



# 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

## June 25: High Holiday: Summer Solstice

*Facilitated by Erin, Kitty, & Matt*

The Oak King and the Holly King battle every Solstice, the Oak King ruling from Winter Solstice to Summer Solstice. As the sun reaches its maximum power, the Holly King will win and rule until Winter Solstice. We will witness a few battles, cheer them on... and learn a valuable lesson not always associated with the modern myth. Bring your tarot deck if you have one.

It is also a potluck! Bring a dish that can feed at least 8 hungry celebrants and your own reusable plates and utensils to prevent the unnecessary waste created by disposable types.

## July 2: Ritual: Sharing Our Spirits

*Facilitated by Jamie*

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.

## July 9: Class: Spiritual Maturity

*Facilitated by Barbara*

What does it mean to be spiritually mature? How do we move towards greater spiritual maturity? In this class, Barbara will share insights gained through her studies on these and other questions.

## July 16: GODDESS AUCTION

*Facilitated by Kimberly with many others*

Please join us on July 16 as we choose a guiding Goddess for the year to come. Will it be Bast, perfumed protectress of Egypt? Gaia, the gracious Greek mother of all? Or the Morrigan, warrior queen and prophetess of Ireland? We'll hear from representatives of all three Great Ladies and make our choice.

## July 23: Forum: Summer Break

*Facilitated by Erin*

Does your spiritual practice lose its edge when the weather turns hot and sticky and the kids are home from school? Do you find it difficult to take summer celebrations seriously? Today we're talking about the joys of summer, and how to keep your spiritual life going strong even when the whole world seems to be on vacation.

## July 30: High Holiday: Lughnassadh

*Facilitated by David & Kimberly*

Please join us for a celebration of Lughnassadh! This is our first harvest festival, and a time for contests and games of skill. Specific information about this year's rite will be available soon.

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

## WORDS FROM THE GODDESS AUCTION TEMPLES:

**BAST:** Beauty, strength, and grace combined with magic and a fiercely protective nature: these words describe Bast, Egyptian Goddess. With Bast, Gaia Community can expect a year where her beauty and strength inspire us to go out into the world to beautify it through justice for all. We will protect those who need protection.

**GAIA:** Who better to be your Patroness than the very Goddess for whom you are named? I embody all earthly things, for they all come from and return to me. I will encourage and guide you to care for yourselves, for others, and for the Earth. Your lives depend on it -- on me.

**MORRIGAN:** With this Irish, usually depicted and described as a Triple Goddess, deity as Gaia Community's patron, look for a year inspired by action. The Morrigan inspires you to DO, not just talk. Plans are certainly necessary but action must follow. Coupled with magic, prepare to be inspired to fight the good fight along with those struggling and for those who can't fight for themselves. Caring for the earth and each other includes everything; interconnectedness means caring for others is caring for yourself.

## 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 July 27, 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 July 21, 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

July 6: Ritual Teams	7 PM at Heart of the Dove
July 12: Social Justice	7 PM at Heart of the Dove
July 22: Ritual for Business	10 AM at Heart of the Dove



**BLESSINGS TO YOU AT SUMMER SOLSTICE!**

## CONTACT EARTH HEALER

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

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Website: <http://gaiacommunity.org>

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

Gaia Mailing List: [gaiuu@yahogroups.com](mailto:gaiuu@yahogroups.com)