



# Pleasant Valley NUUS

Pleasant Valley Unitarian Universalist Church  
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Come celebrate the sacred circle of life with us

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## President's Perceptions

March 21, 2004

Today is a wonderful, cool spring day, the flowers are starting to bloom, the weeds are starting to take back my yard, and I drew a wish for fertility. For those of you that don't know me, I currently have five (5) grandchildren (complete with return addresses), no wife, and no desire for either. To say I was a little surprised could be considered an understatement.

Actually, there is a little more to it. Marla, from Norman, OK, provided our equinox ritual this morning, and had us write on little round tokens what we wished would happen for us during the next six months. Then she took them up, blessed them, and passed them back out, but not necessarily to the person who had written them. I drew one that said "Fertility". You know the first thought that entered my mind. However, I did realize that Fertility could be in many different areas of one's life. Imagination is fertility of the mind. Also a new source of income could be considered fertility. Marla also pointed out that she has no children, but considers herself fertile because she has students that she guides and teaches.

So, how are we doing? From where I sit we are making progress. Change is coming, hopefully for the better. In the church, we elected a nominating committee last week. They have been charged with finding three, possibly four, people who are willing and able to serve as officers. Janice Ader, Barbara Clary and Jessica Longshore will be looking for a few good people. If anyone would like to serve as an officer, please contact one of the above as soon as possible so they can decide whom to recommend.

Attendance at our last Board meeting (last Monday evening) was better than usual. Some were there who are interested in not only learning how the church is run, but also helping to run it. To me, this is an encouraging development. I would like to see everyone that can come to the board meetings. These meetings are open to members and friends alike. Have a suggestion for the church? Come to the church on second Monday and present it. You will get a response.

And last, but not least, the Houses, Chris and Anne, are coming back. Those who were here about five years ago may remember them. They lost everything in a fire and had to go to Oklahoma where they had kinfolk that were able to help. Well, now Anne has found a job in the area and they are staying with Janice while they find a place here and settle in. Please help us welcome them back.

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.

The Nominating Committee is :

Janice Ader

Barbara Clary

Jessica Longshore

If you want to be on the Board for the upcoming year, or to Chair any of the standing committees, please contact one or more of these people to get on the ballot or put to work.

Congregational meeting will be May 16. Be prepared! If you have something you want to place on the agenda get in touch with a board member before April 16th so it can be published.

#### Announcements:

There will be a Congregational Meeting at 12:45PM after regular services on Sunday May 16, 2004 for the purpose of electing our 2004/05 slate of officers.

You must be an Active Member on or before April 16, 2004 to vote in the May Election. See any Board Member on how to become a member.

# Official Information

## Board of Directors 2003-2004

### President

Bob Anderson  
[president@pvuuc.org](mailto:president@pvuuc.org)

### Vice President

Vacant

### Secretary

John Clary 972-530-9626  
[secertary@pvuuc.org](mailto:secertary@pvuuc.org)

### Treasurer

Shannon Ader 972-644-7617

### Members at Large

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## Committee Chairs 2003-2004

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Chairman Vacant

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### Finance

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### Membership/Worship

Chairman  
Shannon Ader 972-644-7617

### Religious Education

Chairman Vacant

### Social Activities

Chairman Vacant

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### Facilitators 2003-2004

#### Drum Jam

Janice Ader 972 231 2607  
[bodatlargel@pvuuc.org](mailto:bodatlargel@pvuuc.org)

#### Movie Night

Shannon Ader 972-644-7617

### North Texas Pagan Men's Group

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David Minesinger Contact  
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### NTAUS Representatives

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[president@pvuuc.org](mailto:president@pvuuc.org)  
Vacant

### Wolf Grove

Council:  
Janice Ader Crone  
972 231 2607  
Bob Anderson Sage  
[president@pvuuc.org](mailto:president@pvuuc.org)  
OPUS 972 530 9626

### Full Moon Open Circle

Wolf Grove Council or  
Shannon Ader 972-644-7617

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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-  
subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:PVUUC_TX-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)  
And  
[WolfGrove-  
subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:WolfGrove-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

## Recurring Events:

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**Full Moon Circle: April 4, 2004 at 7:30 PM** Libra Cardinal Air - Passover/Easter  
Full Moon

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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: April 16, 2004 at 7:30 PM**

Shannon will bring 2 or 3 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. April 30, 2004**

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 is **not** available. For further information contact Janice Ader at 972-231-2607

**WolfGrove Meetings –April 4 and 21, 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 [president@pvuuc.org](mailto:president@pvuuc.org) , 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](http://www.betwixt.org)

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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>

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

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

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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](mailto:gloriadeinights@comcast.net)

[www.GloriaDeiNights.com/Full](http://www.GloriaDeiNights.com/Full) fall schedule also available at [www.DestinyAcoustics.com](http://www.DestinyAcoustics.com)

RECYCLE, RECYCLE, RECYCLE. Please remember that we not only focus on Earth Centered Spirituality in our beliefs and worship we also follow an Earth Centered behavior in recycling our paper, aluminum, glass, plastic, etc. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, we can earn money for the church from our paper as well as from our aluminum. Please be carefull to separate items that can be recycled from general trash. REPAIR, REUSE, RECYCLE. This idea also applies to the items we buy for the church, please focus on earth friendly products that can be reused and/or recycled. Unfortunately there are no styrofoam recycling centers (that I am aware of) in our area, so please refrain from purchasing these items. Blessings from Faciclites and Treasurers Committies.

\$\$\$ We have several ongoing fundraisers for the church, We have UU stickers for your front window/door or car windows (\$1.00).

We also participate in several Community Partner programs with Albertsons, Kroger (cards for the church in the entry) and Tom Thumb (have community partner #6594 attached to your Reward Card). Just present the card(s) at checkout (prior to the cashier totaling your bill) and PVUUC gets a precentage of what you have spent. The precentage goes up with the amount spent (all of our purchases combined) and we normally get a check quarterly. Working together we can make things happen. \$\$\$

### **Our Average Monthly Bills equal \$526.81**

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|--------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Internet Expenses</b>       | <b>\$ 17.42</b>  |
| <b>Insurance</b>               | <b>\$ 149.58</b> |
| <b>Mortgage</b>                | <b>\$ 188.26</b> |
| <b>Phone</b>                   | <b>\$ 88.76</b>  |
| <b>City of Garland</b>         |                  |
| <b>(Electric/Water/Sewage)</b> | <b>\$ 169.35</b> |
| <b>TXU Gas</b>                 | <b>\$ 47.02</b>  |
| <b>Assc Dues</b>               | <b>\$ 16.00</b>  |

# April

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

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