

Pleasant Valley Unitarian Universalist Church

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September, 2004

Come celebrate the sacred circle of life with us!
Sundays, 10:45 am – Coffee; 11:00 - Services

Sunday Speakers:

9/5: Chris House
"Intuitive Magic, Pt II"

9/12: Janice & Bob
"God Myths"

9/19: Shae Campion-
Wangler
"The Hungry
Cauldron"
WolfGrove Ritual

9/26: John Clary
"Balance"

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President's Perceptions

This has been an interesting summer. July almost had record rain; August is having a cool snap, and someone told me this morning that it was supposed to snow before Samhain. Ok, I guess the only explanation is "Texas". They say, "If you don't like the weather, just wait a minute, it'll change." Well, maybe not quite that fast. But I still remember the summer of 1980. If memory serves me correctly, we had forty (40) days running of 110+ degrees that year. And I remember one winter (1972-73?) that we got about two inches of snow on top of four earlier inches, and another winter when I saw it down to eleven (11) degrees.

Today we debated and approved our budget. We now know what our basic plans are for another year: Kudos to Janice Ader, Shannon Ader and Barbara Clary for a terrific job on a tedious task. Now that we know the color and shade of the ink, perhaps we can consider some ways to help. From my perspective our members are already

donating all the money they can and many are donating services as well. So perhaps this is a good time to look at what the church can use other than the obvious.

One thing that can help is construction material. We had a couple visiting this morning that is doing some remodeling in their house due to changing needs of the family. They have offered us a bathroom sink and toilet that we have accepted. The toilet will probably be used here, and the sink will be sold to a member for their home.

Since our last garage sale wasn't as successful as we'd like, we are currently looking at selling things on E-bay. Anything cute or novel would be good for that market. We have a number of books, knick-knacks and other items already, but the more we can sell the more money we get. No, we won't accept humanoid life forms as donations, as it is illegal to own or sell them.

We would also like to discuss any special items

that you would like to see on display at church. Since we are a very diverse congregation, what is special to one person may be mundane to another. The Ganesh (elephant head) on the wall to the right of the altar is one of Pati's special items. Others items of this ilk could help to make the church home to more people.

Something else that I would like to hear about is topics for Sunday services. Are you too shy to get up and share something but would like to see it shared, let me know. I do take requests for talks. One lady requested that I do a sermon on marriage. I did that late last year. If you have a particular topic or ritual that you would like to see, ask. We may not think of it on our own.

And last but not least, please make suggestions for projects that would aid in spirituality. We have already made a canvas labyrinth that can be spread out when needed. Would we like to see a more permanent one somewhere on the



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September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4
5 WolfGrove Meeting 7:30 pm Inner Yoga 8:00 pm	6 North Texas Pagan Men 7:30	7	8	9	10	11 Game Room Noon – 10 pm \$3
12 Potluck 12:30 Craft Day 1:30 (\$1) Inner Yoga 8:00 pm	13 BOD & Committee 7:30 pm & 8:30 pm	14 Treasury Committee 7:30 7:30 Women's New Moon Ritual	15 WolfGrove Meeting 7:30 pm	16	17 Movie/Dessert Night 7:30 pm	18 Runes 101 10:00 am (\$1)
19 Inner Yoga 8:00 pm	20 North Texas Pagan Men 7:30	21	22	23	24 Drum Jam 7:30 pm WitchStock-->	25 Game Room Noon – 10 pm \$3 ----->
26 Last Lunch 12:30 (\$5) Rise Up – 2:00 pm Inner Yoga 8:00 pm	27	28 WolfGrove Full Moon 7:30 pm	29	30		

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Wolf Grove

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 PVUUC.

We meet on the 1st
Sunday and the 3rd

Wednesday of the month

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North Texas Pagan Men's Group

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Minesinger at:

214-417-6642
or
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We meet on the 1st and 3rd
Mondays of the month at Pleasant Valley UUC, 7:30 pm. This group is Facilitated by Alan Walker.

Wolf Grove

*North Texas Pagan
Mens Group*

Community Events

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
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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
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Grand Prairie, TX 75051
Toll Free Voice and Fax
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On the web at
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(www.dallassierraclub.org)

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<http://dfwnetmall.com/veg/vegmaster@dfwnetmall.com>

Gloria Dei Nights
Coffeehaus : First
Saturday, Gloria Dei
Lutheran Church of
Garland, Texas. 1333
Beltline Road, one block
East of the Garland Road
intersection. 6:30 pm with
the shows running from 7
pm to 9:45 pm. \$8,
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

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
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Special Note –

November 7 – Israeli
Caravan. 40 merchants
from Israel will display
their wares: Art,
Jewelry, glassware and
much more. 10:00 am
to 6:00 pm at **Tiferet
Israel**
10909 Hillcrest Rd
Dallas, TX 75230-3538
Phone: (214) 691-3611

<p>WitchStock September 24-26th, 2004 DragonLair Coven Witchstock is a camping retreat for the Wiccan community, their friends and family in celebration of the Autumn Equinox. It is held near Centerville, Texas. The campout presents a wonderful opportunity for bonding and reaffirming our relationship with self, partner, parent, children, friends, the natural world and the Divine on all levels. Witchstock registration fees are \$30.00/person. Children 12 and under are admitted free with a parent or guardian. Vendors are asked to pay an additional \$5.00. Witchstock is a clothing optional festival.</p>
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<http://home.comcast.net/~witchstock/>

Or get your registration
form here at PVUUC

Recurring Activities

The Game Room

2nd & 4th Saturdays

12pm to 10 pm

Contact: *Chris House*
table-top role-playing event. Game masters provided; volunteers welcome. Concessions available. Two four hour rounds: 12pm-4pm & 5pm – 9pm. Suggested Donation: \$3 per round.

Movie/Dessert Night:

3rd Friday, at 7:30 PM

Contact: Shannon Ader
We'll show 2; You bring a dessert to share. Children welcome.

Drum Jam:

Last Friday of the month

Contact: Janice Ader

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 in **not** available.

Full Moon Circle:

Thursday, 9/28 at 7:30

Contact: Janice Ader
Wolf Grove facilitates. 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.

Last Lunch

Last Sunday of the Month

Fundraiser for the Church – come have lunch with us! \$5 per adult and \$2.50 per child

Potluck Sunday

2nd Sunday of the month

Bring something to share with us all as we come together to have lunch and socialize



Adult RE

I like to think that everything we do contributes to our religious education – we go out an live our faith in so many ways – we recycle, we participate in our local and nationwide elections, we proudly wear our CMA t-shirts.

Formally, let's start looking at our classes:

Rise Up and Call Her Name

This is a curriculum that explores the goddesses of many different cultures. Anne House will be presenting this 13 part series on Last Lunch Sundays at 2:00 pm

Runes 101

Rich and Jennifer Culver of Holy Springs Kindred have very graciously consented to make the trek from their home in Lewisville once per month to give a class on Runes and their meanings. Again, a 13 part series beginning on the 3rd Saturday in September at 10 am.

Craft Day

This also falls under RE. There are so many crafts that call to us as a part of our religious paths. Each Sunday after Potluck, we'll spend time

working on those crafts. Aine will be leading us in working with Rosewood Wands this month.

Inner Yoga

David Stow

A teaching of the joining of the feeling soul and the loving higher, transcendent power within yourself. Each Sunday at 8:00 pm.

Join Us!

Anne House

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Continued President's Perceptions

property, perhaps the back yard?

Please take the time to talk to the leadership of the church about your ideas for making PVUUC a better place to come and worship. I can't

promise that we'll put every idea into production, but I will promise that we will listen and consider.

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