



# EARTH HEALER



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## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Bazaar!

Dates and space for this year's Winter Bazaar have been set! We will hold the Bazaar at the Bannister Mall, 5600 Bannister Road in Kansas City, Missouri on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006. If you would like to reserve space as a vendor, please register through our website at <http://gaiacommunity.org/vendors.shtml>. As always, space is limited, so if you're interested, please register soon!

If you are interested in volunteering for the event, or in donating items to be sold on the Gaia Table or food for the Kitchen Witches' Bake Sale, please contact the organizing committee (Kimberly, Yale, Kris, and John C.) in person or by email at [bazaar@gaiacommunity.org](mailto:bazaar@gaiacommunity.org).

In addition to the usual needs of the event, we're going to need some extra help rounding up tables and chairs for vendors, so if you are able to lend any assistance in the form of furniture, please contact Kimberly.

We're still working on finalizing some of the details of the event, so watch this space (and the weekly announcements, and the gaiauu mailing list...) for more information!

— Kimberly

## Baked Goods Needed

The Stewardship Committee has been invited to provide a table with baked goods for the first day of Aquarius Books' *Oracles of Aquarius* Psychic Fair, Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. They need items to sell and some additional people to help staff the table, so if you are able to help out, please contact Suzie or Shawn; [stewardship@gaiacommunity.org](mailto:stewardship@gaiacommunity.org) will work in a pinch, but it is usually better to catch them in person.

— Stewardship

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## Consensus Process, in Process

This June we held a Special Ritual for Business to discuss moving the community to another space; during that meeting, it became clear that we'd outgrown some of our informal ways of conducting business. We are still committed, both by custom and our by-laws, to operating via consensus, but there are ways to make that process less painful.

A class, taught by David and Andrew in July, introduced a formal process for managing consensus decisions. Last month there was a follow-up class on Tuesday night; that discussion led to some additions/changes to the process as originally presented, so even if you were there in July, you will probably want to take a look at the one-page process outlined on Page 5. The question of whether to adopt this as Gaia Community's formal "consensus process" will be brought up at the October Ritual for Business, 10/14/2006. If you have input, concerns, or suggestions, please communicate them to a member of the Board or bring them to the meeting.

## Newsletter Expansion

You've probably noticed that there's a bit more heft to this month's Earth Healer; I've added several new pages that will reoccur every month, hopefully:

- a) KidSPACE page, with information from the committee and activities for the kids!
- b) Caring Connections Corner is back; let us know if you have a Joy or Concern you'd like to mention to the community, and other readers of our newsletter. For now I am including birthdays and known issues going on, though the latter will only be in general terms.
- c) a page just for articles, poetry, jokes, art or recipes from Gaia Community members and friends.

Of course, I'll need your help to fill out these pages, so please pass on in writing (e-mail or scrap of paper is fine) anything you'd like to get into the newsletter before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month (if possible). I won't always have room for all submissions, but I'll keep a file for extra items when I might need them for later!

— David, Editor

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.

## *Tithing: The Generosity That Keeps On Giving*

*(Guest Article)*

Dear Community,

Greetings to you! I'm writing to you for several reasons. Many of you know that Gaia Community means a great deal to me. Our message is important for the world to hear. I believe that tithing can bring us many unexpected blessings, including our new home!

I've been on quite an adventure this year since I started tithing again. On January 22, 2006 I started tithing at a time when I could barely pay my bills. I attended a workshop on the principles of a book I am now teaching, "The Four Spiritual Laws Of Prosperity" by Rev. Edwene Gaines, a Unity minister. I am now reading this book for the sixth time! That's the impact this book, and these four principles, have had on my life!

At the time I started tithing I was feeling so pressured trying to live on 40% of what I was making before I was laid off in 2003, with my expenses still at the same level. I was working so much I knew it was making me sick. When I attended this workshop I was so elated. The pressure I was feeling was immediately gone. I knew tithing would work. I didn't know how; I just knew it would! My job was to trust in this divine principle!

