



Earth Healer



A Unitarian Universalist Congregation



The Official Newsletter of the friends and members of Gaia Community November 2005

KIDSPACE CORNER

Ahhh.... the dark time of the year... for a person with storyteller's blood, this is a wonderful thing. In cultures from all parts of Mother Gaia, it was during the dark, cold times of the year when people gathered around their tribal, communal, village, and/or household fires to tell and listen to stories. In KidSpace, we have been hearing stories about those Beings whose stories are told in when the sun grows small in the sky. We heard about Persephone and her trip into the Underworld; listened to an Inuit folktale about Sedna, goddess of the deep dark sea, who sends all kinds of sea mammals to her people from her wounded fingers; and we explored a new perspective of the East Indian goddess Kali, who looks fearful, but loves her children enough to take all of their wounds into herself to heal them.

We will be planning on having our own small party for Samhain on the Sunday of November 6, so hold onto those costumes!

As always, we need volunteers. Extra hands during craft time are always good, and I know there are many interesting and talented individuals out there who have much to share with our TeenSPACE gang. If YOU are interested in contributing ideas, time, or just listening in to see what's happening, the KidSPACE committee meets every third Thursday at 7:00. Contact Greta for more info.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

On Saturday October 15, 2005, Brian B. and Judy M. were legally married and solemnize at Unity Village through this church. We would like to cheer them with blessings on their new life together.

Congrats and best wishes! This community has been blessed by more than a couple of marriages between members in the

last couple of years. With Brian and Judy's wedding, this community walked over a bridge in its own Rite of Passage as a full fledged church able and willing to provide Rites of Passage to our members and the pagan community at large.

Andrew T. has been unanimously voted onto Ritual Teams and is now a member of the Bards of Chaos team.—congrats!

Thanks to David and Carey for helping with the SMUUCH workday on October 22. And thanks to David for removing the thorns from my fingers.

THE EARTH HEALER NEEDS YOU

Gaia Community is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to take over the production of the Earth Healer newsletter. The newsletter is under the guidance of the Communications Committee and any questions or inquiries should be directed to communications@gaiacommunity.org. David R. is Chairperson and has many ideas for the future of the publication.

Anyone taking the role of the newsletter editor and or production should have these at their disposal. 1.) a reliable computer and printer with the ability to create Adobe PDF format documents. 2.) Be a member with access to information on community events and a better grasp of the english language than I do. 3.) Time to devote each month to compile and nag people for information and articles. 4.) not a requirement, but if you have journalism or have worked on a newsletter in the past...this would be a plus.

At the present time the newsletter is done on an aging iMac and produced through a pagination software called Quark. This does not lend itself to continuity through the years. It would be easier and more accessible to all users if it was done on a PC, but that's not required. The design needs a make-over...it's a little too Celtic in design and should reflect our eclectic membership.

Jeff Park, Earth Healer curmudgeon

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All Sunday activities take place at Shawnee Mission UU Church; 7725 W. 87th St.; Overland Park, KS (near 87th & Metcalf) and begin at 4 P.M. unless otherwise noted.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sacred Rhythms at 3 p.m.

Sunday, November 6

Forum—"Speak Out!" facilitated by David

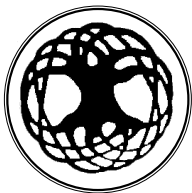
Political Activism—All too often, pagans are pigeonholed into the stereotype of people who can complain about the world, but won't do anything to make it better, and will never see it as a good thing. Is this true? We doubt it, so we invite you all to come and bring your opinions, liberal, conservative, or whatever, about how to get involved and make a difference in the political sphere of life. All ideas are welcome, but bring a healthy dose of courtesy, and a willingness to listen to others, as well, please.

Sunday, November 13

Ritual—"The Wild Hunt"

"When the winter winds blow and the Yule fires are lit, from the north of Scandinavia down to Switzerland, it is best to stay indoors, safely shut away from the dark forest paths and the wild heaths. Those who wander out by themselves during the Yule-nights may hear a sudden rustling through the tops of the trees—a rustling that might be the wind, though the rest of the wood is still."

