

About Us

The Mystic Grove is an eclectic Pagan group that is affiliated with the First Unitarian Church of Orlando. It was founded on Nov 23, 2001 for the purpose of creating a Pagan community within the framework of Unitarian Universalism. To achieve that purpose, the Mystic Grove focuses on the areas of learning, teaching, worshipping, serving and fellowship.

In June 2016, we became a Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS) chapter.

We have no "official group path." We encourage members to find their own Pagan path. Rituals are volunteer led and the volunteer may choose to do the ritual in the style of their Pagan path. Although we vary in the different Pagan paths we follow, we are all Unitarian Universalists or sympathize with the principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Simplified Principles of the UUA:

1. Every person is important
2. Be kind in all you do
3. We are free to learn together
4. We search for what is true
5. All people need a voice
6. Build a fair and peaceful world
7. We care for planet Earth.

Mystic Grove Purposes

Provide a safe, welcoming place to gather for worship and fellowship.

Honor and give support to those on a Pagan/Heathen spiritual path.

Maintain an environment where all free to participate.

Share the wisdom of the past and the present.

Provide Pagan/Heathen and Unitarian Universalist networking.

1st Sunday Meetings 12:00 PM in Room 1

This is a great way to get to know us and how we work. Everyone is welcome to attend. Here we discuss how the past ritual went, plan for next ritual, classes, and more. Lunch at a nearby restaurant follows for those wanting to enjoy fellowship after the meeting.

Contact

Questions? Need more info? Email us at

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You can also find us at

<https://mysticgrovecfl.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/mysticgrovecfl/>



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at First Unitarian Church of Orlando

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Fall 2018



Solar Rituals

7 PM “open circle” rituals in Gore Hall where are all welcome to just drop by and attend. Potluck to follow at 8 PM.

Sept 22: Mabon. Celebrate the Autumn Equinox and bring donations to the food bank or pet food, leashes, or collars for the pet charity!

Nov 3 Samhain. We honor our ancestors and those who have recently passed.

Dec 21: Winter Solstice. Celebrating the longest night of the year in the Sanctuary.

Dec 21-22 Yule Overnight Vigil. (9 PM – 7 AM) Join us after the Yule service for the bonfire vigil. Bring games, food, instruments, lawn chairs, and camp tents!

Lunar Rituals

Moon Circles are 4th Fridays from 7 PM - 9 PM in Room 1. These are “closed circle” format and are limited to 12 people with a 6 month commitment to attend.

In person class is full. There is space in the online Facebook discussion group at <https://tinyurl.com/fall2018mooncircle>

Mabon Day Retreat

(Sept 22, 9:30 AM - 9 PM in Gore Hall)

Join us on Sept 22 for a day retreat designed to help you prepare in mind, body, heart, and spirit to harvest insights from the year before and prepare yourself to meet the challenges ahead in the coming year.

Tuition is on a sliding scale between \$0 and \$25. Workshop limited to 40 students. Catered lunch. Stay for evening Mabon Ritual!

Classes

Pagan and Earth-Centered Voices in Unitarian Universalism

(9 AM Adult RE Sunday offering once a month starting in October. Detailed flier soon.)

“Drop in” friendly. We explore essays by some of the most prominent leaders in Unitarian Universalist Paganism and bring Pagan and Earth-centered theology to life for a new generation.

Wheel of the Year (Curriculum Writing)

(1st Fridays. 7 PM - 9 PM starting Nov 2 2018)

“Drop in” friendly. Mystic Grove teachers are writing new MS/HS curriculum based on the Wheel of the Year for publication. Bring your ideas and help create a new UU Pagan resource!

Mystic Grove Anniversary Ritual Book

(3rd Thursdays. 7 PM - 9 PM starting Oct 18)

“Drop in” friendly. Mystic Grove begins the work of organizing more than 17 years worth of rituals for publication to celebrate our 20th anniversary in 2021! Bring your stories, pix, and more!

3rd Sunday Movie Nite

Come join us each month on 3rd Sundays at 7 PM in Room 1 for movie night fun. It’s BYO dinner, watch, and discuss!

September 16: The Black Cauldron

October 21: The Craft

November 18: The Witches

December 16: Something Wicked This Way Comes

Craft Circles

7 PM - 9 PM in Assembly Room

3rd Friday Teaching Circle. Topics vary. \$5-\$10 donation welcome to replenish supplies.

- August 17: Beginner Acrylic Painting. Make two different dandelion wish paintings!
- September 21: Cordial Tasting and Making. Start making your holiday presents now.
- October 19 : Elderberry Syrup. Build up your immunity with your own blend.
- November 16: Painted Rock Runes. Explore a nature based rune system.
- December 14: Yule Log and Carol Books Prep at the Black Cat Cafe! (Classroom B)

Field Trips and More!

Mystic Grove does field trips and hosts “members-only” holidays parties in private homes.

Sat Aug 26: Foodies Field Trip.

Meet up at NOON at the International Food Club for cafe group lunch and then shopping for exotic and interesting groceries!

Sun October 14 or 21: Guang Ming Temple Tour

Mystic Grove takes a private tour. Others welcome to join the tour group. If there is enough interest, we will organize tours for both dates.

- 9 AM Intro to Buddhism Class
- 11 AM Temple Tour
- 12 PM Vegetarian Lunch (\$10 donation suggested for Guang Ming Temple)