up - 7 p.m. - Quimby Room  
Oct. 11 - Yoga Cancelled  
Oct. 11 - Rummage Sale Set-up - 9 a.m. - Quimby Room and Lobby  
Oct. 11 - Lunch at Lighthouse Youth Services - 11 a.m. - 2522 Highland Ave  
Oct. 12 - Rummage Sale Set-up - 9 a.m. - Quimby Room and Lobby  
Oct. 13 - Rummage Sale - 9 a.m. - Quimby Room and Lobby  
Oct. 14 - Rummage Sale - 9 a.m. - Quimby Room and Lobby



## Annual Concert for Homeless Youth



**Buy a ticket! Make a Donation! Save the Date!** Join friends for an evening of great music and help a great cause. GNH holds its **7th Annual Benefit Concert for Homeless Youth** on **Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 to 9 PM** at **Arnold's Bar and Grill, 210 E. 8th Street**, downtown. Tickets are \$20.00 each and you may purchase them after the service today and on upcoming Sundays. If you can't attend, donations are welcome! All proceeds go to assist homeless youth! Ricky Nye (voted best jazz musician in the city many times), Michael Tacy and the band Brotherhood, and Michael Moroski (mellow guitar music to close

the evening) will be featured. Buy and enjoy a drink and dinner. Stay for some of the best music in Cincinnati. Return home knowing you've helped our city's most vulnerable youth!!!



## Sweets and Treats

In lieu of our Goodies & Gifts Boutique originally scheduled for December 3 and 10 this year, the Ways & Means Team will be sponsoring **Sweets & Treats on Sunday, December 17**, after church service. This will be a sale of homemade food items, the proceeds going to benefit GNH. Please think about what you can donate and let someone know on the Ways & Means Team—Betsy Anderson, Phyllis Berenson, Jackie Clarkson, Becky Davis, Bob Freer, Linda Gutowski, Anita Jerome, Andy Rotterman, Sue Sale, or Marti Spiess. Thank you!



## Rummage Sale is Soon!

GNH's annual Rummage Sale is less than a month away--**Friday, October 13, and Saturday, October 14**. Reduce, reuse and recycle your clutter by donating unwanted items to GNH (**no TVs, CRT computer monitors, cribs or car seats, please**). Put your donations in the Hosea Ballou Room upstairs to the right. If the room is locked, leave your donations in the bins or on the rack outside the door. Please only drop off your rummage items when someone is in the building. If you'd like a tax receipt, give an itemized list of your donations to our office administrator, Susan West. If you can help with the rummage sale the week of October 9, sign up on the poster board in the GNH front lobby. Thanks!

## Kroger Update - More Members Needed to Register!



Members and friends who have signed up for the **Kroger Community Rewards Program** in support of the Gathering at Northern Hills (29 households) and shopped at Kroger between May 1 and July 31 (Cycle 6, Quarter 1) have contributed **\$169.61** to our latest donation from Kroger. If you shop at Kroger

and have a Kroger Plus card, but haven't signed up yet for this effortless way to support GNH, 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 the NPO# 80061.** If you need help, contact [Betsy Anderson](#), [Pete Patterson](#), [Barry Young](#) or call Kroger's tech team at 1-866-221-4141.

## Name Tag Updates!

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The Membership Team is looking to add some information to our current name-tags. Starting in October, we are

going to be listing personal pronouns on our nametags, in an effort to signal to visitors and new members that we are an inclusive and accepting congregation.

This practice has become common in LGN-TQIA events in recent years, especially as the awareness of transgender, gender nonconforming, and nonbinary persons has increased. Listing our pronouns on the nametags will signal to many LGBTQIA persons and allies that we are committed to being open and welcoming in deed, not just word.

As part of this, we are not going to be assuming anyone's gender or pronouns. This means that we do need everyone to provide us with the information for their new nametags by October 15! Each week, we will have sheets in the Quimby Room after service so you can provide us with your information, also you can fill out a form online at <https://goo.gl/forms/8kMuZdDRbqdk5wah1>

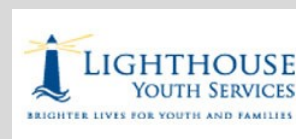
## Make an Offer!

