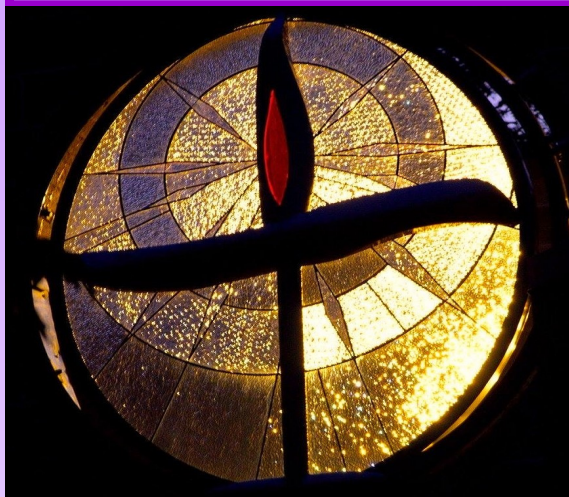


The Gathering at Northern Hills, A Unitarian Universalist Community



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.

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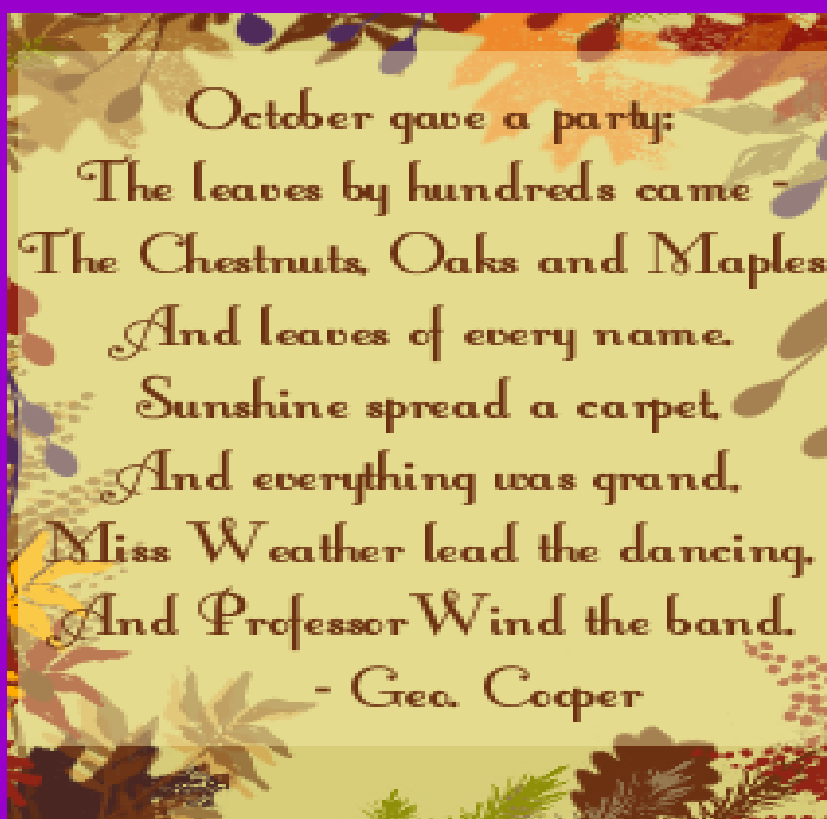
<http://www.gnhuu.org>

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 Events



- **This Sunday, October 6 “Are We Having Fun Yet? We Should!”**
Rev. Doug

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

Oct 1 - Committee/Team 2020 Budget Requests Due

Oct 4 - GNH Women’s Book Club, 1 pm - 2 pm, conference Room

Oct 6 - Service Planning Team - 9:00 am

Oct 6 - Pledge Drive Kick-Off - 10:45 am

Oct 6 - Children’s RE Team Meeting, 12:00 pm - William Ellery Channing Room

Oct 9 - Lunch preparation at Lighthouse Youth Services, 11 am - 1 pm

Oct 13 - Social Justice Team Meeting, 9:15 am, Sanctuary

Oct 13 - Coffeehouse Family Service, 10:45 am

Oct 13 - Board of Trustees Meeting, 12:15 pm

Upcoming October Sunday Messages:

Theme for the Month: Are We Having Fun Yet? Rev. Doug will explore the many ways that a fun and playful spirit is valuable – even in troubled times. Join the fun on the below Sundays – 10:45 AM!

