



# Pleasant Valley NUUS

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Come celebrate the sacred circle of life with us

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## President's Perceptions

OK, this is July. It's supposed to be hot. So why did I consider turning the heat on this morning? The term July Cold Front is supposed to be an oxy-moron, isn't it? But guess what, folks, it blew in this morning. I don't think I'll ever trust Texas weather again.

We are having two Full Moon celebrations this month. The first one was Alan's usual great job at a Sufi meditation. Thanks, Alan. The second is coming up next Friday and will be put on by Wolf Grove. That one is still on the drawing board, but think about First Harvest and Second Planting. We are also putting together next Sunday's Lammas celebration.

The board has approved in principle a contract with Amy Green, whom some of you will remember, to open a bookstore in what is now the nursery. The nursery will move to what is now the Religious Education room. We are hoping this will not only help our finances, but also give us a regular presence in the community. Also, this store is planned to include a lending library for our use. Amy expects to start moving in August and have the store open by September. Stay tuned for further developments.

Also, please don't forget the congregational meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be approving the budget for the fiscal year, which runs from September 1 through August 31. As much as I wish money weren't an issue, in our current culture we simply can't ignore it and still operate.

Janice and I will be covering another aspect of the God again this month. If this is something that you would like to see continue until we complete J. D. Conway's book, please let us know.

Religious Education is planning a presentation of "Rise Up and Call Her Name", the thirteen-session UU curriculum concerning the various Goddesses around the world. If you'd like to be in on this, please contact Anne House for details.

**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 PVUUC 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**

<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>

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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:

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[WolfGrove-  
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## Recurring Events:

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### **Full Moon Circle : Friday 8/28at 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](mailto:wolfgrove@yahoogroups.com), Janice 972-231-2607 ([groovyone@ev1.net](mailto:groovyone@ev1.net)) Sunsett 972-952-9757 ([jubal12@juno.com](mailto:jubal12@juno.com)), OPUS 972-530-9629 ([opus\\_the\\_poet@juno.com](mailto: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: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays, 12pm to 10 pm**

The Facilitator is Chris House 972-231-2607 [house\\_christopher@hotmail.com](mailto: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: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:jubal12@juno.com)); OPUS 972-530-9626 ([opus\\_the\\_poet@juno.com](mailto: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](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  
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instructions on how to subscribe to the Sierra Singles listserv.

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Vegetarian Happenings: Metro 972 988-8687, ext 3104  
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<http://dfwnetmall.com/veg/>  
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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 \$8 with proceeds going towards charitable organizations in and around the Garland area.  
[gloriadeinights@comcast.net](mailto:gloriadeinights@comcast.net)  
[www.GloriaDeiNights.com](http://www.GloriaDeiNights.com)/Full fall schedule also available at [www.DestinyAcoustics.com](http://www.DestinyAcoustics.com)

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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](http://www.nttds.org) [info@nttds.org](mailto:info@nttds.org) 214-357-8213

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<p>Welcome Home Picnic! 8/21/2004 5:30 pm– Bring your water balloons and water guns and play out in the yard for that final hurrah of summer here at PVUUC! For more information, contact Janice Ader @ 972-231-2607 or <a href="mailto:groovyone@ev1.net">groovyone@ev1.net</a></p>
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<p>Our Fund Raiser in the month of September (9/18/2004) is going with a 70's theme – You know, that seventies feeling! – and we need folks who would like to volunteer their time to make this happen – Contact Janice Ader @ 972-231-2607 or <a href="mailto:groovyone@ev1.net">groovyone@ev1.net</a></p>
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# August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b> WolfGrove Lammas Gathering	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  Potluck After Service <b>7:30 pm</b> WolfGrove meeting	<b>9</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Committee Meetings <b>8:30 pm</b> Board of Directors	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>12:00PM- 10PM</b> Game Room 
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> North Texas Pagan Men's Group	<b>17</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Treasury Committee Work	<b>18</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> WolfGrove meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>7:30 pm</b>  Family Movie Night	<b>21</b> Welcome Home Picnic 5:30 pm
<b>22</b> Congregation- al Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Drum Jam Dragon Lair Coven's "open" Ritual	<b>28</b> <b>11:00PM- 7:00PM</b> Game Room  WolfGrove Full Moon 7:30 pm
<b>29</b>  <u>Last Lunch</u> (\$5) 12:30 pm  <u>Rise Up and</u> <u>Call Her</u> <u>Name</u> 2 - 3 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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