**Make an Offer!** Two gift-certificate items remaining from our spring auction are four Madcap vouchers, each redeemable for one ticket to any “Hats Off Series” performance by the Madcap Puppets (expires March 31, 2018; start bid at \$16); and two vouchers for admission to the Duke Energy Children’s Museum at the Cincinnati Museum Center (expires October 31, 2017; start bid \$9). See Betsy Anderson for “let’s make a deal” if you’re interested.



### Volunteers Needed to Serve Lunch to our Neighbors

We have an opportunity coming soon in October to serve our neighbors. On Oct. 11 we will serve lunch at Lighthouse Youth Services. Volunteers are needed! Please see Pete and Ginny Patterson if you can help.



## Help Valley Interfaith



**Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center** needs our support year round, including donations of empty plastic containers to distribute laundry soap, cereal (all kinds), peanut butter, canned meat (such as tuna), toothbrushes, toothpaste, men’s and women’s deodorant, body wash, shampoo, cleaning products, garbage bags, powder laundry soap (unscented & hypoallergenic), toilet paper & size 4-6 diapers or any size pull-ups. For additional needs, go to [www.vicrc.org](http://www.vicrc.org), click on “Be an Advocate”, then “Donate Items/Manna List.” Please put your donations in the large basket by the stairs in the GNH’s lobby outside the Quimby Room. Thank you!

# We Need Volunteers and Leaders for IHN



Our next volunteer opportunity for Interfaith Hospitality Network is at Friendship United Methodist Church at the corner of Fleming and Springfield Pike. They will be hosting the week of September 24th to September 30th.

We have maximum flexibility with Friendship since you may volunteer for any day that they need people. You can host dinner (5-7) host playtime and conversation (7-9) or stay overnight (9-7). Or, if you prefer, you can buy or prepare food rather than hosting. Please use the following links to see where they need volunteers and to sign up. If you need help signing up, please contact Kim Roots ([kimballroots@gmail.com](mailto:kimballroots@gmail.com))

Volunteer sign-up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ea8a92caa8-ihnservice3>

Food sign-up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4EA8A92CAA8-ihnfood3>

In addition, we are looking for a new IHN coordinator. Harriet Courter and Kim Roots have facilitated IHN for 14 years and would like to retire.

The job is easy; just make sure we have enough volunteers for Tuesday nights at St. Monica Church and make the announcements for hosting weeks at Friendship and St. Monica. We enjoy great support from the congregation and usually have no problem finding volunteers. It's a great program that really helps families in need. Please consider volunteering, perhaps as co-coordinators (like Harriet and Kim.)

## Come Be Part of Our Teams!



***We have great coordinating Teams:*** Our Sunday Service Planning Team, Social Justice Action Team, Membership Team, RE Team, Ways and Means Team, Care Team, Building and Grounds Team, Hospitality Team, Technology Team, (and many other smaller teams)!

Both our Board and Rev. Doug deeply appreciate the work of volunteers on those teams. And they respect their time, commitment and knowledge. The Board and Rev. Doug will not micro-manage or second guess policies and decisions made by each Team in their area of responsibility - so long as they follow the general goals of our community and adhere to the 7 UU principles. **In other**

**words, the Board and all our members support decisions of our Teams!** They are the hardworking "experts" in their area!

Every member and regular attender is encouraged to join a Team and thereby be a part of determining the work we do as a community. Simply contact a Team coordinator and ask if his or Team needs additional help. And, in the meantime, thank any Team member you come across for their work!

## 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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## Harbinger Information



Future deadlines:

September 28 for October 3

October 12 for October 16

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 needs to be late.

## Volunteer at the Freestore!

Please join fellow GNH friends to serve at the Freestore Foodbank warehouse on **Sat., Oct. 21** at 1250 Tennessee Avenue, 9 - 11:30 a.m. Youth over the age of 10, with an adult, are welcome to participate! Please RSVP to Rev. Doug.