- **Sunday, October 13th, Coffeehouse Family Service:**
“It’s OK to Not Act Our Age!”
- **Sunday, October 20th:** “Are We Having Fun Yet?
Let’s Be Romantic!”
- **Sunday, October 27: TBA**



Mr. Leslie Edwards 1924 - 2019

Mr. Edwards, passed away Monday, Sept 23, 2019 at the age of 95. A Wake will be held this Thursday, Oct 3 from 4pm – 8pm at JC Battle & Son s Funeral Home. Visitation and Funeral Services will be held on Friday, October 4 from 9:30am – 11:00 am.at First Unitarian Church, 536 Linton Street. His daughter, who is a Minister, will officiate at the service.

Mr. Edwards was the conscience of our congregation. He frequently praised us for what we do and have done in the Cincinnati community - just as he was unafraid to challenge and even rebuke us when we fell short of our ideals.

He had the unique ability to speak unvarnished truth in ways that inspired us and others to heed our better angels.

Mr. Edwards was also a true American hero - a Tuskegee airman serving in one of the most decorated fighting units of World War Two .

In the early 1940's, when people of color were lynched, denied voting rights, and routinely subjected to humiliating discriminations, Mr. Edwards and thousands like him volunteered to risk their lives for our country. They fought against Nazi racism in Europe while ironically facing racism and discrimination at home in the US.

Mr. Edwards raised and cared for a large and loving family. He was married to his wife Anna for over fifty years and the love that his children and grandchildren have for him is testimony to his loyalty and commitment to them.

Leslie Edwards leaves a legacy of activism, patriotism, love, and goodness that few will match. The Gathering at Northern Hills congregation was privileged to have him as a member and to call him a friend. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR HOMELESS YOUTH

(\$20 donation @ door)

Support Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth,
Faces Without Places,
and Interfaith Hospitality Network

FEATURING

Ricky Nye voted Best Cincinnati Musician in 2014
inducted into the International Boogie Woogie Hall of Fame in 2013

**Michael Tacy and
The Brotherhood Band**

WHEN

Tuesday, October 22nd
6:30 - 9:00 pm

WHERE

Arnold's Bar and Grill
210 East 8th Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202



the gathering
at northern hills

**Save the Date! Annual GNH Holiday Party,
Saturday, December 21, 6 PM,
Manor House Restaurant at Maple Knoll Village.**

The cost will be \$25 per person. Cash bar. Confidential assistance to those with a tight holiday budget.

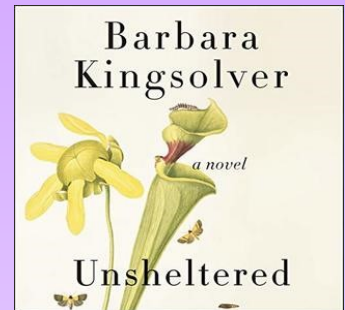
Please contact Rev. Doug with questions.



GNH ANNOUNCEMENTS

GNH Book Club –

October 4, 2019, 1:00 pm, Conference Room,
September's Book of the Month.
Unsheltered by Barbara Kingsolver



Do you have a book or movie to recommend? Write a review for the Harbinger! We welcome your thoughts about a book or movie that supports our values and principles. Please email to [**gnhuu460@gmail.com!!**](mailto:gnhuu460@gmail.com)

We love your generosity...but PLEASE do not bring plastic plates, utensils, cups, etc., to church for the kitchen. We are trying our best to run an earth friendly kitchen and live up to our UU ideals. Thank you very much for understanding.

Are you frazzHere's a Solution! *Quiet Time in a Quiet Space...*



Beginning Sunday, September 15, our Conference Room / Library will be open each Sunday from 10:00 to 10:45 AM for reflection, meditation, reading, or prayer - but not for discussion about creating world peace or finding that missing mitten .



Lighthouse Youth Services Lunch Preparation.

GNH will next serve lunch at the Lighthouse Sheakley Center, **Wednesday, October 9th** 11:00 am - 1:30 m.

Please contact Ginny Patterson
if you can help.



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.

THANK YOU !!!!!

Our Youth at Work! Recently five members of the GNH youth group extensively weeded several of our planting beds. Jennifer Schmahl and Angie Kozak facilitated the effort. The entire congregation thanks all of them for their help!

(And, if you are able and willing, ten minutes pulling weeds helps a lot.)



THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Please keep the family and friends of Mr. Leslie Edwards in your thoughts and prayers. MJ Pierson is recovering from health challenges. Please contact Jack Brennan or Rev. Doug if you know of any member with care needs.

New FORUM To Discuss PODCAST

Hi friends. At a recent congregational conversation session, the subject of interest in having forums more frequently came up. As a person who enjoys listening to podcast (most often when driving), I have thought it would be fun to listen and discuss some of the podcast that fall in line with growing spirituality, compassion, knowledge, and responsiveness.

So to give it a try, I would like to offer two forum sessions to try it out.

On **Sunday, October 20, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**, we will discuss “Called and Conflicted” with Shane Claiborne and Omar Saif Ghobash as presented on the On Being Project podcast or on the website (onbeing.org).

Shane Claiborne co-leads a movement to transform America’s guns into garden tools. He has recently written a book - *Beating Guns*. Saif Ghobash is formerly a UAE ambassador to France and Russia and has authored a book - *Letters to a Young Muslim*.

<https://onbeing.org/programs/shane-claiborne-and-omar-saif-ghobash-called-and-conflicted/>

If you haven’t “podcasted” yet, they can be accessed via podcast apps on your phone or directly from the website link noted above. Search for On Being Project on the web then locate the August 15, 2019 with Claiborne and Ghobash. If you prefer to read instead of listen to the 51-minute recording, a transcript is also available on the site.

On **Sunday, November 17**, a similar podcast yet to be determined will be discussed.

As they say, “there is nothing new under the sun.” Marti Spies said she and Tom Lottman used this very same radio program by Krista Tippett in the past as a basis for forums.

So let’s give it a try. Listen to the program. Bring any thoughts that came to you as you listened. Or, if for some reason you don’t get to listen to it, come anyway and join in.

If you have questions, see Ann Bobonick or email her at ann.bobonick@gmail.com.

Openings Available for Upcoming Auction Social Events

Coming up for the holiday season is a **Moravian Star Paper-Folding Workshop** on **Sunday, November 17, 12:45 p.m.**, hosted by Kimberly Tenai and Jackie Clarkson. Moravian stars make beautiful holiday ornaments and decorations. After you master the technique, you can dip your stars in wax and add glitter for holiday shine. Kimberly will provide all materials and hands-on help, while Jackie will provide a light lunch (savory and sweets) with sparkling wine for holiday cheer. The cost is just \$15 a person, and all proceeds will support GNH and its activities. Contact Betsy Anderson (mbanderson1@zoomtown.com) if you want to par-

ticipate.



Homemade Items Needed for Goodies and Gifts Boutique Sunday, December 15

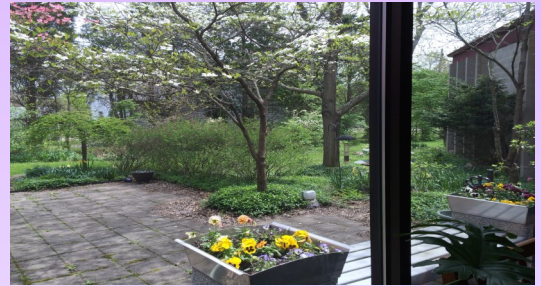
With autumn finally here, it's time to get ready for GNH's Goodies and Gifts Boutique, a sale of holiday items (many of them homemade) held after Sunday service on December 15. Last year over 100 items were donated to our Goodies sale and they generated over \$600 for GNH programs. Please start thinking about what you can donate and contact Linda Gutowski to let her know. Items in last year's sale included wreaths; quilted table runners; matted photographs; jewelry; pottery; scarves, hats, and shawls; baked goods; fudge; spiced pecans; and lots more.

Keeping our Building Neat and Clean

Fall pruning, weeding and general yard clean up needed.

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.



New GNH Library

A free lending library for GNH friends and members now resides in the Conference Room (down the hall to the left as you exit the sanctuary, past the office, on the right). The rules are simple: Check out a book by filling out a colored “bookmark” form and placing it in the bookshelf section marked “Borrowed.” Return the book when you are no longer actively using it.

Much of the initial inventory has been donated by members of the GNH Book Club, who meet regularly in this room from 1:00 – 2:00 PM on the first Friday of each month. We welcome donations from everyone! If you have a book that you have enjoyed and think a fellow congregant may enjoy, please consider giving it to the library. If you have a book that you thought you would enjoy but have never gotten around to reading, bring it in—maybe someone else will get to it before you do!

