



Pleasant Valley NUUS

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Come celebrate the sacred circle of life with us

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President's Perceptions

Well, it finally started getting hot. I survived Summer Solstice at White Rock Lake. No, we haven't seen 110 in the Texas sun yet, and I sincerely hope we don't. But we have seen more rain than we usually do and it seems to keep on coming. I don't know the statistics, but does the phrase "hot and sticky" have any significance for you? If not, step outside in the sun and it will!

We also had a fun Solstice celebration Sunday morning. The body count was three, the requiem ended with "The King is Dead, Long Live the King". If you would like to help plan the next one, come to a WolfGrove meeting or contact myself or Janice.

Our board meetings seem to be on track, we welcomed two (2) new officers at our meeting this month: Barbara Clary, Secretary and Ben Wangler, Vice President. Ben and the Finance Committee will be presenting a budget for Fiscal 2004-2005 in August. Please plan to attend the August Congregational Meeting to approve it, which is to be announced.

As many of you may have noticed, the air conditioner works now. Many thanks to Janice Ader, who found a contractor that could fix it for only \$125.00. Hopefully it will last many more years.

Our lawn looks good between rains, but is growing faster than the lawn mowers can be run. If you can help with this, please contact Janice Ader, Facilities Chair. Also, the electric weed eater needs a string put on it. I'm sure there is more needed, but this is what I have noticed. Please contact Janice to find out more and offer your services.

For the first time this year, PVUUC participated in the Solstice celebration at White Rock Lake. We provided the arch that was used for access to the main ritual, and we made and set up a Hopi (Native American) Labyrinth that several people walked. We intend to lay this out at the church for us all to see and have the opportunity to walk. To walk it is an individual choice, but those that do find it a very useful meditation.

NTAUUS (North Texas Association of Unitarian Universalist Societies) is sponsoring a Rangers outing this summer. We will be gathering about 5:30 for a pre-game tailgate party on Friday, August 27, 2004. The exact place will be announced closer to the game. Game starts at 7:05, tickets are half-priced @ \$8.00. Deadline for money will be announced later. Please see myself or Jessica to make reservations. No, I don't know who the opponent is, but I do have it on good authority that the Rangers will actually be playing that day.

I am still encouraged by the progress we are making. We now have all our committee chairs filled and we need to provide them some help. Please select from and volunteer for one of these committees: Facilities (Janice Ader), Membership/Worship (Sam Westbrook), Communications/Newsletter (Chris House), Religious Education (Anne House), Social Activities/Social Action (John Clary) or Finance (Ben Wangler). If we pull together we will be successful and our church will grow.

E-bay store of the PVUUC

The PVUUC is opening an e-Bay store! Our plans are to fill this store with donations from our congregation and other sources. If you would like to donate items to the store please contact Chris House. We are also looking for crafters and artists who would like to have the PVUCC display your work on e-bay contact us and we will work out an arrangement.

This endeavor is primarily a fund raiser for the church. The donations do not need to be brought to the church until they are sold on E-bay. This keeps us from have to make room for stuff; however, if you would, fill out the small form below and hand them into Chris House – he’ll post them to eBay for the church store. You will be notified if/when the item is sold and when to bring it to the church for shipping.

That’s it! See - that wasn’t too hard.

Form	
Item(s) _____	ISBN _____
Size _____ Weight _____	Estimation of value _____
Condition : Poor, Fair, Good, Mint	
Your Name _____	Contact numbers _____

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 careful 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, so 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. The real renewable resources - both spiritual and material - are within our congregation. However, we would like to let every one know of the Computer Ink Cartage fund raiser. Please bring your old ink cartages to the church – we’ll recycle them into money. As well, we now have a trailer to pick up the recycled paper and deliver it ourselves. This should bring more return to the church than past efforts. If you know of any one who is looking, point them in our direction - the biggest treasure we as a church have is you, the congregation.

Blessings from Facilities and Treasurers Committees:

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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 percentage of what you have spent. The percentage 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	
Internet Expenses	\$ 17.42
Insurance	\$ 149.58
Mortgage	\$ 188.26
Phone	\$ 88.76
City of Garland	
(Electric/Water/Sewage)	\$ 169.35
TXU Gas	\$ 47.02
Assc Dues	\$ 16.00

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Movie Night

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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
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Recurring Events:

Full Moon Circle : Thursday, 7/1 at 7:30

Wolf Grove is facilitating the Full Moon Rituals. All are welcome to join in an open full moon circle. We gather at 7:30, with circle starting around 8 pm, and stay for fellowship after circle is over. If you wish, 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 (groovyone@ev1.net) Sunsett 972-952-9757 (jubal12@juno.com), OPUS 972-530-9629 (opus_the_poet@juno.com) or Worship Coordinator Shannon Ader 972 644 7617

North Texas Pagan Men's Group: Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays, 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. The first Monday of this month the Men's group is conducting full moon circle.

The Game Room: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 12pm to 10 pm

The Facilitator is Chris House 972-231-2607 house_christopher@hotmail.com

The game room is a table-top role-playing event. Game masters are provided although volunteers are welcome. We will have a concession table provided, We separate the day into two four hour rounds. 12pm-4pm & 5pm – 9pm with an hour for breaks and run over time. We ask for a \$3 donation per round to cover facility cost and to help the church out as well as the volunteer game masters.

Family Movie Night: 3rd Friday, 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.

***NOTE: Shannon Ader Has requested for the remaining summer that movie night be moved to her home for convenience and better hospitality. ***

Drum Jam: Last Friday of the month

Begin gathering around 7:45 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 is **not** available. For further information contact Janice Ader at 972-231-2607

WolfGrove Meetings: 1st Sunday & 3rd Wednesday 7:30 pm

Welcome to Wolf Grove! We are a Grove, not a Coven which means that we have an open circle policy. We are a collection of Solitary Practitioners who gather 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, Sunsett – (jubal12@juno.com); OPUS 972-530-9626 (opus_the_poet@juno.com).

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
www.betwixt.org

214.821.3340 ~

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
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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 \$8 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

North Texas Traditional Dance Society
Barn/contra dances with live music, No partner or experience
No smoking or Alcohol 1st,3rd,5th, Saturdays,8-11pm 6\$ donation
www.nttds.org info@nttds.org 214-357-8213

July the 18 th Rich Culver will be hosting an actual Asutru Ritual at the Church AT 11:00 AM

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Attention

New design? The Church has been thinking updating their symbol. Here we have listed the current idea. If you are interested or would like to post or show another design, Please present it at the Board of directors meeting as new business. We will have the Congregational vote on the ones they like or do not like.

Thanks you,
C.L. HOUSE



July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Wolf Grove Full Moon Ritual	2	3
4  7:30 pm WolfGrove meeting	5 7:30 pm North Texas Pagan Men's Group	6	7	8	9	10 12:00PM-10PM Game Room 
11  Potluck After Service	12 7:30 pm Committee Meetings 8:30 pm Board of Directors	13 7:30 pm Treasury Committee Work	14	15	16 7:30 pm  Family Movie Night	17
18  hosting an Austru Ritual	19 7:30 pm North Texas Pagan Men's Group	20	21 7:30 pm WolfGrove meeting	22	23	24 12:00PM-10PM Game Room 
25  Last Lunch (\$5) 12:30 pm	26	27	28	29	30 7:30 PM Drum Jam & Wolf Grove Full Moon Ritual	31 7:30 pm Dragon Lair Coven's "Open" Ritual
Sundays: 10:45 am Coffee 11:00 am Service						<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">2004</h2> </div>