



# EARTH HEALER

The Official Newsletter of Gaia Community  
*An Earth-Based, Pagan, Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Kansas City*  
*Caring for the earth and each other because our lives depend on it.*



## Join us Sundays at Gaia!

4 PM at Shawnee Mission UU Church  
 7725 W. 87<sup>th</sup> St. Overland Park

### June 12: The Original Snub

Some say that the gods of Olympus snubbed Eris, the goddess of Discord, and that this led to the Trojan War. Some say that Eris chose to do her own thing, whatever the other gods did. Some say that Eris is actually some sort of cabbage or something. Join us as we honor creative chaos in a ritual that is true in some sense, false in some sense, and meaningless in some sense.

### June 19: Climbing the Zenith (Summer Solstice)

In honor of our patron Quetzalcoatl, our Summer Solstice will take place this year in the Yucatán. Celebrate by joining us at El Castillo for the journey of 91 steps to the zenith. Bring your noise makers and voices along with you. As usual we will be having potluck after ritual, so bring a dish that can serve 8 hungry celebrants. Care for the earth; please bring reusable plates, cups, and utensils.

### June 26: Words and Deeds

The second of Unitarian Universalism's Six Sources is "the words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love." Who are these prophetic individuals, and what inspiration and challenge do they present us? How can we rise to that challenge? How can our words and deeds carry inspiration and challenge to others? Do we have the potential to be prophetic ourselves? Join us to explore these questions. As part of our exploration, we will honor the people who inspire and challenge us. Please bring a photo or a symbol of someone whose words and deeds have inspired or

challenged you, and be prepared to share some of their words with us.

### July 3: Sharing Our Spirits

Sharing Our Spirits Rituals are a way for everyone present to help co-create the ritual they want to have that day. It is not planned ahead of time, but instead compiled and put on by those in attendance, facilitated by a few ritualists. If you have a song, ritual scrap, magical tool, or other piece of ritual that you'd like to contribute, we encourage you to bring it.

### July 10: GOD AUCTION

Join us for our annual God Auction, when we elect the community's patron for the year while raising funds for the community and collecting food for Harvesters. This year's contenders are **Athena, Freyr, James T. Kirk, and Rabbit**. One vote for your preferred potential patron is equal to one dollar in donation to Gaia Community or one food item in donation to Harvesters.

### July 17: Post General Assembly Forum

Aubry, our delegate to the UUA General Assembly will present what she learned and we will discuss what actions we might take on that information.

### July 24: Farewell to Quetzalcoatl

This week we will say farewell to our patron for 2010-2011, Quetzalcoatl.

### July 31: Lughnasadh/Lammas

August 1 is traditionally celebrated as either Lammas, a harvest festival, or as Lughnasadh, a tribute to Lugh. Which will Gaia do this year? The answer will be in our next issue!

**What happened to the old Earth Healer?** We're making some changes to how we do publicity. All the news that used to fill the front page of the newsletter will now be disseminated online, which allows for a faster turnaround and saves paper. Check out <http://gaiacommunity.org>!

**MORE EVENTS AT GAIA**

**June 17 & July 15: Games Night**

7 PM at SMUUCH

**June 18 & July 16: Women's Full Moon Ritual**

7:30 PM at SMUUCH

**June 21 & July 19: Kirtan**

7 PM at SMUUCH

**June 24 & July 22: Friday Night Supper Club**

6:30 PM at Sushi Mido in OP on 6-24; TBD on 7-22

**July 2 & August 6: Craft Circle**

1-5 PM at Kimberly's House (1306 E. 118<sup>th</sup> St. KCMO)

**June 14 & July 12: Social Justice Committee**

7 PM at Andrew's (8334 W. 108<sup>th</sup>, Apt. E, OP)

**June 19 & July 17: KidSpace Committee**

2 PM at SMUUCH

**July 7 & August 1: Ritual Teams**

7 PM at SMUUCH

**July 9: Ritual for Business**

9:30 AM at SMUUCH

**GOD AUCTION 2011**

**Athena: Greek Goddess of Wisdom, Strategy, and Skill**



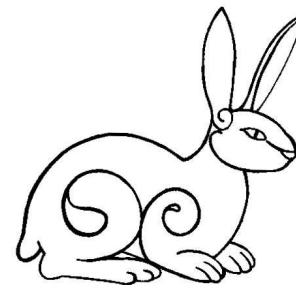
**Freyr: Norse God of Farming and Fertility**



**James T. Kirk: Diplomatic and Daring Hero of the People**



**Rabbit: Cunning Trickster**



During our Sunday services, we hold **KidSpace**, our Children's Religious Education program. While many of our Sunday rituals and events are intergenerational to one degree or another, most weeks we provide separate and age-appropriate education on a variety of topics in our downstairs classrooms.

***CONTACT EARTH HEALER***

Send letters, poetry or prose, borrowed wisdom, comments and suggestions to:  
eh@gaiacommunity.org no later than July 14, 2011.

-- ***JAMIE. EDITOR***

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