Any member or friend of GNH is welcome to access the library when the conference room is not in use. Come by to see what is there.



A Volunteering Legacy in Jeopardy: Our Saturdays at the Freestore!

We all lead busy lives and there are many demands on our time. So, no guilt here!

But, the Freestore is considering eliminating our regular third Saturday volunteering dates because of recent low attendance by us. The Freestore schedules groups to serve on all Saturdays. We have told them we will have at least 3-5 volunteers on third Saturdays. The past few months we have fallen short of that number and thereby potentially denied other community persons or groups from volunteering.

So! Please consider, when you are able, volunteering at the Freestore on the third Saturday of September (the 21st) and of October (the 19th), 9 AM to 11:30 AM, 1250 Tennessee Avenue. As usual, we'll be assembling weekend food bags for elementary age children throughout the tri-State who are "food insecure." Responsible youth, with a parent, ages 10 and up are very welcome!

We have wonderfully volunteered at the Freestore on third Saturdays for the past nine years! If possible, let's hope we can greatly extend those years of serving our community.

Thank you!

(If you are able to volunteer on a particular Saturday, please email Rev. Doug.)



Heritage UU Raising Money for Green Burial Cemetery.

Heritage UU has been accepted into the Faithify fundraising portal to raise money for the purchase of 40 acres of land for its Heritage Acres Green Burial location. If you are interested in donating - any amount will help - please access this website: <https://faithify.org/projects/growing-greenburialthe-theuu-way>

GNH Emergency Procedures

This past Sunday, Sept 15, Rev. Doug and Board President Sue Cline outlined procedures for the congregation to take in the rare event of the below emergencies. Please read these carefully...

- **Fire Emergency**: Pull Fire Alarm (Alarms located in Sanctuary, Front Lobby, Original Lobby, Quimby Room, Conference Room). Respond to alarm by evacuating building at nearest exit. Meet children and others in rear play area.
- **Tornado Warning Siren**: Move to lower level hallway, closet, utility room, nursery restroom. Second best option: hallway and restrooms outside the church office. AVOID rooms with windows.
- **Active Shooter**: Remember Flee, Hide, Fight. Respond to **Air Horn signal** that there is a dangerous and threatening person in the building. Call 911.
 - First option: **Flee** out nearest door or broken window (use hammer to break window near tech station). Run away from building.
 - Second option: **Hide** in Minister's office (door near tech station is usually unlocked during services. Lock it once inside.) **Hide** in classrooms, closets, etc.
 - Last option: **Fight back** - throw chairs, etc. at perpetrator.
- Experts and Police advise not to try and talk to or negotiate with an active shooter.

Preventive Measures Implemented

- All outside entry / exit doors to remain locked at all times.
- Greeter opening of front entry doors on Sunday mornings.
- Upcoming installation of keypad entry system next to front doors. All members will be given the keypad code to enter front doors. Members of renting groups will be given a unique code.
- Doors will remain always locked.
- Changing of locks and limited key access to all other entry doors.
- Installation of locks on RE classroom doors.
- Sanctuary entry doors to be closed and locked during services. Usher will open door for latecomers.
- If you see anything suspicious, report to Minister, a Board member, Michael Tacy, Greeter, or Usher.
- Be especially aware when in building during non-Sunday meetings and events. Doors must be kept locked. Know who is attending a service or a meeting by introducing yourself to new visitors.
- All firearms are forbidden in the building. Signs posted. (recommended by police).
- New parking lot LED light fixture for nighttime.
- No Trespassing Signs around parking lot (recommended by police).
- Possible video surveillance cameras for front outside entry area.

Donations Needed for VICRC

Below is a list of items most needed by Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center (VICRC), supported by GNH. This week at CVS, you can pick up Brut or Sure deodorant for only \$2, and you'll get a \$2 extra bucks reward coupon to spend the next time you visit CVS. Another needed food item, not listed below, is macaroni and cheese, and Kroger's 12 to 14 oz. boxes are on sale now for only \$1. Please put your donations in the large basket by the stairs in the foyer outside GNH's Quimby Room. Thanks for your generosity!!

Most needed pantry items include 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 powder laundry soap, feminine hygiene products, size 4-6 diapers and any size pull-ups, and toilet paper.

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.



Sign Up Now for Inter-Faith Hospitality Network Sept. 29-Oct. 6! IHN Week is Almost Here!



We still need hosts for Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) week at Friendship United Methodist Church the first week of October. Meeting and talking with IHN guests is often an inspiring experience and always an educational one.

