



PVUUC Nuus

February 2003

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PVUUC's Upcoming Events:

March:

- 23rd-Ostara Seed Exchange-Bring your extra seeds to exchange for others. These will be blessed during our Ostara Ritual.
- 29th-Rumage Fair-Save your garage sale items to either rent space at church to sell, or donate to church for them to sell.

May:

- 3rd-Chili Cook-off-For all you cooks out there! If you'd like to be on the committee... see Loni Duke
- 18th-Congragational meeting-Elections

June:

- 14th-Psychic & Craft Fair-Indoors at church

August:

- 9th-Rumage Sale (see March)

November:

- 8th Psychic & Craft Fair

Special Interest Articles:

- Nominating Committee needs to be decided February 23rd
- Catch up on the Religious Education Classes!
- Advertising Information inside!

From The Wolves' Den:

The Wolves' Grove

By Lady Azrealle

Bright Blessings and joy to you all. I need first to say thanks to Ms. Bobby Perkins for her informative presentation on Channeling and to let you all know that she will be back! She is going to channel Jacob for us at the church from 4:00 P.M. to approx. 6:00 P.M. on Saturday the 15th for a love offering. Tell your friends and drag your family along. They'll thank you for it. The sessions usually work best if you have a few well thought out questions for Jacob.

We will be celebrating Ostara on Sunday March 23rd with the rest of the congregation. There will be a "Blessed seed exchange". You and I both know that a small family garden doesn't need all those seeds in that packet, so bring what you won't use to exchange with others in the church. I, myself have yellow squash, and pole beans!

Prayer For

We stand on the brink of total extinction. our wonderful government is poised to go to war with 2 different countries. Unfortunately, due to the violent nature of man the weapons have advanced to a point that all we have to do is set one off and destroy at least a small city. not to mention all the animal and vegetable life around there as well. Due to this fact, we need divine intervention.

I ask that you join me and several others on Feb. 11, 2003 at 7pm in lighting a white candle and saying a prayer for peace.

Lynne Jones-Drakon

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Bicycle Protest Planning

Since there have been a large number of unsolved bicycle wrecks in Garland and the surrounding communities, something needs to be done. The Garland police treat hit and run against bicyclists as a "non-crime". Unless there is a license plate number given, they make no attempt at finding the perpetrator. At least 2 members of this church have been hit in Garland and seriously injured. Other members of the community were not as lucky. There was a fatality in Garland on September 30th.

Given that we are Earth-centered spirituality, and given that transportation creates the largest part of our local pollution, and given that bicycling as transportation is almost pollution free, we as a church should do something about this. Since when I tried to do this on my own I failed miserably to arouse any interest, I see that we, not I must get this ball rolling.

I propose that there should be a meeting set up to discuss the matter, so that we focus public attention on the issue. One of the things to be discussed is precisely what the issue we wish to present is. Should we present the fact that many motorists treat bicyclists as targets in a free-fire shooting gallery, or should we focus on the lack of law enforcement against these acts? The two feed off each other, lack of law enforcement leads people to lawless behavior, which leads law enforcement to believe that this is a crime that nobody cares about, which leads to more people getting hit on bicycles, etc.

There are a number of laws that are designed to protect bicyclists' safety, but unless they are enforced and obeyed, they are useless. I think law enforcement of existing laws is the key to increasing the safety of bicyclists, but others may have different perspectives and better ways to keep cyclists from being hit and killed.

Thank you,

Opus the Poet

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Tarot Talk

Tarot Talk is a group of students of the Tarot from mostly the Dallas area. We are gathering together the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month to have the opportunity to learn the Tarot from each other in a relaxed and easy environment. There will be no pressure to learn at any pace other than your own. Beginners as well as experts are invited to join us. Bring your questions, come to practice or just watch. Please bring a snack to share and a little cash to add to the

basket to help support Pleasant Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. The meeting starts at 7:30pm till whenever. I like for everyone to start showing up at 7:15 so we can start by 7:45. We seem to like to visit before we get into the meat of the meeting.

At the next meeting we will work on the Major Arcana Worksheets. I hope to finish discussing the Major Arcana at the second meeting in February. At this time we will discuss if you would like for me to put together a test. I will be bringing

some more Worksheets in case any new ones show up and would like to jump in. If everything goes as planned I would like to spend March doing a test, if we want, and starting on the Court Cards. Personally, the Court Cards are my weak area. The February meetings are the 5th and the 19th. Please log onto our Yahoo message board (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tarottalkdallas/>) to stay current on all the meetings. Also, read Archives to learn the history of the group.



