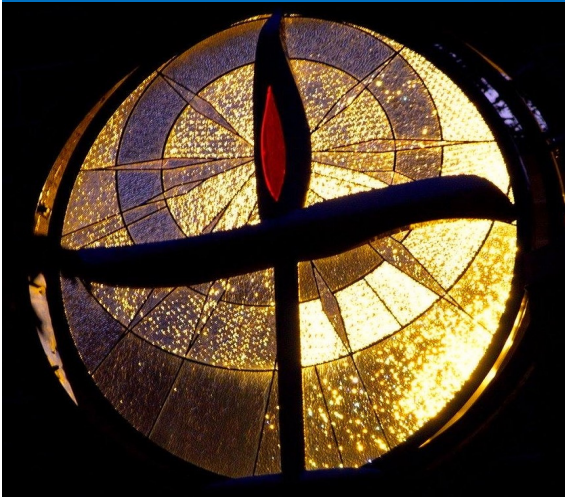


The Gathering at Northern Hills, A Unitarian Universalist Community



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



July is the seventh month of the year (between June and August) in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and the fourth of seven months to have a length of 31 days.

It was named by the Roman Senate in honor of Roman general Julius Caesar, it being the month of his birth,

Summer is the time when one sheds one's tensions with one's clothes, and the right kind of day is jeweled balm for the battered spirit. A few of those days and you can become drunk with the belief that all's right with the world

- Ada Louise Huxtable

Upcoming Events



**This Sunday, July 21, we will continue our July's Message Series:
"Meaningful Events in a History of July's"
Topic "Onward to a New Frontier".**

July 1 – July 31 - Shambhala Meditation Group, Every Tuesday,
7:00 – 8:30 pm, Quimby Room.

July 20 - Volunteer at the Freestore Foodbank, 9am - 12pm

July 20 - Carl Studerus Memorial Service. 1:00 pm

July 23 - GNH Women's Group - 12:00 pm - Quimby Room

July 25 - Membership Team Meeting - 12:00 pm

Aug 2 - GNH Women's Book Club, 1:00 pm, Conference Room

Aug 4 - Service Planning Team Meeting, 9:00 am

Aug 4 - Children's RE Team Meeting, 12:00 pm, Wm Ellery Channing Rm

Aug 4 - Board of Trustees Meeting, 12:15 pm, Quimby Room

Aug 11 - Social Justice Action Meeting, 9:15am, Sanctuary

Aug 11 - RE Classes for the Youth, 10:15am

Aug 11 - Coffeehouse Service, 10:45am

July Message Series

"Meaningful Events in a History of July's"

July 21st: "Onward to a New Frontier"

On May 21, 1961, President Kennedy set a goal for the US to land a man on the moon by the end of that decade. On July 20, 1969, Kennedy's vision was realized. What larger meaning, if any, did putting a man on the moon have then and now? What does it say about the human yearning to explore and look to new horizons?

Board Approves Use of Fred Shroeder Estate Bequest.

At its meeting last Sunday, the Board unanimously agreed to use \$10,000 of Fred's estate bequest to establish a GNH Endowment Fund. Creating such a fund was approved by the congregation at its mid-year meeting in June. The remaining \$2,700 will be used to pay for acoustic tiles and wall decorations in the Quimby room. Plans for those are yet to be finalized. With the allotment of Fred's money in these ways, he will 'live' on long into the future by supporting the ideals and the work of our congregation.

Carl Studerus Memorial Service

This Saturday, July 20th, 1:00 PM, GNH Sanctuary.

Reception in the Quimby Room to follow.

Shambhala Meditation Group

Every Tuesday, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

The Shambhala Meditation Group welcomes newcomers and experienced meditators alike. Questions/RSVP: contact Ann Bobonick.

GNH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lighthouse Youth Services Lunch Preparation.

GNH will next serve lunch at the Lighthouse Sheakley Center, **Wednesday, Aug 14** at 11:00 am - 1:30 m. Please contact Ginny Patterson if you can help.

Looking for a Fun Serving Activity this Summer for Adults and Youth?

Please volunteer at the Freestore, 1250 Tennessee Avenue, Saturday morning, July 20, 9 AM to 11:30 AM.

Youth ages 10 and up, with an adult, are welcome. Come help address food insecurity in Cincinnati. Please notify Rev. Doug if you plan to volunteer.



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 Weirs or Rev. Doug if you know of members in need.