Ballads and folktales abound, but the basic description of the Wild Hunt is much the same. While it takes a foolhardy person to interfere with the Hunt, only the courageous survive when the Hunt accosts them—even in modern times. Would you be ready to encounter the Furious Host? We will not mock at the horde that sweeps past, but instead prepare to encounter those things which strike fear into our hearts.



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Sunday, November 20

Ritual—"Lugh's Court: All Are Welcome!"

Join us on November 20th in honoring this year's patron Lugh, the master of all skills, by embracing and integrating the three functions of Celtic society. Also, during this Thanksgiving season, help us to secure the bounty of the harvest for those in need by bringing non-perishable food items for Harvesters.

Sunday, November 27

Ritual—"Sharing Our Spirit—Thanksgiving" facilitated by Kitty

Sharing Our Spirits rituals are designed and performed by the group attending that day; they allow everyone a chance to participate, and bring any songs, poems, ritual elements, or props (within reason) to ritual to assist in that process. Please, if you will be coming, bring any ideas you have, and be prepared to be asked to help run part of this co-created ritual, with the intention and ritual structure set by those who are there!

Sunday, December 4

Ritual—"KidSpace Ritual" by Young Ones and Team JEDI

Every year the children of our community plan and put on a ritual for our entire community. Please come and see what they have planned for us to experience this year.

A look ahead at next month

Dec. 4 Ritual - "KidSpace"

Dec. 11 Ritual - "Rites of Passage"

Dec. 18 Ritual - "Yule"

Dec. 25 TBA - "Yulebock"

Jan. 1 Ritual - "New Years"

Ritual Teams and Members:


Kitty Degler
Barbara Griggs
Devin Scrogum
Andrew Turner


Kimberly
Liz Ticer
Via
David Reynolds
Pat Mathis


Nicole Turner
Brian Butler
Linda Boyce
Cynthia Mathis


Debbie Giffin
Jeff Park
Eric Simpson
Yale Giffin

WEAVE AND SPIN

Splinters from the Board

Summary of the RfB Minutes—08October05

Convened at 9:35 am Adjourned 10:45 am

I. Agenda approved

II. Minutes (Secretary report)~approved

III. Treasures report: We

are behind in pledges.

We are not where we

should be for this

point in the year.

Kimberly G. sent

out reminders to

those who are be-

hind. We have re-

ceived our debit card

from the bank but not

our checks. The phone

will be transferred to Vontage tomorrow

10/09/05. The main account has been changed

over but KidSpace has not

IV. Old Business **a.** Winter Bazaar: There are 10

confirmed vendors with two verbal not yet com-

pleted. Cards with contact information was dis-

tributed. Twenty-eight vendor slots compared to

20 last year. **b.** Work weekend at SMUUCH: Octo-

ber 22 Sat 8-noon. **c.** Adult Education Event:

Kimberly was given the go ahead to pursue the

guest speaker project to be in the spring. Board

approved the online proposal of price and dis-

counts for members

V. New Business: **a.** Gaia Thanksgiving feast

needs to be announced in the announcements

and EH. We need a family to volunteer to host

the annual event. This is not for people who have

families to bring them, this is for people who are

alone by choice or situation to have an opportu-

nity for family type gathering. **b.** Summation of

Special RfB—Congregation voted NO on the new

space. Not interested in that particular place due

to the cost and enormity of the needed renova-

tions for habitation **c.** Disruptive and inappropriate

individuals in KidSpace. A regular announce-

ment at the beginning of rituals on Sunday

reminding people that KidSpace is for kids, their

teachers and parent helpers only.

