

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



IN THE SPRING, I HAVE COUNTED

 **136**

DIFFERENT KINDS OF WEATHER INSIDE OF



MARK TWAIN

Upcoming Events

April 21: Easter Sunday Service: Resurrecting the Resurrection

April 1 – April 30 - Shambhala Meditation Group, Every Tuesday,
7:00 – 8:30 pm, Quimby Room.

April 17 -- Social Justice Book Discussion, 6 8 p.m., C

April 20 -- Volunteer at Freestore, 9 to 11:30 AM, 1250 Tennessee Ave.

May 3 -- Book Club, 1:00 pm, GNH Conference Room

May 5 -- Annual Member Volunteer Yard Clean up, contact Ann Bobonick

May 5 -- Service Planning Team Meeting, 9:30 am

May 5 – RE Children’s Meeting. William Channing Room

May 5 – Board of Trustees Meeting, After Morning Service, Conference Room

This Sunday, April 7: Rev. Doug speaks. "Resurrecting the Resurrection"

April Message Series

The Easter story remains one of our culture’s defining narratives. Whether the story is true or not, Easter is the symbolic foundation of our morality, psychology and politics.

Our society is experiencing resurrections right now - in how we are painfully transforming past attitudes about gender, age and race into something new and much better.

As individuals, we also find the resurrection has personal meaning in how we continually change ourselves into new people.

Finally, we are also resurrecting the resurrection itself to apply a new understanding of Easter such that it can be spiritually relevant in a postmodern culture.



We're Unitarian Universalists. We Have Opinions!!!

Please take twenty minutes (right now if you can!) and log onto and fill out our GNH survey.

Click here: www.Surveymonkey.com/r/GNH_Strategies_Survey

This survey was drafted and approved by your Board of Trustees as a way to help plan our future. The Board needs input from the entire congregation so that strategies and goals can be set for the congregation. Please take 20 minutes to share your thoughts about what things at GNH are important to you. The deadline for members and friends to take the survey is soon. **Please** don't delay!



New Coffeehouse Family Service

Sunday, May 12!

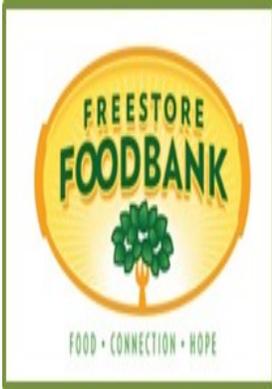
Join us for a once-a-month new style of Sunday service intended for all members - but with a special appeal to families and youth.

Coffeehouse services are non-traditional with lots of music, videos, a short message, and tables in the sanctuary to sit at while enjoying coffee and light snacks. Youth are encouraged to attend with parents and friends. Youth are welcomed to chat, surf their smartphone, text, tweet, instagram, listen to the service, or just relax.

Michael Tacy and his band Brotherhood will provide the music. Michael will lead the service and Rev. Doug will share a short message that relates to youth and adults alike.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE COFFEE MUG WITH
A "LID" TO THE COFFEEHOUSE FAMILY SERVICE**

GNH ANNOUNCEMENTS



FreeStore Foodbank

**Freestore Volunteers Needed -
THIS Saturday, April 20, 2019.,
9:00 am to 11:30 am,**

1250 Tennessee Avenue. Children 10 and over may volunteer with their parents. We assemble weekend food bags for young children who experience food insecurity. Please RSVP to Rev. Doug.

Pictures Of GNH

If you have any nice pictures of the GNH facilities that you would like to share for use on the GNH website and/or marketing materials, please contact Alan Garrison (alangarrison@gmail.com). You can either give him a thumb drive or he will share a Google Drive link with you so you can upload them directly to him.

Building Security:

PLEASE KEEP OUR GNH DOORS LOCKED AT ALL TIMES

GNH security is all of our responsibility. Please keep our doors locked at all times. We have arranged for greeters on Sunday mornings to open the front door to members and guests.

Thank you for your help!

Volunteers Needed

Lighthouse Youth Services Lunch Preparation

GNH will serve lunch at the Lighthouse Sheakley Center on Wednesday, **April 10** at 11:00am - 1:30 pm
Please contact Ginny Patterson if you can help.