Dinner hosts are on duty from 5:30-7:00; they serve the food brought by others, and eat with the guest families. We need people for Wednesday, Oct. 2 (Taco night), Thursday, Oct. 3 (Fried chicken), and Friday, Oct. 4 (Beef barbecue). Come to serve and enjoy a free meal and welcome families who are going through a rough time.

Evening hosts are also needed for Friday. You would spend time playing with the children, helping with homework, and interacting with the families if they desire. The hours are from 7:00-8:30 PM.

Two **Overnight hosts** are needed for Saturday. At Friendship, overnight hosts have their own bedrooms and there are showers. Overnight hosts are present and “in charge” from 8:30 PM until 7:00 AM the next morning. Volunteering for Saturday, Oct. 5 could significantly reduce your commute time to GNH the following morning!

MOVING INTO PRISON MINISTRY

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

October 12th and 13th
First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, OH



Moving Into Prison Ministry: An Introduction to the Prison Industrial Complex

Religious freedom for people living in systems of mass incarceration is protected by the 1st Amendment of the US Constitution. Yet exploring and practicing a wide breadth of spiritual and religious views can be challenging. Prisons are dominated by largely fundamentalist teachings and resources.

This conference will help people interested in prison ministry who offer alternative perspectives and can support the unmet religious and spiritual needs of those who are incarcerated. Prison ministry is an expansive term that can include such activities as becoming a pen pal, making regular in-person visits, hosting classes or worship services in prison, advocating, and more.

Learning about the realities of the prison industrial complex will help you engage in both prison ministry and justice work.

This event is hosted by the Worthy Now Prison Ministry Network (a program of the **Church of the Larger Fellowship**), in partnership with the **First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati**.

Schedule

Agenda

Saturday Programming:

2:00 – 4:00 Viewing of the movie and discussion of 13th

4:00 15 min break

4:15-6:00 Programming

6:00-7:00 Dinner break

7:00-9:00 Programming

Sunday:

10:00 First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati

Coffee and conversation following the morning talk

This event is co-sponsored by The First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati and The Church of the Larger Fellowship Worthy Now Prison Ministry.

- Who

This conference is for Unitarian Universalists and anyone who connects to our ministry and asserts that all are worthy of love and justice.

- Cost

The suggested cost is \$25 for existing CLF members or those who only want to watch the movie and experience the discussion, and \$50 for non-CLF members to attend the workshop. There is no cost for people who were formerly incarcerated. A very limited number of scholarships are available; please email worthynow@clfuu.org to apply for a scholarship.

All donations and registration proceeds will directly support the over 1000 UU members of the Church of the Larger Fellowship living in prisons across the country.

REGISTER HERE: <https://worthynow.org/classes-events/conference-moving-into-prismin-2/>



Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio Register Now for UUJO Annual Assembly

UU Justice Ohio's 2019 Annual Assembly

Web: www.uujo.org Follow us on FaceBook: UUJO

Envisioning Justice
Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019

9:30 am coffee and registration (doors open 9:15 am)

10 am - 4 pm - keynote, lunch, workshops & annual meeting

Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO)

- **UUJO's Annual Assembly features the Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Executive Director, Ohio Council of Churches**
- **Morning worship offered by UU seminary students from MTSO**
- **Workshops on Immigration, Gerrymandering, Poverty, Transgender Justice, and Race/Anti-racism.**
- **Afternoon time for deeper discussion with the keynote presenter**
- **Lunch provided by MTSO's excellent farm-to-table program and includes vegan, vegetarian and omnivore options.**
- **In the morning Business Meeting, we will elect new UUJO Board Members, approve the budget and vote on important changes to our bylaws.**
- **Childcare is provided but you must register by Oct. 27.**

Seating is limited - REGISTER Today!.

Register [HERE](#) or at: <https://uujo.wufoo.com/forms/q1od8wde093cf2h/>

GNH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Greeters

Need someone who enjoys meeting new people? Greeters are the first people to meet visitors and create a positive first impression of GNH. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Becky Wilson at rjda-vis019@gmail.com

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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OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday 9 am - 2 pm**



NEXT Harbinger

**Our Next Harbinger will be
Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

**Please have all articles to the office by
10 a.m. by the deadline, Monday, Oct
14, 2019 before the Harbinger is pub-
lished. Space can be reserved on the
rare occasion an article needs to be
late.**