IMBOLC, FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, or CANDLEMAS Sunday, February 2nd

ICE MOON; also known as Storm Moon, Hunger Moon, Solmonath, Wild Moon, Big Winter Moon and many more.

New Moon - 1st

Full Moon - 16th

CORRESPONDENCES

Deities: Brigit, Kuan Yin, Demeter, Aphrodite and Persephone

Action: rededication and purification of mind, body and soul. Also for candle making.

Herbs and Plants: Myrrh, Cedar, hyssop, sage, primrose, wisteria, vanilla and laurel

Animals: Otter, Unicorn, eagle and chickadee

Stones: Amethyst, jasper and rock crystal

Colors: light blue, white and violet

Hmm! It looks as though we have yet another holiday that is Pagan and has been altered to suit the American masses. What holiday is it? Ground Hog Day. In some traditions "Candlemas" is the Christianized name for the holiday. The older Pagan name is Imbolc . which means, literally, "in the belly" (of the Mother). The seed that was planted in her womb at the solstice is quickening and the new year grows. "Oimelc" (another old Pagan name) means "milk of ewes", for it is also lambing season. The holiday is also called

"Brigit's Day", in honor of the great Irish Goddess Brigit. At her shrine, the ancient Irish capital of Kildare, a group of priestesses (no men allowed) kept a perpetual flame burning in her honor. She was considered a goddess of fire. The Roman Catholic Church could not very easily call the Great Goddess of Ireland a demon, so they canonized her instead. Henceforth, she would be "Saint" Brigit. They ! "explained" this by telling the Irish peasants that Brigit was "really" an early Christian missionary sent to the Emerald Isle, and that the miracles she performed there "misled" the common people into believing that she was a goddess. For modern Witches, Candlemas may be seen as the Pagan version of Valentine's Day, with a de-emphasis of "hearts and flowers" and an appropriate re-emphasis of Pagan carnal frivolity. The ancient Roman Lupercalia, a fertility festival held at this time, in which the priests ran through the streets of Rome whacking young women with goatskin thongs to make them fertile. The women seemed to enjoy the attention and often stripped in order to afford better targets. WOW! Those were the good ol' days. (Ed. Note: These are LaVonne's comments, not PVUUC's)

FOODS

Traditional foods would be dairy, spiced with leeks, shallots, garlic and olive and also foods with raisins such as bread puddings and creamy soups.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

~Build a fire and burn the Yule greens to send Winter on its way.

~Make the Bride's Bed using the Corn(or wheat) doll made the previous Lamas(Aug. 1st). Dress the doll in white or blue with a necklace that represents the seasons. Lay it in a basket made from corn husk, bark, wheat, etc. and adorned with light blue, lavender and white ribbons. Now say: Welcome the bride both maiden and mother; rest and prepare for the time of seed; cleansed and refreshed from labors behind her; with the promise of Spring she lays before me. Next morning, undress doll, hang it in a tree to nourish nature symbolizing the Lady's recovery from the birthing bed.

~Place three ears of corn on the door as a symbol of the Triple Goddess and leave till Ostara.

~Make dream pillows for family and/or friends.

Bibliography:

Moon Magick by D. J. Conway
Green Witchcraft: folk, magic, Fairy Lore & Herb Craft by Edain McCoy

website: www.spiritonline.com



Dragonl air 2003 Calendar of Events

Celebrate the Festivals of the Year:

Gather for Ritual at 7:30 pm at the Pleasant Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. 1215 Main Street, Garland Texas. Ritual begins at 8:00pm. Late admittance to rituals are not allowed. If you arrive late, please join us for feasting and fellowship afterwards.

BYOB. Bring a snack, munchies or real food. Be eco-sensitive, bring your own cup, plate and utensils. Be smart, have a designated driver.