Hospitality Schedule

Reminders to upcoming hosts will be sent every Tuesday. *If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please switch dates with another member and notify the office.*

Thank you for your continued commitment

Women's Book Club –

May 3, 2019, 1:00 pm, GNH Conference Room

May's Book of the Month.
"Autumn", by Karl Ove Knausgaard..



Social Justice Action Team Book Club

Will read & discuss the book "So You Want to Talk About Race" by Ijeoma Oluo. Meeting scheduled for tomorrow, **April 17 @ 6 pm** in the GNH Conference Room. Contact Jack Brennan or Carole Womeldorf.



Rummage Sale Clarification

Although the Ways & Means Team has decided not to have a rummage sale in 2019, we are not doing away with rummage sales.

There's a good chance we'll have one in 2020.

"For 2019 only, no rummage donation please!"

Thoughts and Prayers

We continue our concern for Adrienne Campbell, and Mary Ann MaCleid.

Please contact Phyllis Berenson, if you know of members in need.

GNH Spring Auction

Auction 2019 Brings in more than \$10,000

What a Wonderful World!, our annual spring auction, raised more than \$10,000 this year for GNH. Attendance was lower than usual, but income still met our expectations. Included in the total were donations for wine and beer (\$299) and GNH's share of split-the-pot (\$105). Leftover items, including places at many social events, will be available in the Quimby Room until the end of April. Among other things, you'll find gift certificates for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the Civic Garden Center (educational classes), the Delta Kings Barbershop Chorus's Annual Cabaret on May 4, a guitar tune-up by Brad Barron, and a Saturday home visit by techie Allan Garrison to set up or fix your home computer.

The Ways and Means Team would like to thank everyone for their donations to and support of the 2019 auction. Thanks go to our computer team this year headed by Alan Garrison and including Penny Shore and Keith Murrell, who quickly provided us with receipts. We delighted in watching our three auctioneers—Jennifer Schmahl, Dave Hester, and Todd Wernicke, with help from dinner-bid recorder Keith Israel—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, Sue Sale, Andy Rotterman, 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, 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 many businesses who contributed so generously to the auction. They are listed in this issue of the Harbinger. Please patronize them and remember to thank them for their support.

The Gathering at Northern Hills appreciates all Auction 2019 donations from members, friends, and businesses in the community. We encourage support of these establishments, who were generous in supporting our auction this year.

Alreddy Café & Espresso Bar	Graeter's
Appalachian Festival, Coney Island	Greenhills Sandwich Shop
Artists in Hair Design	Hairline 1 & Nailcrafters
Athenian Restaurant	Half Day Café
Biagio's Bistro	Nancy Huentelman, LMT
Blue Goose Sport Café	Humbert Meats, Finneytown
Buffalo Wild Wings	Marty's Hops & Vines
Cincinnati Delta Kings	Meritage Restaurant, Glendale
Barbershop Chorus	Northland Ice Rink
Cincinnati Landmark Productions	Panera
Cincinnati Museum Center	Pet Supplies Plus
Cincinnati Observatory	Prime Cincinnati
Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park	Roc-A-Fellas
Cincinnati Reds	Ruth's Parkside Café
Cincinnati Shakespeare Company	Schwartz Jewelers
Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra	Silk Road Textiles
City Barbeque	Slatts Pub
Civic Garden Center	United Dairy Farmers
Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant	Wild Birds Unlimited
Cracker Barrel	Your Touch of Heaven
EnterTrainment Junction	Cathy McEneny, LMT
Florence Freedom	Linda Backus, LMT & Lac

Openings Available for Johannes Bjorner's Art Workshop at GNH on May 11

As part of our spring auction, Johannes Bjorner is offering an art workshop at the Gathering at Northern Hills on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. For the workshop to take place, at least five people must sign up, and right now there are three—Sue Cline, Carolyn Broughton, and Cheryl Leksan.

Johannes, who is a skilled artist, will show you some new techniques for creating abstract paintings. Students will be working on 9" x 12" paintings, and all materials will be supplied. Susanne Bjorner will serve a light lunch for attendees. The cost is \$50 per student, and all proceeds go to GNH to support the church and its service activities. Please contact Betsy Anderson (mbanderson1@zoomtown.com) if you are interested.

