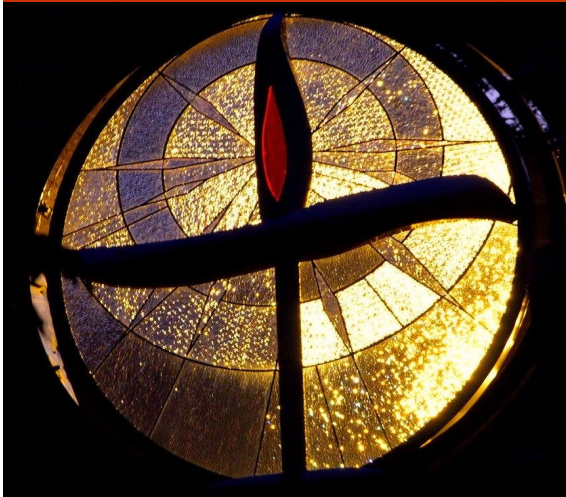


The Gathering at Northern Hills, A Unitarian Universalist Community



# 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**



HALF A YEAR IS GONE.  
WELCOME *June*



**JUNE**  
Birds just waking up to sing  
as nighttime slips away,  
Dewdrops sparkling in the sun  
to greet a BRAND-NEW DAY,  
Fireflies lighting dusky skies  
AND STROLLS BENEATH THE MOON –  
What could be more perfect  
than the lovely  
MONTH of JUNE.  
Happy SUMMER



# World Orphan Choir FREE Concert, GNH, June 7, 2019 THIS Friday, 7:30 PM



**World Orphans Choir, June 6 - June 8.** GNH is pleased to host the World Orphans Choir ([www.icnchildren.net](http://www.icnchildren.net)) for two days and two nights beginning on Thursday, June 6 at 11 AM and ending at 11 AM on Saturday, June 8. This group is touring the U.S. as a way to fundraise and offer child/youth monthly sponsorships. **The choir will perform a free one hour concert in the GNH Sanctuary on Friday, June 7 at 7:30 PM. A "love offering" will be taken.**

## Thoughts from Reverend Doug

(Rev. Doug with Pete Patterson, Patti & Brandon Wiers at a Cincinnati Pride Parade)



June is our national Pride month! It is also the 50th anniversary of the event that gave birth to Pride celebrations. On June 28, 1969, New York City police raided the Stonewall Inn gay bar. Tensions between police and gay residents of the Greenwich Village area in which Stonewall was located had been brewing for several weeks. The police raid of the bar, and their arrest of its gay patrons (just for simply being in a gay bar) quickly got out of hand. Patrons and other neighborhood residents resisted police efforts to arrest and harass them.

Over the next few nights, protests grew larger and even more angry. Within weeks, protesters coalesced into groups that became the nucleus of the gay rights movement that still exists today. LGBTQ persons and their allies owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the men and women of the first Stonewall Inn protests and to the even greater number of people who have advocated for equal rights since then.

Despite the fact that Pride month is often seen as a time to celebrate LGBTQ equality, I believe it must also be a time to champion basic human rights for everyone. The rainbow Pride flag is emblematic of that. We cannot advocate rights for some - but not for all. Every person must be accorded equality and dignity due to the simple fact that we are all of the same human family.



As a part of that ethic is the idea that Pride means outwardly living true to one's inner identity. No longer should anyone have to suppress or deny who they are, and who they choose to love, because others disagree or simply choose to hate. And that means we all must be authentic in who we are to the world. No matter our differences, Pride is a way to affirm and love not only ourselves and who we were created to be, but to also love and support all others in who they were created to be.

Women, people of color, and the other abled are an essential part of the rainbow spectrum of human diversity. Each of our individual differences do not make us less equal or less beautiful. Instead, diverse ethnicities, backgrounds, genders, sexualities and abilities make us each wonderfully unique "works of art" crafted by the creator.

I hope you will take time this month to reflect on June Pride and how you too can share in its celebration. That includes Pride in who you are and the special but unique qualities you offer the world. And it means Pride in the wide and wonderful human family - one that is knit together by a common spirit of love, compassion and mutual understanding. We owe such Pride to ourselves and then to family, friend, and stranger!



