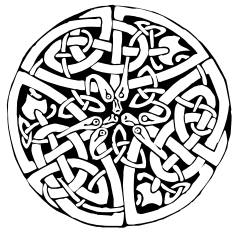
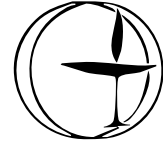




# Earth Healer



A Unitarian Universalist Congregation



The Official Newsletter of the friends and members of Gaia Community September 2004

## WEAVE AND SPIN

### Splinters from the Board

*From the Secretary*

Here's the minutes summary from the August RfB.

The July Treasurer's report was update: There was some confusion with the final totals from the God Auction. David and Kimberly will recheck the numbers to be sure that some pledges from the previous week were not mixed into the God Auction proceeds.

Ritual team members should check with David before ritual to see what Greening the Basket should go to.

Jeff's boss has an old copier that he is willing to donate to Gaia. This copier can do multiple types of paper, including report covers. It will also do 11'x17' paper. We would also need to give some kind of tax form for the donation. Linda Boyce has previously agreed to place this in her garage. Since she is very close to Gaia, this would be convenient for access.

Barbara is still trying to contact SMUUCH about lease negotiations.

The membership directory is ready to be printed. It was decided to await the final determination on the printer before anything else is done.

Mike O'Reilly and Linda Boyce are proposing a fund raiser with Enchanted Gifts. They propose that we have some small items such as

patches, bumper stickers, and (maybe) jewelry. We would have these on the greeter's table or nearby for people to purchase. A portion of the purchase price would go to Gaia. The board decided it would be better to do the merchandise after ritual only during sexy cookie time.

#### Committee updates:

**Site committee:** Collene reported that we cannot afford to move from SMUUCH at any point soon. Site committee has been unable to find any place that we can afford. Any place to rent is going to run a minimum of \$9/sq. ft. to rent, with us needing ~1000 sq. ft. The cheapest place to purchase is \$80000. The committee feels that we need to stay at SMUUCH for 2 more years and shift their focus to fund raising.

The Treasurer asked that site committee furnish the board with a list of available land for sale and the building codes that apply.

Barbara asked permission to negotiate with SMUUCH for additional time on our lease (extend beyond 2005). Our original lease was for 3 years, but there wasn't a renewal option on it at that time. Barbara, David, and Collene will open negotiations with SMUUCH.

**Caring committee:** Debbie and Terry reported for Jacki that Caring Circle will go to 1x/month on the 3rd Sunday in September due to burnout.

Debbie will be starting a new group in November that will be a perimenopausal support group; both existing crones supporting those going through the process, and those going through it supporting each other.

**Membership:** There is a new member class scheduled for the afternoon of 8/14. New member Sunday is 8/15.

**Adult Education:** The new Building your own Polytheology class drew a lot of people. Kimberly noted that we need to start developing a new program for next year as both the Druid and the British Traditional classes will finish their arcs in December.

Liz Ticer will be chairing the meeting next month, 9/11.

**Agenda Items for September:** By-laws revision. Debbie now has a copy of the full text of the by-laws. She will get a copy to all board members and to Linda Boyce, as head of the revisions committee, at the September meeting.

*Debbie*

### Craft Circle

The household of Carey, David and Kimberly will host Craft Circle for September 25th. They don't know yet if they'll have a theme. Watch the e-group for details.

### Site Committee

Site committee has been out searching for new home possibilities for a little over six months now. We will be presenting our findings along with a plan for our future at the September board meeting. Your opinion and view is important and we encourage you all to attend.

*Blessings,  
Your dedicated site committee*

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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

### **Sunday, September 5** facilitated by Jacki **SOS—"Sharing Our Spirits"—Labor Day**

Sharing Our Spirits rituals are designed to allow everyone a chance to help build the ritual of the day, with one or two ritual team members helping facilitate the process. You may bring music, art, invocations, poetry, or any other idea or craft that you think might help a ritual based around this month's theme, which is Labor. Be prepared to work hard for the result!

### **Sunday, September 12**

#### **Ritual—"Gaia's Garden"**

Take time to pause with us for a sensuous exploration in savoring the fruits of Gaia's Garden.

### **Sunday, September 19**

#### **Ritual (Sabbat)—Mabon (Fall Equinox)**

Mabon is a time of harvest and gathering. So 'gather' with us to enjoy the celebration of the turning of the year once more, as we pivot past the balance of light and dark.

*As with all Sabbats, the ritual celebration will be followed by a potluck feast, so bring a dish large enough to feed eight hungry people (and remember to label your ingredients!) For the Earth's sake and in honor of our Green Sanctuary pledge, we ask that you bring reusable dishes and serving utensils, instead of disposable.*

### **Sunday, September 26**

#### **Class—"A Pagan guide to Interfaith Work"**

Class or Workshop Extending the good work of religious groups by banding together over common causes is an honorable task; but where does one start? This class will talk about some of the ways pagans can work together with those of other faiths to accomplish tasks that neither group had the strength to do alone. Please join us.