Keeping our Building Neat and Clean

As you have read here or heard during Sunday announcements, we are in the process of organizing and cleaning our building so that we can maximize its rental potential. Along those lines, *PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE* do not bring in any donations for the church without **first** ensuring it is something that is truly needed. If you have a donation for the:

Sanctuary, ask a member of the Service Planning Team;
RE Team, ask a teacher or Marti Spiess (DRE);
Quimby Room, ask Ann Bobonick;
Choir, ask Michael Tacy;
Auction Team, ask Betsy Anderson;
kitchen, ask Penny Shore;
gardens, ask Mary Lou Aufmann;
general outside yard, ask Doug Slagle
A/V, ask Todd Werneke,
anywhere else, ask Penny Shore or Ann Bobonick.

While it's nice to be thought of when you have items with value and use still left we do not have unlimited space and storage. Please check with the above people first to ensure that the church is an appropriate new home for your gently used and loved item. Thank you for understanding.

Children's Religious Education News

We are excited to be utilizing the theme-based curriculum from Soul Matters, a UU resource.

The current theme is: **What Does It Mean to be a People of...**
April: Wholeness

Marketing the Rental of Our Building!

Under the leadership of Ann Bobonick, an energetic team of 7 volunteers is planning new ways to promote rental of our building. If you have suggestions, please share them with Ann.

Free Landscape Work Done by Local Landscaper

A visitor to our service on 3/24, Lois, a professional landscaper, has performed several hours of free landscaping in our church yard. Should you need help with gardening or inside deep cleaning- hiring her is a way to say thank you! Call or text 513/602-9116 or intheweedssetc@gmail.com.



Your chance to contribute to our Grounds Upkeep --

GNH Annual Member Volunteer Yard Clean up! Sunday, May 5th - after church services, 12 noon to 1:30 PM. Help prune, mow, mulch, weed and generally spruce up our beautiful property! Contact Ann Bobonick for information or just show up on May 5 ready to help! Bring your work clothes and yard tools.



Transgender Inclusion at St. John's

St. John's is offering Transgender Inclusion for Congregations on three Tuesday evenings: April 16, April 30 and May 14 at 7:00 pm. The Gathering at Northern Hills congregants are invited. St. John's is adapting the UUA Transforming Hearts on-line sessions so there is less video and more discussion. Trans guests also will serve as speakers and resources in the 2nd and 3rd sessions..

Please contact Alice Diebel, Intern Minister, for additional information.

St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church

adiebel@stjohnsuu.org



Donations Needed by Valley Interfaith

VICRC in Lockland is dependent on donated items. Many needed items are difficult for Valley to purchase due to either high cost or limited availability. Consider picking up a few of their most needed items and dropping them off at GNH. Place them in the large basket by the stairs in the foyer outside the Quimby Room.

Most needed pantry items include empty plastic containers to distribute laundry soap, all kinds of cereal, peanut butter, and canned meat.

Most needed personal hygiene items include toothbrushes, toothpaste, men's and women's deodorant, body wash, shampoo, cleaning products, garbage bags, unscented hypoallergenic power laundry soap, feminine hygiene products, size 4-6 diapers and any size pull-ups, and toilet paper. Drug stores, like CVS and Walgreens, often have special deals on these items.

Most needed clothing and house wares items include men's jeans (especially small sizes), men's gym shoes and boots (new or gently used), gently used pots and pans, new or gently used queen and king sheet sets, bath towels, new or gently used window box fans, and new or gently used space heaters. Valley **cannot accept** any furniture, TVs, infant/child car seats or cribs/playpens as well as many household items and baby items due to legal or space restrictions. Thanks so much for your generosity!

Freestore Foodbank's Hunger Walk & 5K Run - 2019



Spend your Memorial Day with us and walk, run, skip, or stroll around the Ohio River!

Now is the time to lace up your shoes and hit the pavement for a tremendous cause! **Join us on Monday, May 27th for the 16th Annual Hunger Walk and 5K Run!** This year's race starts bright and early at 9AM. Since its inception in 2004, the Hunger Walk and 5K Run has raised more than \$1,800,000, the equivalent of 5,400,000 **meals**, for Freestore Foodbank **community partners** serving 20 counties in Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and Southeast Indiana. With each step you are taking you are directly impacting lives of those in our community. **Spend your Memorial Day with us and walk, run, skip, or stroll around the Ohio River! Register now** and take a stand against hunger!

