



Pleasant Valley NUUS

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Come celebrate the sacred circle of life with us

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President's Perceptions

February 19, 2004

My name is Bob Anderson. Historically, I have been associated with this church for about ten years, first coming in 1994. During my early years, I served as a Member at Large on the Board of Directors, initially assuming the term of one who moved away and then being elected to serve my own term. I left the church in early 1999 for purely personal reasons.

In early 2003, the reason I left was no longer valid, and I began to return. I was soon chosen to fill the role of Sage in WolfGrove, the new teaching grove that was forming. Along with Janice Ader, who accepted the role of Crone, and three others who are no longer with the church we formed the Council of WolfGrove and accepted the responsibility of preparing and presenting Sabbats and Esbats for the church. I still continue in this role.

In the middle of 2003, the Board of Directors requested that I rejoin the church and replace David Minesinger as Representative to NTAUUS (North Texas Association of Unitarian Universalist Societies), pronounced "Nautus". By doing this, the church regained effective contact with and recognition by the other DFW area Unitarian churches.

One Thursday evening after presiding over a Full Moon ritual with the Crone, I retired to the office with the Board of Directors. At that time, the resignation of the former President, Susan Collins, was regrettably accepted and I was appointed to fulfill the remainder of the current term. I came to the decision to accept this position because I believe that there are challenges coming in the times ahead, and I would very much like to see this church become part of the solution. I can't honestly say that I am the answer to your prayers, but I can say that I will give it my best effort.

I want to stress here that I can't do make this church successful by myself. Whether or not I am successful is completely in your hands as members and friends of this congregation. I am not here to do it; I'm here to help you do it. So, please, help me help you.

Now, what can you do? I'm glad you asked. As you will see in another section of this Nuusletter, there will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, March 14, 2004. The purpose of this meeting is to start the process of choosing leaders for the next year, which starts in June. At that time we will choose the committee who will choose the leaders. We, the Board of Directors, is required to nominate five (5) people from the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee. The congregation will select three (3) of those to serve on this group.

The Nominating Committee will have the responsibility to locate and nominate people willing to serve from June 2003 through May 2004 as President, Secretary and Treasurer. According to our by-laws, if we have enough active members thirty days prior to the May 2003 Congregational Meeting, they will also nominate someone to serve as Vice-President. The Congregation at that meeting will formally elect these officers. If you would like to serve on the nominating committee, please contact one of the current members of the Board of Directors, as listed in this Nuusletter.

Thank you,
Bob Anderson

Announcements:

There will be a Congregational Meeting at 12:45PM after regular services on Sunday March 14 for the purpose of electing our Nominating Committee who will be responsible for choosing our 2004/05 slate of officers to be elected in the May Congregational Meeting. We need all members who can to attend.

Pot Luck will be held immediately after the meeting.

Official Information

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jubal12@juno.com

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Vacant

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Religious Education

Chairman Vacant

Social Activities

Chairman Vacant

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Drum Jam

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Movie Night

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North Texas Pagan Men's Group

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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.

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Keep up with what we're
doing, join our message
groups at:

[PVUUC_TX-
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[WolfGrove-
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Recurring Events:

Full Moon Circle: March 5, 2004 at 7:30 PM

Wolf Grove is facilitating the Full Moon Rituals. All are welcome to join in an open full moon circle. We gather at 7:30 circles will start around 8 pm. Stay for fellowship after circle is over and if you wish you may bring a snack to share, we will have coffee/tea available. The church provides baby-sitting service during the ritual. Please contact Wolf Grove Wolfgrove@yahoogroups.com, Janice 972 231 2607, Bob 972 952 9757, OPUS @ 972 530 9629 or Worship Coordinator Shannon Ader 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 you're pagan. This is a support group for pagan men and sons in a Christian world.

Family Movie Night: March 19 , 2004 at 7:30 PM

Shannon will bring 2 or3 movies to choose from or bring your own favorite to share. Children are welcome, snacks (usually popcorn) available but feel free to bring something to share. For more information, please contact Shannon Ader at 972-644-7617.

Drum Jam: Last Friday of the month gather around 7:30/45 PM

Drumming starts around 8. Bring your drum (or other musical instruments) and join us. If you don't have any, there may be extras, or you can come to listen and/or dance. Children are welcome but childcare in **not** available. For further information contact Janice Ader at 972-231-2607

WolfGrove Meetings –February 1 and 18, 2004 @ 7:30 pm 1st Sunday and 3rd Wed

Welcome to Wolf Grove: A Universalist Goddess Tradition located in Garland, Texas.