## **Annual Flower Communion Ceremony This Sunday, June 9!**



**This coming Sunday, June 9 we will celebrate a slightly different flower communion. Youth and adults are welcome to bring potted annual flowers that will be planted on our building grounds. Cut flowers may also be brought. Come celebrate Flower Communion on June 9!**



## **Coffeehouse Family Service This Sunday, June 9 Too!**

**Join us for a once-a-month 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.**

## Upcoming Events

**This Sunday, June 9, Coffeehouse Family Service, and Our Annual Flower Communion Service - 10:45 am**

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

June 7 – GNH Book Club, 1:00 pm, The Shipping News by Annie Proulx

June 9 – Social Justice Action Team Meeting, 9:15 am, Sanctuary

June 9 – New Membership Class, 1:00 pm, Sanctuary

June 12 – Lunch preparation at Lighthouse Youth Services, 11 am

June 15 – Volunteers needed – Freestore, 9:00

June 16 - New member initiation ceremony, during the service, 10:45 am

June 16 - UU Elevator Speech - 1:00 pm, Quimby Room

June 23 - Membership Team Meeting - 12:00 pm

June 25 - GNH Women's Group Meeting - 12:00 pm, Quimby Room

## **June Messages: Pride!**

**6/9 : Flower Communion, Coffeehouse Service, 'Rainbow Pride'**

**6/16 : 'Sinful Pride. New Member Induction Ceremony.'**

**6/23 : UU General Assembly Streamed Sunday Service**

**6/30 - Music Director Michael Tacy Speaks. Topic: TBD**



# GNH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New GNH Member Induction Ceremony will be held during the Sunday service on June 16th.**

All visitors and friends interested in becoming a member of the Gathering at Northern Hills, please contact Rev. Doug, Becky Wilson or MJ Pierson

## **Lighthouse Youth Services Lunch Preparation.**

GNH will next serve lunch at the Lighthouse Sheakley Center, **Wednesday, June 12** at 11:00 am - 1:30 m. Please contact Ginny Patterson if you can help.

**FreeStore Foodbank Save the Dates! GNH will hold a half-year congregation**



**Freestore Volunteers Needed -  
Saturday, June 15, 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.

## **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!

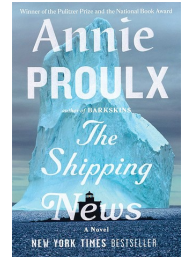
## **Thoughts and Prayers**

Please contact Patti Wiers or Rev. Doug if you know of members in need.

**GNH Member Carl Studerus Memorial Service  
planned for Saturday afternoon, July 20 at GNH.  
More detail to follow soon.**

**GNH Book Club –  
June 7, 2019, 1:00 pm, GNH Conference Room**

**June's Book of the Month.  
The Shipping News by Annie Proulx**



## **GNH's Latest Quarterly Dividend from Kroger's Community Rewards Program**

The Gathering at Northern Hills continues to reap benefits from those members and friends who have linked their Kroger Plus Cards to Kroger's Community Rewards Program. From February 1, 2019, through April 30, 2019, GNH earned a reward of **\$162.99** from Kroger. This amount is based on the number of GNH households registered for the Kroger community program (34 this quarter) and how much they purchased with their Kroger Plus Cards during that period. The Kroger rewards we receive go into GNH's Outreach Fund to support our community service projects.

If you shop at Kroger and have not yet registered for this easy way to support GNH's outreach projects, 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 our new NPO# SR254.** If you need help or have questions about registering, please contact Betsy Anderson, Pete Patterson, or Barry Young or call Kroger's tech team at 1-866-221-4141. Thank you for your support!





## 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...**  
June - Beauty

## 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.

# **New Hospitality Team Formed !!!!!**

Please thank Penny Shore and a new team of volunteers who, beginning June 2nd, will serve as regular Sunday Hospitality hosts. A simplified menu of coffee, juice, bagels, cream cheese, and fruit will be served each week. Members are welcome to donate a food item if they wish.

