

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.

Mystic Grove 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

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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 2019



Solar Rituals

Mabon Ritual (Sept. 21)

Guest ritual by Stephanie W. in the Irish Celtic tradition. Gather in Gore Hall. 6:15 PM Meet and Greet, 7 PM Ritual, 8 PM potluck. Remember to bring your food bank donation item.

Samhain Ritual (Nov. 2)

Join Mystic Grove as we honor our ancestors and celebrate Samhain! Come as you are or dressed in colors of the season: grey, black, white, somber hues, etc. "Pagan formal" is encouraged. Gather in Gore Hall. 6:15 PM Meet and Greet, 7 PM Ritual, 8 PM potluck.

25th Anniversary Winter Solstice Service (Dec 21)

The Annual Spiral Dance turns 25 years old this year! Join us for the Winter Solstice celebration at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. Potluck Cookies and Treats and Lighting of the Yule Log at 8 PM.

Overnight Yule Vigil Party (Dec 21 - Dec 22)

Those who want to stay up to watch the sunrise can bring their board games, instruments, and Midnight Potluck dishes for heartier fare! We go all night from 9 PM to 7 AM and close with sunrise mini ritual.

Orlando Pagan Pride 2019

Planning meetings are generally 4th Sundays in Room B or Room 1 at 12:30 PM. 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

Kitchen Witchery

(2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7 PM - 9 PM in Gore Hall)

We continue to 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. Drop-in friendly. \$5 suggested donation to replenish supplies.

Syllabus at <https://tinyurl.com/MGkitchenwitchery>

Remaining dates: Aug 22, Sept 12, Sept 26

Comparative Religion

(7 PM – 9 PM in Room 1, Thursdays)

Where did the America we know today—so different in its fundamental views about almost every aspect of life as to be unrecognizable to our countrymen of two centuries ago—really come from? Join us for this drop-in friendly class. Come for all or just your favorites starting on Oct 10!

Using five major religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism) as illustrations of how religions can address the same core issues in parallel and different ways, award-winning Professor Charles Kimball of the University of Oklahoma leads you on an exploration of religion's complex and multidimensional nature.

It's an exploration that can strengthen the interpersonal understanding that underlies your daily relationships, enhance your perception of events in a diverse world, and deepen your appreciation of your own beliefs and the traditions followed by others.

Syllabus at <https://tinyurl.com/MGComparativeReligion>



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. While supplies last, nobody turned away for lack of funds. See the Facebook events for details.

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.

Sept 20: Chalice Kits. Chalica is a week-long celebration of our Unitarian Universalist Principles. The holiday first emerged in 2005 out of a wish to have a holiday organized around Unitarian Universalist values. This month we make "Chalice Kits" to help UU Pagans and others celebrate Chalice in 2019. They will be on sale by donation in coffee hour. Get yours early in class for \$5-\$10 donation.

Oct 18 : Kirigami + Chalice Kits. We explore a variation of origami that includes cutting of the paper, rather than solely folding it. We also make more Chalice Kits.

Nov 15: Shrinky Dink Jewelry. Guest teacher Lindsey S. shows us how to make Shrinky Dink Chalice jewelry and other designs!

Dec 20: Yule Prep. Mystic Grove prepares for the Yule service! Helpers welcome.

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