

About Us

The Mystic Grove is the UU Pagan affinity group (study group) that is affiliated with the First Unitarian Church of Orlando. It was organized in 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 education, worship, service, 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.

UU Worship is at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Purposes

Provide a safe, welcoming place for UUs and Pagans to gather and participate.

Support UUs and Pagans in their spiritual growth and encourage personal responsibility through educational opportunities.

Provide Pagan and UU networking opportunities to help promote understanding between people with different belief systems.

Provide meaningful, engaging, and vibrant Pagan or Earth Centered worship.

Provide fellowship opportunities for people to socialize, laugh, and celebrate with our own brand of UU Pagan flair!

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

mysticgrove@orlandouu.org

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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Summer 2019



Solar Rituals

June 23 Summer Solstice Service

(10:30 AM, Sanctuary). Mystic Grove explores the theme of "personal power" from the pulpit and provides fun summer snacks and games at coffee hour!

Aug 3. Wep Ronpet (Egyptian New Year)

6:15 PM Meet and Greet, 7 PM Ritual, and 8 PM potluck to follow. We will celebrate the end of the harvest season with an Osiris Grain Bed, tell the "How Beer Saved the World" story, and perform a red pot execration to clean out the bad things from the last year, and prepare for the start of the New Year.

Annual Survey

Moon Help Mystic Grove improve by taking the annual survey online at

<https://tinyurl.com/MGSurvey2019>

Your feedback will help us plan programs for the Sept 2019- June 2020 church year!

Orlando Pagan Pride

Planning meetings are generally 4th Sundays in Room 1 at 12:30 PM starting in June. Please check our Facebook page for confirmation. The event will be Oct 5, 2019 in Bill Frederick Park from 10 AM to 6 PM. www.orlandopaganpride.com

Classes

R&D Holidays. June 7, 7 PM – 9 PM in Room 1

On 1st Fridays MG and friends work on our current "Pagan Paths" brochure that is development. Led by Cat R.

R&D Ritual Book. June 20, 7 PM – 9 PM in Room 1

MG and friends review 17 years of materials to pull the best to make a set of 8 solar rituals for publication on our 20th anniversary. Led by Mary M.

Popcorn Theology 7 PM – 9 PM in Room 1

Using family friendly films, in this 6 session series we explore themes relating back to UU Principles 1, 2, and 3 on 2nd Sundays. Popcorn and lemonade provided! Class is FREE. \$5 love offering welcome to replenish supplies.

- June 9 Inside Out (Sadness and Joy)
- July 14 Zootopia (Fear of the Other)
- Aug 11 Brave (Be Careful What You Wish For)

Would you like to help choose the next 3 movies and host a session? Email us!

Pagan Voices. July 21, 12 PM - 2 PM

In this last session for this series, we read and discuss "Affirming LGBTQ Identity in UU Paganism" by Michael Walker and "Welcoming the Gods into Our Congregation" by Sue Nading. Led by Michael C. Class is FREE.

2nd and 4th Thursdays starting June 13 7 PM - 9 PM in Gore Hall

In this 8 session series for HS, YA, and Adults, we explore various demonstrations from "Kitchen Witchery" by Cerridwen Greenleaf. Learn how to bring the sacred into the simple acts of making meals, teas, and crafts from the garden and kitchen.

Tuition is \$40 for the series to reserve your spot, book, and supplies. You will get your book in class. (Or \$5 per class for "drop in, demo only" students who only want to watch.) Email mysticgrove@orlandouu.org to register.

Fellowship

3rd Fridays: Teaching Craft Circle 7 PM - 9 PM Assembly Room

Learn a new craft! Topics vary. Meets in Assembly Room. \$5 donation welcome to replenish supplies. See the Facebook events for details.

- **June 21 Dragon Eggs.** Using a variety of collage materials, we make fun fantasy "dragon" eggs!
- **July 19 Paper and Journal Buffet.** We explore calligraphy, making cards, and various journals. Collaborative with 1U Young Adults.
- **Aug 15 Bead Potluck and Jewelry Repair.** Bring a package of beads in summer brights and learn to make simple bracelets or necklaces. We also learn how to do simple jewelry repairs.