I had two separate dreams that made it very clear to me to act in faith and relax. In one dream I heard the words, "Do that which brings you joy and I will take care of the rest." In the other dream I heard the words, "You have to work less in order to do more." I followed the guidance in those dreams. I am doing that which brings me joy and I am working a day less a week than I was before. All my bills are paid on time!

To the ego mind I know it doesn't make sense to think that tithing is possible when you think you can't even pay your bills but it is possible. Here's how! Our job is not the source of our income. The Universe is our source! The Universe, by any of Its many names, is limitless. When we align our thoughts with this limitless abundance the Universe rushes in to fill our every need. Since I started tithing I have received thousands of dollars beyond what my salary provides. So very many amazing things have happened it's astonishing. I highly recommend this book to you so you can start this amazing journey for yourself.

I want to be very clear that tithing is about building a generosity consciousness. It's not at all about guilt! The idea that the Universe is our source may be new to many of you but it is simply the law of physics in expression. I'm sure you've heard the idea, "Nature abhors a vacuum." Generosity works the same way. When we give in faith and generosity as an expression of our gratitude for all we've received we receive even more. The more we notice the good, the more we receive. This is the spiritual principle of the law of compensation. It coincides with the law of mind action which says, "Thoughts held in mind produce after their kind." We create our world by our thinking!

I want to mention the other three laws so you have a clear understanding of what this process involves. The other three laws are: doing our forgiveness work, setting specific goals, and being on divine purpose for our lives. These four laws are based on the principle that we are innately good. We are the divine in expression. We are divine love in expression. As we live from the awareness that everything is working together for our good we move beyond fear, resentment, guilt. We open to a whole new awareness of our limitlessness, to our capacity to do great good in the world and to receive great good!

To paraphrase Edwene Gaines: forgiveness creates space in our container (our lives) to receive the good that tithing brings. Setting specific goals makes us conscious of all the good we're receiving. Being on divine purpose brings joy into our lives. She also makes the point that once we start this process we're going to have to do some serious prayer work to be ready for the immediacy and magnanimity of the good we'll receive. I can attest to that for sure! I have cried so many times in amazement at how profoundly generous the Universe is, and how very much I am loved by the Universe. I have opened to a level of giving and receiving that is beyond anything I've ever known. The words, "My faith is sufficient unto the day" are a living mantra to me now. I have experienced this principle at work over and over again. This same process is there for all of us!

Lastly, I want to share with you that I have tithed before in my life but not with these same results because I wasn't aware of these other principles. Using these four spiritual principles has made an enormous difference in my life. I'll also say I'm tithing at the level Edwene does herself, 25% above whatever my tithe is, as an expression of my faith in the magnanimity of this principle. Even though I've always been an optimist I have moved to a level of faith and understanding that is way beyond anything I've ever known. I've realized how small I've kept my world. I've realized how feelings of unworthiness and separation from God can shortcircuit my life. Using these principles has turned all that around. Using these principles has brought a clarity and a joy and a possibility beyond anything I've ever experienced before. I've said to numerous people

I'll be reading this book and working these principles the rest of my life. As Edwene says, "If we're not dreaming big enough to need God's help, we're not dreaming big enough." I can tell you for sure that stepping into the immediacy and magnanimity of the Love of the Universe is an amazing journey. I know our new home is a living reality! I believe that with all my heart. Anything and everything is possible. As our own motto says, "Take a dream and make it real." Blessings to you dear community of my heart and soul!

— *Cathy Combs*

## Sunday Schedule *(held at 4pm unless otherwise noted)*

*Voices of Gaia meets at 2:00 PM, Sacred Rhythm Group at 3:30 PM*

### Sunday, October 1st

**Class — Hestia (Patron of the Year)**

*Teachers: Barbara & Liz*

This July, the Community chose Hestia as our Community Patron for the next twelve months. In this class, we will learn more about the shyest, most retiring of the Olympians. We will discuss what her patronage might mean to us, and how we in the 21st century in Kansas City may best do her honor.

