

# 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.” 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 online over Facebook Live and Zoom. Details at

[www.tinyurl.com/find1uworship](http://www.tinyurl.com/find1uworship)

## 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!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Meetings 12:00 PM on Zoom

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. A short fellowship time online to follow for those who wish it.

## Contact

Questions? Need more info? Email us at

[mysticgrove@orlandouu.org](mailto:mysticgrove@orlandouu.org)

You can also find us at

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

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THE MYSTIC GROVE

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Summer/Fall 2020





## Solar Rituals

### Lammas

Aug 1, 6:45-9 PM, Zoom

Join us in celebrating Lammas online! Themes will include celebrating the bounty of the earth, giving thanks for blessings, and preparing for the transition of harvest time (physical and spiritual)

### Mabon Ritual

Sept. 21, 6:45 PM-9 PM, Zoom

We gather to celebrate the Autumn Equinox. This holiday marks the middle of the harvest cycle – when both the days and nights are of equal length. It is a time to reap what you sow, a time to give thanks to Mother Earth for the bounty she provides

### Samhain Ritual

Nov. 2, 6:45 PM-9 PM, Zoom

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. You can submit a photo of your ancestor for inclusion on the “digital ancestor table” over email.

### Winter Solstice Evening Service\*\*

Dec 21, 7-8 PM, Zoom & Facebook Live

The longest night has come! Join us for the Winter Solstice celebration at 7 PM at 1U Facebook or Zoom.

### Yule Virtual Bonfire Party

Dec 21, 8-10 PM, Zoom

Come watch the lighting of the Yule log and light your home candles. Then join the party in singing pagan carols and sharing stories. We all keep vigil at home and then gather online again for a short ritual at 6:45 AM to greet the dawn.

## Lunar Rituals

(4th Fridays July - Dec, 7-9 PM, Zoom)

We continue to study UU Curriculum “Becoming Women of Wisdom” adapted for all adults. The first hour is deep listening similar to covenant groups. The second hour is lunar ritual honoring the theme of the month.

Class is free. A donation of \$5 per class is welcome to replenish worship supplies. Email [mysticgrove@orlandouu.org](mailto:mysticgrove@orlandouu.org) to register.

## Classes

### Seeker 101 Discussion Group

2nd Wednesdays, 7 PM - 8:30 PM on Zoom

New seekers and experienced pagans gather to explore the Pagan Awareness Network brochures and our own UU Pagan brochures for lively Q&A.

Good for those curious about pagan and earth centered paths and experienced practitioners willing to help answer questions from newcomers.

Drop in friendly. Come for all of them or just the ones you like. Class is free. \$5 donation welcome. Topics are

Sept 9 - Pagan Paths + Public Ritual

Oct 14 - Truth and Tales + Wicca and Witchcraft

Nov 11 - Safety in the Circle + Skyclad: The Bare Facts

Dec 9 - Sacred Knives + Sacred Ground

Jan 13 - faith of UU Pagan + Mystic Grove History

## Fellowship

### 3rd Fridays: Virtual Bonfire Party

7 PM - 9 PM, Zoom

Bring your stories, songs, and jokes and gather around the virtual bonfire for a “bardic circle lite” fellowship experience!

### Movie Nite

Oct 18th 6 PM - 8 PM Zoom

Join us Oct 18th at 6 PM for “dinner and a movie” as we screen “The Nightmare Before Christmas” together. Dress is “come as you are” or Halloween inspired dress. Free event. Family friendly.