Folders for Valley Interfaith

Needed by July 21

GNH has been asked to donate 300 two-pocket folders to Valley Interfaith for their Back 2 School program this fall. **Folders are due this Sunday, July 21.** Please put your donated folders in the large basket at the base of the stairs in the foyer outside the Quimby Room. **If you'd rather donate money, you can put cash in the tall glass vase by the basket.**

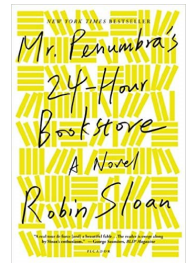
Thanks!

GNH Book Club –

Aug 2, 2019, 1:00 pm, GNH Conference Room

August's Book of the Month.

Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan



**Save the Date: Pet Blessing Service, Sunday, September 8th,
10:45 AM,**

Weather Permitting as we will be outdoors. Pets of all sizes, shapes and kinds are welcome. Join together as we honor and bless our fellow creatures.

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.

Openings Available for Auction Social Events in August

Shelley Nelson's Afternoon Taco Dinner at GNH has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 17, at 1 p.m. Shelley, a skilled chef, is new to our congregation. Her meal will include cowboy caviar (a mash-up between a salad and a dip, typically made with a variety of fresh veggies, black-eyed peas, and black beans) and corn chips, watermelon salad, tacos (beef and vegetarian) with corn and flour shells, refried beans, cilantro lime rice and Mexican brownies. Yum! Cost is only \$12 a person, and all proceeds go to support GNH.

The auction's popular Dinner and Euchre Party will be held the following Saturday, August 24, at the Wyoming home of Amy Bryce and Robert Ford. Dinner will be provided at 6 p.m. by Linda and Bob Gutowski and Bob Freer. Card play follows at 7 p.m. All experience levels are welcome. There's no need to bring a partner, but please bring \$5 per player (for prize money) and a lot of quarters for when you are euchred (quarters go to the lowest scorer). Cost is \$25 a person, and all proceeds go to support GNH.

To sign up for either of these events, please contact Betsy Anderson at mbanderson1@zoomtown.com.

New Hospitality Team Serves GNH!

Penny Shore and a team of twelve volunteers have begun work providing Sunday hospitality to members and visitors. Please thank these committed volunteers for their time and energy making Sundays a welcome and friendly time for all. Hospitality time after service on Sundays is to give members and guests an opportunity to socialize while having a light snack. Occasionally, GNH will hold a special event or potluck meal and more elaborate food will be served. Anyone interested in serving on the new Hospitality team should please contact Penny Shore. Team members use an online sign-up to select dates when they can host hospitality.

A new and regular “menu” of food items will be served every Sunday. This snack covers the various dietary choices within the congregation (omnivore, vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, sugar-free, artificial ingredient-free.)

The regular menu will be:

- Coffee - regular & decaf (Fair Trade Coffee)
- Tea
- Juice (fruit juice w/o sweeteners)
- Cream, creamer, sugar, sweeteners
- Fruit or fresh vegetables
- Bagels

Cream Cheese

If you wish, you may continue to bring special food items on Sundays for sharing with the congregation. If you do, please contact Penny Shore by Saturday so the Hospitality team can plan accordingly. Unfortunately, cut fruit cannot be served on Coffeehouse Sundays.

Since we are all trying to keep our building neat and clutter-free, the Hospitality Teams requests you follow these policies:

- Any food brought into the kitchen for a use other than hospitality **must be clearly labeled** with Name, Event, and Throw Away Date.
- Any food that is not labeled will either be used for hospitality, offered to the congregation to take home, or discarded.
- Any food that is left on the shelves that is not properly labeled and closed to prevent spoilage will be discarded.

Please do not leave donations of kitchen wares in the kitchen. The Hospitality Team will post a notice in the Harbinger if an item is needed.

Please enjoy Sunday Hospitality at GNH!

Keeping our Building Neat and Clean

People Who Dislike Weeds - NEEDED! Please volunteer 30 minutes to weed the plant beds along the sidewalk before the front entry.

The beds around our sign and mailbox also need weeding. Also we need volunteers to trim the bushes next to the building. Your help will save GNH from having to pay a landscaper. This is a much needed task to prevent ant infestation into the building. If you're willing to donate 30 minutes to an hour of time, please see Rev. Doug or Ann Bobonick.

Your help keeping GNH looking nice is very much appreciated Thank you for understanding.



Water Communion, Sunday, August 18

Please remember to collect a sample of water from a place that is meaningful to you this summer. It can be from your back yard, a lake, the ocean, or some place from your vacation spot.

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 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.

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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NEXT Harbinger

**Our Next Harbinger will be
Tuesday, Aug 20, 2019**

Please have all articles to the office by 10 a.m. by the deadline, Monday, Aug 19, 2019 before the Harbinger is published. Space can be reserved on the rare occasion an article needs to be late.