Dragonlair and the Celtic Groves are not affiliated of the Unitarian Universalist Church. To contact Dragonlair or Celtic Groves, please leave a message at 1-877-340-0244 or send email to celticgroves@juno.com

February 1- Imbolg Ritual	March 22- Spring Equ Ritual	May 2 Beltane Ritual & Party	June 21- Midsummer Ritual	August 2- Lughnassahd Ritual	September 28-30 Autumn Equ. Witchstock	November 1- Samhain Ritual & Party	December 20-Yule Ritual
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Notes From The Board:

Secretary A. Jewel Bushland

There will be a congregational meeting at the church after services on Sunday the 23rd of February, 2003 in order for the Board of Directors to present the Nominees for membership on the Nominating Committee.

Their job will be to nominate new Board members as most of our Board's terms expire in May of this year. The church will be sponsoring a Rummage Sale on Saturday March 29, 2003. Space will be allotted on a first come first serve basis. Loni Duke and Janice Ader are the Point Persons for this event. Reserve your space Today!

Notes From The Editor:

Hi there! Just to let you know.. in order for me to get this newsletter out in a timely matter, the deadline each month for any articles will be the 3rd Friday of each month. That gives me the week to put it together and print it out. I would love to hear from all of the committees. You can have your own column if you'd like. Also.. if you have any announcements.. I will put it in here also. Remember.. this is YOUR newsletter.. YOUR input is wanted! If you would like to see a certain article.. just ask...

Sincerely..
Loni Duke-Editor

NOTICE

There will be a congregational meeting at the church **after services on Sunday the 23rd of February, 2003** in order for the Board of Directors to present the Nominees for membership on the Nominating Committee.

Adult Religious Education

The adult RE class meets Sunday 10 am. We are working from Bucklands Complete book of Witchcraft. This month we will be studying personal beliefs, philosophies, theologies, and spirituality. The class is open to all. The cost of the class is free. I do

require that you purchase Buckland's book, have a pen and paper at class and a desire to learn. This is a comprehensive class that always values discussion and input from it's students. Like most of the students, I am very eclectic and we

will be extrapolating from Buckland's book quite regularly. This is a great class for beginners and also seasoned witches with something for everyone. I look forward to seeing you all there.



Adult Education: Lynne Jones-Drakon will be leading a class using Raymond Buckland's book "Buckland's Complete Book of Witchcraft". She will be teaching a chapter a week with added information. If you'd like to either learn the basics or review, then this class is for you. This class will be held every Sunday, at 10:00am prior to our Sunday service.

FULL MOON CIRCLE: February 15, 2003 at 7:30 pm. The Wolf Grove will be presenting the Full Moon Ritual. People of all ages, traditions and levels of attainment are welcome. Please come clean, sober and ready to work with positive intent for the present, the community and the World. Please contact Shannon Ader at 972-644-7617 or Loni Duke at 972-734-3955 for more information.

PAGAN:) TEA:) ROOM:): The Pagan Tea Room is the 1st Friday of the month. It is a social time for gathering and sharing. PVUUC will provide the tea, cocoa and coffee. Ya'll please come and provide your stories, chants, drumming, games, a snack to share, BYOB. We have a nursery, play space for the youngsters, area for a fire, CD player, piano, etc and an open door. See ya'll about 7:30 till we want to go home. For further information, contact Janice Ader at 972-231-2607 or Shannon Ader at 972-644-7617.

NORTH TEXAS PAGAN MEN'S GROUP: 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30pm. This is a time and place to deal with those things you can't talk to your family and co-walkers about because your pagan. This is a support group for pagan men in a Christian world. Contact Loni Duke at 972-734-3955 for contact information.

DRUM CIRCLE: Last Friday of each month. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Drumming starts at around 8 pm. Bring your drum (or other musical instrument) and join us. If you don't have anything, there should be extra, or you can just come, listen and dance. For further information, contact Janice Ader at 972-231-2607

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: The 3rd Friday of each month is Family Movie Night. Shannon will bring 3 movies to choose from for the night. Or, bring your own to share. For more information, please contact Shannon Ader at 972-644-7617.

Tarot Talk: We are gathering together twice a month to have the opportunity to learn the Tarot from each other in a relaxed and easy environment. There will be no pressure to learn at any pace other than your own. Beginners as well as experts are invited to join us. Bring your questions; come to practice or just watch. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Please bring a dish to share and a little cash to add to the basket to help support Pleasant Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. The meeting starts at 7:30pm till whenever.

Wolf Grove: Our Grove meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month to plan our celebrations and learn more about the craft. We will also be facilitating the 4th Sunday service of each month.