### Sunday, October 8th

**Ritual — Big Tent Pagan Revival**

*Ritualists: Carey, Devin, Andrew, Barbara, Eric, and Voices of Gaia*

Gimme that \*real\* old time religion... Can I get a "Blessed Be!" my brothers and sisters? All the energy, excitement, and rockin' music of a big tent revival, but with a theology that UUs and Pagans can get fired up about!

### Sunday, October 15th

**Class — Pagan Virtues**

*Teachers: Carey & Nicole*

*"What is firmly established cannot be uprooted. What is firmly grasped cannot slip away. It will be honoured from generation to generation. Cultivate Virtue in yourself, and Virtue will be real. Cultivate it in the family, and Virtue will abound. Cultivate it in the village, and Virtue will grow. Cultivate it in the nation, and Virtue will be abundant.*

*Cultivate it in the universe, and Virtue will be everywhere."*

-- Lao Tzu

Many societies and religious traditions honor a set of virtues. What virtues do you most honor, or most need to bring into your life? What virtues, if you started to embrace them, would most improve your life, your family, your community, the world? How can these virtues be integrated into our Pagan practice and lifestyles?

#### A Look Ahead to Next Month...

Nov. 5th – Ritual: Rave (New Member Sunday)

Nov. 12th – Workshop: The Iron and Pearl Pentacles

Nov. 19th – Ritual: Healing

Nov. 26th – Sharing Our Spirits Ritual (Thanksgiving)

### Sunday, October 22nd

**Ritual — Godless Heathens**

*Ritualists: Andrew, Kris, Nicole, and David N.*

Paganism without deities, you say? How does that even *work*? Find out during this ritual, which will be a little unlike the usual way we do things at Gaia – but then, don't we say that every week?

### Sunday, October 29th

**Samhain Ritual — "Dancing With the Ancestors"**

*Ritualists: Cynthia, Barbara, Kitty, Brian*

In the dark nadir of the year, when the veil between the worlds is so thin as to be permeable, we gather around the hearthfire that always burned and always will burn, to celebrate and honor our Ancestors – the literal forbears of our bodily existence, the founders and great leaders of our many traditions, the people of any age and persuasion whom we, individually, credit with influencing us to become who we are today. In a place beyond space and a time beyond time, we invite these Ancestors to join with us and accept our homage. We encourage participants to come prepared to speak a short invocation to a person from the past in one of these categories, whom they would like to invite to join us around the fire. If it would enhance your experience to come dressed in a costume specific to an archetype, or a tradition, historic period or ethnicity, we encourage you to do so. Invocations, costumes, and physical dancing are entirely optional. However, please invoke only individuals who would be happy to be invited into our Circle!

Remember that for the potluck afterwards; bring enough of a dish/drink/dessert to feed eight hungry people, and your own tableware – plates, cups, silverware, and for the Earth's sake, no disposables. Please remember to label the ingredients for those with dietary concerns.

#### Current Ritualists

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Devin Scrogum  | Kimberly       |
| Barbara Griggs | Liz Ticer      |
| Eric Simpson   | Cynthia Mathis |
| Kitty Degler   | Carey Oxler    |
| Yale Giffin    | David Reynolds |
| Andrew Turner  | Nicole Turner  |
| Brian Butler   | Kris Ennis     |

*Please see Kitty, the Ritual Teams Coordinator, if you are a former ritualist who would like to rejoin teams.*

## *KidSPACE News & New Page*

Happy Autumn! And what a gorgeous one it is turning out to be! I hope everyone takes some time out to enjoy it, even if it's just a minute every day.

We are currently in our Water section of our Wheel of the Elements study. That may seem strange, considering Fall is the time of harvest, and leaves turning color, and that type of thing, but without Water, there would be no harvest, and the leaves would all turn brown, crinkle, and blow away. We've talked about sacred wells, heard about the Corn Mother of the First Tribes people of the Plains, and talked about things we can do to conserve water. Here are a few of the things we mentioned:

- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth.
- Take showers instead of baths.
- Make sure there are no drips.
- Don't worry about watering that lawn!
- Be thankful for the magic that happens every time we turn on the faucet. Some people aren't so lucky.

