



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!

3 PM at Ubuntu Village

4327 Troost Ave. Kansas City, MO

January 31: High Holiday: Imbolc

Facilitated by David, Jamie, & Kimberly

Brigid, our patron of the year, is a Fire Goddess. Her priestesses kept an eternal flame in her honor, working 19 days and letting Brigid tend it the 20th. We'll honor this practice in our ritual for Imbolc by exploring ways in which we might commit to a deeper and more thorough spiritual practice. As this ritual will be done in ADF style, feel free to bring praise offerings, but most offerings will probably be in the form of oaths and promises for future action. . . we hope! Ritual will be followed by a potluck; please bring a dish or dessert for 8 hungry celebrants.

In addition, Imbolc begins the sequence of events leading up to God Auction - we'll start taking name submissions for the Penny Auction from now until Spring Equinox.

February 7: Workshop: Weaving

Facilitated by Erin, Jan, & Susi

Weaving can be a meditative practice as well as a useful tool for magick. Join us to learn two simple weaving techniques that require yarn (will be provided), a safety pin (if you have a large one, bring it), and your fingers (of course, bring your own).

February 14: Ritual: Lupercalia

Facilitated by David, Matt, & Scot

The ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia is a vigorous exercise in both purification and blessing - our version will of course involve no animal sacrifice or running naked around the Hills of Leawood. We will be exploring the Roman Ritual format again though, so please bring or borrow a cloth to cover your head in the ritual space this week. It is not necessary to dress in historical garb for this rite.

February 21: Workshop: Storytelling

Facilitated by Barbara & Susi

Telling stories can sometimes be more difficult than you expect! Join us for techniques and ideas for becoming a better storyteller.

February 28: Bardic Circle

Facilitated by Erin & Matt

It's still cold. But as Percy Bysshe Shelley said, "If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" Prepare stories, songs, or poems (original or the work of another) to share with us that embrace optimism and hope. Alternatively, if you have a story, song, or poem you have been wanting to perform, feel free to bring it even if it doesn't fit with the theme. If you have nothing to share or just do not want to, please attend to be a part of the audience.

March 6: Forum: Magic

Facilitated by Jan & Kitty

What does "Magic" mean to you? In perception, in understanding, in experience. Is it "science we don't understand yet" or something more? Let's open a conversation and see where it takes us.

March 13: Ritual: The Tower (Tarot Arc)

Facilitated by Barbara & Kimberly

We continue our work with the Major Arcana of the Tarot, with the sixteenth card, The Tower.

March 20: High Holiday: Spring Equinox

Facilitated by Barbara & Jamie

The day and night are finally of equal length again! Soon, temperatures will warm, flowers will bloom, as the Earth wakes from her long winter's sleep. Join us to turn the Wheel and welcome Spring!

MORE TO KNOW:

T-SHIRT SALE! Head to <http://gaiuu.spreadshirt.com/> and pick your favorite design for a Gaia Community logo shirt. A variety of styles, sizes, and colors are available. For two examples, check out the photo on the front page of our site.

CRAFT CIRCLE: Join us February 6 and March 5, from 1-5 PM at Erin's place (4301 W 74th Terr. Prairie Village, KS 66208) for Craft Circle. Bring your current project along and enjoy time to chat and craft. This is a kid-friendly, single-cat venue.

GAMES NIGHT: Join us February 19 and March 18, at 7 PM for Games Night. Bring along some games, some friends, and some snacks (if you like), and play with us.

SOCIAL JUSTICE PRESENTS A SERIES ON FOOD JUSTICE: Join us February 4 and March 10, at 7 PM. In February, we'll view a film about using insects as a food source, followed by a discussion and samples. Topic for the March event is TBD.

GAIA COMMITTEES AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

February 3 & March 3: Ritual Teams	7 PM at Ubuntu Village
February 10 & March 9: Social Justice	7 PM at Ubuntu Village
February 27: Ritual for Business	10 AM at Ubuntu Village



BLESSINGS TO YOU AT IMBOLC!

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Send letters, articles, poetry, borrowed wisdom, comments, and suggestions to eh@gaiacommunity.org no later than March 10, 2016. -- *JAMIE, EDITOR*

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Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GaiaCommunity/>

Gaia Mailing List: gaiuu@yahogroups.com