

# Pleasant Valley Unitarian Universalist Church

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## Sunday Speakers

11/7 Ben Wangler

11/14 – Janice  
& Bob – God Myths

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*Come Celebrate the Circle of Life with us!  
Sundays, Coffee at 10:45, Service at 11:00*

## President's Perceptions

Well, the weather is changing with depressing regularity. All last week I had the air conditioner on. Last night I turned the heater on. Today I turned the air conditioner on. Would someone please make up my mind? But, then again, welcome to Texas. It will turn cold quickly enough. Who knows, it might even snow this winter! Last winter I had to get out and take a picture before it melted so we could prove that it did snow in Texas: Of course, the snow brings its own problems. How many Texans have no clue how to drive in snow or ice? Our usual methods of punching the gas and standing on the brake tend to have undesired consequences. Of course, I still remember the year that I drove down to Austin one weekend. The weather was nice, if a little bit chilly. The following Monday they had about one hundred (100) vehicles blocking the bridge on Highway 183 where it goes over Interstate 35.

Oops.

But then that wasn't snow, that was just barely ice.

When you get this the Halloween party will be imminent (that's English for "comin' up real quick-

like"). Ya'll come and enjoy our fall game night and fundraiser.

Everyone is welcome, and the door prize is from CompUSA. Brian and Keven are dealing at least two of the games. And from another perspective, let's remember to honor our ancestors. As Samhain approaches and the veil between the worlds reaches its thinnest hour we need to be listening to see what we can hear from them. We seem to be going into "interesting times" and I, for one, think guidance is going to be sorely needed.

Now from the UU side: The General Assembly is fast approaching. Next summer really isn't that far away, and neither is Fort Worth. I'd like to encourage everyone that can to at least go on Saturday. Last time it was here many of us went for the day and found it to be well worth our while. We also need to start considering who our delegates will be. These are the people that will represent our church in the votes to be taken. We will publish later what the issues are that are up for vote and decide together how we want to vote on them.

Also coming up in the Dallas area is the District Spring Conference. This will be sponsored by Horizon, although not held there due to size considerations. The theme speaker for this conference, Dr. Paul H. Ray, is also expected to speak at a meeting for the general public Thursday evening at First Unitarian Church of Dallas. His book, "Cultural Creatives", written with Sherry Anderson, seems to have much in common with Unitarian Universalism in general and PVUUC in particular.

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## WolfGrove

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 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at Pleasant Valley UUC, 7:30 pm.

This group is Facilitated by Alan Walker.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

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## Article – Witch on a Bicycle

Well, as I type this it is mid-September. Things through August and into September have been busy. Personally I rode in the Hotter than Hell Hundred, got 41 miles before running out of tubes and patience. Lately I have been trying to improve my climbing for the Ride for the Roses in Austin next month. I have great flatland endurance, but I climb painfully slow. I hope to change that.

On the political front, the city of Garland has been taking such steps as don't cost money to improve the road conditions, both physical and legal. The officer who threw away the evidence gathered in my attempted murder is being investigated. I don't think anything will come of it, but stranger things have happened. If you want to help right now, just show up at City Council

meetings and identify yourself as a bicyclist or a supporter of cycling. More than one voice will make the message get through more clearly. Ask for fair and equitable enforcement of laws controlling cycling, including giving tickets to cyclists. This is another problem we have here in Garland, cyclists just ride in whatever direction they want, on whatever side of the road they want,

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## Community Events

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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)

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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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. [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)

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

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

## Recurring Events

### The Game Room

Game room is closed for the holidays

### Movie/Dessert Night:

3 rd Friday, at 7:30 PM

Contact: Shannon Ader

We'll show 2; You bring a dessert to share. Children welcome.

dancing and join us. Children are welcome but childcare is **not** available.

together to have lunch and socialize

### Bardic Faire:

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), Your voice for singing, your crafts for selling, your feet for

### 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

2 nd Sunday of the month Bring something to share with us all as we come

## Adult RE

This month, things are pretty hectic for us all, so let's don't forget the educational opportunities we have before us:

### 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. Join us at 10 am, Saturday 11/20

### 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 this month with Finger Weaving

### Inner Yoga David Stow

A teaching of the joining of the feeling soul and the loving higher, transcendent power within yourself. Each Sunday at 7:30 pm. Join Us!

Anne House

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and pay not one whit of attention to stop signs or red lights.

On the you front, **what** have you done lately? How many rides have you

been on? And you don't have to go on Epic Rides of Endurance. Try riding to the library, ride instead of driving to the corner store for bread and milk, take the family on a ride to the ice cream store. The weather lately has been about perfect for riding.

Get out there and stake your claim to the roads.

Balance,

Opus

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