Our unit on Water continues until Samhain, when we will shift over to Earth. In the Winter, She takes on the face of the Crone, and even the trees show Her ancient bare limbs. Make sure the kids always have clothing appropriate for the weather, because we try to go outside for at least a few minutes during every class, just to look around and see what is changing in our world. Hats and mittens are a good thing to bring.

Speaking of Samhain, we will be having our Second Annual **Samhain Moments of Mayhem** on October 29<sup>th</sup> during ritual. Costumes are welcome! If anyone is interested in helping with this, please let me know... it's a little crazier than usual downstairs when we celebrate, so extra hands are an appreciated blessing.

We are also gearing up for the **KidSPACE ritual** in December. Our teens are learning all about the elements of ritual, so they will be a great help! During this ritual, we will be marking several life transitions, so if you have any of these you'd like to celebrate, please contact Anissa or a member of the KidSPACE committee.

**WeeSPACE** is still looking for a regular care provider for the littlest Gaians. We need someone over 18, who is responsible, Pagan friendly, and plans to hang on for the long haul. Please put the word out and have them contact Anissa or Jennifer.

**KidSPACE needs:** non-perishable snacks, preferably without a lot of preservatives and sugar; juice boxes with 100% juice; and, as always, volunteers. Yes we're loud and messy, but we are always fun!

— *Anissa*

Color a  
Picture for  
Samhain!



## *Proposed Process for Consensus, Final Draft*

### I. Preparation

- A. Proposal/question should be distributed in full and in writing<sup>1</sup> to the congregation.
  - i. This should be done in advance if possible, at the meeting if not.
  - ii. Most roles can be assigned before the meeting, as well.<sup>2</sup>

### II. Meeting begins

- A. Select other roles (recorder, vibes watcher, doorkeeper, advocate, etc) if needed.<sup>3</sup>
- B. Post and read agenda, including any time constraints.
  - i. Ask if clarifications are needed on agenda or timeframe.
  - ii. Call for consensus on the agenda.
  - iii. If there are concerns<sup>4</sup>, collect them, address them, and call for consensus again.
- C. If a proposal is already made, post it in writing for group.
  - i. Ask if clarifications are needed.
  - ii. Recorder documents any clarifications that are not explicitly answered in the text.

### III. Call for consensus on the proposal as it is now written publicly

- A. The recorder documents all concerns and objections publicly.
  - i. Now is not the time to try to offer solutions!
- B. Attempt to group similar or functionally identical problems.
  - i. Ask those who posed the concerns/objections if this is acceptable.
- C. Address first problem/type of problem as a group.
  - i. Solutions may be proposed/clarifications offered.
  - ii. One person speaks at a time, except facilitator or vibes watcher (if needed)
  - iii. If solved to everyone's satisfaction, move to next problem.
    - a) Remember to document any changes to the proposal that were needed for resolution.
- D. If all problems have been addressed, call for consensus again as in A.
  - i. There may be additional or new problems that come up as a result of the modified proposal!
  - ii. Some persons may wish to stand aside; record any outstanding concerns with the final proposal.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> We're recommending using Rituals for Business, the Earth Healer, the GaiaUU e-mail list, our weekly announcements, and the Greeter's Table as means of announcing proposals or questions. The length of time between announcement and decision will vary on the importance/scope of what is being asked (for instance, buying/selling property or moving the community requires more notice than a new procedure for getting reimbursements for expenses). Two weeks to a month should be sufficient.

<sup>2</sup> Facilitators will need some training; we will hold annual classes for board members, committee chairs and other interested parties.

<sup>3</sup> The vibes watcher should face no objections from the group; if anyone does have a problem (voiced or unvoiced), ask someone else.

<sup>4</sup> If one or a few people are confused, ask if they will go with the doorkeeper to have it explained individually. This may take less time than holding up the entire group, and can also be used for people who arrive late.

<sup>5</sup> Multiple people standing aside may indicate that consensus has not actually been achieved. The facilitator must watch for "false consensus" of this sort.