PVUUC's Wish List

The following items are needed. If you would like to donate an item or two.. contact one of the board members.

- Ink
- Office Supplies
- Paint for Murals
- 16 T Posts
- 6-3" Galvanized Aluminum Pipe-12 ft
- Perforated Drainage Pipe
- Fill Yard Soil
- Plants-Contact Janice
- Tires for Playground
- Stamps
- Wooden Fence Sections
- Paper

We also need volunteers for several committee positions. These include Facilities, Sunday School

teacher (so we can rotate) Newsletter advertising, NAUTUS Rep. Yard work, and Housekeeping help.

If you can think of any other items, please let me know at pvuucnews@ev1.net



Congregation Meeting: Nominate Office Nomination Committee

The following people were nominated by the Board of Directors to be considered by the congregation to be on the nomination committee. The congregation will vote on February 23.

Please consider to vote on 3 of the following at the meeting:

Mel Pershan
Lynne Jones-Drakon
Loni Duke
Jewel Bushland
Janice Ader
Susan Collins

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact some on the board. Remember that in order to vote, you must be a full member of the church.

If you would like to become a member, again.. see one of the board members.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting!!

Advertising Space Available!

To advertisements in this newsletter... The prices are as follows:

Business Card size-\$5.00 per issue-no artwork / \$8.00 artwork included/\$25.00/\$40.00 per 6 months

1/8 sheet-\$10.00 per issue-no artwork/\$12.00-artwork included/\$50.00/\$60.00per 6 months

1/4 sheet-\$25.00 per issue-No Artwork/\$30.00-Artwork included/\$125.00/\$150.00 per 6 months

If you need artwork, it can be personally created for you business. Contact Loni Duke at pvuucnews@evl.net

Fairies & Sprites: The Kids Corner

Sunday School for our young ones is in full swing! This month they will be preparing a ritual for March that they will be facilitating for the congregation. During this time, they will be learning about the elements, as well as the God and Goddess. We have some terrific lessons in store for them. Some of which are nature walks, growing their Gourds (They began their element lessons with this one), wind chimes and candle holders. We do need several items donated.. these include paper towel tubes, plastic liter coke bottles (empty), flour, salt, (to make candle holders) Non toxic acrylic paint. Please see either Lynne or Loni if you would like to donate these items.

The greatest happiness is to allow your heart to become as pure and as simple as a child's again



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Spiritwalk Carpool 3:00pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:00am Adult RE 11:00am Service Wolf Grove- Imbolc- Daniel	NTPMG 7:30pm		Tarot Talk 7:30pm		Pagan Tea Room 7:30pm	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00am Adult RE 11:00am Service <u>PotLuck Lunch</u> <u>Wolf Grove Meeting Tradition Sharing- Opus</u>				Worship & Finance Committee Meeting		Bobby Chandler - Channeler-4pm- 6pm Full Moon -7:30 Ladies Lock In 10pm-Sunday 9am
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00am Adult RE 11:00am Service	NTPMG Committee/ Board Meeting		Tarot Talk 7:30pm		Movie Night 7:30pm NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
23	24	25	26	27	28	
10:00am Adult RE 11:00am Service by <u>Wolf Grove</u> Last Lunch Nomitee Congragational Meeting <u>Wolf Grove Meeting</u>					Drum Jam 7:30pm	



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Mission Statement

Pleasant Valley Unitarian Universalist Church is a loving, inclusive and diverse community of individuals who refer life and seek to enhance the life experience for all.

*We encourage one another to explore his or her personal potential through active involvement in the life

of the church and the community at large;

*We nurture one another's religious growth by providing a sanctuary for spiritual discovery and by expanding out knowledge of and respect for other religions and philosophies;

*We use our strengths in

pursuit of a better world through community and environmental action;

*We raise awareness of Unitarian Universalist principles throughout the community.;

***Come
celebrate
the circle
of life with
us!***

Vision Statement

Pleasant Valley Unitarian Universalist Church is:

*Where we gather to honor the sacred in a family-supportive environment.

*Where we respect diversity of belief and diversity of lifestyle.

*Where we provide a spiritual home and point of connection for those seeking to honor the divine in any form.

In so doing, we will be a "Welcoming Church". And, we will reclaim and reintegrate Earth-centered spirituality, So that it might be restored to its rightful place of dignity among the family of religious traditions.