Your **registration** or **donation** will help support the Freestore Foodbank's network of 450 partner food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and community centers. Through this network, we are able to provide 27.3 million meals each year to hungry children and families in 20 counties in Southwest Ohio, Southeast Indiana and Northern Kentucky. One step a time, one dollar at a time, together we can solve hunger.

TOGETHER WE CAN SOLVE HUNGER

Freestore Foodbank provides access to 100% of the funds our community partners raise during the Hunger Walk. Funds may be used for Shared maintenance fees, Refrigeration/freezer capacity, Rent/utilities, Staffing for pick-up and delivery, Food distribution support, Technology upgrades in support of food distribution, Truck purchase or maintenance, Health and Hygiene, and Holiday food boxes.

cincinnati hungerwalk.org

GNH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Temporary Office Support

Familiarity with MicroSoft Office applications and general office equipment and tasks. 2-3 hours each Thursday afternoon. Contact Sue Cline at scline0149@gmail.com

Caring and Support Team

Provides nurture and support for members in the congregation in time of need or crisis. Contact Phyllis Berenson at pberenson@yahoo.com or Patti Wiers at pjwiers@fuse.net

Ways and Means (Fundraising)

Conducts fundraising through the annual auction, rummage sale, and other event.

“WE WELCOME NEW FUND RAISING IDEAS AND VOLUNTEERS”.

Contact Betsy Anderson at mbanderson1@zoomtown.com

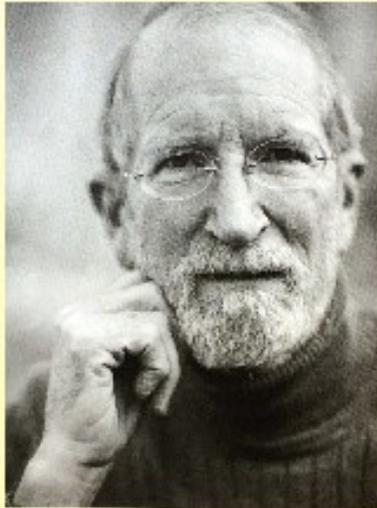
Ushers

Ushers prepare and distribute the order of service, warmly greet all attendees, assist in directing members and guests in seating, assist in the offering, assist in counting of cash offerings after the service. Phyllis Berenson at pberenson@yahoo.com or Mel Levrant at ocarmel@fuse.net



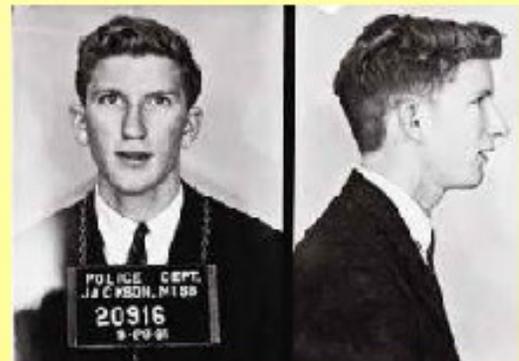
Please Help Take Care of our Church Home!

All able members are asked to volunteer, in some way, to take care of our building and grounds. **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS WORK!** If you are willing to donate an hour or two to mow grass, do yard work, organize, clean, or do light repairs and maintenance - PLEASE contact Rev. Doug or David Hester.



Dr. David Fankhauser Tales of a Young Freedom Rider

As a college student in 1961, Dr. Fankhauser, retired professor of Biology at UC Clemont, joined the Freedom Riders seeking to end illegal segregation in interstate transportation in the South. Their courage in the face of hatred & violence is a lesson for today as well.



**Monday, May 20
7:30 PM**

**Anderson Hills United
Methodist Church
7515 Forest Road, 45255**

RSVP requested at
<https://freedomtales.eventbrite.com>
Email: acru@cinci.rr.com
Visit www.gappeace.org

**This program is free and open to the public.
Recommended age: high school to adult.**

Program Sponsors



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

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Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 am -4:00 pm,

Wednesday, 9:00 am - 2:00



NEXT Harbinger

**Our Next Harbinger will
be Tuesday, May 7, 2019**

Please have all articles to the office by 10 a.m. by the deadline, Monday, May 6, 2019 before the Harbinger is published. Space can be reserved on the rare occasion an article needs to be late.