## **About Us**

The Mystic Grove is First Unitarian Church of Orlando's pagan study group. It was first organized in 2001 for the purpose fo 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.

We became a Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPs) chapter in June 2016. Learn more at www.cuups.org.

We have no "official group path." Ritual 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
- 8. Build a Beloved Community, free of oppression and racism.

Sunday worship at 1U is at 10:30 AM in person and online over Facebook Live and YouTube. Find us at www.orlandouu.org

# **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!

#### **Contact**

Questions? Need more info? Email us at mysticgrove@orlandouu.org

You can also find us at

www.orlandouu.org/learning-overview/mystic-grove-cuups

www.mysticgrovecfl.org

www.facebook.com/mysticgrovecfl

Full Annual 2023-2024 Calendar www.tinyurl.com/MGAnnualCalendar2023-2024





Summer/Fall 2023







#### **Classes**

# Exploring Culinary Herbs 11 AM - 1 PM (Starts Aug 26, 2023 For a series of 5)

Join us once a month on 4th Saturdays to learn about the energetics and uses of culinary herbs. Class includes hands on activities, cooking, and fellowship. Source text is *The Alchemy of Herbs* by Rosalee de la Forêt.

\$5 per class "pay as you go" or \$25 for the series of five. Optional \$5+ to support the scholarship fund.

One full scholarship and two half scholarships available on first come first serve basis.

To register or for more info, email <a href="mysticgrove@orlandouu.org">mysticgrove@orlandouu.org</a>

# WHW: Beat the Odds Family Drum Circle (4th Wednesdays at 6:45 PM starting in September 27, 2023 for a series of 8)

The Beat the Odds® curriculum emphasizes process and not performance. Join us in an all ages family drum circle as we explore sounds through games and other percussion activities.

To register or for more info, email <a href="mysticgrove@orlandouu.org">mysticgrove@orlandouu.org</a>

### **Solar Rituals**

Unless otherwise indicated, join us in person in Gore Hall for "Meet and Greet" orientation for newbies at 6:30 PM and main ritual at 7 PM. Rituals are free. Love donations welcome to replenish worship and potluck supplies. Our charity this year is Joy MCC food bank. Non perishable food donations also welcome.

Aug 5 Wep Ronpet: Kemetic New Year We celebrate the Egyptian new year by painting and breaking clay pots.

#### **Sept 30 Mabon Celebration**

Guest Ritual by Stephanie W. From Pagans in the Park.

#### Oct 28 Samhain Celebration

Join us in honoring the dead by bringing a photo of your loved ones for the community altar.

# Dec 21 Winter Solstice Evening Service (In Person & Livestream, 7 PM)

With readings, poems, songs and more — we celebrate the longest night of the year in the church Sanctuary.

## **Lunar Rituals**

Are you interested in helping develop mini lunar rituals or short meditations for YouTube? Please contact us at

mysticgrove@orlandouu.org

# **1st Sunday Meetings**

(12 PM EST - 2 PM EST In Person and 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. Meet in the Gathering Space or over Zoom.

# 3rd Saturday Fellowship

Gather from 11 AM - 1 PM in the Assembly Room for accessible crafts for all ages and other fellowship fun! Topic varies each month. \$5 donation welcome to help replenish art supplies. Nobody turned away for lack of funds while supplies last.

- Sept 16, 2023 Gore Hall Closet Clean Up and Work on Chalica kits
- Oct 21, 2023 Learn to sew drawstring bags and Tarot readings
- Nov 18, 2023 Making Empanadas
- Dec 16, 2023 Yule Prep