### Ritual Teams and Members:



Kitty Degler  
Barbara Griggs  
Brian Butler  
Linda Boyce



Nicole Turner  
Eric Simpson  
Liz Ticer  
Via Baker



Kimberly  
Carey Oxler  
David Reynolds  
Daniel Ticer



Jacki Kelly  
Collene Newby  
Debbie Dozier  
Jeff Park

**MAY YOU NEVER HUNGER. MAY YOU NEVER THIRST.**

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### **NEEDS A GOOD HOME!**

Four black and white male kittens seeking a good home.

We've been neutered, had our leukemia test come back negative, had two distempers, two wormings and a fecal and are only \$75. If you love cats we promise to love you back. Take us home!

If you would like more information please contact Collene at oedipus\_the\_doomed@yahoo.com or 913-221-3278.

## GAIA AROUND TOWN—EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### Voices of Gaia

Singer and chanters wanted. Thursday, Sept. 16th and 23rd, 7:00—8:30 P.M. FRANKLIN ROOM. We will be preparing for a short recital at a Planned Parenthood Fund-raiser on October 8th; 11–3 p.m. at the Madrid Theater. New people are always welcome. There are no auditions. Just come if you like to sing. If you have questions, or want more information, please contact Kitty Degler, [songbird@kc.rr.com](mailto:songbird@kc.rr.com) or 913-469-8779.

### KidSpace Committee Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 16th, 7:00 P.M.

The KidSpace Committee Meeting is a place for all parents, kids at heart, and KidSpace volunteers to come together and discuss the future of our children. Plans for future activities, volunteer opportunities, dinner, and the direction of the future of KidSpace could all be on the agenda.

Come to the meeting or contact Andrew Turner, our Director of KidSpace Programming, for more information at [agmmn@kc.rr.com](mailto:agmmn@kc.rr.com) or (913) 706-9167.

If anybody would like to complete the survey for KidSpace (ideas, etc...) and has not had the chance to do so, they can do so by contacting Andrew or Linda. There are copies on Sundays on the Greeters table and downstairs in KidSpace.

### Games Night

Friday, Sept. 17th, 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!

### Caring Committee Connection Circle

Sunday, Sept. 19th, 2:30–4:00 P.M.



This is a place to meet and talk. If you've had a bad week, and you need to talk about it, come on by. If you've had a good week, and need to shout it from the rooftops, come on by. If you just need to be with people, or whatever, come on by. We'll have coffee and tea, and if you'd like bring some food. Bring enough to share!

### Friday Night Supper Club

Friday, Sept. 24th, 7:00 P.M.

Join your fellow Gaians for food, friendship, and frivolity. Kick back and stuff yourself silly! This month we eat at *The Berliner Bear*; 7815 Wornall Road; KCMO; 816-444-2828. We like to get a show-of-hands for who is coming, so contact me by the 23rd. For more information contact Jeff Park at [jpark2@kc.rr.com](mailto:jpark2@kc.rr.com) or 816-361-0465. Liz Ticer will be hosting this month. You may contact her as well (see Board Contacts).

### A look ahead at next month

- Oct 3 Ritual - "Dionysia" 18+ - 
- Oct 10 SOS—"Creativity" - Kitty
- Oct 17 Ritual - "Huna Healing Circle" -  
Ritual Team Leaders
- Oct 27 Forum - "Across the River Styx—Pagans  
and the After Life" - Liz
- Oct 31 Ritual - "Samhain" - 

## Sacred Rhythms

Sundays at 3:00 P.M.

*Be a player in the rhythm of life  
not just a spectator!*

## COMMUNITY CARES

### Joys and Concerns

Compiled with YOUR input.

Peace & strength to . . .

- Friends who are rolling with the punches of unemployment and job searches.
- Those struggling with substance abuse and addiction.
- Those in our community experiencing the pain of divorce or separation.



Happy Solar Return to people celebrating their birthday this month:

9-19: Vicki G.

9-23: Terry R.

*If we've missed you, clue us in again! Let Earth Healer know—[earthhealer@gaiacommunity.org](mailto:earthhealer@gaiacommunity.org) or 816-361-0465 or just sort of let the people at the greeter's table know.*

*And a special welcome to the folks who visited us for the first time recently!*

Tuesday Night  
Sacred Rhythms  
Now the second Tuesday



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*Address Correction Requested*

**Contact Earth Healer**

Send letters, articles, poetry or prose, borrowed wisdom, comments and suggestions to: earthhealer@gaiacommunity.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*.



September 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Ritual Teams Meeting 6:45 pm	3	4
SR 3pm 5 Ritual: SOS: Labor Day 4 pm	☾ 6	Adult RE 7 pm Build Your Own Theology 7	8	9 Wedding Day	10	Ritual of Business 9:30 am New Member Class 1-7 pm 11
SR 3pm 12 Ritual: Gaia's Garden 4 pm	13	● 14 Adult RE 7 pm Sacred Rhythms	15	16 KidSpace 7 pm Voices of Gaia 7 pm	17 Games Night 7 pm	18
CCCC 2:30 SR 3pm 19 Ritual: Mabon Potluck 4 pm	20	☾ 21 Adult RE 7 pm Druid Study Group	22 Fall Equinox	23 Voices of Gaia 7 pm	24 FNCS 7 pm	25 Craft Circle 1-4 pm
SR 3pm 26 Class A Pagan guide to Interfaith Work 4 pm	27	○ 28 Adult RE 7 pm Wicca 101	29	30		