



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 Heart of the Dove
4327 Troost Ave. Kansas City, MO

July 30: High Holiday: Lughnassadh

Facilitated by David and Kimberly

Please join us as we turn the wheel of the year to Lughnasadh - the days are still hot, but autumn is coming, the first fruits are traditionally harvested, and people come together for trade, competitions, and merriment. For people of the pre-industrial British Isles, this time of year represented impending relief, both from the heat of full summer, and from the threat that the crops might fail, or that the harvest might not come.

August 6: Farewell to Dionysus: Divinity in the Wild

Facilitated by Jamie and Kimberly

Dionysus has served as our patron for the past year. How has he inspired you? What have you learned? How have you or the community changed? Join us as we explore these questions, say farewell to Dionysus, and commit to seeing wild divinity out in the world.

August 13: Class: Our New Patron, Gaia

Facilitated by Kimberly

On July 16, we elected Gaia, Greek Earth Mother, to be the patroness of our community for the coming year. This Sunday, we'll learn more about her, so that we may honor her.

August 20: Ritual: Welcome Gaia

Facilitated by Erin and Kitty

Join us to welcome Gaia as our Patroness of the Year!

August 27: Forum: Religion & Language

Facilitated by Erin

How does your spirituality affect the words you choose? How do the words you choose affect your spirituality? Explore these questions and more in a lively discussion.

September 3: Sharing Our Spirits

Facilitated by one of our ritualists

Sharing Our Spirits rituals are spontaneous experiences co-created and facilitated by the people who attend. Feel free to bring a song, chant, poem, story, invocation, or other piece of ritual with you to help build our work, or, if you have a special need, want, or intention, please bring that! The ritual will be built according to the needs and ideas present in the circle.

September 10: Ritual in Song

Facilitated by Jamie, Jan, & Kitty

We'll hold a ritual in song. More details on this ritual will be available soon.

September 17: Fall Equinox: Justice in the Balance

Facilitated by David

Fall Equinox is a time of balance. Our celebration will include work surrounding issues of Social Justice.

LAST DANCE WITH DIONYSUS - A FAREWELL PARTY

Please join us for a party in honor of the Greek god of wine and theater! We'll have dancing, tasty nibbles, games of ancient Greece and Rome, a raffle, and theatrical competitions. Bring your best monologue, limerick, or musical performance. Come in Greek or Roman dress, or in your favorite party clothes. Admission is free, wine, cider, and soda available in our donation bar. 21+ to drink, please drink responsibly and designate a driver. Limited off-street parking is available behind the building.

COME TO FIRST FRIDAYS AT HEART OF THE DOVE! Vendors, music, and more!

CHANT CIRCLES: Join us at 3 PM before ritual on Sundays to learn new chants and practice chants that will be used in ritual. All kinds of singers welcome! Drummers also welcome!

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.

CRAFT CIRCLE: Join us August 24, from 7-9 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 August 18 and September 15, at 7 PM for Games Night. Bring along some games, some friends, and some snacks (if you like), and play with us.

RITUAL FOR BUSINESS MINUTES: You can read minutes from our RfB meetings at <http://gaiacommunity.org/rfbminutes> If you miss a meeting, it's a great way to catch up on our committees and changes to the building!

GAIA COMMITTEES AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

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| August 7 & September 5: Ritual Teams | 7 PM at Heart of the Dove |
| August 9 & September 13: Social Justice | 7 PM at Heart of the Dove |
| August 26: Ritual for Business | 10 AM at Heart of the Dove |



BLESSINGS TO YOU AT LUGHNASSADH!

CONTACT EARTH HEALER

Send letters, articles, poetry, borrowed wisdom, comments, and suggestions to eh@gaiacommunity.org no later than July 20, 2017. -- *JAMIE, EDITOR*

Three great ways to stay up to date with Gaia Community (and use no paper):

Website: <http://gaiacommunity.org>

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

Gaia Mailing List: gaiuu@yahoogroups.com