### IV. If there are unresolved objections and time/energy is flagging, three options exist:

- A. Meet again at a future date to try to resolve remaining problems.
- B. Refer proposal back to a working group (including, if possible, the people who objected).
- C. Address the nature of each block as a group<sup>6</sup>.
  - i. This may be a good place to utilize the advocate, to help the blocker express themselves clearly.
  - ii. If it addresses the values/goals of the community and cannot be resolved, there is no consensus.
  - iii. If the group feels it is individually based or unrelated to the group's values/needs/goals, that person may be asked to stand aside. Consensus must record the remaining objection/concern.
  - iv. If more than one person remains as a blocker with independent concerns, use options A or B instead.

### Roles:

- **Facilitator**- Runs the meeting, makes sure processes are followed, must be neutral about the question. Can interrupt if necessary.
- **Recorder**- Takes all permanent notes.
- **Vibes watcher**- Keeps an eye on the emotional level of the group and individuals. Can interrupt as necessary. Can suggest use of advocate. Must be neutral on the question.
- **Doorkeeper**- Catches up people on the status of the discussion if they arrive late, have to go to the bathroom etc.
- **Advocate**- Helps someone speak their objections or concerns, if they are unable to do so themselves for any reason.

### Definitions:

- **Call for Consensus** - regardless of when or for what purpose (agenda or major proposal) it is used, always means asking "Are there any concerns or objections?"<sup>7</sup>
- **Concerns** - may be minor, can be addressed with more information, minor amendments, or merely being noted in the meeting notes. May be worth standing aside for, in the end.
- **Objections** - may be major and worth blocking consensus. Must be addressed before consensus can be reached; will likely result in amendments to question/proposal.
- **Stand Aside** - Member uses this option when they have concerns about the proposal but do not wish to block. These concerns may be a personal matter, not necessarily related to the needs of the group as a whole.
- **Block** - Member uses this option when they feel strongly that the proposal is detrimental to the group, not just for personal reasons.
- **Groupthink** - A tendency to operate as a single unit, discouraging healthy discussion or debate, and excluding outsiders or views contrary to group norms.

<sup>6</sup> After this point, concerns belong to the *group*, not the *individual*. This is different from the way we used to consider blocks to work.

<sup>7</sup> Avoid asking directly "Do we have consensus?", as this can lead to groupthink. This also differs from how we used to call for consensus.

## Gaia About Town

**Ritual Teams Meeting** (10/4, 6:45 PM): At Kitty's house. Part-time slots to help with Sunday rituals are now available to formerly active ritualists, if you are interested please contact Kitty in person or at [rtc@gaiacommunity.org](mailto:rtc@gaiacommunity.org)!

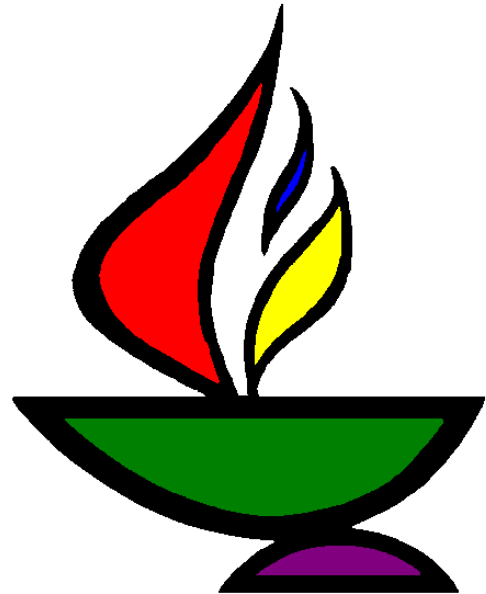
**Tuesday Night Classes:** Adult Education classes for October will be the Pagan Parenting session on the 3rd, Mythology Story Hour on the 17th, and a class on Samhain on the 24th. All classes start at 7 PM; childcare is available by contacting Kris Ennis in person or at [adulthood@gaiacommunity.org](mailto:adulthood@gaiacommunity.org).