**\$1.00 donation will be asked of all who enjoy a Sunday Hospitality.**

## **Valley Interfaith's Back 2 School Program Needs School Folders Now!**

Last year Valley Interfaith's Back 2 School Program served 1,044 students. They are planning to serve over a thousand students again this year and are collecting school supplies now to be handed out **August 5 through 9**.

Valley has asked The Gathering at Northern Hills to supply **300 two-pocket folders**. Additionally, they can use 3-ring binders. Please bring your donations to GNH **no later than Sunday, July 21**, and put them in the large basket near the stairs in the foyer outside the Quimby Room. Thanks for your generosity!

## **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.

## Register Now for Auction Social Events Still Available in June

You can still sign up for **Barry Young's acrylic pouring class** at GNH on Saturday, **June 15**, from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. Barry will demonstrate two different techniques and then assist students with their individual pours. Each student will have two 8" x 10" paintings that will take several hours to dry, but can be picked up Sunday, June 16. The cost to participate is \$20, and these proceeds will go to GNH. Students will need to bring an additional \$10 to class to cover the cost of supplies (plastic table cloths, gloves, mixing sticks, silicone, Floetrol, mixing cups & canvases). Contact Barry Young ([barryyoung@yahoo.com](mailto:barryyoung@yahoo.com)) if you are interested.

On Saturday, **June 29**, from 5 until 6:30 p.m., **Tom and Penny Shore are hosting a Throw-Back Cocktail Party** at their Wyoming home. They have plenty of room for you to join the eight people already attending this short and sweet cocktail party—the kind people might have held in the late 60s or early 70s. Classic cocktails will be served along with hors d'oeuvres that fit the theme—stuffed celery, pigs in a blanket, etc. This is a great opportunity to dress up as well—think flower power dresses and Nehru jackets! The cost is \$20 a person and all proceeds go to support GNH and its activities. Contact Penny Shore ([penny.shore@gmail.com](mailto:penny.shore@gmail.com)) if you would like to attend.

**Three gift certificates from our spring auction are still up for grabs.** They include a \$30 gift certificate for **Artists in Hair Design** in Springdale (available for \$15), a \$15 gift certificate for an educational class at the **Civic Garden Center** on Reading Road, which is good through Dec. 31, 2019 (available for \$7); and a set of two vouchers each good for one ticket to any CSO Friday or Sunday subscription concert in the 2019-20 Music Hall season (value of \$150; available for \$75). The **CSO tickets** don't expire until May 17, 2020, and to find out what classes are available at the Civic Garden Center, see [www.civicgardencenter.org](http://www.civicgardencenter.org). Contact Betsy Anderson ([mbanderson1@zoomtown.com](mailto:mbanderson1@zoomtown.com)) if you are interested in any of these gift certificates.



# Cincinnati Pride Festival – June 22, 2019

## Calling All Unitarian Universalists

### Pride Parade, 11:00 AM

### Downtown Cincinnati



On **Saturday, June 22nd, 10:30 AM**, show support for the Cincinnati LGBTQ Community by marching in the Cincinnati Pride Parade with friends from all Greater Cincinnati UU congregations. This is a family-friendly event with children of all ages invited to march! Bring your decorated wagon, bike, baby stroller, or signs showing support for Pride!

If you own one, please wear your "Standing on the Side of Love" t-shirt. UUs will meet in a designated staging area announced the week before. Over the past few years, the UU staging area has been located on the 7th Street overpass across I-75. Look for the "UU float" (Juli Rose's van with a flaming chalice on top) and come early to help decorate it more!

For persons who wish to ride and not walk, there is space in the van. Please contact MJ Pierson (513 258-4784) if you need a spot in the van - or if you have questions about the parade.

Happy Pride to All!

# GNH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## 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](mailto:pberenson@yahoo.com) or Patti Wiers at [pjwiers@fuse.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pberenson@yahoo.com) or Mel Levrant at [ocarmel@fuse.net](mailto: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.

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



## NEXT Harbinger

**Our Next Harbinger will be  
Tuesday, June 18, 2019**

Please have all articles to the office by 10 a.m. by the deadline, Monday, June 17, 2019 before the Harbinger is published. Space can be reserved on the rare occasion an article needs to be late.