VI. Committee reports **a.** Ritual Teams—An-

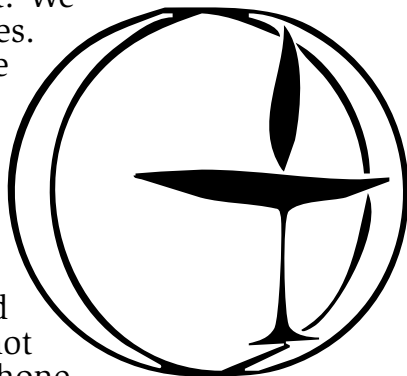
drew T. is officially on Teams. Liz is investigating

the legalities of God Auction issues **b.** Adult Edu-

cation—Kris E. is taking over in January **c.** Com-

munications is looking for new Earth Healer

leader.



GAIA EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Ritual Teams Meeting

Thursday, November 3rd at 6:45 P.M.

All current ritual team members are urged to attend. Planning of and critiquing rituals are what we do. Comments from anyone in the general community about rituals are welcome as well; please communicate them to the Ritual Team Coordinator, currently Eric. Please contact the Coordinator to find out more about this month's meeting, or if you are a graduate of the Excellence in Ritual class and wish to start working with Ritual Teams again.

Voices of Gaia

Mondays at 7 P.M. AT SMUUCH-FRANKLIN ROOM.

Yule is right around the corner and VOG and the Bards of Chaos will co-present the Yule ritual. New singers are always welcome. If you have questions, or want more information, please contact Kitty Degler, songbird@kc.rr.com or 913-469-8779.

Games Night

Friday, November 18, 7:00–10:00 P.M. at SMUUCH

Games Night is a chance for Gaians to get together for fun, frivolity, and food, and NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS allowed! (We're not kidding—the Games Guru has spoken on this.) Bring a game (or ten), bring a friend (or ten), or just bring yourself and a willingness to play and visit. Snacks are welcomed but not required, to help the gaming crowds keep up their strength!

Friday Night Supper Club

Friday, November 25, 7:00 P.M.

Friday Night Supper Club Dinner with Pagans! Join your fellow Gaians for food, friendship, and frivolity. Kick back and stuff yourself silly! November's Friday Night Supper Club has not been announced. Please check the weekly announcements.

Please contact Carey, David, or Kimberly to save a spot! at gaia-kat@kc.rr.com or 816-941-7626.

Tuesday Night Adult Education

Tuesday at 7 P.M. AT SMUUCH—SEE CALENDAR



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Address Correction Requested

Save your pennies 'cause the Winter Bazaar is Saturday, Dec. 10th 10 am-6 pm

Contact Earth Healer

Send letters, articles, poetry or prose, borrowed wisdom, comments and suggestions to: earthhealer@gaiiacommunity.org or by phone (number inside) no later than the 17th of each month. Please tell us if you are receiving duplicate copies of *Earth Healer*, if we're getting your name/address wrong or if you prefer to receive the newsletter by email. Let us hear from you before the next *Earth Healer*.

MAY YOU NEVER HUNGER. MAY YOU NEVER THIRST.

November 2005						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		● 1 Adult RE 7 pm Everyday Spiritual Practice	2	3 Ritual Teams Meeting 6:45 pm	4	5
SR 3pm 6 Forum: Speak Out! 4 pm	7 Voices of Gaia 7 pm	☾ 8 Adult RE 7 pm Sacred Rhythms	9	10	11	12 Ritual of Business 9:30 am
SR 3pm 13 Ritual: The Wild Hunt! 4 pm	14 Voices of Gaia 7 pm	○ 15 Adult RE 7 pm Druid Study Group	16 Site Committee Meeting 7-9 pm	17 KidSpace 7 pm	18 Games Night 7 pm	19
SR 3pm 20 Ritual: Lugh's Club: All Are Welcome 4 pm	21 Voices of Gaia 7 pm	22 Adult RE 7 pm Intro to Paganism	☾ 23	24 Thanksgiving Dinner Thanksgiving	25 FNCS 7 pm	26
SR 3pm 27 Ritual: SOS: Thanksgiving 4 pm	28 Voices of Gaia? 7 pm	29 Nov. Adult RE 7 pm Death & Dying	30	1 Ritual Teams Meeting 6:45 pm	2	3