**Ritual for Business** (10/14, 9:30 AM): This is our monthly "church business" meeting. Anyone, member or not, is welcome to come and provide input or ask questions, although only Full Active Members can participate in the consensus process. If you've ever had an official question or concern, this would be the place to bring it. If you don't feel comfortable bringing it up in public, our Vice-President, Liz Ticer, serves as the community's Ombudswoman for hearing discrete matters.

**Games Night** (10/20, 7 PM): Kick back and relax; NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS IS ALLOWED! Bring a game, bring a friend, bring some munchies, or just bring yourself! Usually held in either the Barn Chapel or downstairs in the Jefferson room, depending on weather/games available.

**KidSpace Meeting** (10/22, 2 PM): Parents, volunteers, and anybody with ideas or an interest in our kids are welcome! Meetings are held in the KidSpace section of SMUUCH before ritual on the 4th Sunday of the month; contact Jennifer or Linda (the new KidSPACE Co-Chairs), or Anissa (our Director of Religious Education) for more information. E-mail [gaiakidspace@yahoo.com](mailto:gaiakidspace@yahoo.com) or catch them on Sundays!

**Friday Night Supper Club** (10/27, 7 PM): This month's supper club will be at the **Berliner Bear** in Waldo, 7815 Wornall Rd to be exact; please contact Kris Ennis to save a spot, and bring your appetite!



## Caring Connections Corner

Birthday blessings go out this month to Liz Ticer on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Jacki Kelley on the 7<sup>th</sup> and her daughter Debi on the 9<sup>th</sup>, Sami on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Raven Spirit on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Bryce on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and David Nelson on the 28<sup>th</sup>! What a bunch of pagans, all trying to get in before Samhain...

To all those who have lost loved ones lately, be they human or animal, our sympathies. The dark half of the year is also a time for reflection on those who have gone before.

Congratulations to Kim Bowie and her new husband Justin Loxterman... well I guess now we get to call them Kim & Justin Loxterman!

To those who have been working (especially Barbara) on the new storage closet space we have downstairs at SMUUCH, backrubs and our thanks! However we know you're not quite done yet, so the greater compliment might be for others to pitch in and help a bit!

Our condolences go out to all of those working through changes of relationship or lifestyle, or hitting the pavement in the job hunt once more. It never gets easier any time you have to do it, but we are here to share the burden and hear the triumphs when they come.

## Mooings from the CoW (Committee of the Whole)

*Note: This section was renamed from "Splinters from the Board" to reflect the fact that our community acts as a Committee of the Whole in making official decisions, with the Board only acting separately on an interim or emergency basis.*

### Summary of September's Ritual for Business (RfB)

- I. The meeting was called to order at 9:45. Attending: Kris, Yale, Jennifer, Barbara, Jeff, Lizzy, John, Via, Carey, and Kimberly. (Lizzy left before the start of the meeting for a medical emergency)
- II. **Agenda** — The CoW agreed to accept.
- III. **Minutes** — The CoW agreed to accept, with amendments.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** — This month, we have more income than expenses; we are still awaiting the paperwork on the Missouri corporation status; new phone charge is in effect; John has received some confusing letters from the IRS letters regarding forms filed. He will investigate; a couple of weeks of greening-the-basket is not included in report. We currently have only \$1,000 in the Home Fund because \$6,000 was placed in a CD per last month's minutes. The CoW agreed to accept the report
- V. **Standing Committees** —
  - A. Ritual Teams — Kris E. is a new member.
  - B. KidSpace—CoW agreed that a sign-in procedure be established for the day care position so hours can be easily credited. Jennifer will take care of this. John said that our insurance company provides a service for doing background checks thoroughly and cheaply.
  - C. Winter Bazaar—Kris and Yale agreed to help with phone calls. The first or second Saturday in December is planned, to avoid dates of other local events.
- VI. **Unfinished Business** —
  - A. Pagan Institute Report—This was not accomplished because Christa Landon had some medical emergencies that precluded correspondence. Carey will take care of this soon.
  - B. Consensus—Nothing was distributed, so the CoW decided to modify the ratification schedule. Andrew will facilitate a class during extra Adult Ed. time. We will discuss the procedures document in October, with the vote in November. All other details will be per the August minutes.
- VII. **New Business** —
  - A. Carey was authorized, as a member of the Rites of Passage committee, to perform a marriage for Kim Bowie this weekend.
  - B. God Auction—Someone has voiced an issue regarding a community patron's being selected by a means other than consensus. They further requested that Ritual Teams relinquish responsibility for GA to the CoW or the Board. The question before the board was: Is it permissible for the c to hold GA as a means of selecting patron for the community and as fundraiser each year, or should that power be taken away from RT? This

