



Pleasant Valley NUUS

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Come celebrate the sacred circle of life with us

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President's Thoughts

Lack of formality does not mean lack of spirituality

Most pagans see themselves as very informal, always aiming for a creative expression of the communion with the divine. Some covens and pagan organizations go the exact opposite way. Drowning in a sea of rules, codes, and necessary tools, very little creativity slips into the ritual. The tightrope between military precision and loosey-goosey fluff would seem hard to walk.

Ritual, as defined by Webster's, is the "prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies." How is inspiration and creativity fit into a ritual? Many organizations struggle with this concept and PVUUC is among their ranks. Every individual accesses the divine differently, and in a church that is led by its members the services differ greatly. At times it may appear that no order is followed and chaos rules. This statement is untrue. There is beauty in every service as each individual shares a part of their connection with the congregants.

Many of us came from Christian backgrounds that were very structured and formal. The Catholics have their readings, the Baptist have the 20 minute song service, these became the foundation of the service and the way to communicating with God. But as pagans we have stepped out of that rigid environment and gone looking for a simpler way. Yet in the back of our minds the service seems lacking without the pomp and circumstance.

Connecting to the Goddess and God can be as simple chanting, or as complex as casting a formal circle. The communion with the Divine depends on our willingness to be open and receive.

Blessed Be

Susan Collins

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Affirmation

Love is the spirit of our Church,
The quest of truth is its
sacrament,
And service is its prayer.
To dwell together in peace,
To seek knowledge in freedom,
To serve humanity in harmony
with the earth. Thus do we
pledge to one another.

Recurring Events:

Full Moon Circle : Oct 10, 2003 Currently Wolf Grove is facilitating the Full Moon Rituals. We gather at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to join in an open full moon circle to honor the turning of the wheel of time. Circles will start around 8pm on the evening of each full moon. If you wish, bring a snack to share and stay for coffee after circle is over. The church provides baby-sitting service during this ritual. Please contact Shannon Ader at 972-644-7617

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 youngsters, area for afire, CD player, piano, etc and an open door. See you all 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: Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:30 pm.

If you have any questions contact David Minesinger 214-417-6642. This is a time and place to deal with those things you can't talk to family and co-workers about because your pagan. This is a support group for pagan men in a Christian world.

Family Movie Night: 3rd Friday of the month

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.

Drum Circle: Last Friday of the month

Doors open at 7:30 p m. Drumming starts at around 8 p.m. 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 and listen or dance. For further information contact Janice Ader at 972-231-2607

Wolfgrove Meetings – 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

We are a Grove, not a Coven which means that we have an open circle policy. We are a collection of Solitary Practitioners who decided to get together for Esbats and Sabbats for fellowship and fun.

We are Universalist. We do not focus on any one aspect or pantheon of aspects of Divinity. We worship the one that is many, the one that is all.

Our doors and circles are open to all of the mind or who are genuinely curious about Earth Based religions.

Contact Janice Ader for more information. 972-231-2607

Community Events:

Betwixt & Between is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community center founded in 1997 to provide a meeting place where people could come together to share, celebrate, rejoice and learn in an atmosphere of understanding, civility and respect. Our mission is to build bridges of understanding between all people regardless of political, religious or cultural affiliation.

Betwixt & Between
4415 Belmont Avenue
Dallas, TX 75204

214.821.3340 ~ www.betwixt.org

OCC is a North Texas Pagan Community Center supporting spiritual diversity and dedicated to the principles of respect for the individual and accountability to the community. OCC's mission is to provide a safe, sacred location for fellowship, worship, education and outreach, organized to support those seeking spiritual growth.

Open Circle Spiritual Center
2305 Oak Lane, Suite 4-C 200
Grand Prairie, TX 75051
Toll Free Voice and Fax 866-812-7564
On the web at <http://www.occ-dfw.org>

Contact for Sierra Singles information: Jenny Lehman, (817) 263 1357 or avidhiker@killerfrogs.com
See the Dallas Sierra Club home page (www.dallassierraclub.org) for instructions on how to subscribe to the Sierra Singles listserv.

Vegetarian Happenings: Metro 972 988-8687, ext 3104
VegNet: Metro 972 601-9032, ext 3101
<http://dfwnetmall.com/veg/>
vegmaster@dfwnetmall.com

Gloria Dei Nights Coffeehaus is a once a month, first Saturday, outreach program through Gloria Dei Lutheran Church of Garland, Texas. Located at 1333 Beltline Road, one block East of the Garland Road intersection. Doors open at 6:30 pm with the shows running from 7 pm to 9:45 pm.
NOTICE:
REQUESTED DONATION AT THE DOOR IS NOW \$ 5 with proceeds going towards charitable organizations in and around the Garland area.

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www.GloriaDeiNights.com/Full fall schedule also available at
www.DestinyAcoustics.com

October

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19	20 North Texas Pagan Men's Group 7:30 pm	21	22	23	24	25
26 \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Last Lunch @ 12:15 pm \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ 1:30pm Wolf Grove Meeting	27	28	29	30	31 Drum Jam @ 7:30 pm	

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