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, Sabbats, study, fellowship and fun.

We are Universalists in that we do not focus on any one aspect or pantheon of aspects of the Divine. Our doors and circles are open to all of like mind who are genuinely curious about Earth Based religions.

We request that all proprieties are to be observed at all times. No illegal substances or activities are permitted.

Why Wolf? The wolf is as close as we could get to a universal symbol of community. Wolves are among Mother Nature's best parents, devoted to the protection and education of the cubs to be responsible and productive members of the pack. We facilitate the Full Moon Rituals (held evenings) and Sabbat Rituals (held on Sunday mornings) at the church. Contact WolfGrove Council for more information. Janice Ader 972 231 2607, Bob Anderson jubal12@juno.com , OPUS 972 530 9626.

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.

gloriadeinights@comcast.net

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

PRESS RELEASE:

UU Infidels Publishing Newsletter.

The UUI, Unitarian Universalist Infidels, is a UUA-Related Organization whose purpose is to support and work to maintain a place at the UU table for atheist, agnostic, skeptic, and secular humanist UUs. This spring it will publish the first issue of a semiannual (twice yearly) newsletter that will provide a voice for viewpoints and opinions not usually represented in UU World magazine.

You can order this year's spring and fall UUI newsletters by sending your name and address and a check for \$3.00 to UUI, 16265-D Dahlgren Road, King George, VA, 22485. (If you care to send more, it will go toward the fee for the booth we are going to have a General Assembly.) We plan to include a section titled "Talkback to UU World" and invite your comments. The UUI Newsletter will also be published on-line at www.uu-infidels.org, and if you wish, you can join the UUI discussion group by sending an email to uui-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

North Texas Irish Festival Needs Volunteers 3/6-7

REPLY TO: PEGGYSPLA@AOL.COM

The annual North Texas Irish Festival, the largest Celtic festival in the Southwest, will be held March 6th and 7th. Volunteers are needed for a variety of functions, and fun will be had by all!

Volunteer for one shift, and get admission for one day, and a beverage.
Volunteer for 2 shifts, and get admission both days, 2 beverages and a t-shirt.

For more information, please visit www.ntif.org. Online registration to volunteer is available, as well as a list of positions needed.

The Festival features some of the finest in Irish and Scottish entertainment, including world famous musicians, award winning dancers, enchanting storytellers and educational workshops.

Vagina Monologues: V-Day Dallas - March 3

PREPLY TO: Rita Meno - vdaydallas@yahoo.com

V-DAY DALLAS 2004 IS COMING!

V-DAY DALLAS 2004 is a benefit production of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" as part of the V-Day Worldwide Campaign

ONE PERFORMANCE ONLY! Wednesday, March 3, 2004

WHAT: V-Day Dallas 2004 is a benefit performance of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" as a part of the V-Day 2004 Worldwide Campaign to raise money and awareness for local organizations that work to stop violence against women and girls.

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, March 3, 2004, 7:00 PM

WHERE: Latino Cultural Center, 2600 Live Oak @ Good Latimer

TICKETS: \$20.00 General Admission

FOR INFORMATION OR SPONSORSHIP, PLEASE CONTACT: Rita Meno, V-Day Dallas 2004 Organizer, vdaydallas@yahoo.com

TO PURCHASE ADVANCE TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT: Emily Santillan, The Family Place, (214) 443-7717

March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 North Texas Pagan Men's Group 7:30 pm	2	3	4	5 WolfGrove Full Moon Ritual 7:30pm	6
7 WolfGrove meeting 7:30 pm	8	9	10	11 Finance Committee 7:30 pm	12	13
14  Pot Luck (bring a dish to share) 12:30 pm	15 North Texas Pagan Men's Group 7:30 pm Committee Meetings 7:30 pm Board of Directors 8:15 pm	16	17 WolfGrove meeting 7:30 pm	18	19 Family Movie Night 7:30 pm	20 Dragonlair Coven's "open" Ritual 7:30 pm
21 WolfGrove Spring Ritual	22	23	24	25	26 Drum Jam - (children and dancers welcome) 7:30 pm	27
28  Last Lunch (\$5) 12:30 pm	29	30	31			

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