person's rationale was that GA reflects a spiritually binding contract with deity without using consensus process and that it is decided by material wealth. CoW discussion included the following points:

- i. God Auction does not reflect a spiritually binding agreement on behalf of anybody. This was stated clearly several times during the GA.
  - ii. Business decisions are made in meetings with the consensus process. Spiritual decisions are made by Ritual Team, by the authority of the Board and Bylaws, and such authorization was arrived at by said consensus process.
  - iii. It's a really big fundraiser.
  - iv. Perhaps a system could be devised by RT to give "credit" for service to be used as legal GA tender.
  - v. The CoW agreed that RT should continue to administer GA as both a ritual and a fundraiser with its blessing, making changes in GA as it deems necessary.
- C. Phone Requests for Assistance — About once a month, John receives a phone message requesting clergy assistance from Gaia for hospital visitation, wedding, and other pastoral care issues. Given that Gaia Community is a lay-led community, we are not able to provide many of these services on a regular basis. The CoW agreed that a referral system might be a way to provide what pastoral assistance we can. Some possibilities:
- i. Ask Kathy Riegelman, a UUA chaplain on the Interfaith Committee for advice. Barbara will do this.
  - ii. As Vicky Combs if she is willing to accept referrals.
  - iii. Add information to the FAQ section regarding pastoral care possibilities.
  - iv. The CoW and RT will work together to gather and collate as much information as possible to give to John as "First Responder." Kimberly and Kris will coordinate.
- VIII. The meeting adjourned 11:25 at by mob consensus.

— Jennifer, Secretary

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– *David, Editor*

| OCTOBER 2006   |        |   |                                    |          |  |   |
|--|--------|---|------------------------------------|----------|--|---|
| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday                          | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday  |
| 1<br>2-3:30: VOG<br>3:30-4: SR<br>4 PM: Class on Hestia (Patron)                                 | 2      | 3<br>7 PM: Tues. Night Classes, Pagan Parenting       | 4<br>6:45 PM: Ritual Teams Meeting | 5        | 6  | 7<br>☉  |
| 8<br>2-3:30: VOG<br>3:30-4: SR<br>4 PM: Ritual: Big Tent Pagan Revival!                          | 9      | 10  | 11                                 | 12       | 13   | 14<br>☾<br>9:30-11:30 AM: Ritual for Business         |
| 15<br>2-3:30: VOG<br>3:30-4: SR<br>4 PM: Class on Pagan Virtues                                  | 16     | 17<br>7 PM: Tues. Night Classes, Mythology Story Hour | 18                                 | 19       | 20<br>7 PM: Games Night  | 21<br>☀<br>10AM – 7PM: Bake Sale @ Aquarius Bookstore |
| 22<br>2:00-3:00: KidSpace Meeting<br>2-3:30: VOG<br>3:30-4: SR<br>4 PM: Ritual: Godless Heathens | 23     | 24<br>7 PM: Tues. Night Classes, Samhain              | 25                                 | 26       | 27<br>7 PM: Friday Night Supper Club @ Berliner Bear, 7815 Wornall in KCMO | 28  |
| 29<br>☾<br>2-3:30: VOG<br>3:30-4: SR<br>4 PM: Samhain (SABBAT, w/potluck)                        | 30     | 31  | 1<br>6:45 PM: Ritual Teams Meeting | 2        | 3  | 4   |